

# 3rd Sunday of



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

## March 4, 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

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Friday—10:30am—3:30pm

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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 ~

**Sin** – Some of you may remember when missing Mass on Sunday was a mortal sin. Here is what the Catechism of the Catholic Church says:

"Sunday . . . is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church" (CIC, can. 1246 § 1). "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass" (CIC, can. 1247). , "Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit grave sin" (#2181), and grave sin is indeed mortal sin."

### We don't change the message. The message changes us.

Rather than just approaching this question from the angle of "missing Mass is a sin," we should first call to mind the importance of the Mass. Each Sunday, we gather together as a Church with hearts filled with joy to worship Almighty God. We remember and profess our faith once again in the mystery of our salvation, that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, suffered, died, and rose for our salvation. The saving actions of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday coalesce in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. – from Fr. William Sanders, Catholic Education .org.

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

**Lent** – Lent should be a time of reflection on our faith journey. Have you been reflecting on death, and on Jesus? How many chapters of the Gospel have you read?

**Stations of the Cross** – When I was in Israel I walked the Via Dolorosa, the place where Jesus walked His passion. It was quite a moving experience as you can imagine. But I find the Stations of the Cross that we do each Friday to also be very moving and prayerful. Come join us as accompany Jesus as He walks His way to the cross; and our salvation.

**Social Justice: Caring of the Environment**—1 Corinthians 1:25- "For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength."

**Pope Francis, Laudato Si:** "By developing our individual, God-given capacities, an ecological conversion can inspire us to greater creativity and enthusiasm in resolving the world's problems and in offering ourselves to God..."

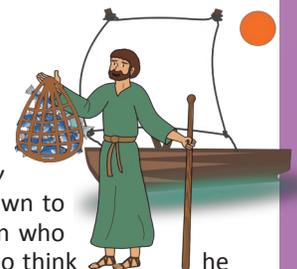
### "Simply Peter"

Date: Thursday, March 15

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Richard Harte will present his one act portrayal of "Simply Peter". This presentation of the Apostle Peter offers a down to earth, and often humorous view, of the onetime fisherman who went on to do greater things. Peter - the one who used to think he had it all figured out ....and then he met Jesus, who changed him and his plans forever. Admission is FREE. See flyer in next week's bulletin for more information.





## Journeying Through Lent

**Tuesdays in Lent: All Are Welcome** - 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". March 6 will be a video on G. K. Chesterton.

Of course you don't have to bring something to attend, but -if you can make a soup, salad, or bring bread to share, we would greatly appreciate it. If you haven't come, you have missed some spectacular soup prepared by Lorraine Alund, and some delicious salads and breads brought by Marilyn Barron, Ed Smulsky, Mary Carabis and Marge Centanni!!

### 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 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: 3 weeks of videos, Thursdays 3 to 4pm

Join us Thursdays, March 8-22, in the Parish Life Center for something a little different .

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 518 328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

**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 .

### 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...

**At our last combined session of Mrs. Carabis' and Mrs. Kowalski's class, we asked our young people for their ideas. They ranged from: being more loving, helping Mom and Dad, being nice to other children in school, thanking Jesus every day for His love, saying extra prayers, going to Mass every week, saving money for the Rice Bowl, being kind to brothers and sisters – even giving up Youtube and facebook!!**

#### 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 March

Lenten Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27.

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

March 26: Adoration 9:30 to noon

**IHM Food Pantry News** — The food pantry has recently received a very generous donation to help cover the cost of the Easter Meal Program 'In Memory of Margaret Foley'. Thank you for your thoughtful gift!

**Mary's Kitchen:** We are so grateful to the new owners of Schuyler Bakery for continuing the Halayko's generosity of providing rolls for the soup kitchen!!

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.

### Lenten Coins: This Year, "John 3:16". Don't Forget to Pick One up!!

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.



March 8: Reconciliation, 7pm

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

<h2>In Memoriam ~ 2018</h2>		
 In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>12/23/18</small>	In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/14/18</small>	In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>7/29/18</small>
In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/8/18</small>	In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>7/8/18</small>	In loving memory of Francis X Lacosse, Sr requested by wife Lucille, Toni & Frank, Jr <small>5/20/18</small>
In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family <small>4/22/18</small>	In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children <small>4/22/18</small>	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>4/22/18</small>

**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)???**

Megan Luke and George Forslin attended the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at the Cathedral on February 18. It was a beautiful celebration!! Megan is now an Elect and will be experiencing the Scrutinies at the 11am Masses on March 4, 11 and 18. Please continue to keep Megan and George in your prayers.

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 [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or 518 328-0427

**Spiritual Adoption: Five 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.

**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).*

*"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 week-end: Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 8:30am and 11am.*

*See you in church!!*

In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John G Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>3/4/18</small>
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### Mass Intentions for Week

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

Mon., Mar 5

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Mar 6

9:00am—Charles Centanni, req by the family

Wed., Mar 7

9:00am—Jane Kimball, req by Kay/John Connors  
 Robert Henderson, req by Barbara Crowley/family

Thurs., Mar 8

9:00am—M/M Patrick DelSignore, req by dgtrs  
 Fr Richard Passeri, OFM, req by Patricia DelSignore  
 9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Mar 10

4:00pm—Living & deceased members of IHM

Sun., Mar 11

8:30am—Stephen Halayko, req by Amanda & Nick Moquin  
 Margaret Rose Gonsowski, req by daughter & son  
 Walter Berkley, req by Dorothy/Allen Styno  
 11:00am—Sean O'brien, req by Marilyn LaPerl  
 John & Evelyn Ebenhoch, req by family  
 Jane A Kimball, req by Tracey family

### ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Weekly Collection (mail-in/E.G.) Blk. Nat Amer/Euro Missions

Feb 18-19, 2017.....\$7577.00      Mar 4-5, 2017.....\$807.00

Feb 17-18, 2018.....\$6036.00      Feb 17-18, 2018.....\$858.00

Weekly Collection (mail-in/E.G.)

Feb 25-26, 2017.....\$6090.00

Feb 24-25, 2018.....\$5480.00