

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet/Green Island NY

February 28, 2016

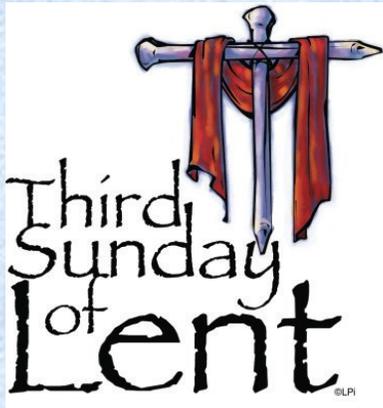
## Celebration of the Eucharist

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

#### PARISH LIFE CENTER

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#### Office Hours:

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Friday—10:30am—3:30pm

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#### Coordinator

Sharon Kowalski  
[skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)  
Call for appointment

#### Facility Manager

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

#### “I AM - The God of your fathers sent me to you.” (Exodus 3:13 and 14)

A number of people have asked me “How do you like being at Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Parish?” And without hesitation I tell them “I love it here.” I feel blessed to be here with all of you wonderful people. I believe this is exactly where God wants me to be. It is a joy for me to be here, and I pray that I do what God expects of me. Please let me know if I am falling short in any way.

#### What did He send me to do?

**Spiritual Journey** - I am here to take care of administrative tasks, and to help you on your spiritual journey. Making sure the spiritual needs of all of you are met is of prime importance. It is a blessing to all of us that Fr. Rutherford is with us at IHM as the “Sacramental Minister” to make sure that Reconciliation and the Eucharist, and in fact all the sacraments are available to you. I believe this is where God wants him to be also. Thank you Fr. Rutherford.

#### Reconciliation

Lent is a wonderful time for a “fresh start!” The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a gift from God to help us achieve a fresh start for our spiritual lives. There will be a number of opportunities to get to reconciliation this Lenten Season:

Holy Trinity – Cohoes

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St. Mary's – Waterford

St. Augustine's, Troy

Immaculate Heart of Mary – Watervliet

Saturday March 5 – 10:00a.m to 12:00 noon



Monday March 7 at 7:00p.m.

Wednesday March 9 at 7:00p.m.

Monday March 14 at 7:00p.m.

Wednesday March 16 at 1:30p.m.

#### Lenten Tuesdays and Friday Stations of the Cross

As we travel together on our spiritual journey during Lent we need to concentrate on **Jesus**, on His love for us, and on what He expects of us. There are two special days each week to help us focus on Jesus - **Lenten Tuesdays and Friday Stations of the Cross**. Please try and attend as many of these as your time allows. The benefits are “out of this world!”

**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.

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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**Their Lives Will Be Changed Forever...All Because of You**—How can we even begin to thank all those who

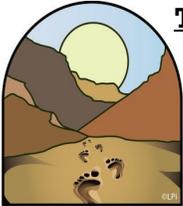


donated or purchased food items at the Resurrection Bake Sale hosted by our Confirmation and Mr. Gleason's classes??

You gave our young people an opportunity to witness firsthand the true generosity of the IHM parish community. Our young people were utterly amazed at the folks who gave an outright donation or purchased a small amount with a large bill and told them "to keep the change"...much of our total was raised through donations alone. We will have final totals in next week's bulletin.

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.

**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 Mercy.



**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...

Please 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: Mar. 4; Rosary, Mar. 11; Confirmation candidates/parents/sponsors, Mar. 18.

**ROSARY SOCIETY**—The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9th at 6:30pm in the Parish Life Center. All women over 18 yrs of age are invited to join.

**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.

**FAITH FORMATION—For All Ages**

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

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

This week highlights a mother and child – Odette and her daughter, Olga. Odette started working for Catholic relief services before Olga was born. Olga was very fortunate that her mother received adequate nutrition while she was pregnant. Studies show that the nutrition children receive in their first 1000 days – from the womb until their second birthday- can mean the difference between a promising future and a life of poor health and limited opportunities.

The recipe to try this week is: *Kawunga (cornmeal with beans)*..

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](http://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 28: Dedication of Parish Life Center

**"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, 8:30 and 11am. **See you in Church!!**

# Memorials for 2016

 <p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>10/16/16</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Fahr, Sr &amp; Julia F Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>7/31/16</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam &amp; Katherine Novak John G Novak &amp; Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>7/31/16</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>7/3/16</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>7/3/16</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford &amp; Christine Callahan</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>6/12/16</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of Dr. Richard P Crinigan, Jr requested by his wife, Patricia and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>4/24/16</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family &amp; Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks &amp; Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>4/24/16</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>4/17/16</small></p>

**RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—**

Do you have **questions** about the Catholic faith? Is becoming a Catholic something you've thought about, but never actively pursued the **"How can I do this?"** Have you been Baptized or made your First Communion, but still **need to complete the sacramental process**? Are other family members Catholic and you would like to be able to **share fully with them in worship**? If you would like more information, contact Sharon at 328-0427.



<p>In loving memory of Genevieve M Dyer requested by her beloved husband Bill, Children &amp; Grandchildren</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>2/28/16</small></p>
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**SCRIPTURE STUDY:—Gospel of Matthew**

We will begin our new series this Thursday: the Gospel of Matthew.

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

**MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays: 3:30 to 5:30pm—We had our first soup kitchen in the newly renovated Parish Life Center. We offered meals as Take out and Eat in and had almost an even split: 20 take outs and 17 eat ins!! Numbers may change as we continue on, but we are very happy to be able to offer both options to our guests.**



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.

**Mass Intentions for Feb 29—Mar 6**

- Mon., Feb 29**  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Tues., Mar 1 MASS**  
9:00am—Beatrice & Philip Zarlengo family
- Wed., Mar 2 MASS**  
9:00am—Patricia Sausville (4th Anniv), req by Bettianne & Ed Smulsky
- Thurs., Mar 3 MASS**  
9:00am—Ann L Cox, req by Dolores Shaw  
James Langford (8th Anniv), req by Lilia Bettianne & Ed Smulsky (54th Wedding Anniv)
- Fri., Mar 4**  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Sat., Mar 5**  
4:00pm—James Langford, req by the family  
M/M Matthew McAvoy, req by grandchildren  
William T Fahr (B'day), req by Fahr family
- Sun., Mar 6**  
8:30am—Doris Walion, req by Bob & Carol Carlson  
Margaret Hanley-Sweeney, req by the family  
11:00am—Gil Reisner, req by Lorraine Alund  
Charles Centanni, req by Marge Centanni  
Anne DiNuzzo, req by Lorraine Alund

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

**Weekly Collection (including mail-in)**

Feb 14-15, 2015....\$4828.00 | Feb 21-22, 2015....\$6502.00  
Feb 13-14, 2016....\$4979.00 | Feb 20-21, 2016....\$6515.00

**Black, Native American Missions Collection**

Feb 21-22, 2015....\$737.00 | Feb 13-14, 2016....\$931.00



**NURSES CORNER**

There will be a Blood Pressure Clinic in the back of the church on Sunday March 13 after the 11 am Mass. Any nurses that are available, your help will be greatly appreciated.