



# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet/Green Island NY

## March 6, 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:

Mon—Thurs: 8:30am—3:30pm  
Friday—10:30am—3:30pm

#### Administrative Assistant

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#### FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY CENTER

2425 7th Avenue  
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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

**Parish Life Center** – we heard some positive feedback about the celebration on Sunday at the Parish Life Center. Thanks to all of you who worked to make it a wonderful celebration – cooks, servers, decorators and all the wonderful parishioners whose donations made it all possible. And of course thanks to Fathers Deimeke, Rutherford and Schweigardt. Thank you one and all.

### Pray at Home

In Donald Senior's book **Jesus: A Gospel Portrait\*** he speaks about the importance of understanding the time and culture in which Jesus lived. Jesus was a Jew who lived by and practiced His faith. "The core of Jewish religious life, then, was reflection on the scriptures and prayer. There is gospel evidence that both of these forces had a deep influence on Jesus' own religious experience." \*Page 80 Prayer was often said at home and scripture was heard in the Synagogue as presented by the Rabi.

Do we pray at home? Do our children witness us praying at home? We have much to pray for:

Thanksgiving for blessings – food, clothing and shelter

Petitions for loved ones who may be sick and in need of healing

Forgiveness for not loving ourselves and our neighbors

Fr. Patrick Peyton once said "The family that prays together stays together" and "A world at prayer is a world at peace". Jesus prayed, shouldn't we?

**Let us pray.**

**Social Justice: City Gardens**—The beds are being built. If you are interested in growing your own vegetables, please leave your name at the office and someone will contact you promptly.

**Human Trafficking**—Craft items are still being accepted for "Her Treasure Chest", a non-profit seeking to raise funds for a shelter for those affected by Human Trafficking. If you have craft items you can share, please contact Linda at 209-6446.

The next meeting of the Social Justice Committee will be held on March 30th at 11:00am in the Parish Life Center.

**Catholic Charities**—We have been asked to participate in a month long program to gather detergent and other cleaning products for those with HIV and other disabilities. We will be doing this during the month of June. More about this in future bulletins.

**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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**Gathering Disciples: Evangelization, March 14**—There will be an Evangelization meeting on Monday, March 14 at 6:30pm in the Faith Formation Center. All are invited to attend.

**Smile Train Breaks a Record – Two Years in a Row!!** —IHM may be small as far as parishes go, but our parishioners have the biggest hearts EVER!!! The Resurrection Bake Sale netted \$369 and that's a wonderful thing, but the additional donations from our parishioners brought our total to \$2643 – that's \$400 more than last year – our previous best ever and with 5x matching grant, that brings the total to \$13,215 that will be made available to do the surgeries desperately needed by these children.

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.

**Thanks!!** To all the Rosary members who made “goodies” for the Dedication of the Parish Center. What a bunch of great cooks! The next meeting will be held on March 9th in the center.

**Friendly Visitors**—If you have a family member or know of someone who is sick, in the hospital, alone or homebound, and might need a “pick-me-up” such as a card or visit. Our team of Friendly Visitors can help. Please contact Linda at 209-6446

**Dedication of the Parish Life Center-AMAZING!!!** —Once again, our parishioners just astound us!! We put out the request for finger foods and desserts and by the time we were ready to gather for the dedication, 34 feet of tables were filled with goodies!! Many, many thanks to all who brought food, to those who served and to those who helped clean up. It was a long time coming and we are so grateful to Fr. Ed for getting us there. We now have a big, bright, and beautiful facility in which to gather as community. God has truly blessed us!!

**Tuesdays in Lent: Get Ready for Something Special**—Join us this week between 5:30 and 6:15pm for a simple supper. At 6:30pm, we'll head over to church for Adoration. 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.

**Scripture Study: Gospel of Matthew**—This Thursday, we will be reading the first chapter in the Gospel of Matthew. The theme of this chapter is the ancestry and infancy of Jesus.

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

**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: Rosary, Mar. 11; Confirmation candidates and parents/sponsors, Mar. 18.

### **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???? Honduras**

This week highlights Mayra, an 11 year old girl who was having difficulty with her lessons in school. Her teacher referred her to a CRS sponsored tutoring program. Mayra now has success in her lessons and hopes one day to be a teacher.

