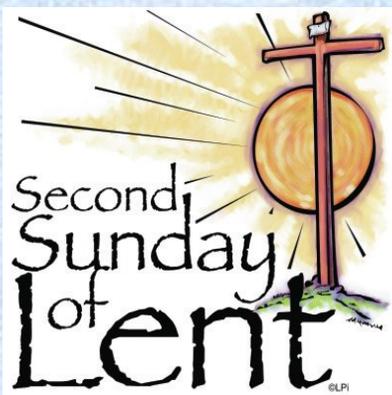


IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet/Green Island NY



February 21, 2016

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Weekday Schedule

Communion Service: Monday & Friday at 9:00 AM

Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM

Our mission at Immaculate Heart of Mary is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and to praise His name, by being a Christ-centered, welcoming, unified community. Called to holiness, we celebrate the love of God through prayer and worship, the Eucharist and other sacraments, catechesis, evangelization and service to all. Always His people, we strive to be good stewards of our time, talent and treasure.

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr Don Rutherford, Sacramental Minister
Deacon Al Manzella, Parish Life Director
Deacon Mark Leonard

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Matthew Carabis

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm—3:45 pm or by appointment

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 arrangements as soon as the engagement is announced.

Anointing of the Sick

If you are hospital bound, homebound or seriously ill and desire to be anointed, contact the Parish Office. Eucharist can be brought to any parishioner by a Eucharistic Minister.

Deacon Al's Corner

Dedication of the Parish Life Center – We will have a short blessing and dedication ceremony in the Parish Life Center on Sunday February 28 after the 11:00a.m. Mass. We, at IHM, are blessed to have this facility which was built with the resources, the efforts and sacrifices of many people from all the Churches in Watervliet and Green Island. Please invite your family and friends to join us as we come together for this joyous celebration.

Vacation – we're back! I'm sure you will agree that vacations are fun; but it's always good to get back home. Thank you for your prayers.

Lent - Let's continue to make this the "Best Lent Ever." The key elements are prayer, reflection and alms giving. Don't forget the Rice Bowls!

Hospitality leads to evangelization - Is it any wonder that we have many people come for the Easter celebration that don't come every week? Easter is the greatest celebration of our faith. We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus. This Easter let's be inviting and welcoming to everyone who comes to celebrate with us. Make them feel welcomed and at home. Maybe our display of hospitality, joy and love will be an inspiration for them to come back more often.

May God bless us all with the Best Lent Ever!

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY BOOKKEEPER POSITION—The candidate for this position should have a familiarity and experience with bookkeeping/accounting principles, the use of computer accounting systems and internal controls. It is anticipated that these activities will require six to seven hours a week. Salary will be based on a negotiated hourly rate, with no benefits. The Bookkeeper will report to the Parish Life Director. Interested applicants should provide a resume to Deacon Al Manzella by close of business February 26th.

FRIENDLY VISITORS—Loneliness can lead to depression! Do you know someone who is homebound or who doesn't get out much? Why not add them to our Friendly Visitor's list. Members of the Friendly Visitor's team will visit them at home or If they do not want home visits, we will be happy to send them cards just to let them know someone is thinking of them. Visits are always prearranged. Please contact Linda at 209-6446 if you know of someone who could use a visit from a friendly face or a "pick-me-up." If you would like to become a part of the Friendly Visitor's team, please give Linda a call.

We invite you to become a member of our parish family. To begin the registration process, please fill out this form and place in the collection basket on Sunday. We will send you a new membership form for registration. Thank you

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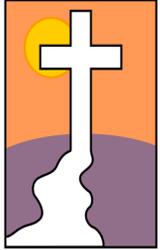
A Coffee hour and Bake Sale with a Purpose: February 21—This Sunday, our Confirmation candidates and Mr. Gleason's grade 5-7 will be hosting a Resurrection Bake Sale to raise money for Smile Train, an organization that provides cleft palate surgery for children in poor countries throughout the world.



Help us to change a life while you take a break from the winter doldrums. Join us in the Parish Life Center, immediately following the 11AM Mass, for a celebration of life, love and all things good.

Please make sure checks are made out to **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish**, with Smile Train in the memo section of the check. We once again have the opportunity to participate in a **5x matching grant**. Through your generosity, we know we will once again be able to provide a new life for many children; the opportunity to go to school, play with other children, to marry and have families of their own.

Lenten Coins: This Year, The Greatest Commandment—This year's Lenten coins were purchased for the parish by Faith Formation; in part as a show of gratitude for all the support given to our young people by the parish. On the coin is a quote from Matthew 22:37-39, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind" and on the reverse, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself"....something to consider this Lent, especially as we celebrate the Year of Mer-



Tuesdays in Lent: Get Ready for Something Special—Start with a simple supper and then Adoration or a video series by Bishop Robert Barron, "*Priest, Prophet, King*"... sounds like we could be ready to experience a special Lenten journey...

Sign up to share a soup or a salad – sign up sheets are on the table in the back of the church. Hope to see you this Tuesday evening for a special Lenten experience.

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: Traditional, Feb. 26; Gr. 6-9, Mar. 4; Rosary, Mar. 11; Confirmation candidates/parents/sponsors, Mar. 18.

