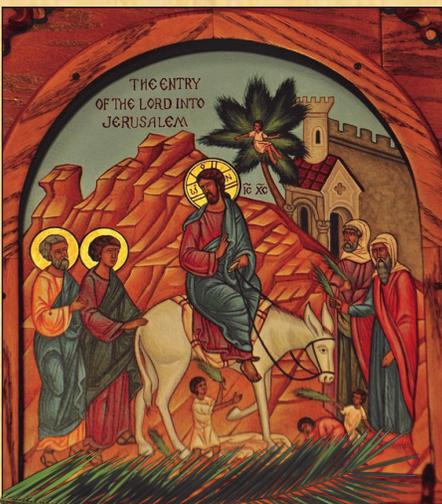


# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

## Palm Sunday/The Passion of the Lord

March 25, 2018



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

### PASTORAL STAFF

Fr Don Rutherford, Sacramental Minister  
Deacon Al Manzella, Parish Life Director  
Deacon Mark Leonard

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon—Thurs: 8:30am—3:30pm  
Friday—10:30am—3:30pm

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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.

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### Deacon Al's Corner ~

**Leaves from a tree in the Mount of Olive in Jerusalem January 2018**—While we were in Jerusalem in January, at the Mount of Olives, Carey Spain obtained some leaves from an olive tree in the garden of Gethsemane from the gardener. We have placed the leaves in a frame with a picture of the Agony in the Garden. It has been hung to the right of the place where we keep the Book of the Gospels. Please walk over and take a look at it after Mass; and meditate on its meaning for you.

**The Agony in the Garden**—Then going out he went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he arrived at the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not undergo the test." After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling, he prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done."

**God's Will be done** – Do we reflect on the meaning of these words when we say the "Our Father?"



**Holy Week** – We are at the start of the most holy time of our church year. Please try to attend the Triduum services.

### THE SACRED TRIDUUM

**Holy Thursday—7:00PM, Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Good Friday—3:00PM, Stations of the Cross**

**7:00PM, the Lord's Passion**

**Easter Vigil—7:30PM**

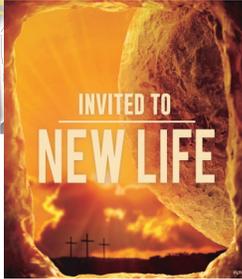
**Easter Sunday—8:30AM & 11:00AM**



**Vocations Ministry**—Discerning a vocation is not a one time decision. God calls each of us every minute of every day. We have to make decisions and sacrifices everyday that may effect our vocation. There are personal sacrifices that must be made no matter which vocation we chose or will choose. Pope Francis said "I want to ask you, has there been a time when you have heard the Lord's voice, who through a desire, a restlessness, has invited you to follow Him more closely. Ask Jesus what He wants of you, and be courageous!" Are you listening to God's call? Please take time this week to spend with God to pray for your vocation and for an increase in all vocations within the church.

**Social Justice: Caring of the Environment**—Isaiah 50:7 - "The Lord is my help, therefore I am not disgraced."

**Pope Francis, Laudato Si:** "Christians in their turn realize that their responsibility within Creation, and their duty toward nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith."



**Please Note Parish Office Hours for Holy Week: The Parish Office will be closed Holy Thursday March 29, Good Friday March 30, and also Monday, April 2.**

**RCIA & Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children**—Need to receive sacraments –Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation; for yourself, an older teen or young adult? **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)???**

Please keep our elect, Megan Luke and candidate, George Forslin in your prayers. They will receive their sacraments at the Easter Vigil, March 31.

Whatever your needs may be, we are here to help you make it happen. We are able to work around your schedule and your individual area of need. Want more information?? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

**Tuesdays in Lent: One Tuesday Left, March 27** - We will start with a simple supper at 5:30 to 6:30pm, followed by Adoration . Many thanks to all who attended and to those who helped provide the meal. Lorraine for a delicious soup, Ed for tossed salad, Marilyn for seafood salad, Ann for her cabbage and citrus salad and Kathleen for her homemade Irish soda bread (spectacular!!).

**Scripture Sharing: Thursdays 3 to 4pm.** We will not have Scripture on Holy Thursday, March 29. We will begin a new series on Ephesians on April 5. All are welcome. 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)

**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. Sometimes to really understand the journey, you have to walk in the footsteps of Jesus on His way to the cross.

Deacon Al will have stations in the afternoon of Good Friday at 3pm.

### **Faith Formation - For All Ages**

*Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator, of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry* [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

#### **Palm/Passion Sunday: March 25 Family Mass**

March 25 is Palm/Passion Sunday; the beginning of Holy Week. Our young people in Faith Formation and their families will participate in the liturgical ministries and sing the closing song, *Jesu, Jesu*, at the 11AM Mass. We felt this was an especially appropriate song, since it speaks of caring for others, which is just what we will be doing after Mass with the Easter Food Deliveries.

#### **Easter Food Basket Delivery: March 25**

Faith Formation families are invited to join in the Easter Food basket deliveries on Sunday, March 25. We will meet on the sidewalk in front of the Faith Formation and Ministry Center immediately after the 11am Mass to bring the food upstairs from the basement of the FFMC and then prepare to load it into cars for delivery. Please help us to deliver food baskets to families in need.

