

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

of Watervliet and Green Island, NY

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## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

# Lent

## REMEMBERING HIS SACRIFICE

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## MARCH 5, 2023

### Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm - Sunday: 7:30 am and 11:00 am

### Weekday Schedule

9:00 am Mass - Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Adoration on Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:00 am



### March DVD: "Risen", March 16: Parish Life Center



On Thursday, March 16 at 1:30pm in the Parish Life Center, we will see the Biblical story of the Resurrection as seen through the eyes of a non-believer. Clavius, a powerful Roman military tribune is tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion.

As believers, we are familiar with the events that transpired in the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. All during Lent, we will trace the stories leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and His ultimate triumph over death. What was it like for one who did not believe?? All are welcome.

Contact Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) for more information.

**Scripture Sharing: Max Lucado, John 3:16, the Numbers of Hope** ~ Come join us. All are invited. We meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

**RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children** ~ If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) or are curious about the process, contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 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)

#### Faith Formation: 2022-2023:

Our March Faith Formation schedule will be March 5, 12, 19, 26. All sessions are 9:45 to 10:50am.

Please contact Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

**Please note: For cancellations of Faith Formation due to inclement weather, please check the local Spectrum TV stations.**

### March Calendar of Events

#### March 8: Lenten Penance Service

at 5:00pm

#### March 16 DVD: "Risen"

#### March 19: Spaghetti dinner in PLC

(details to follow)

#### Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6pm

March 10, *Bearing the Cross Today*

March 17, *Everyone's Way of the Cross*

March 24, *Through the Eyes of Mary*

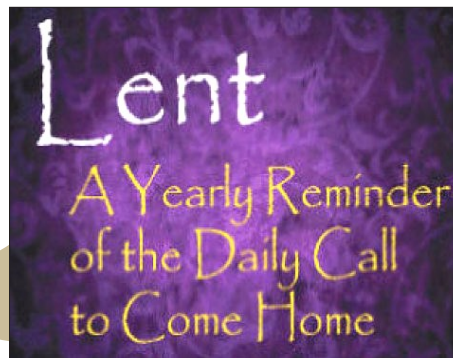
March 31, *Stations of the Cross by our Faith Formation classes*

Please contact Sharon: 518 328 0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) if you would like to read one of the Stations on March 10 (*Bearing the Cross Today*) or 17 (*Everyone's Way of the Cross*).

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

**ALL WELCOME!!** - Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Mondays and sit down to enjoy a meal with friends or pick up a meal to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!!

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



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### The Long Walk

The walk down from Mount Tabor after the Transfiguration must have been a long one for Peter, James, and John. How differently they must have viewed the world with the eyes that had seen what they had just seen. How uncertain they must have been.

I think it's important to remember that, on the mountain, they were amazed, yes — but first, they were afraid. We are given the image of these three grown men — these saints, these giants of salvation history — cowering in fear at the voice of God. It was not until Jesus touched them that they could even bear to look up.

Christ was transfigured on Tabor, but in a way, the disciples were transfigured as well. We are all changed by what we see and what we hear. That change can be hard because knowledge is hard. Truth is hard. Sometimes cowering is easier.

*Go forth, God told Abram. I will make of you a great nation.*

*Rise, Christ told his disciples. And do not be afraid.*

I spend too much time cowering in fear at the voice of God. I cower even when the voice whispers into my heart instead of booming from the clouds. When it's the start of a hard day or a tough conversation. When it's the middle of a half-finished battle, big or small. When I know where Christ is and what he is asking, but I'm afraid because the walk down the mountain is so long, and the world that awaits me is so uncertain.

*"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you." — Psalm 33*

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## In Memoriam ~ 2023

In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>2/18/24</small>	In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/4/24</small>	In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/29/23</small>
In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>8/20/23</small>	In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>7/16/23</small>	In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/16/23</small>
In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>6/11/23</small>	In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>6/11/23</small>	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>4/23/23</small>
In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>3/19/23</small>		



### Questions to Reflect and Respond First Reading:

Abram left behind his land and home, trusting in the Lord's promise to make him a great nation with many blessings. In what ways have you needed to trust in the Lord during this season of Lent?

### Second Reading:

Paul tells Timothy to "bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." When have you needed to draw upon God's strength in your life?



The **Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign** started on Ash Wednesday (February 22) and goes through Palm Sunday (April 2nd). We are committed to being a peaceful, prayerful presence in front of Schenectady's Planned Parenthood at 1040 State Street from 7 am to 7 pm throughout the campaign. We seek to bring help and hope to those facing unplanned pregnancies or those seeking healing from past abortions. Please email Sarah at [sch40days@gmail.com](mailto:sch40days@gmail.com) and/or check our website <https://www.40daysforlife.com/schenectady> for information on how you can be involved. We will update the website throughout the campaign with prayer gatherings and events. Thank you!

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Mar 4

4:00pm—William Fahr (B'day), req by family  
Joseph/Dorothy Slupski, req by their son  
Rebecca Glogowski, req by the family

Sun., Mar 5

7:30am—George Perry, req by Bob & Carol Carlson

11:00am—Sean O'Brien, req by Marilyn LaParl & Tony Cassidy  
Living & deceased members of IHM

Tues., Mar 7

9:00am—living & dec'd members of IHM

Wed., Mar 8

9:00am—Joan Messier, req by Marilyn Barron  
5:00pm—Lenten Penance Service

Thurs., Mar 9

9:00am—Robert Carlson, req by Lois Ennis  
Theresa Fahr (7th Anniv), req by the family  
Pete Barron, req by Charles/Luann Broderick

Sat., Mar 11

4:00pm—Robert S Lewis, Sr (3rd Anniv), req by the family  
Linda Cole, req by Ginny/Diane Jakubics  
Peter Barron, req by Bob & Kathy Falzo

Sun., Mar 12

7:30am—Julia Waldo, req by Bob/Carol Carlson  
Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Robert Carlson, req by Margaret & Fred Gonsowski

**Prayer Ministry** - If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative, or friend contact *Brenda* at 518-961-0169.

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**  
**Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)**  
Feb 18-19, '23.....\$4352.00