

**IF YOU
HEAR
HIS VOICE,
DO NOT
HARDEN
YOUR
HEARTS.**

PSALM 95



Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

March 15, 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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Recognize God In Your Everyday Moments ~

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Grateful

Happy Birthday! It may or may not be your birthday now, but I know it will be coming up at some point. I hope you receive many cool presents and get to spend quality time with friends and family. On special days like birthdays, Christmas, and anniversaries, it is good to celebrate. After all, we need some fun and celebration in our lives.

But what about the day after? Presents remain, but the presence of others may be over, and it is back to the daily grind. Yesterday, you were filled with gratitude. You hold the memory of yesterday still close so that fuels you for the day. However, how about 2, 3, or 4 days from then? The truth is that many joys in this life cannot stay with us forever. They belong to a certain place in time. We will have our memories, yet those thoughts will never be a suitable substitute for the real thing.

There is one joy that remains throughout all our days: the joy we find in Jesus. What he gives us does not fade. The amazing thing about what he offers us is that it also provides a lens through which we see all things. Now we can see the smallest reasons to be grateful. We no longer have a life where we go from one celebration to another with the ordinary in between. All life and time are extraordinary! All gifts, great and small, are precious. This offering seems too good to be true, so what's the catch? Like all gifts given to us, for the gift to have meaning, we must be willing to receive it. The choice is yours. You can live in the ordinary, or you can revel in the extraordinary, now and forever. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Reading-Romans 5:5—“And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

Pope Francis-Laudato Si—“One particularly serious problem is the quality of water available to the poor.”

Catholic Social Teaching-USCCB,1991—“We ask the Catholic community: How are we called to care for God's creation?”

Care 4 Creation—“To save us all from misuse of all You have created, O Holy Trinity, Deliver us.”

Journeying thru Lent...

Lenten Tuesdays:

March 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 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 prepaid 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 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 20: Everyone's Way of Cross

March 27: Through the Eyes of Mary

April 3: Living Stations



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 (518) 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

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.

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 19, we will watch a DVD 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

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.

Faith Formation: For All Ages

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

March 15: Pretzel Day

If you take a moment to look at the typical pretzel, you will see that it is a model of a common prayer position from the 7th century: arms folded over each other on your chest with hands on the shoulders. These pretzels were called "bracellae" (Latin - little arms). Eggs, fat and milk were forbidden during Lent. The remaining ingredients: water, flour and salt, were baked into a bread, much like the soft pretzels we have today. Our young people in the AM session will meet in the Parish Life Center at 9:45am on March 15 to bake and enjoy their soft pretzels as part of our Lenten tradition at IHM.



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


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

Sunday, March 15: Family Mass, 11am

↑ Lenten Tuesdays: March 17, Simple Supper followed by Adoration

Fabulous Fridays: March 20, Fish fry dinner, \$5.00 per person

↓ Friday, Mar.20: 7pm, Stations of the Cross: Everyone's Way of the Cross

 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		

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.



PRESENTING THE GIFTS AT MASS Any parishioner who has a Mass intention at a specific Mass, please speak with a 'greeter or usher' as soon as you arrive at church that you would like to bring up the Eucharistic Gifts for that Mass ...They will be happy to assist you.



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.

"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.

Reconciliation Services
Wednesday, March 25th
9:30 AM & 7:00 PM



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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Mon., Mar 16
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Mar 17—Feast of St Patrick
9:00am—William Riedy & Jo Stevens, req by
Maureen McMahon
Sally Colbert, req by Joan Millington

Wed., Mar 18
9:00am—Patricia Galarneau, req by Mr & Mrs
Charles Adams

Thurs., Mar 19—Feast of St Joseph
9:00am—Angeline DiBacco, req by Joe Squillace
Margaret VanBuskirk, req by the family

Fri., Mar 20—NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Mar 21
4:00pm—The Deck family, req by Karl & Joan
George T McHarg, req by Frank & Jan Gilchrist
G. I. accident victims, req by Brenda Persons

Sun., Mar 22
8:30am—Sally Colbert, req by Linda Dunbar
Michael Nirsberger, req by Brenda Persons
Living & dec'd members of IHM
11:00am—Elizabeth Rushia & Marie Pasquini, req
by the family
Allan Johnson, req by Kay & John Connors

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

Mar 9-10, 2019.....\$6864.00
Mar 7-8, 2020.....\$4800.00