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Watervliet, NY

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4th Sunday
OF LENT

"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works
may be clearly seen as done in God." - Jn 3:21

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MARCH 14, 2021

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm & Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00am

Weekday Schedule

Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday at 9:00am

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

Stations of the Cross (during Lent) - Every Friday at 6:00pm

Church and Parish Center - Handicapped Accessible

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. After the first of the year, we will be meeting on Tuesday evenings at 6pm. We would like to welcome Brock Palmatier to the RCIA process and ask that you keep him in your prayers.

Scripture Sharing: Metanoia ~ Our series from Franciscan Media is called *Metanoia* (change, conversion, repent). Since this series will continue through Lent, it seems a good path to follow. The next episode is entitled, *This Teaching Is Hard*. (**Luke 12: 49-51** "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!...Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.") For all those interested, we meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm in the Parish Life Center. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: TAKE OUT!!

Mary's Kitchen is serving meals again!! For the present time, we can do TAKE OUT meals only. All are welcome. Why cook when we've done it for you?? Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Monday and pick up a meal all ready for you to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!!

Thanks to the Matthew's who have provided desserts for Mary's Kitchen. Frehofer's is good, but home baked is better!!

Email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.



LENT 2021 at Immaculate Heart of Mary

Lent and Easter are the holiest seasons of our church year, and a time to reflect on the love that Jesus has for all of us. We have many activities planned to help us all grow closer to Our Lord and to each other during these forty days. We hope this schedule will help you plan and prepare for the season of Lent.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 6:00 PM in the Church

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 **6 PM on Fridays**. Sometimes to really understand the journey, you have to walk in the footsteps of Jesus on His way to the Cross.

March 19: Through the Eyes of Mary

March 26: Biblical Way of the Cross



April 2, God Friday

Little Black Books – Books containing daily meditations for Lent are available in the back of the Church.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

This year our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that will help you experience Lenten spirituality by living in solidarity with people in need around the world. Visit "crsricebowl.org" to watch videos of people and communities whose lives your Lenten gifts are changing through CRS Rice Bowl. Please save what you can. We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent.

Faith Formation - For All Ages ~ Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Faith Formation: 2020-2021; MARCH SESSIONS: PLEASE NOTE CHANGES

March sessions will look a little different. Mr. Passonno's class will meet in the Parish Life Center on **March 21**. Mr. Gleason's class will meet in the Faith Formation Center on **March 14 and 28**. Mrs. Carabis' and Mrs. Kowalski's class will meet in the Parish Life Center – with their parent(s) - on **March 14 and 28**. See you at 9:45am on those Sundays!!


Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): Currently on hiatus.



A Prayer to Be Open to God's Will

Good and gracious God,
I know that life can be unpredictable.
Sometimes I know what is good and right,
but I don't have the courage to do it.
Sometimes I am so busy with my own affairs,
I forget to see the needs of people in front of me.
Sometimes I am set in my own ways,
and I resist growing and learning.
Help me, Lord, to be open to Your will.
When You prompt me to do the right thing,
give me the courage to do it.
When those around me need my help,
give me Your heart to love them.
When I'm stuck in my own ways,
give me the grace to grow closer
to You every day.
Give me the trust and confidence of Mary.
Let it be done unto me according to Your word!
Amen.

In Memoriam ~ 2021		
 <p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/6/22</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>1/23/22</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/24/21</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>8/22/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>7/18/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/18/21</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>7/11/21</small></p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>3/21/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>3/7/21</small></p>

Live the Liturgy Inspiration for the week

God's messengers always seem to get mocked. They speak a truth that some folks do not want to hear. While on the one hand we admire them, we also are quite happy keeping them at a distance. After all, they are not referring to me but someone else, aren't they? We often wrongly conclude that because we may be more avant-garde, contemporary, politically sensitive, and untraditional, we are somehow more in the light than others. People tend to prefer darkness more than light, even the most spiritually sensitive among us. The light always carries with it the richness of God's mercy and compassion which see beyond ideologies and concepts to relationships that cultivate life, earthly and eternal. Every hand of compassion and mercy extended to a human being must always point back to God. The call always involves ordering our lives in accord with our truth and essence of being. As God never forgets us, we must never forget God. Now is the time to take stock of our infidelity and return to the light, even though it is difficult to look at.

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Reflection: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

The author of 2 Chronicles reflects on how historically God's fidelity and mercy was often met with Israel's disobedience and arrogance.

Question:

How does the Lenten journey provoke an examination of conscience for you and your faith life?

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl Mail-in/E.G.)
Feb 27-28, 2021—\$4252.00

Readings for the week of March 14, 2021

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

IHM PRAYER TEAM MINISTRY -- If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative or friend, contact Brenda at (518)271-6184.

Sat., Mar 13

4:00pm—Bertha Stone, req by Betsy & Frank Prezio
Margaret Rose Gonsowski (4th Anniv), req by her son & daughter
Living & deceased members of IHM

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Sun., Mar 14

8:30am—Patrick Dunbar, req by wife & family
Robert Lewis, Evelyn Prescott, req by Bob's wife & children

11:00am—Wm Riedy/Jo Stevens (B'days), req by Maureen McMahon

Tues., Mar 16

9:00am—Wm Fahr, Sr (B'day), req by family
Teresa L Fahr (5th Anniv), req by family
Charles Rutherford, req by IHM parishioners

Wed., Mar 17

9:00am—Carol Conroy (1st Anniv), req by family
David Harris, req by Marilyn/Pete Barron

Thurs., Mar 18

9:00am—Edward P Barbaro, req by Donna Barbaro

Sat., Mar 20

4:00pm—Margaret VanBuskirk, req by Peg Fisk
George Fallati, req by Michael/Kathy Carroll
Deputy Sheriff Joseph Iachetta, req by Donna Barbaro & family

Sun., Mar 21

8:30am—Elizabeth Rushia/Marie Pasquini req by the family
Charles Rutherford, req by Gail Mantello
Living /deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Pat Connors, req by the Counters

Michael Kowalski, req by Nancy Comley
Deputy Sheriff Joseph Iachetta, req by Donna Barbaro & family