



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

March 8, 2020

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil—4:00PM

Sunday—8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Weekday Schedule

Communion Service: Monday, 9:00 AM

Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 AM

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

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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 ~

Psychology has taught us a great deal about family dynamics and how we have come to be the person we find ourselves to be. We are comprised of such a mixed bag of blessings and obstacles with their graced moments and sinful ones. Think back on the journey of your life and how the many different and varied choices that you made influenced the direction your life. If you didn't go on that first date with your spouse, who would be beside you today? If you chose to be in one place rather than another, what would have happened to the course your life has taken? We are on such a wonderful, exciting journey. What is most incredible and awesome is that we are not alone! God is with us. He inspires, heals, opens doors, and calls us every moment of our lives. The very life we have is due only to Him.

We can all sit down and list adjectives describing who we are. One may find him or herself more artistic than another or quicker with wit. We have unique gifts and talents and have the great gift of free will, which we treasure. Our histories come with more baggage for some and less hurdles for others, but we all have to find our way through the path we are on. However, have you ever given much thought to who you *really* are? That question has more merit than may at first appear.

We know ourselves as we live out our earthly journey. But do we know our heavenly self? What we know here is only one small part of who God has made us to be. The disciples really thought they knew Jesus until they went up the mountain. We also may think we know our true selves, too. We know that in eternal life we shall not only see God, but become like Him. Who will you be? What surprise do you think God has for you?

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"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.



Journeying thru Lent....

Lenten Tuesdays: March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7

Tuesdays in Lent will begin at 5:30pm with a simple soup and salad supper in the Parish Life Center. Following that, we will alternate weeks with Adoration, a viewing of a DVD by Bishop Robert Barron, or a Lenten presentation.

We are inviting people to make soup or a salad or bring bread for ONE of the weeks. There are sign-up sheets on the tables in the back of the church for the weeks of Lent. There is no charge for Lenten Tuesdays, but donations will be cheerfully accepted.

FABULOUS FRIDAYS: March 13, 20, 27; April 3

Fish fry dinners, alternating with Mac/cheese dinners, will be available on Fridays in the Parish Life Center from 5:30 to 6:30pm before Stations of the Cross at 7pm. **Orders for food must be pre-paid on Saturday/Sunday the week before. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Dinners may be take out or eat in.**

What better way to spend Fridays in Lent?? Feed the body, then feed the soul.



Stations of the Cross: March 13, 20, 27, April 3—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.

March 13: Bearing the Cross Today

March 27: Through the Eyes of Mary



March 20: Everyone's Way of Cross

April 3: Living Stations

Faith Formation: For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski Coordinator of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

2019-2020 Faith Formation

The AM session for Faith Formation (Prek-3yr old - gr.7) is 9:45 to 10:45am and the PM session (gr.8 - 12) is 12 noon to 1:15pm. Questions, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Faith Formation: The Mass is the Class

We anticipate seeing you at Mass every Sunday. Mass is where we celebrate and live out all we learn about our faith in Faith Formation. It is where we meet Jesus every week in the Liturgy of the Word and in the Eucharist. Questions about our Faith Formation program? Please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Children will join Faith Formation catechists in the CLOW room for special readings directed towards children. Father will call them forward and they will leave with the catechists and return after the Prayer of the Faithful.

Here's What's Coming Up in March

Lenten Tuesdays: Simple Supper, followed by Butterfly Circus DVD on March 10

Fabulous Fridays: March 13, Mac/Cheese dinner, \$5.00 per person

Friday, Mar.13: 7pm, Stations of the Cross: Stations: Bearing the Cross Today

Sunday, March 15: Pretzel day, Faith Formation, AM session

Sunday, March 15: Family Mass, 11am

RESURRECTION BAKE SALE FOR SMILE TRAIN: Results ~ Many thanks to all who made or purchased food items or donated to Smile Train. Your caring and generosity will truly change the lives of many children!! God bless you as abundantly as you have blessed them. Our total monies raised for Smile Train is \$2882.40. Because of our 5x matching grant, this will result in \$14,412 that will be available for cleft lip and palate surgeries for needy children. God bless you for all you share with those in need!!

MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays, 3 to 5pm ~ *We would like to offer a special note of thanks to Lauraine Fitzgerald, who provided Mary's Kitchen with many wonderful desserts for over 10 years. We wish her the best as she steps back a bit and enjoys all that life has to offer her. God bless her for all that she has shared with Mary's Kitchen!!*

Come join us at Mary's Kitchen. 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. Email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

RCIA AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION for ADULTS AND OLDER CHILDREN ~


We meet on Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 3pm. Ed and Don are preparing to receive their sacraments on the Easter Vigil in the spring. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) or are curious about the process, feel free to stop in any Wednesday and see what it is all about.

