

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

February 18, 2018

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil—4:00PM, Sunday—8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Weekday Schedules

Communion Service: Monday & Friday, 9:00 AM

Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00 AM

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE



PASTORAL STAFF

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Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday prior to the 4:00pm Mass

Sacrament of Baptism
Please contact the Parish Office to
make arrangements. Baptisms are
generally on the 2nd weekend of
the month.

Sacrament of Matrimony
Couples should make arrange-
ments as soon as the engagement
is announced.

Anointing of the Sick
The Anointing of the Sick will be
administered the first full weekend
of each month, immediately after
each Mass.

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Deacon Al's Corner ~

The Three "r's" - On Ash Wednesday I spoke about using the three "r's" to help us focus our attention on Lent and conversion. **Reflect** on Death, **Reflect** on Jesus and **Read** the Good News!

Reflect on Death - The ashes were applied to our foreheads with the words: "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." Not a happy thought unless we reflect on Easter and the Resurrection.

Reflect on Jesus - I suggested that we spend time during Lent reflecting on Jesus. I hope you have taken home a copy of the Little Black Lenten book. It contains a six minute reflection for each day during Lent. We need to keep in touch with Jesus every day, in good times and in bad times. We thank Him for the good times and ask for help in times of need. We also ask for forgiveness when we have done something wrong, hurtful to ourselves or others. Jesus came to bring us the Good News and to teach us how to live and love. Turn to Him and ask for His guidance each and every day. You will be pleasantly surprised by the results.

Read the Good News - God reveals Himself to us through His word, the Holy Scriptures. The Gospel of Mark has 16 chapters and Luke has 24! Imagine that 40 chapters for forty days?! You can read one chapter each day during Lent. Set aside a specific time devoted to reading the Good News! Give up watching TV. If a chapter a day is too much then read only Mark's Gospel, it's the shortest.

What about fasting and giving alms? I believe if you do the three "r's":

1. Reflect on the inevitability of death; think about the ashes!
2. Reflect on Jesus; on His Passion, death and Resurrection.
3. Read the Good News

you will be motivated to fast, pray and give alms. It's up to you. You can make this just another Lent, or you can make this the best Lent ever by converting your spirit and returning to God.

Vocations Ministry—The responsorial psalm today is a plea: "Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior." During Lent let us continue to pray for religious vocations from our parish.

Consider signing up to take our symbolic chalice home for a week as a special reminder to pray for vocations. Sign up at "the Vocation corner."



Social Justice: Caring of the Environment—1 Peter 3:18— "Christ suffered for sins once, the righteousness, that he might lead you to God."

Pope Francis, Laudato Si: "For this reason, the ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion."

Journeying Through Lent



Tuesdays in Lent: *Get Ready for Something Special*

Start with a simple supper at 5:30 to 6:30pm and then Adoration or a video series by Bishop Robert Barron, "*Catholicism: the Pivotal Players*"; sounds like we could be ready to experience a special Lenten journey.

If you are able to make a soup, salad, or bring bread to share, please sign up for one of the Tuesdays in Lent – sign up sheets are on the table in the foyer of the church. Hope to see you at 5:30pm, beginning Tuesday, February 20 for a special Lenten experience. All are invited to attend.

Stations of the Cross: *Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus*

Share a special gift with your families this Lent; take some time out of your busy lives to attend the Stations as a family at **7PM on Fridays**. Sometimes to really understand the journey, you have to walk in the footsteps of Jesus on His way to the cross.

There are many ways to experience the Stations; many ways to express the same prayer: The schedule this year is: February 16: Traditional; February 23, Rosarians; March 2, all ministries, Way of the Cross; March 9, FF/RCIA, Everyone's Way of the Cross; March 16: Rosarians, Through the Eyes of Mary; March 23: Living Stations. Deacon Al will also have stations in the afternoon of Good Friday at 3pm.

Scripture Sharing: *The Psalms, Thursdays 3 to 4pm*

Join us Thursday, February 22 in the Parish Life Center for questions and a discussion of session 9, *Psalms of Praise and Thanksgiving*. You don't have to be a Scripture scholar to join us; we are all learning and sharing together. If you aren't sure you can make a commitment every week - not a problem. Stop in any week to see what it's all about.

For more information, please contact Sharon at 518 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, FEB. 19TH IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY



Smile Train: 5 Times Matching Grant:

Final Tally Next Week

How can we even begin to thank all those who donated or purchased food items at the Resurrection Bake Sale hosted by our PM session and Mr. Gleason's classes?? May God bless you all with the gift of rebirth; in health, faith and hope; from the God who constantly calls us to love each other, as He loves each of us

Our parish never lets the children of Smile Train down!! We'll publish the totals next week.

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays 3pm to 5pm—Please note: Mary's Kitchen will be closed on Monday, February 19, for President's Day. We will re-open at the regular time on February 26.

All members of the community are invited – both parishioners and non-parishioners alike - enjoy an eat in meal, chat and relax with friends or to pick up a meal to take out. Questions?? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 for more information.