A Letter received from Gail Adamschek to Parishioners, on behalf of the people of Sprakers. In part it reads:

"The Christmas gifts were delivered to the children and brought tears to the parents eyes. One little girl literally shook with excitement and a boy who was wearing shoes that were not his size and shabby received a new pair of sneakers. He was thrilled! We have a very poor area and so many kids have such needs and usually receive little or nothing for Christmas. Thanks for your generous efforts. Some of our women and youth have changed from depressed and feeling bad about their lives. They have begun to smile and look forward that something good may happen in the upcoming days. Please understand that all you have done is a HUGE help to so many!! I've gone home twice from being totally exhausted with reaching out to a lot of seriously hurting moms, dads and kids with the things you have delivered. God bless you abundantly!"



Sprakers still has many needs - Although we have delivered many bags of clothing, we are looking for **teenage clothing for both boys and girls** - especially jeans and shirts. If you can help, please contact Linda at 209-6446.

FAITH FORMATION—For All Ages

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

Faith Formation Sessions Schedule

AM and PM Faith Formation sessions will resume at the regular times on Sunday, February 21.

CRS Rice Bowl: Where in the World Are We This Week???? Laos

This week highlights a family – Hongkham, her husband and 5 boys. Her husband was a farmer until he became ill. The family had to sell their land to pay for medicine. Hongkham became a cook at her children's school. CRS provides lunches to students, which helps to keep them in school. The recipe to try this week is *Kao phiak sai tua leuang*.

Each of the Faith Formation classes will have a Rice Bowl in which we will collect donations each week. If your family would like one to work on at home, they will be available in the church. On the calendar inside of each Rice Bowl, you will find Catholic Social Teaching and even recipes from the country profiled that week. Want to learn more? Check out crsrice-bowl.org.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Following the opening prayer at the 11am Mass, Father will invite all children from **PreK 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

February 21: Resurrection Bake Sale

February 28: Dedication of Parish Life Center

Memorials for 2016

 <p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">10/16/16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of William T Fahr, Sr & Julia F Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/31/16</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;">7/31/16</p>
<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;">7/3/16</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;">7/3/16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford & Christine Callahan</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">6/12/16</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Dr. Richard P Crinigan, Jr requested by his wife, Patricia and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/24/16</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;">4/24/16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/17/16</p>
		<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Genevieve M Dyer requested by her beloved husband Bill, Children & Grandchildren</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">2/28/16</p>

IHM PRAYER TREE MINISTRY—If you know of someone who would like prayers said for them on their behalf, or for yourself, please contact Brenda at 271-6184.

MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays: 3 to 5pm: Help Needed!!—If all goes well with our inspection from the Albany County Health Department on February 17, we will be open in the Parish Life Center on February 22...7 years and 8 days since the first time we offered Mary's Kitchen in the former St. Patrick's basement.

We need a few people who would be willing to pick up bakery items at Freihofer's in Latham on Mondays and/or Schuyler Bakery on Saturday afternoons. Please contact Sharon at 328-0427 if you would be able to **fill in occasionally**, when our regular folks are unavailable.

Mary's Kitchen is back to being open Mondays from 3:30 to 5:30pm. All members of the community are invited – both parishioners and non-parishioners alike – to pick up a take out meal during those times. Questions about Mary's Kitchen? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 for more information.

SOCIAL JUSTICE—Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, **February 24th at 11:00am in the Parish Life Center.**

City Gardens—If you are interested in growing your own fruits and vegetables and don't have a place to grow them, please consider becoming a part of City Gardens. **Space is still available. Sign up forms are available in the back of the Church.**

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Exodus—As Israel strays from God spiritually, the closer God comes to them physically. As the story of salvation history continues on after Exodus, the sins of the people of God continue to worsen. In all of this, though there is hope. God continues to draw ever nearer, until finally he becomes flesh and blood in the New Covenant.

You are invited to join us on Thursdays, between 6 to 7:30PM, at the Faith Formation and Ministry Center (2425-7th Avenue). For questions or for more information, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

INCLEMENT WEATHER!! Should schools in Watervliet be closed, we will not have Communion service or Mass. Watch any of the local TV stations for news on Watervliet school delays and/or closings.

Mass Intentions for Feb 22–28

Mon., Feb 22

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Feb 23 MASS

9:00am—**Mary Vartigian (B'day)**, req by daughters

Wed., Feb 24

9:00am—**Anthony F Grasso**
Jonathan W Rainville
Christopher D Mailloux } req by The family

Thurs., Feb 25 MASS

9:00am—**Beatrice & Philip Zarlengo family**

Fri., Feb 26

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Feb 27

4:00pm—**Anna M Biggs**, req by Marie Connelly

Donald Connelly, req by wife & family
David Crowley, Sr, req by Barbara Crowley & Joseph & Nicole McLaughlin

Sun., Feb 28

8:30am—**All lv'g & dec'd members of IHM**

11:00am—**Fran Bouchard**, req by Toni Delduce

Sr Mary Immaculate Heart, req by Betty Tracey & brothers
Ann Cahill, req by Joseph Early

ROSARY SOCIETY—The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9th at 6:30pm.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Due to an early deadline, the collection totals will be in next week's bulletin.