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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet/Green Island NY

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord March 27, 2016

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Weekday Schedule

Communion Service: Monday & Friday at 9:00 AM

Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM

Our mission at Immaculate Heart of Mary is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and to praise His name, by being a Christ-centered, welcoming, unified community. Called to holiness, we celebrate the love of God through prayer and worship, the Eucharist and other sacraments, catechesis, evangelization and service to all. Always His people, we strive to be good stewards of our time, talent and treasure.

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

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm—3:45 pm or by appointment

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

If you are hospital bound, homebound or seriously ill and desire to be anointed, contact the Parish Office. Eucharist can be brought to any parishioner by a Eucharistic Minister.

Deacon Al's Corner

Happy Easter! There is little doubt that Jesus was an historical figure, who was put to death by crucifixion. In the Gospels we have testimony of witnesses who saw the risen Jesus. This is our faith. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus frees all of us from the power of sin and death. Our future is full of hope, joy and peace because of the Good News. **Happy Easter!**

Prayer and Worship – It takes a lot of planning and a lot of effort to celebrate the Triduum. The Parish staff, the people who decorate the Church, people who plan and perform the music, choir members, lectors who prepare for the readings, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, greeters and ushers, and the celebrants all contributed their time and talent. A big “Thank You” to all who helped make this a wonderful spiritual experience for all of us.

New Trustee – Donna Murray served our parish well as trustee. With her passing, I have selected Linda Dunbar who has been approved by the diocese.

I thank Ed Smulsky and Linda Dunbar for agreeing to serve as Trustees.

Volunteers Needed – The Pastoral Council has identified **Worship** as the first area in which to focus attention. More specifically the objectives are to: 1. Change the style, selection and presentation of music to encourage the assembly to participate; and 2. Select and provide music that would appeal to the youth and young adults in the parish. To help with these efforts we are forming a “Prayer and Worship Committee.” We invite all musicians, liturgists, choir members, and parishioners who have an interest in this area to help plan by joining the committee. This Committee would meet monthly initially and as needed. If you are interested please call Deacon Al at 273-6020. Thank you for your willingness to help with this important effort.



RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—Through the Easter celebration of the Paschal Mysteries, we experience a transformation in our lives. For the newly initiated into the faith, this is a period of ongoing conversion. Mystagogia is the “seeping in period”, in which all believers are able to take time and more deeply contemplate the Church's life and sacraments and reaffirm our life in the Holy Spirit. Please keep George Seror III, George Seror IV, Emily Finn, Nicole Sears and Jennifer Dayter in your prayers as they reflect on their Easter Vigil experience. If you would like more information about the RCIA process, please contact Sharon at 328-0427.

We invite you to become a member of our parish family. To begin the registration process, please fill out this form and place in the collection basket on Sunday. We will send you a new membership form for registration. Thank you

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

SOCIAL JUSTICE:

Human Trafficking—The next meeting of the Social Justice Committee will be held on March 30th at 11:00am in the Parish Life Center.

City Community Gardens—The beds are being built. If you are interested in growing your own vegetables, please leave your name at the office and someone will contact you promptly.

Catholic Charities—We have been asked to participate in a month long program to gather detergent and other cleaning products for those with HIV and other disabilities. More about this in future bulletins.

ROSARY SOCIETY—The next meeting for the rosary society will be held on Wednesday, April 6th in the Parish Life Center. All women 18 years and up are welcome. Think you might be interested, contact Linda at 209-6446.

FRIENDLY VISITOR—If you have a family member or know of someone who is sick, in the hospital, alone or homebound, and might need a “pick-me-up” such as a card or visit. Our team of Friendly Visitors can help. Please contact Linda at 209-6446



IHM PRAYER TREE MINISTRY—If you know of someone who would like prayers said for them on their behalf, or for yourself, please contact Brenda at 271-6184.

MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays: 3:30 to 5:30pm—*Mary's Kitchen will be open at the regular time on Easter Monday, March 28.*

If you are not busy between 11 and 12:30pm and would like to help prepare the meal we serve at Mary's Kitchen on Mondays, we would love to have you join us in the Parish Life Center. Many thanks to Tom and Jane Hanley who have returned to help us with clean up. At that time of day, we especially appreciate the help.

All members of the community are invited – both parishioners and non-parishioners alike – to pick up a take out meal or have an eat in meal in our newly renovated Parish Life Center during those times. Questions about Mary's Kitchen? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 for more information.

FAITH FORMATION—For All Ages

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

Faith Formation Schedule

There will be no AM or PM sessions on March 27, Easter Sunday. Sessions will resume on Sunday, April 3 at the regular times.

Christ Has Risen, Alleluia!!

As Christians, we are a Resurrection people. It is the basis of our faith. The sadness of the passion, crucifixion, and death of Jesus pales in the radiance and joy of His Resurrection. ***“This is the day the Lord has made. Let us REJOICE and be glad in it!”***

As Catholics, do we have the courage of other Christian denominations to witness to that faith??

Without Jesus, Easter is just about candy and cute little bunnies...is that enough to fill that space in your heart that is reserved for God alone??? This Easter season, why not spend some time with your families at Mass, thanking God for His tremendous gift to us?? ***May the Risen Lord bless you and your families with His grace and loving peace!!***

The Easter Season Is Here: Where Is Your Easter Lamb??

