

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

March 24, 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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3rd Sunday OF LENT

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.'" - Lk 13:7a

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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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Everyday Stewardship

Perhaps this Lent you are working hard to stick with your devotions, avoid hamburgers on Fridays, and fight your temptations for soda since you gave it up for Jesus. You are planting seeds in your spiritual life in hopes of growing them into something beautiful and meaningful. However, you have been trying this approach now for many years, and it is hard to say that much has grown during all that time. You could deduce that what you are doing is not as worthwhile as you once believed. There is no fruit because these things don't matter. Or you could take a real hard look at your life, see where you are planting those seeds, and finally notice what the problem has been all along. WEEDS! Too often, we plant seeds over and over again in soil that is not rich in nutrients and is filled with weeds. The weeds choke the life out of any growth that comes to the seeds planted. We think that adding good things to our life will change it, and removal of sin will not be necessary. It is like eating two large hamburgers and a large fries and believing you won't gain weight because you drank a Diet Coke.

As good stewards who are called to discern how we respond to the call of Jesus Christ, we must be about ripping those weeds out of our lives so the good seeds we plant can grow. For each of us, the weeds are different: money, ego, sex, greed, etc. If we don't take a good honest look at our lives and make some tough choices, no amount of devotion or good works will make us better disciples. We will simply wait for the next Lent to do the same things all over again. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Adoration and Benediction

Every Tuesday morning during Lent
9:30 to 11:30am

Reconciliation Services

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



Tuesday in Lent: Soup & Salad, followed by A Visit with St Paul

We'll begin with a simple supper of soup and salad in the Parish Life Center this week at 5:30pm and then we'll head over to church to see Glenn Smith's portrayal of St. Paul.

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*. All are welcome.

Fish Fry Fridays: March 29, This Week: Fish Fries and sides

From 5:30 to 6:30pm on Fridays in Lent this year, we will have available fish fries and sides in the Parish Life Center. 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.

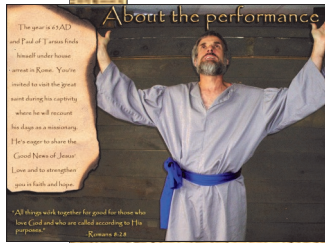
There are many ways to experience the Stations; many ways to express the same prayer: The schedule this year is: Everyone's Way of the Cross, Mar. 29, Through the Eyes of Mary, April 5, Living Stations, April 12.



"A Visit with St. Paul"

**Lenten Soup Supper, 5:30 PM,
Glen Smith as 'St Paul' in the
Church at 6:30 PM.**

*Please join us this week
for a special Lenten experience.*



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??

Scripture Sharing: "Conversion", by Bishop Robert Barron

Join us Thursday from 2 to 3pm for a Lenten DVD series by Bishop Robert Barron: **Conversion, Following the Call of Christ**. For the next few weeks, we will be meeting to experience Biblical stories of people who changed their lives: Bartimaeus, the man born blind; the rich young man; the calling of Matthew; Jonah; the woman at the well; and the journey of the Magi. All are welcome to join us, even if you haven't previously been part of the Scripture study. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowski@ihm.rcpw.org

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.

Faith Formation - For All Ages: Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation

and Youth Ministry - skowski@ihm.rcpw.org

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 518-328-0427 or at skowski@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/April

March 25: Prayer & Worship, 6pm in PLC

March 26, April 2, 9, 16: 9am Mass, followed by Exposition and Benediction at 11:30am

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

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

April 7: Combined session (Mrs. Carabis/

Mrs. Kowalski's classes) 9:45 in PLC

April 14: Palm/ Passion Sunday, Family Mass, 11am

April 18, 19, 20: Holy Week Triduum

April 21: Easter Sunday



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>
<p>Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm — Thanks go to Schuyler Bakery for their weekly donations of hard rolls and to Freihofer's who provides us with bread and baked goods for distribution to the soup kitchen and food pantry. 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.</p>		
<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John Novak, Rosalie & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>4/7/19</small></p>		

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.

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.

Social Justice: Caring for the Environment

Luke 13:8:—"Sir leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it, it may bear fruit in the future."

Pope Francis, Laudato Si:—"The biblical texts...tell us to 'till and keep' the garden of the world...caring, protecting, overseeing, and preserving."

Catholic Social Teaching:—"God has joined us so closely to the world around us that we can feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment, and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement."

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REMEMBER YOUR PARISH**

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE
Weekly collection (incl Mail-in/E.G.)
Mar 17-18, 2018.....\$6937.00
Mar 16-17, 2019.....\$5267.00

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Mon., Mar 25

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Mar 26

9:00am—Patrick Dauria, req by Testo family
John Roberts, req by the family

Wed., Mar 27

9:00am—Martha Maloney, req by the family
Justin Berthiaume, req by Vertone family

Thurs., Mar 28

9:00am—Deceased members of IHM

Fri., Mar 29

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Mar 30

4:00pm—Domenica Krakat, req by Virginia Esposito & family
Ruth/Leo Raymond, req by dgtrs, Denise/Gayle Living & deceased members of IHM

Sun., Mar 31

8:30am—Mary/Dennis Nolan & son John
Julia/Michael Dankulich/Michael, Jr } req by
Margaret Rose/Fred Gonsowski, Sr, } Gonsowski family

11:00am—Margaret Stebbins, req by Brenda Persons