

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

February 23, 2020

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil—4:00PM

Sunday—8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Weekday Schedule

Communion Service: Monday, 9:00 AM

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

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

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Call for appointment

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 arrangements 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.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Recognize God In Your Everyday Moments ~

Going the Extra Mile

So often in life, people are concerned about the minimum requirements. What is the minimum I must do to get a certain grade? What is the minimum I need to do to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? What exactly do I have to do to make my boss happy?

Do As Jesus Directs

This concern does not stop with everyday life but continues into our relationship with God. What exactly is required of me for salvation? How much time, talent, and treasure are enough? Jesus does not call us to this way of life, but instead to a life of unbounding generosity and surrender. Jesus said, "If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles." The minimum requirement is one mile; however, we are not to be disciples of minimum requirements and checking off boxes. We are to go the extra mile because that is how we bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ. That is how we change lives and share the grace and love we have received in abundance. Nothing ever changes by doing the minimum. There is no real glory given to God by responding to His call with the minimum.

Imagine a world where all of us good stewards give without ceasing and go far beyond the minimum requirements. Our world would be a very different place. So, what is stopping us? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Mass Schedule: February 26th

9:00 AM and 5:30 PM

Ashes will be distributed during the liturgy.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: During Lent (beginning February 26th) through Easter Sunday (April 12th) we will be collecting Personal Hygiene Products and Paper Products to assist Catholic Charities with their Personal Care Closet Drive for clients living with HIV/AIDS and other chronic illnesses. Items needed: Soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, shaving items, laundry soap, fabric softener, dryer sheets, bath tissue, paper towels and tissues. Boxes will be in the vestibule and will be marked "Catholic Charities". If you have any questions, please contact Linda @ (518) 209-6446. Thank you in advance for your support and assistance.

MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays, 3 to 5pm ~ Come join us at Mary's Kitchen. All members of the community are invited - both parishioners and non-parishioners alike - to enjoy an eat in meal, chat and relax with friends or to pick up a meal to take out.

We would like to thank the volunteers who have offered to bring food items to Joseph's House in Troy occasionally on Tuesday mornings. It won't be every week, but it is good to know we have people we can contact if we need the help. Email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

FABULOUS FRIDAYS

Beginning March 6, fish fries - alternating with Mac/cheese, will be available on Fridays in the Parish Life Center from 5:30 to 6:30pm before Stations of the Cross at 7pm. Orders for food must be prepaid on Saturday/Sunday the week before. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses. Cost is \$5.00 per person. What better way to spend Fridays in Lent?? Feed the body, then feed the soul.

RCIA AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION for ADULTS AND OLDER CHILDREN ~ We are currently meeting Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 3pm. Ed and Don are preparing to receive their sacraments on the Easter Vigil in the spring. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) or are curious about the process, feel free to stop in any Wednesday and see what it is all about.

Need more information?? Contact Sharon at 518 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

Faith Formation: For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski Coordinator of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
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2019-2020 Faith Formation: AM & PM sessions resume February 23

We will resume our regular sessions on February 23rd. The AM session for Faith Formation (Prek-3yr old - gr.7) is 9:45 to 10:45am and the PM session (gr.8 - 12) is 12 noon to 1:15pm. Questions, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Faith Formation: The Mass is the Class

We anticipate seeing you at Mass every Sunday. Mass is where we celebrate and live out all we learn about our faith in Faith Formation. It is where we meet Jesus every week in the Liturgy of the Word and in the Eucharist. Questions about our Faith Formation program? Please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Children will join Faith Formation catechists in the CLOW room for special readings directed towards children. Father will call them forward and they will leave with the catechists and return after the Prayer of the Faithful.

Here's What's Coming Up in February

February 25: Mardi Gras

February 26: Ash Wednesday

February 28: Stations of the Cross, Traditional



Journey Through Lent...



February 25: Mardi Gras

Before we fast, we feast!! On Tuesday, February 25, we will have our annual pancakes and sausage dinner from 4:30 to 6pm in the Parish Life Center. All are invited to attend. Questions?? Call Linda at 518-209-6446.

February 26: Ash Wednesday

Lent begins in just 3 days!! Masses are at 9am and 5:30pm on February 26.

Lenten Tuesdays: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7

Beginning on March 3, Tuesdays in Lent will start out at 5:30pm with a simple soup and salad supper in the Parish Life Center. Following that, we will alternate weeks with Adoration, a viewing of a DVD by Bishop Robert Barron, or a Lenten presentation.

