

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

## March 17, 2019

Celebration of the Eucharist

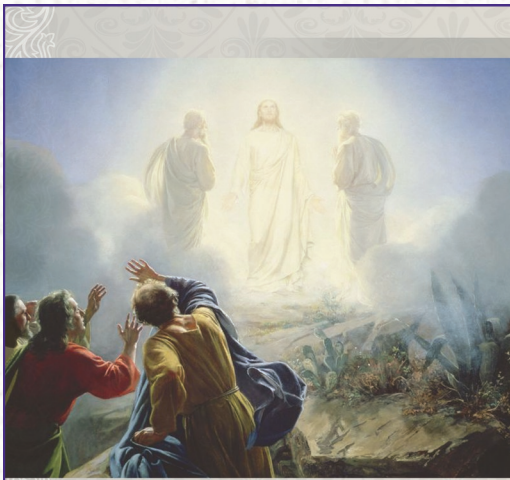
Saturday Vigil—4:00PM, Sunday—8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Weekday Schedules

Communion Service: Monday & Friday, 9:00 AM

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

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## 2nd Sunday OF LENT

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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### Coordinator

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Call for appointment

### 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 march through Lent, it can be easy to think it's all about sacrifice. No chocolate, no alcohol, no meat on Fridays. Yet here, only in the second week of Lent, we have the story of the transfiguration. This reading reminds us of the "why" behind what we do. We don't fast from dessert to lose weight. We don't donate money or serve others because it's merely a nice thing to do. Lent is about transformation!

Peter, James, and John trudged up the mountainside behind Jesus. This must have been a difficult hike, because when they reached the top, "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep." Despite our best efforts, perhaps we, too, can be asleep to the deeper meaning of the Lenten season. Jesus is transfigured while they slumber, but eventually they become "fully awake, [and] they saw his glory and the two men standing with him."

This is no small thing! The disciples witness Jesus in his divine splendor and see the miraculous apparitions of Moses and Elijah. The entire mountain becomes a spiritual breakthrough. "A cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud." These symbols are present in the Old Testament. They are present on Mount Sinai when Moses prayed alone and received the 10 Commandments. Elijah had a similar experience when he prayed alone before God. But here are ordinary men, former fishermen, who have been drawn up into an adventure beyond their wildest expectations. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the fulfillment of all that came before. But Christianity is not the religion of the elite, where only the select few are allowed to participate. We are all invited into spiritual transformation. Lent is a privileged time for this!

## Journeying thru Lent...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Welcomes...

"A Visit with St. Paul"

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Lenten Soup Supper at 5:30 PM  
precedes the performance of  
Glen Smith as 'St Paul' in the  
Church at 6:30 PM.

(Glen Smith has performed  
in 7 states and China)



# Journeying thru Lent...

## ***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. 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 22, This Week: Fish Fries***

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

***Adoration and Benediction***  
Every Tuesday during Lent, 9:30am - 11:30am



## ***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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

***CRS Rice Bowl***—The three practices encouraged by the Church for Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Giving up something for Lent: chocolate, fast foods, smoking?? Why not take the money saved from doing those things and consider giving some or all of it to the Rice Bowl project??



## ***Lenten Reconciliation Services***

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

## ***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.

***IHM Prayer Ministry*** — If you would like the prayer team to pray for you or a loved one during the Lenten season; or would like to be a part of the prayer team, please call Brenda at 518 271-6184.



**Faith Formation - For All Ages: Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry**  
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### **Pretzel Day: March 17**

If you take a moment to look at the typical twist pretzel, you can see that it is a model of the common prayer position from the early 600's. It was also said to be given to children as a reward for learning their prayers. In our AM sessions of Faith Formation during Lent, we always choose one Sunday to make pretzels. This year, because it falls on St. Patrick's Day, we will also have green sugar as an option to sprinkle on their pretzels.

### **Faith Formation Schedule: "No Longer Strangers, I Call you Friends"**

**AM sessions** for grades Pre-k 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 518-328-0427 or at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto: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 **Pre-K 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/April**

March 17: Faith Formation Pretzel Day

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


March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16: Lenten Tuesdays, beginning at 5:30pm

March 24: Family Mass, 11am

March 26: A Visit with St. Paul, in the church (following soup/salad Tuesday)





 In Memoriam ~ 2019		
In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan 1/5/20	In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children 11/10/19	In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/20/19
In memory of Justin Berthiaume requested by the Vertone Family 9/8/19	In loving memory of Veronica Gardner req by the Vertone Family 8/25/19	In loving memory of Joseph Bagarose req by the Vertone Family 8/25/19
In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family 8/4/19	In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 7/7/19	In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 7/7/19
In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 7/7/19	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family 5/12/19	In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family 4/28/19
		In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John Novak, Rosalie & Florence Szpot requested by the Family 4/7/19

**Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm** — Many thanks to Linda Dunbar who has provided entrees for us recently. They were all delicious and our guests truly enjoyed them!!  
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 518 328-0427 for more information.

**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.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE	
<u>Weekly collection (incl Mail-in/E.G.)</u>	
Mar 10-11, 2018.....	\$6093.00
Mar 9-10, 2019.....	\$6864.00
<u>Blk. Native/Latin American Missions</u>	
Feb 17-18, 2018.....	\$858.00
Mar 9-10, 2019.....	\$628.00

## 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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

## Social Justice: Caring for the Environment

**Philippians 3:18**—“For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ.”

**Pope Francis, Laudato Si**—“It is good for humanity and the world at large when we believers better recognize the ecological commitments which stem from our convictions.”

**Catholic Social Teaching**—“Let us not leave in our wake a swath of destruction and death which will affect our own lives and those of future generations.”

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**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 dghtr & 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

**Mon., Mar 18**  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

**Tues., Mar 19**  
9:00am—John Brian Daley, req by Food Pantry

**Wed., Mar 20**  
9:00am—Margaret Stebbins, req by Eleanor Hack  
Margaret VanBuskirk, req by the family

**Thurs., Mar 21**  
9:00am—Elizabeth Rushia/Marie Pasquini, req by George & MaryAnne Forslin

**Fri., Mar 22**  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

**Sat., Mar 23**  
4:00pm—The Deck Family, req by Karl & Joan John/Evelyn Ebenhoch (Anniv), req by family  
Eleanor Legnard, req by Brenda Persons

**Sun., Mar 24**  
8:30am—Margaret Stebbins, req by Brennan family  
Phillip Blanchard, req by Linda Dunbar  
In thanksgiving for favors granted, req by Anna Gicobbi

11:00am—Domenica Krakat, req by Virginia Esposito & family  
Pamela Scattareggia/Wm Connery, req by family