

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet/Green Island NY

Sunday of Divine Mercy April 3, 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.



Second Sunday of Easter

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

PASTORAL STAFF

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

Many Thanks – once again I would like to thank all of you who contributed your time, talent and treasure to help make this the “Best Easter Ever!” The liturgies were beautiful thanks to everyone who participated; they would not have been possible without the help of many people, including all of you who celebrated with us. **Many Thanks!**

Easter Joy - someone asked me how it is I am so filled with joy. I have many blessings, many things to be joyful for. My wife, children and grandchildren, my home and my health give me joy. Being here with all of you at IHM Parish gives me joy. The greatest joy in my life comes from my faith in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. As you reflect on Easter and its meaning in your lives may you experience the joy, love and peace of Christ our risen Lord.

Difficult Choices - Much of the mail that I get at home and in the office at Immaculate Heart of Mary is from charities of one kind or another, requesting donations. I'm sure you receive some of the same mail. Unfortunately we cannot give to all the organizations that request our help so we have to make choices. There is one request that I always say “yes” to, and that is the Bishop's Appeal. The Bishop's Appeal is not about the Bishop. Rather it is about following Jesus and His disciples in today's world empowering our Catholic Church at all levels to minister and to spread the Good News to the People of God in our own communities and around the world. Soon we will be asking you to make a choice to contribute to the Bishop's Appeal. I hope and pray you will say yes.

Funeral Liturgies - in the future, starting the week of April 4th, when we schedule a funeral Liturgy for a weekday morning we will cancel the 9:00am Communion service or the 9:00am Mass scheduled for that day. When this happens we will reschedule the Mass intention for another day.

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.

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 _____

SPECIAL EMERGENCY COLLECTION FOR 2015-2016 CALAMITIES: April 9/10—An emergency collection will be taken up next weekend for humanitarian aid and the needs of Churches devastated by the storms in many regions of the United States; some began in the South and Midwest before Christmas 2015. This emergency, one-time special appeal is intended to cover needs created by these and future 2016 domestic storms. **To donate, make your check payable to the parish – in the memo portion write: ‘15/’16 Calamities. Our parish will send one check to Catholic Charities and 100% of the donations will go to the National Collection for Calamities Relief.**

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—What a wonderful celebration of the Triduum this year; a Baptism, five Confirmations, along with the truly beautiful and solemn joy of our Lord's Resurrection makes it the most holy week in the church year. God bless all in our community who received sacraments during this very special time: Michael King, Emilio Perez, Emily Finn, Nicole Finn, George Seror III and George Seror IV.

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.



IHM FOOD PANTRY NEWS—Ed is a great shopper! He got a good buy on the turkeys for our Easter meal baskets. We delivered 45 Easter meal baskets, and everything went well. Thank you all for your generous gift of time. We are so grateful for each and every donation made to help those less fortunate in our community.

May God continue to bless the work we are doing at the Immaculate Heart of Mary food pantry

MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays: 3:30 to 5:30pm

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.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Gospel of Matthew—On Thursday, April 7, we begin Chapter 2 in the Gospel of Matthew. The universality of Jesus' reign as the Anointed One, the Son of David and Abraham establishes him as the heir to the royal throne of Israel.

You are invited to join us on Thursday 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 skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

FAITH FORMATION—For All Ages

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

Faith Formation Schedule

Faith Formation 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!!***

Confirmation Reconciliation Retreat: April 16

Members of this year's Confirmation class will meet in the Faith Formation and Ministry Center on April 16 at 1:30pm.

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 16: Confirmation Reconciliation Retreat, 1:30pm to 3:30pm

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

Mass Intentions for Apr 4-10

Mon., Apr 4

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Apr 5 MASS

9:00am—Joseph F Squillace, req by his son, Joe

Wed., Apr 6

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Thurs., Apr 7

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Fri., Apr 8

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Apr 9

4:00pm—James Langford, req by Lilia
Dennis E Tracey, req by sisters & brothers
David S Ostiguy (B'day) & Agnes Anne, req
by parents, Robert & Agnes Anne

Sun., Apr 10

8:30am—Vincent Lamb, req by the Duffey
family

Bertha Bariteau, req by Peg Cote

David Mendonca, req by his sister, Lucille

11:00am—Mary Maloney, req by Marge Cen-
tanni

Donna Murray, req by Rosary Society

Angelo Migliore, req by wife & children



ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Weekly Collection (including mail-in)

Palm Sunday/Mar 28-29, 2015.....\$8511.00

Palm Sunday/Mar 19-20, 2016.....\$7292.00

Good Friday/Holy Land Collection

Apr 3, 2015.....\$665.00

Mar 25, 2016.....\$618.00

Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday

Apr 4-5, 2015.....\$11,751.00

Mar 26-27, 2016.....\$10,092.00

Second Sunday of Easter



Today as we celebrate the feast of
Divine Mercy, we remember
that God's love is strong
enough to conquer the greatest

of all human fears: death itself. This confidence leads us to a renewed joy. As Pope Francis wrote in his declaration of this, the Year of Mercy, "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Once we are firmly established in this hope, we are called to be witnesses of mercy to others. The Holy Father continues with a challenge for all of us, "Jesus asks us also to forgive and to give. To be instruments of mercy because it was we who first received mercy from God."

The Cry of The Earth, The Call of The Spiritual

"All powerful God, teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature..." Laudato Si

An Inspiring Presentation by Ken Scott

Green Faith Fellow

Interfaith Religious Environmental Leadership

Monday, April 4, 2016 - 6:30 pm

St. Joseph's Provincial House

Hospitality Center

Latham, NY 12110 **Admission is free**

Free Will Donation to Heifer Fund Welcomed

PRESENTING THE GIFTS AT MASS—Any parishioner who has a Mass intention at a specific Mass, please notify one of the ushers that you would like to bring up the Eucharistic Gifts for that Mass when you arrive at church. They will be happy to assist you.



WHEN DOING YOUR ESTATE

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH

Thank you for your continued support to Immaculate Heart of Mary parish. Your contributions are most appreciated. God bless you.