#### **Holy Week: The Holiest Week in the Church Year**

Holy Week defines who we are as Catholic Christians. Our faith is defined by the truth of the Resurrection. Please plan on attending as many of the services during Holy Week as you can: Holy Thursday, 7pm; Good Friday, 7pm; the Easter Vigil, 7:30pm. Masses on Easter Sunday are 8:30am and 11am,

#### **Lent: What can I Do for Lent This Year??**

What has Lent meant to you, as a family, this year? Just another few weeks of cold winter weather...giving up chocolate or desserts...

How about making a real effort to get back into the practice of attending weekly Mass as a family? It seems so easy to scoop up the children after Faith Formation and go right out the door of the church...is whatever we're rushing out to as important as celebrating the next 40 minutes with the community in an experience of worship and thanksgiving for all God has done for us that week??

Think about it and try it for a few weeks...you just might find that it's a life-changer.

#### **CRS Rice Bowl Offerings**

If you have been collecting for the Rice Bowl during Lent, please return the amount collected to your child's catechist by Sunday, April 8.

#### **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.

<h2>In Memoriam ~ 2018</h2>		
 In loving memory of <b>Joseph V Germano</b> requested by the Family <small>12/23/18</small>	In loving memory of <b>John A O'Brien</b> requested by the Family <small>10/14/18</small>	In loving memory of <b>William T, Sr, Julia F            and Robert A Fahr</b> requested by the Family <small>7/29/18</small>
In loving memory of <b>Bryan T Roberts (son)            Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents)</b> requested by Judith Pope <small>7/8/18</small>	In loving memory of <b>The Barron &amp; Rys Families</b> requested by the Family <small>7/8/18</small>	In loving memory of <b>Francis X Lacosse, Sr</b> requested by wife Lucille, <b>Toni &amp; Frank, Jr</b> <small>5/20/18</small>
In loving memory of the <b>Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family            &amp; Monticup Family</b> requested by Rose Brooks & Family <small>4/22/18</small>	In loving memory of <b>J. Vince Cocca</b> requested by his wife and Children <small>4/22/18</small>	In loving memory of <b>John T Sherlock</b> requested by his wife and Family <small>4/22/18</small>

### THE PASCHAL LAMB AND THE EASTER SEASON

—The Paschal Lamb symbolizes the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ—The Lamb of God—the Christian symbol of the Passover sacrifice of Jesus from death to life.

*Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018 begins the Liturgical Season of Easter. The special season lasts for 50 days and ends on Pentecost Sunday, (the birthday of the Church) May 20.*

One of the ways we can be witnesses to who and what we believe as Christians, is to display the Paschal Lamb symbol (insert in Easter bulletin) in a prominent location in a front window of your home during the Easter season.

*Let us as a faith-filled community of Immaculate Heart of Mary, rejoice in solidarity of Jesus' Resurrection!*



**IHM Prayer Ministry**—if you would like the prayer team to pray for you or a loved one, please contact Brenda Persons at 518 271-6184 .

**Mary's Kitchen: 3pm to 5pm**—*Mary's Kitchen will Be closed on Easter Monday, April 2.*

All members of the community are invited – both parishioners and non-parishioners alike - 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.

**Flea Market/Craft Fair: April 28** Do you have items that are taking up space that you no longer use or want but they are too good to just toss away. The solution is here - The Rosary Society will be sponsoring a Flea Market/Craft Fair on April 28th.



Tables will be available for rent. However, if you have item(s) that you would be willing to donate, please contact Jeanne at (518) 268-3501. Arrangements will be made for pick up. (*Please no clothes, shoes or books.*)

**For Uninsured Women Age 40+**—St. Peter's Hospital Breast Center is once again offering No-cost mammograms for eligible, uninsured women age 40+ on March 22nd. Screenings take place 4 pm to 6 pm. For more information and to make an appointment, please call (518) 525-8680.

### Mass Intentions for Week

Sat., Mar 24

4:00pm—the Deck family, req by Karl & Joan Stephen W Halayko, req by Isabel Amato & family Joan Guzek, req by Gilchrist family

Sun., Mar 25 **PALM SUNDAY/PASSION OF LORD**

8:30am—Pat Dunbar, req by wife, Linda Margaret Hanley Sweeney, req by Tom & Jane Hanley Suzanne M Murray, req by Joseph Early



11:00am—Living & deceased members of IHM

Mon., Mar 26

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Mar 27

9:00am—Martha Maloney, req by Marge Centanni Elizabeth Hanley, req by Cathy Hapiuk & family

Wed., Mar 28

9:00am—John McBain, req by Barbara Butler Robert (Dutchie) Ashline, req by Carol Ashline

### SACRED TRIDUUM

Thurs., Mar 29—Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00pm—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM

Fri., Mar 30—Good Friday

3:00pm—Stations of the Cross

7:00pm—Passion of the Lord

Sat., Mar 31—Holy Saturday

7:30pm—Easter Vigil

Sun., April 1—Easter Sunday

8:30am—Norman Persons, req by Brenda

Diane E Giroux, req by Brennan family

Robert Henderson, req by Mary Crowley and family

11:00am—Carolyn D Proctor,

req by Joyce Novak

Domenica Krakat, req by W.H.S. Café Staff

Ella & John Brannigan, req by the family

### WHEN DOING YOUR ESTATE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH

### ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Collection totals will be in next issue due to early deadline.

Thank you for your commitment and continued support of Immaculate Heart of Mary.