

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

## February 25, 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

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

### PARISH LIFE CENTER

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Friday—10:30am—3:30pm

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### Coordinator

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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.

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### Deacon Al's Corner ~

#### Lenten Activities

**Fasting - Lenten Tuesdays** – Join us on Tuesday evenings during Lent at 5:30pm. On alternate Tuesdays, following a simple meal, there will be either an adult education opportunity with Bishop Barron or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction.

**Prayer - Stations of the Cross** – Join us at 7:00pm each Friday during Lent for Stations of the Cross. Each Friday you will experience a different form of the Stations for your prayer and reflection.

**Giving Alms - Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls** – Please take home one of the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls and fill with your loose change during Lent. We will collect them on Holy Thursday.

**Reconciliation** – You will have the opportunity to receive Reconciliation, the other Sacrament of healing, on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Come and be healed.

**Simply Peter** - Mark your calendars for a special event on March 15 at 7:00pm. "Simply Peter" offers an earthly and humorous view of life with Peter, the man from Galilee as he tells the story of faith. Join us for "a dramatically staged reflective monologue" in Church on March 15 at 7:00pm.

**The three "r's"** – Don't forget the three r's during Lent!

**Knights of Columbus** – Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their most recent gift to the Parish that allowed us to purchase a new floor burnisher.

**Vocations Ministry**—God blessed Abraham because he did what God asked of him. It was not only Abraham that benefitted from his unselfish response to God's call. It was certainly Isaac and Abraham's family but all who followed after him.

God blesses us generously as well by responding to what God desires of us. Can I generously say: "here I am Lord, I come to do your will"!

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—Romans 8:34**—"Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us."

**Pope Francis, Laudato Si:** "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience."

**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](http://ewtn.com). EWTN is found on Spectrum on Channel 78.



## 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 Tuesdays at 5:30pm, 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: 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, March 1 in the Parish Life Center for a dvd on session 10, *Psalms of Praise and Thanksgiving*. This will conclude our study of the Psalms.

On March 8, 15 and 22, we will be showing three segments of Bishop Barron's dvd "Conversion; Following the Call of Christ". These are biblical stories of people who changed: *Bartimaeus, the Man Born Blind; The Rich Young Man; and The Woman at the Well*. The stories may be familiar, but Bishop Barron has a wonderful knack of bringing them to life. All are welcome. Hope you will join us! For more information, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)



### "Simply Peter" — Join us for "a dramatically staged

reflective monologue" in Church on **March 15 at 7:00pm**. The presentation *"Simply Peter"* offers an earthly and humorous view of life with the man from Galilee as he tells the story of faith. Watch for more details to follow.

### Lenten Coins: This Year, "John 3:16"

**This year's Lenten coins were purchased for the parish by Faith Formation as a show of gratitude for all the support given to our young people by the parish. How many times have you been watching a sporting event and seen someone hold up a sign that says, "John 3:16"? Who's John and what's that 3:16 all about??**

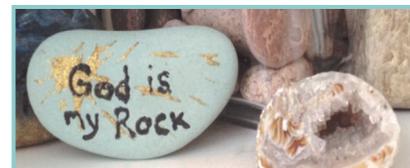
John 3:16 is one of the most well-known passages of Scripture, "God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." God became one with humanity in Jesus Christ, who is the visible image of the invisible God. God is with us, we are with God and in God we are all one.

### Lenten Prayer Banner

As Christians, we know the Cross to be a symbol of healing, sacrifice and great love. In the back of the church, there is a Lenten Prayer Banner. Crosses will be placed nearby in a basket. Please take a cross, write on it the name of a person or intention that you will be praying for this Lent and pin it to the banner.

**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)???***

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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).



### Faith Formation - For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry — [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

#### Lent: What can I Do for Lent This Year??

What will Lent mean to you, as a family, this year? Just another few weeks of cold winter weather...giving up chocolate or desserts...