On Palm/Passion Sunday, our young people in Faith Formation received a copy of an image of a lamb, representing the Risen Jesus, the Lamb of God. Families were encouraged to color the banner, add their family name, the name of the parish and place it in a front window of their home for the Easter season (Easter Sunday through the feast of Pentecost, May 15).

This is a very simple, but powerful way to witness to the fact that we are a Resurrection people.

Will we see your Lamb celebrating your faith at your house??

Rice Bowl: Caring for Brothers and Sisters Around the World

Please turn in any money you have collected through the Rice Bowl project to your child's catechist no later than April 3. Monies have to be turned into the parish office at this time.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

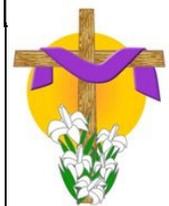
Following the opening prayer at the 11am Mass, Father will invite all children from **Pre-K to grade 3** to go to with our catechists to hear and discuss the readings for that Sunday's Mass. They will return to you in the church after the Prayer of the Faithful. Older siblings may participate in a different 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 April

April 17: Family Mass, “See You Soon Sunday”
April 18: Gathering Disciples (Evangelization); 6:30pm, PLC



Memorials for 2016



In loving memory of
John A O'Brien
requested by the Family

10/16/16

In loving memory of
Genevieve M Dyer
requested by her beloved husband
Bill, Children & Grandchildren

8/28/16

In loving memory of
William T Fahr, Sr & Julia F Fahr
requested by the Family

7/31/16

In loving memory of
Adam & Katherine Novak
John G Novak & Florence Szpot
requested by the Family

7/31/16

In loving memory of
Bryan T Roberts (son)
Raymond & Helen Werner (parents)
requested by Judith Pope

7/31/16

In loving memory of
The Barron & Rys Families
requested by the Family

7/31/16

In loving memory of
James D Langford
requested by
Lilia Langford & Christine Callahan

6/12/16

In loving memory of
Dr. Richard P Crinigan, Jr
requested by his wife, Patricia
and Children

4/24/16

In loving memory of the
Edward Brooks Family,
Foglia Family
& Monticup Family
requested by Rose Brooks & Family

4/24/16

In loving memory of
Joseph V Germano
requested by the Family

4/17/16

Scripture Study: Gospel of Matthew—On Thursday, March 31, we will be watching a dvd on Chapter 1 of the Gospel of Matthew. Jeff Cavins will be sharing his insight and reflections on that chapter.

You are invited to join us on Thursday, March 31, between 6 to 7:30PM, at the Faith Formation and Ministry Center (2425-7th Avenue). For questions or for more information, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skowski@ihm.rcpw.org.

REMEMBER TO TAKE THE PASCHAL LAMB SYMBOL HOME WITH YOU AND DISPLAY IT IN A PROMINENT LOCATION IN A FRONT WINDOW OF YOUR HOME. (March 27 to May 15)

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



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

"But Peter got up and ran to the tomb." Peter was unique in this response to the news of Jesus' resurrection. The other apostles disregarded the reports from the women who had seen the empty tomb and heard the angels because "their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them." But Peter took action. He got up and ran to see the evidence and "went home amazed at what had happened."

On this Easter day, we have a choice to make. We too have heard a remarkable report. We have been told that two thousand years ago, a man named Jesus defeated death and rose from the grave. To many people in today's world, this sounds like nonsense, just like it did when it first happened. Some would like to dismiss the story entirely as a myth at best, or an outright lie at worst. Others try to spiritualize the miracle, suggesting that the Resurrection narrative is a story that is meant to symbolize the power of God, but whether or not Jesus actually rose from the dead is irrelevant. Finally, there are those who simply believe--those who, with Peter, make an act of faith and choose to take the Gospel literally.

This of course is the Christian way. It was not the Crucifixion that brought confidence to the early followers of Christ; it was the Resurrection. This momentous event has always made all the difference! We will only water down our faith if we reduce Easter to anything other than a true miracle. But to accept it as such will bolster our faith. As St. Paul wrote in the Epistle to the Romans, "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." This Easter, may we experience the great joy of new life in the risen Christ.



Mass Intentions for Mar 28-Apr 3

Mon., Mar 28

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Mar 29 MASS

9:00am—The Bulger Family

Wed., Mar 30 MASS

9:00am—Kathryn Mohl, req by her sister, Dolores Shaw

Thurs., Mar 31

9:00am—Beatrice & Philip Zarlengo

Fri., Apr 1

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Apr 2

4:00pm—Lettko Family, Lv'g & dec'd, req by Mary & Peter Hines

David Crowley, Sr, req by Candyce, Jeff & Nicholas DeBlasiis

George F Bouchard (B'day), req by wife, Anna & family

Sun., Apr 3

8:30am—Vincent Lamb, req by Bob & Carol Carlson

Bertha Bariteau, req by Brenda Persons

11:00am—Katherine Novak, req by daughter Joyce

Donna Murray, req by Bettianne & Ed Smulsky

Sr Mary Immaculate Heart Connors, req by Julie Carroll



ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Weekly Collection (including mail-in)

Mar 14-15, 2015.....\$7870.00

Mar 12-13, 2016.....\$7909.00