Rosary Society: The next meeting of the rosary Society will be held on Wednesday, Feb 21st at 6:00pm.

RCIA & Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children—Need to receive sacraments –Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation; for yourself, an older teen or young adult? *Something to consider - Do you know that in order to be a godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation, you must have received all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation)???*

Sunday, February 18, the Rite of Election will be celebrated at the Cathedral in Albany at 2pm. Our catechumen, Megan Luke and our candidate, George Forslin will take part in this Rite. Please keep them in your prayers.

Whatever **your** needs may be, we are here to help you make it happen. We are able to work around your schedule and your individual area of need. Want more information?? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

IHM Prayer Ministry—if you would like the prayer team to pray for you or a loved one, please contact Brenda Persons at 518 271-6184 .

Christ Our Light Church—1 Maria Dr, Loudonville-Charismatic Mass and Healing Service: Wed. Feb. 21st. Praise & Prayer, 7:00pm, Mass-7:30pm. Healing service to follow. For information call Jack 518 334-6503. Come experience the power of the Holy Spirit! All are welcome.

Faith Formation - For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry — skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Following the opening prayer at the 11am Mass, Father will invite all children from **Pre-K to grade 3** to go to with our catechists to hear and discuss the readings for that Sunday's Mass. They will return to you in the church after the Prayer of the Faithful.

Older siblings may participate in a different role as helpers to Mrs. Pontari. She also welcomes parent's help. If you would like to accompany your little ones and see what it's all about, please feel free to join them.

Here's What's Coming Up in February/March



Lenten Tuesdays, February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27.



Stations of the Cross: February 16, 23, March, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30



Adoration 9:30 to noon February 26:



Reconciliation 7pm, March 8:

In Memoriam ~ 2018

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<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/8/18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/8/18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Francis X Lacosse, Sr requested by wife Lucille, Toni & Frank, Jr</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">5/20/18</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/22/18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/22/18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/22/18</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John G Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">3/4/18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Norman A & Marion E Persons requested by dgr. Brenda, sons Norman M & Edgar Persons</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">2/18/18</p>	

Mary's Corner: A ministry of the Association of Ladies of Charity of the Diocese of Albany.

Mary's Corner provides parents with the supplies needed for the care of children **under the age of four**. Supplies include diapers, food, clothing, hygiene products, toys, blankets, etc. and nursing supplies and equipment (strollers, pack n plays, etc.) when available. Mary's Corner is located in the basement of the Cohoes Library at 169 Mohawk Street, Cohoes, NY and is **open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am to noon**. Services are available once a month for parents residing in Cohoes and Watervliet. Documentation must be provided to include a birth certificate, parent picture ID, and proof of residence such as mail containing the home address.



"The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1407). The weekly celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday evening or Sunday morning defines who we are as Catholics – in our parishes, in our households of faith, in our neighborhoods, and in our world.

We have 3 Mass options every weekend: Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 8:30am and 11am. *See you in church!!*

Prepare your heart with EWTN Lenten programming!

Learn more about your Faith during this special time of the year. EWTN will have movies, documentaries, children's programming, and more to help you grow in your spiritual life. Get program details at ewtn.com. EWTN is found on Spectrum on Channel 78.



Bringing up the Eucharistic Gifts at Mass....

Any parishioner having a special Mass intention at a particular Mass, is welcome to carry up one of the Eucharistic Gifts at the Offertory. Upon arrival at Church, speak with one of the ushers and they will be happy to assist you.



Mass Intentions for Week

- Sat., Feb 17
4:00pm—Joseph Germano, req by the family
Stephen Halayko, req by Carol Ashline
Paul Duffey, req by the family
- Sun., Feb 18
8:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM
11:00am—Dr Richard Crinigan, req by the family
Margaret & Tom Alund, req by Lorraine Alund
Jane Kelso, req by Mr/Mrs Raymond Novak
- Mon., Feb 19 (President's Day) Holiday Observed
9:00am—NO COMMUNION SERVICE
- Tues., Feb 20
9:00am—Angelo Delduce, req by the family
Jane Kimball, req by Lorraine Bulson
- Wed., Feb 21
9:00am—Vicki Dewine, req by Lorraine Alund
Suzanne Bulson Gustason, req by Lorraine Bulson & family
- Thurs., Feb 22
9:00am—Jane Kimball, req by Ann & Phil DiNuzzo
- Fri., Feb 23
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Sat., Feb 24
4:00pm—Stephen Halayko, req by Teresa Ashline
Eloise & Don Jones, req by Duffey family
Alice & John Duffey, req by Duffey family
- Sun., Feb 25
8:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM
11:00am—Luke Callahan, req by Lilia Langford
Catherine Hynes, req by the family
Mary Erin Hayes, req by Ellen, Maryann, Tom & Jim

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE
Weekly Collection (incl. mail-in/E.G.)
 Feb 11-12, 2017.....\$5106.00
 Feb 10-11, 2018.....\$6125.00

*See You
In
Church!!*