**OR**, how about really taking a look at this liturgical season of **Purification and Enlightenment?** There is so much happening at Immaculate Heart of Mary this Lent. Every Tuesday in Lent there is a simple supper at 5:30pm, followed by Adoration or a dvd that makes being Catholic make sense. Stations of the Cross are every Friday at 7pm.

**OR**, how about making a real effort to get back into the practice of attending weekly Mass as a family? It seems so easy to scoop up the children after Faith Formation and go right out the door of the church...is whatever we're rushing out to as important as celebrating the next 40 minutes with the community in an experience of worship and thanksgiving for all God has done for us that week?? Think about it and try it for a few weeks...you just might find that it's a life-changer.

#### 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 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27.

Stations of the Cross, 7pm: March 2, 9, 16, 23; March 30, 3pm

February 26: Adoration 9:30 to noon.

March 8: Reconciliation, 7pm

March 15: Simply Peter (Dick Harte), 7pm

## In Memoriam ~ 2018



In loving memory of  
Joseph V Germano  
requested by the Family

12/23/18

In loving memory of  
John A O'Brien  
requested by the Family

10/14/18

In loving memory of  
William T, Sr, Julia F  
and Robert A Fahr  
requested by the Family

7/29/18

In loving memory of  
Bryan T Roberts (son)  
Raymond & Helen Werner (parents)  
requested by Judith Pope

7/8/18

In loving memory of  
The Barron & Rys Families  
requested by the Family

7/8/18

In loving memory of  
Francis X Lacosse, Sr  
requested by wife Lucille,  
Toni & Frank, Jr

5/20/18

In loving memory of the  
Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family  
& Monticup Family  
requested by Rose Brooks & Family

4/22/18

In loving memory of  
J. Vince Cocca  
requested by  
his wife and Children

4/22/18

In loving memory of  
John T Sherlock  
requested by his wife and Family

4/22/18

In loving memory of  
Adam & Katherine Novak  
John G Novak & Florence Szpot  
requested by the Family

3/4/18

**Smile Train: The Final Tally!!** Through the INCREDIBLE generosity of the friends and parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, we sent a check to Smile Train in the amount of **\$2871.00**. With the matching grant from the Smile Train donors, over 52 children will now be able to have a life changing surgery and a rebirth, or "resurrection" to a new life. They will be able to go to school, have friends, someday get a job, be married and have their own families...all because of **you**. God bless your love, caring, and generosity towards children you may never see, but have changed their lives forever!!



**Mardi Gras** - Yummmmm! Delicious!!!! "Fat Tuesday" was a great success. **Thank you** to our chefs - Fr. Ed, Deacon Al, Jim Connors and Ed Smulsky for their culinary expertise and thanks to Mary and Matt Carabis, Sharon Kowalski, Gerry Link, Bettianne Smulsky and Marge Testo for their assistance.

**Mary's Kitchen: Mary's Kitchen will re-open at the regular time on Monday, 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.

**Career Opportunity:** *The Knights of Columbus is seeking a candidate for a career opportunity representing their Insurance Program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. The Knights of Columbus is the Largest Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization in the world. In order to qualify, candidate need not be a current member but must be eligible for future membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact, Bill Schneider, General Agent at 914 420-6836 or email: [william.schneider@kofc.org](mailto:william.schneider@kofc.org).*



**Mary's Corner: located in Cohoes. 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.



**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 .

### Mass Intentions for Week

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

Mon., Feb 26

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Feb 27

9:00am—Jane Kimball, req by Peg Cote

Wed., Feb 28

9:00am—Lillian Tersigni, req by Ann DiNuzzo

Thurs., Mar 1

9:00am—Farrell & Synan families

Fri., Mar 2

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Mar 3

4:00pm—Stephen Halayko, req by Ginny & Diane Jakubics  
Theresa L Fahr/William T Fahr & family, req by family  
James Langford (Anniv), req by Lilia Langford

Sun., Mar 4

8:30am—Bette J Healey, req by Bob & Carol Carlson  
Joseph/Dorothy Slupski, req by Keith Slupski  
Adam Walion Sr, req by Bob & Carol Carlson  
11:00am—Living & deceased members of IHM

### ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

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