



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet/Green Island NY

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD MARCH 29, 2015

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil—4:00pm

Sunday—8:30am, 11:00am and 7:00pm

Weekday Schedule

Mon. 9:00am; Tues. 5:30pm; Wed. 12:00pm; Fri. 9:00am

There will be no 7:00pm Mass on the following weekends: New Year's, Super Bowl Sunday, Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00pm—3:30pm 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. (Preferably at least 6 months in advance)

Anointing of the Sick

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

HOLY WEEK THOUGHTS AND SCHEDULE—The weekend of March 28/29 is the Celebration of Passion/Palm Sunday which begins Holy Week, the most sacred week of the year for Christians. Holy Week should not be a normal week for any of us....no "business as usual". The focus of our faith is the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, the events we celebrate during Holy Week. We live in a secular culture which is not attuned to this....we have to make a concerted effort to "tune out" the world around us for a few short days.....it's all about God's undying, unconditional love for us. It's the GOOD NEWS. May we all make a special effort to make this Holy Week the most *sacred* and holiest week of the year.

SCHEDULE: PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION: MARCH 28/29

Saturday: 4:00pm Mass with blessing & distribution of palms
Sunday Masses: 8:30am, 11:00am & 7:00pm with blessing & distribution of palms at each Mass



Distribution of Easter Food Baskets after the 11:00am Mass.

Monday, March 30 ► Mass at 9:00am
Tuesday, March 31 ► Mass at 5:30pm followed by simple supper & DVD
Wednesday, April 1 ► Mass at 12:00 noon

THE SACRED TRIDUUM



HOLY THURSDAY—BEGINNING OF THE SACRED TRIDUUM

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT 7:00 PM
FOLLOWED BY ADORATION UNTIL 10:00 PM



GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION—THREE PART SERVICE BEGINS AT 7:00 PM (THIS IS A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE)



EASTER VIGIL—BEGINS AT 8:00 PM WITH THE LITURGY OF LIGHT (INCLUDES BLESSING OF NEW FIRE). LITURGY OF THE WORD, LITURGY OF BAPTISM & THE FIRST EASTER MASS

EASTER SUNDAY—MASSES AT 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM (NO MASS AT 7:00 PM)

THE PASCHAL FAST Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence, but please consider the following, which is called The Paschal Fast, which differs from the fasting we have done during Lent, especially on Fridays. Our Lenten fasting is done out of a spirit of penance and of trying to cooperate with the grace of conversion. The Paschal Fast is undertaken on Good Friday and continues until the Easter Vigil, and is "one of joy, of, in a sense, almost being too excited to eat, because our focus is totally captivated by the mysteries of redemption being made present to us in our midst. The emptiness of the stomach thus becomes a sign of our openness to die and rise with the Lord in these most holy days." (Taken from page 140 of *The 2015 Sourcebook* published by The Liturgical Press.)

Fr Ed

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 _____

TUESDAYS IN LENT: *This Week: Holy Hour*—We will end our Lenten Tuesdays with 5:30 Mass, a simple supper and an hour spent in the presence of Our Lord. What a fitting way to spiritually “gear up” for the Triduum and the triumph of Easter through the passion, death and Resurrection of our Lord.

Thanks to all our cooks who took the time to share their creative gifts with all in the community who attended these suppers. Thanks also to all those who attended and shared their presence and prayers with and for the community of IHM.

RCIA: *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*—We begin Holy Week with Palm/Passion Sunday. This is a period of intense introspection for our candidate, Ashley and elect, Katina. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they approach the Sacred Triduum and the reception of sacraments on the Easter Vigil. May they be blessed with the many graces of Our Lord and filled with the Holy Spirit throughout their lives.

Contact Fr. Ed Deimeke at 273-6020 for information about the RCIA.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: *A Break from The Acts of the Apostles*—As we get closer to Holy Week, we find ourselves needing to take a step back from the usual and experience a different type of prayer. This Thursday, April 2, is Holy Thursday. There will be no Scripture on this week.

Sessions will resume on Thursday, April 9. You are invited to join us, between 6 to 8PM, at the Faith Formation and Ministry Center (2425-7th Avenue). For questions or for more information, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: *Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus*—Many thanks to all the parish groups who presented the Stations to the IHM community this year: Rosary, RCIA, Faith Formation catechists, Gr. 6-9, the Confirmation candidates, their parents and sponsors. It is truly a gift to the parish to be able to experience this time with our Lord from so many different, but beautiful perspectives.

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY: *Calling All Tie-ers!!* — We have a number of blankets prepped and ready to be tied. We will be meeting on Monday, April 6 at 6:30pm in the Faith Formation and Ministry Center to finish up the blankets. Hope you can join us!!

Prayer Blankets are given to children baptized in our parish and to those who are dealing with illness, in hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers or at home.