The recipe to try this week is *Sopa de frijoles con chayote y arroz*. Want to learn more? Check out [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.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.

#### **RCIA/Confirmation Reconciliation Retreat: March 12**

Members of RCIA and our Confirmation candidates will be attending a Reconciliation Retreat, beginning at 1:30pm on Saturday, March 12. It will be followed by Reconciliation at 2:45pm in the church.

#### **Here's What's Coming Up in March**

Lenten Tuesdays: March 8, 15, 22, beginning at **5:30pm** in the Parish Life Center

Stations: March 11, 18, beginning at 7pm in the church

## Memorials for 2016

 <p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of <b>John A O'Brien</b> requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">10/16/16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of <b>Genevieve M Dyer</b> requested by her beloved husband Bill, Children &amp; Grandchildren</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">8/28/16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of <b>William T Fahr, Sr &amp; Julia F Fahr</b> requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/31/16</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of <b>Adam &amp; Katherine Novak</b> <b>John G Novak &amp; Florence Szpot</b> requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/31/16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of <b>Bryan T Roberts (son)</b> <b>Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents)</b> requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/31/16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of <b>The Barron &amp; Rys Families</b> requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/31/16</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of <b>James D Langford</b> requested by <b>Lilia Langford &amp; Christine Callahan</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">6/12/16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of <b>Dr. Richard P Crinigan, Jr</b> requested by his wife, Patricia and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/24/16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of the <b>Edward Brooks Family,</b> <b>Foglia Family</b> <b>&amp; Monticup Family</b> requested by <b>Rose Brooks &amp; Family</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/24/16</p>
<p><b>MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays: 3:30 to 5:30pm</b>—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 <b>fill in occasionally</b>, when our regular folks are unavailable.</p> <p><b>Mary's Kitchen</b> is back to being <b>open Mondays from 3:30 to 5:30pm</b>. 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.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of <b>Joseph V Germano</b> requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/17/16</p>

### Mass Intentions for Mar 7—13

- Mon., Mar 7**  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Tues., Mar 8 MASS**  
9:00am—**Loretta (Peg) Marinucci**, req by Helen Shufon
- Wed., Mar 9 MASS**  
9:00am—**Frances Bouchard**, req by Rosary Society  
**Honor of St Joseph**, req by Joe Squillace
- Thurs., Mar 10 MASS**  
9:00am—Lv'g & dec'd mem. of IHM
- Fri., Mar 11**  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Sat., Mar 12**  
4:00pm—**David Crowley, Sr**, req by Debra & Phil Doneto & family  
**Roy Palmer**  
**Ken Governor** } req by Brenda Persons
- Sun., Mar 13**  
8:30am—**Donna Murray**, req by Lucille Lacosse  
**Robert Mailloux**, req by Aunt Lucille  
**Jerome Andrulonis**, req by Bob & Carol Carlson  
11:00am—**John F Flint**, req by Peg Cote  
**Pamela Scattareggia**, req by the family  
**Agnes Flavin**, req by Dave & Maureen McMahan



**St Patrick's Day Dinner at Senior Services of Watervliet**—The dinner fundraiser will be held on Wednesday, March 16th, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Corned Beef and Cabbage will be served. Eat In or Take-Out. Cost: \$10. per ticket. Advanced ticket suggested.

**Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat** (a Ministry to Catholic Women) is hosting a Women's Breakfast on Saturday, March 12 from 9 AM – 12 PM at the Holiday Inn Express Latham, 400 Old Loudon Rd., Latham, NY. Tickets: \$20.00; Clergy & Religious - Free. Guest Speaker is Amy Richardson. Register by March 4 - send your \$20 check payable to *Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat*, PO Box 340, Clifton Park, NY, 12065. Please include your name, address and phone # and email address. Questions, call Heather @ 877-8358 or register at [magnificat-ministry.net/chapters-websites/albany-ny/](http://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters-websites/albany-ny/).  
**ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED!**

**IHM Website: What's Happening???** Be sure to check it out for the Mass schedule, latest events, pictures, Faith Formation news, contact information for the staff, parish offices, etc. [www.rcpw.weebly.com](http://www.rcpw.weebly.com).



**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.



**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**  
**Weekly Collection (including mail-in)**  
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2015.....\$7746.00  
Feb 27-28, 2016.....\$6161.00