We are inviting people to make soup or a salad or bring bread for ONE of the weeks. There are sign-up sheets on the tables in the back of the church for the weeks of Lent.

Stations of the Cross: February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3

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.

February 28: Traditional

March 6: Rosarians: Stations for Seniors

March 13: Bearing the Cross Today

March 20: Everyone's Way of Cross

March 27: Through the Eyes of Mary


April 3: Living Stations



SCRIPTURE SHARING: Letter of St James ~ We meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm in the Parish Life Center. Our new series is on the Letter of James. On February 27, we will read and discuss the reading based on James 3:1-12, *Wisdom is Known Through Speech*. Why not join us?? For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

INCLEMENT WEATHER ALERT!!! Unfortunately Winter is not over yet!!! During the Winter months when there is a Watervliet School closing due to snow or severe weather conditions, there will be **NO** morning Mass nor Communion Service that day! The parish office will also be closed.

WATCH YOUR LOCAL TV STATION!!

 In Memoriam ~ 2020-21		
In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson 2/7/21	In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan 1/10/21	In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 1/10/21
In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/25/20	In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 7/19/20	In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 7/19/20
In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family 7/19/20	In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family 5/24/20	In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family 5/10/20

Reading Matthew 5:43-45 - "You have heard that it is said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy' but I tell you, 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your father in heaven.'"

Pope Francis- Laudato Si: "God in some way sought to limit himself in such a way that many of the things we think as evils...are in reality part of the pains...to draw us into the act of cooperation with the Creator."

Catholic Social Teaching-USCCB,1991: "At the heart of the Christian life lies the love of neighbor...Both impoverished peoples and an imperiled planet demand our committed service."

Care 4 Creation: "To save us from all apathy towards the created order, O Holy Trinity, Deliver us."

"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.

Respect Life ~ "Instead death and sorrow, let us bring peace and joy to the world." - Saint Teresa

PRESENTING THE GIFTS AT MASS

Any parishioner who has a Mass intention at a specific Mass, please speak with a 'greeter or usher' as soon as you arrive at church that you would like to bring up the Eucharistic Gifts for that Mass ...They will be happy to assist you.



IHM PRAYER MINISTRY~ The prayer tree ministry is made up of a group of people who pray for others—for anyone who would like to have prayers said for themselves for wellbeing; or for a family member, relative or friend, contact **Brenda at 518 271-6184**. We believe as faith-filled people, prayer matters and offers hope. If you think you might be interested in being part of the prayer tree ministry, call the phone number above.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Feb 22

4:00pm—Thomas Falzo, req by family
Judith Culkin, req by Bill/Rita Fahr & family
Carol Anne Maloney, req by husband, Don

Sun., Feb 23

8:30am—Mary Polaro, req by the Polaro family
John Hynes, req by Tom & Jane Hanley
Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Sally Colbert, req by Bob/Carol Carlson
Wayne Simmons, req by Gail Mantello
Wm Maloney, Helen/Art W Cody, req by Maureen McMahon

Mon., Feb 24

9:00am—NO COMMUNION SERVICE-HOLIDAY

Tues., Feb 25

9:00am—Thomas & Helen Sullivan, Estate

Wed., Feb 26—ASH WEDNESDAY/LENT BEGINS

9:00am—Saundra S Cummings, Estate
5:30pm—Frank & Vincenza DiNuzzo, Estate

Thurs., Feb 27

9:00am—Wm Johnson & Malasky Families, Estate

Fri., Feb 28—NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Feb 29

4:00pm—Sally Colbert, req by Marge Centanni
George McHarg, req by Linda Dunbar
Constance Meyer, req by Bill/Rita Fahr & family

Sun., Mar 1

8:30am—Jim Mantello, req by his brother
Philip Blanchard, req by his sister Mary
Sally Colbert, req by Gloria Colarusso
11:00am—Alan Johnson, req by Lorraine Alund
Jack Whited, req by Lorraine Alund
Sean O'Brien, req by Marilyn LaParl/Tony Cassidy

Weekly Collection (incl Mail-in/E.G)

Feb 9-10, 2019.....\$4274.00

Feb 8-9, 2020.....\$7064.00

Parish Registration Update: In an effort to keep our records up to date, we are asking all parishioners to kindly fill out the form below with your current address, phone number and email and include it in your tithing envelope or a regular white envelope and drop in collection basket when you come to Church. Thank you for your assistance. (If you are not presently registered with the parish, we invite you to fill out tear-off to start the process.

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email: _____