Each blanket has a ribbon label on it which reads, “May God’s loving presence embrace you as you are wrapped in the warmth of this prayer filled blanket. Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Blanket Ministry.” If you have someone who you feel would benefit from this ministry, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.



MARY’S KITCHEN: *Mondays, 3:30 to 5:30pm*—Many, many thanks to all of our parishioners who have purchased Ziploc bags for Mary’s Kitchen. Sometimes I hesitate to ask...having experienced the generosity of the folks in this parish, I know it won’t be a “widow’s mite” response, but an “avalanche” of generosity and caring. God bless all of you who responded to this request as abundantly as you have blessed us!!

Mary’s Kitchen is open to everyone in our parish and in the community. All are welcome and are encouraged to share in the meals we offer each week. Questions about Mary’s Kitchen? Please 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

March Family Mass & Easter Food Delivery: March 29

Our young people have been practicing a new closing song for Palm/Passion Sunday and are looking forward to participating in the liturgical ministries at the Mass.

Immediately after the 11AM Mass, our young people in Faith Formation will be getting the food ready to be delivered. Parents who would like to help with the food deliveries, please sign up on the list in the back of the church.

The Easter Season Is Coming: Where Will You Put Your Lamb??

On Palm/Passion Sunday, our young people in Faith Formation will receive a copy of an image of a lamb, representing the Risen Jesus, the Lamb of God. Families are 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 24).

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??

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Following the opening prayer at the 11am Mass, Father will invite all children from **Pre-K to grade 4** to go 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.

Memorials for 2015

 <p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">10/18/15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of William T Fahr, Sr & Julia F Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">8/2/15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/26/15</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Genevieve M Dyer requested by her beloved husband Bill, Children & Grandchildren</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">8/30/15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/5/15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford & Christine Callahan</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/5/15</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Dr. Richard P Crinigan, Jr requested by his wife, Patricia and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">8/16/15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/5/15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">IHM PRAYER TREE MINISTRY—If you know of a friend, or a loved one in need of prayers, contact Brenda at 271-6184.</p>

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 5th begins the Liturgical Season of Easter and ends on Pentecost Sunday, (the birthday of the Church) May 24, 2015.*



A COPY OF THE PASCHAL LAMB WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH ON EASTER SUNDAY AFTER ALL MASSES FOR PARISHIONERS TO TAKE HOME AND PLACE IN A PROMINENT LOCATION IN A FRONT WINDOW.

This is one of the ways we can be witnesses to who and what we believe as Christians.

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

NUN SWEETER—All are invited to support the Sisters of St Joseph and to attend the “Nun Sweeter” Confections Party on the Sunday after Easter, April 12, from 2 pm to 4 pm in the dining room at the Provincial House. Sweets are provided by: the Bella Napoli, the Century House, Morrison Senior Dining and The Schuyler Bakery. There will be fun, SWEETS, coffee, tea and many prizes. Tickets are \$15 and may be obtained by calling Kris at 369-2654. (This event is in lieu of the Ziti Dinner)

DON'T FORGET HANNAFORD GIFT CARDS—Have you purchased the Easter ham yet? Fixings for that special meal on Easter Sunday?

Hannaford gift cards are available during the week at the parish office. Why not stop in before you do your grocery shopping for the weeks ahead.

FUNERAL CHOIR MINISTRY—It would involve only the mornings that a funeral is scheduled. While your voice praises God, your presence gives consolation and support to fellow parishioners in their time of grief.



Please call the parish office (273-6020); leave your name and phone number, and a member will contact you. We would love to have you join our special funeral choir.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Due to early bulletin deadline the collection totals will be in the following week's issue.

Mass Intentions for Mar 30—Apr 5

Mon., Mar 30

9:00am—**Mary Louise DeCotis**

Tues., Mar 31

5:30pm—**Mark S Groesbeck**, req by Peggy Germano

Wed., Apr 1

12:00pm—**The Bulger family**

Holy Thursday, Apr 2

7:00pm—**Last Supper**

Good Friday, Apr 3

7:00pm—**Passion of the Lord**

Holy Saturday, Apr 4 (Easter Vigil)

8:00pm—**George F Bouchard (B'day)**, req by wife, Anna & family

Jean Fox, req by a parishioner

Easter Sunday, Apr 5 (Resurrection of Lord)

8:00am—**Joseph Germano**, req by Joyce & Michael Belokopitsky

9:30am—**Angelo Migliore**, req by Migliore family

Bryan & John Roberts } req by family
Helen & Raymond Werner }

11:00am—**Joseph V Germano** } req by
Barbara Hennessy } McBain
John E McBain } family

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IHM Website: What's Happening???

Be sure to check it out for the Mass schedule, latest events, pictures, Faith Formation news, contact information for the staff, parish offices, etc. www.rcpw.weebly.com.