Need more information?? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.



SCRIPTURE SHARING: Letter of St James ~ We meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm in the Parish Life Center. Our current series is on the Letter of James. On March 12, we will discuss questions based on James 4:1-10, *Wisdom in Relationship*. Why not join us?? For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

IHM PRAYER MINISTRY~ The prayer tree ministry is made up of a group of people who pray for others—for anyone who would like to have prayers said for themselves for wellbeing; or for a family member, relative or friend, contact **Brenda at 518 271-6184**. We believe as faith-filled people, prayer matters and offers hope. If you think you might be interested in being part of the prayer tree ministry, call the phone number above.

 In Memoriam ~ 2020-21		
In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson 2/7/21	In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan 1/10/21	In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 1/10/21
In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/25/20	In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family 8/23/20	In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 7/19/20
In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 7/19/20	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family 7/19/20	In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family 5/24/20
		In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family 5/10/20

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: During Lent through Easter Sunday (April 12th) we are collecting Personal Hygiene Products and Paper Products to assist Catholic Charities with their Personal Care Closet Drive for clients living with HIV/AIDS and other chronic illnesses. Items needed: Soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, shaving items, laundry soap, fabric softener, dryer sheets, bath tissue, paper towels and tissues. A box is in the back of Church, marked "Catholic Charities". If you have any questions, please contact Linda @ (518) 209-6446.

Annual Divine Mercy Consecration—33 Days to Merciful Love—Bishop Scharfenberger is inviting Catholics throughout the diocese to join him in a 33-day preparation period starting **Tuesday, March 17th** with the book: *33 Days to Merciful Love*, by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. The preparation will lead to the annual diocesan Divine Mercy Consecration at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th at 11:00am. Find more information on webpage: www.rcda.org/DivineMercyConsecration.

PRAYER CHALICE ~ A chalice is used at every Mass to consecrate the wine into the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. Each weekend, a different family or person will receive the chalice at Mass and commit themselves to pray daily for vocations. If you are interested in participating in this program, please make contact through the sign up stubs in the back of the church or call the parish office to be scheduled at 518 273-6020.



Rosary ~ There will be a rosary meeting in the Parish Life Center, Wednesday March 11th at 6pm. All members are invited to attend.

Ministries ~ We are in NEED of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters and Ushers. There is no greater joy than serving the Lord! Please consider volunteering for one of these ministries. Contact Linda at 518 209-6446.

Reading-2 Timothy 1:9—"He saved us and called us to a Holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design."

Pope Francis-Laudato Si—"Fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance, since it is indispensable for human life and for supporting terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems."

Catholic Social Teaching-USCCB,1991—"Caught in a spiral of poverty and environmental degradation, poor people suffer acutely from the loss of soil fertility, pollution of rivers and urban streets, and the destruction of forest resources."

Care 4 Creation—"To save us from all that is contrary to Your holy and natural law, O Holy Trinity, Deliver us."

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Mar 7
4:00pm—Margaret Fruscio, req by a friend
Rebecca Glogowski (53yrs), req by the family
Denise M Lindheimer, req by Fred Hudy

Sun., Mar 8
8:30am—Andrea Hanley, req by Food Pantry
Wayne Simmons, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
Living & dec'd members of IHM

11:00am—Jack Whited, req by Food Pantry
Lee Kinder, req by Mary Ellen Hanley
Sally Colbert, req by Lorraine Alund

Mon., Mar 9
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Mar 10
9:00am—Theresa L. Fahr (4th Anniv), req by family

Wed., Mar 11
9:00am—Andrea Hanley, req by Eleanor Hack

Thurs., Mar 12
9:00am—Living & dec'd members of IHM

Fri., Mar 13—NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Mar 14
4:00pm—Jack Whited, req by Mary's Kitchen
Wayne Simmons, req by Arsenal City Kids
Margaret Rose Gonsowski, req by son/ daughter

Sun., Mar 15
8:30am—Patrick Dunbar(B'day), req by Linda
Denise Lindheimer, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
Andrea Hanley, req by the Food Pantry

11:00am—Sally Colbert, req by Toni Delduce
Lee Kinder, req by Rosary Society
Wayne Simmons, req by the Floyd family

Weekly Collection (incl Mail-in/E.G)

Mar 2-3, 2019.....\$6956.00

Feb 29-Mar 1, 2020.....\$7310.00

Black, Native Amer/Latin Amer Missions

Mar 9-10, 2019.....\$628.00

Feb 29-Mar 1, 2020.....\$765.00