

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

## March 3, 2019

### 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**

## 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?" - Lk 6:42a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1996, 1970 CCC.

### PASTORAL STAFF

Fr Donald Rutherford, Pastor  
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### PARISH LIFE CENTER

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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### Coordinator

Sharon Kowalski  
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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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### Gospel Meditation

Emails. Carpools. Shopping lists. Home repairs. It can seem like we move so quickly from one thing to the next. Our news comes in sound bites and headlines. How often do we take time for silence, for prayer, for reflection, for wisdom? Jesus warns us of stumbling through life without an adequate sense of where we're going. "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" This Sunday's Gospel isn't about fumbling along but offers a self-check on our own motivations.

"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Without adequate self-reflection, it's easy to become blind to our own faults. We go through life's motions as our bad habits linger or even increase. We may become increasingly impatient, we may avoid important tasks, we may neglect the emotional needs of our spouse. Perhaps, in the process, we find fault with those around us. In the words of Jesus, "remove the wooden beam from your own eye first."

So how do we know? How can we notice the hidden faults in our lives? "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of store of evil produces evil." Do you notice certain relationships that have become strained, or situations where you know you don't act your best? Perhaps this is an area where you are acting out of sin, rather than virtue. The truth is, all of us are a mixture of light and dark, vice and virtue. We can't pretend we're perfect! But we also need to take time to pause and prayerfully examine the fruit we're bearing.



### RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older

**Children** — Need to receive sacraments —Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation; for yourself, an older teen or young adult? Whatever your needs may be – whether completing the Sacraments of Initiation or questions about becoming members of Catholic faith, we are here to help you make it happen. We will work around your schedule and your individual area of need.

**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)???

Need more information?? Contact Sharon at 518 328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

## MARDI GRAS: MARCH 5: PANCAKES & SAUSAGE??



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, but *before we fast -we feast*. Don't miss the traditional Mardi Gras meal of pancakes and sausage, which will be served in the Faith Formation Center from 4 to 6:30PM.

Why pancakes and sausage? Mardi Gras literally means "Fat Tuesday" (in French) and is the day before Lent begins, Ash Wednesday. In times past, Lent was observed by a more rigorous method of fasting.

Mardi Gras was a last chance to clean out the pantry of those things which would be forbidden during the coming fast. Pancakes and sausage, which used up the remaining dairy, eggs, syrup, sugar, oil and meat, were and are, traditional foods for Mardi Gras.

Mardi Gras, even today, serves as a reminder...a day to step back from our daily routines and focus on the great season of Lent...and what that means for each of us.



## LENT Begins March 6

### What Does it Look Like at IHM?

*Ash Wednesday* is March 6 this year.

*Stations of the Cross* on Fridays will be at 7pm.

*Lenten Tuesdays* will begin at 5:30pm and feature a soup and salad supper followed by either Adoration or a video presentation.

**Keep an eye on the weekly bulletin for further details of upcoming events scheduled during the Lenten Season.**

**Rosary Society Meeting**—The next meeting for the Rosarians will be held at 6:00pm in the Parish Life Center on March 13th. All women over the age of 18 yrs are invited to attend and join the group.

**Faith Formation - For All Ages:** Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry  
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### Faith Formation Schedule: "No Longer Strangers, I Call you Friends"

AM sessions for grades Prek to 7\* are on Sunday, from 9:45 to 10:55, with Mass at 11AM. PM sessions for grades 7\* to 10+ are on Sunday, *following* the 11am Mass, from 12:15 to 1:15pm.

Questions? Please contact Sharon in the Faith Formation office at 518-328-0427 or at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) for more information.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Following the opening prayer at the 11am Mass, Father will invite all children from PreK to grade 3 to go to go 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 March

March 5: Mardi Gras, 4 to 6:30pm, Parish Life Center

March 6: Ash Wednesday

March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12: Stations of the Cross, 7pm

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16: Lenten Tuesdays, beginning at 5:30pm

*"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!!*

### LENTEN FISH FRY:

Beginning on the First Friday in Lent and continuing for each Friday throughout the Lenten Season, the Parish will sponsor "Fish Fries" or "Fish & Chips" (alternate weeks). Cost \$7.00 for either eat-in or take-out from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. We ask that you place your order the weekend BEFORE. **For Example: If you want "Fish Fries" on March 8th, you would need to order the meal this weekend, March 2-3.**



**Parish Visitor**—The Pastoral Care Ministry would like to initiate a program of visiting our parish shut-ins. These are people who have been members of our parishes and now due to age or illness are unable to celebrate with us at Mass. We are looking for men and women to be a friendly visitor to our shut-ins. It would not be a great commitment, just an occasional visit to a member of our parish to assure them they are still a vital member of our community. We would like to begin this during Lent. Please sign up at the table in the rear of the church.

