



1st Sunday OF LENT

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. - Lk 4:1-2a

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

March 10, 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

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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.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Gospel Meditation

As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life (cf. 1 John 2:16). Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom (cf. Genesis 3:6). The temptations of Jesus are our own.

"Turn these stones to bread." Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It's the simplest of temptations because it's instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap "from the temple parapet" would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God?

When we consider areas of temptation and sin, it's not to feel ashamed. The temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too.

Social Justice: *Caring for the Environment*

Romans 10:12:—"For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him."

Pope Francis, Laudato Si:—"Respect must also be shown for the various cultural riches of different peoples, their art and poetry, their interior life and spirituality."

Catholic Social Teaching:—"The global economic crises have made painfully obvious the detrimental effects of disregarding our common destiny, which cannot exclude those who come after us."

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.



Lenten Reminder:

"They Have Pierced My Hands and My Feet"

This year, we will have on the back table of the church a prayer card with a nail attached. Carry it with you, attach it to a mirror or the refrigerator; place it on a nightstand next to your bed. Let it serve as a daily reminder of Our Lord's great love and sacrifice for us.



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.

Rosary Society

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 18yrs are invited to attend and join the group.

IHM Prayer Ministry

If you would like the prayer team to pray for you or a loved one; or would like to be a part of the prayer team, please call Brenda at 518 271-6184.

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

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm

Many thanks to all our volunteers who have done extra to help out the last few weeks. It is most appreciated!!

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 328-0427 for more information.

Tuesdays in Lent: Get Ready for Something Special

Start with a simple supper of soup and salad in the Parish Life Center at 5:30pm and then Adoration or a video series...sounds like we could be ready to experience a special Lenten journey. There are sign up sheets in the back of the church if you would like to make a soup, salad or bring some type of bread or rolls. You don't have to, but it would be most appreciated!!

There's *no charge*. Check off Tuesday evenings for a special Lenten experience. Hope you can join us. All are welcome.

Fish Fry Fridays: March 15, This Week: Fish & Chips

From 5:30 to 6:30pm on Fridays in Lent this year, we will have available fish fries OR fish and chips in the Parish Life Center on ALTERNATING weeks. Meals must be paid for the weekend before. Cost will be \$7.00 each. (cash only please). Don't forget, Stations start at 7pm. Why not enjoy your meal and then join us in the church for Stations of the Cross??

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: Way of the Cross for Seniors, Mar. 15; Social Justice, Mar. 22; Everyone's Way of the Cross, Mar. 29, Through the Eyes of Mary, April 5, Living Stations, April 12.

Lenten Reconciliation Services

Wednesday
March 27 at 9:30am
& 7:00pm.



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 328-0427 or at 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 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 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16: Lenten **Tuesdays**, beginning at 5:30pm

March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12: Fish Fry or Fish & Chip **Fridays**

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

March 27: Reconciliation, 9:30am & 7pm

✝ In Memoriam ~ 2019

In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>1/5/20</small>	In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children <small>11/10/19</small>	In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/20/19</small>
In memory of Justin Berthiaume requested by the Vertone Family <small>9/8/19</small>	In loving memory of Veronica Gardner req by the Vertone Family <small>8/25/19</small>	In loving memory of Joseph Bagarose req by the Vertone Family <small>8/25/19</small>
In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>8/4/19</small>	In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/7/19</small>	In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>7/7/19</small>
In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>7/7/19</small>	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>5/12/19</small>	In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family <small>4/28/19</small>
In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John Novak, Rosalie & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>4/7/19</small>		

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.

Parish Visitor—The Pastoral Care Ministry is initiating 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.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Weekly collection (incl Mail-in/E.G.)
Mar 3-4, 2018.....\$6428.00
Mar 2-3, 2019.....\$6956.00

THIS WEEKEND: Collection for the **Black, Native & Latin American Missions**—We ask your continued support in the Diocesan Collection this weekend 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.

Bringing up the Eucharistic Gifts at Mass - Any parishioner having a special Mass intention at a particular Mass, is welcome to carry up one of the Eucharistic Gifts at the Offertory. Upon arrival at Church, speak with one of the ushers and they will be happy to assist you.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Mon., Mar 11

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Mar 12

9:00am—Rita Corbett, req by Mary's Kitchen

Wed., Mar 13

9:00am—Katherine Slupski, req by Eleanor Hack
Margaret Rose Gonsowski, req by daughter & son

Thurs., Mar 14

9:00am—Neil Razzano, req by Mary Esposito

Fri., Mar 15

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Mar 16

4:00pm—Marty DiBiase, req by Steve Halayko family
Domenica Krakat, req by Virginia Esposito
Anne Marie Salerno-Rosen, req by Bob/Carol Carlson

Sun., Mar 17

8:30am—Norman Persons, req by dgtr & sons
Katherine Slupski, req by Rosary Society
Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Thelma/John Paul (Anniv), req by the family
Kathryn & Clyde Mohl, req by IHM parish