**Scripture Sharing: The Gospel of John**—Join us Thursday from 2 to 3pm for a Scripture study on the Gospel of John. Prepared by Dynamic Catholic, it is called the Turning Point and will take a look at "Eight Encounters with Jesus that will Change Your Life". All are welcome- no previous study necessary. Hope you will join us!! For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)




**MASSES:**

**9:00 AM**

**5:30 PM**

**Lent Begins  
Ash Wednesday**

In Memoriam ~ 2019		
 <p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan</p> <p>1/5/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children</p> <p>11/10/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/20/19</p>
<p>In loving memory of Veronica Gardner req by the Vertone Family</p> <p>8/25/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph Bagarose req by the Vertone Family</p> <p>8/25/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>8/4/19</p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>7/7/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>7/7/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>7/7/19</p>
<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>5/12/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family &amp; Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks &amp; Family</p> <p>4/28/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam &amp; Katherine Novak John Novak, Rosalie &amp; Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>4/7/19</p>

### Mary's Kitchen Mondays, 3 to 5pm

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.

Questions?? Contact Sharon at 518 328-0427 for more information.

### 2019 Combined special Collection for the Black, Native & Latin American Missions—

We ask your continued support in the Diocesan Collection on March 9 & 10 for Black, Native American & Latin American Missions. Funds from this combined collection support projects and are used to help fund catechesis & evangelization programs, pastoral programs, marriage and family life projects throughout the United States and the Church of Latin America & the Caribbean. By contributing to this collection you will provide seeds to grow the faith for years to come. Please support the Missions.

**Spiritual Adoption/5 Month Developing Baby**—Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now. his mother can feel him moving now. Before he was too small for her to feel. Although he swam with ease in his watery world, he needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside uterine wall and dent it—the inside wall of the uterus has no feeling.

We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

### Social Justice: *Caring for the Environment*

**1 Corinthians 15:**—"Therefore...be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

**Pope Francis, Laudato Si:**—"We are speaking of an attitude of the heart, one which approaches life with serene attentiveness...which accepts each moment as a gift from God to be lived to the full."

**Catholic Social Teaching:**—"Those who are impacted the most by our poor environmental decisions...As Christians and people of good will, we must seek out their voices and extend our hands in help, making their pleas our own".

**Vocations Ministry** — Please pray for increased vocations to the priesthood and religious life through our Vocations Prayer Chalice Program. Instructions are at the Sacred Heart statue at the rear of the church, or simply write a note that you are interested in the program, add your name, telephone number and/or email address, and drop it into the collection basket.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., Mar 2  
4:00pm—Eleanor Legnard, req by Rosary Society  
Joseph & Dorothy Slupski, req by Keith Slupski  
Thomas Falzo, req by Bob & Carol Carlson

Sun., Mar 3  
8:30am—Mrs Nancy F Capuano, req by Tom & Jane Hanley

11:00am—Domenica Krakat, req by Virginia Esposito  
Sean O'Brien, req by Marilyn LaParl  
Living & deceased members of IHM

Mon., Mar 4  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Mar 5  
9:00am—Veronica Gardner, req by the Vertone family  
Wm. T. Fahr, Sr (B'day), req by the family

Wed., Mar 6—**ASH WEDNESDAY/LENT BEGINS**  
9:00am—Charles Centanni, req by Marge  
5:30pm—Joanne/Ursula Carlson } req by sisters  
MaryBeth/Robert Carlson } & daughters

Thurs., Mar 7  
9:00am—Theresa L Fahr (3rd Anniv), req by family

Fri., Mar 8  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Mar 9  
4:00pm—William Warren, req by Pam & Grace  
Richard Salmon, req by Bob & Carol Carlson  
Living & deceased members of IHM

Sun., Mar 10  
8:30am—Katherine Slupski, req by Brennan family  
Margaret Rose Gonsowski, req by daughter & son  
Dr John Gamble, req by Margaret/Fred Gonsowski  
11:00am—Dec'd mem of Braun & Crinigan family, req by the family

### ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE Weekly collection (incl Mail-in/E.G.)

Feb 17-18, 2018.....\$6036.00  
Feb 16-17, 2019.....\$6890.00  
Feb 24-25, 2018.....\$5480.00  
Feb 23-24, 2019.....\$4695.00