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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.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet/Green Island NY

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD APRIL 5, 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.

May The God Of Life Who Broke The Bonds Of Death And Raised Jesus From The Tomb Be With You And Your Loved Ones!

St Augustine (354 – 430) said it so eloquently centuries ago:

"WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE AND ALLELUIA IS OUR SONG." We may not always feel like singing Alleluia (Praise the Lord), but consider those who first experienced Easter. They were confused, befuddled and perhaps even in terror. And yet they eventually became believers who did sing Alleluia. Yes, these are difficult times, but times have always been difficult. Easter people realize that the Risen Lord is always with them, through the good times as well as the bad. As long as we stay focused on the Risen Lord Jesus and his mission, ministry and message, we, too, will be able to sing Alleluia. May God's richest blessings be yours at Easter and always! **WE, AS EASTER PEOPLE, HAVE RECEIVED EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING IN THE HEAVENS IN CHRIST JESUS (EPH: 1:3) WE ARE SO BLESSED IN THIS PARISH TO HAVE HAD KATINA HUTTON, MICHAEL ANTHONY KING, JR, AND ASHELY PARMATIER COME INTO THE CHURCH THIS EASTER MAY YOUR EASTER BE MOST BLESSED AND JOYOUS!**

WELCOME DEACON RICK LESSER Deacon Rick will be with us for the 9:30 and 11:00 AM Masses on Easter. It is always good to have you, Deacon Rick!

MANY THANKS To everyone who helped to make our Easter celebrations so wonderful. A lot of folks spent a lot of time decorating the church, preparing music, and doing all kinds of "odds and ends" so that we could celebrate in the best possible way. Your assistance is deeply appreciated. On a personal note, thanks to all who sent cards, greetings, gifts and "goodies". All were appreciated.

RICE BOWLS If you used a rice bowl during Lent, please bring it back as soon as possible and deposit it in one of the Rice Bowl stands in the back of church. Thanks to all who helped to feed the hungry of the world.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL If it is April and after Easter, which it is, then you know the annual Bishop's Appeal can't be far behind. More on this within the next several weeks. I hope to get a letter out within the next couple of weeks.

Fr Ed

THE PASCHAL LAMB AND THE EASTER SEASON—A COPY OF THE PASCHAL LAMB WILL BE AVAILABLE ON EASTER SUNDAY FOR ALL PARISHIONERS, PLEASE TAKE ONE HOME AND PLACE IT IN A PROMINENT LOCATION IN A FRONT WINDOW.

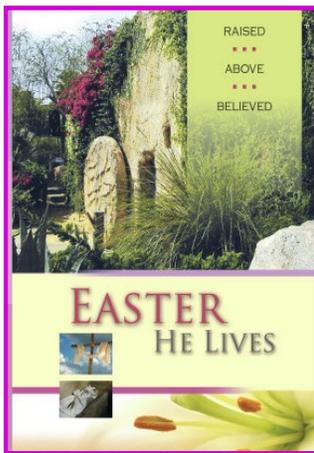
Let us as a faith-filled community of Immaculate Heart of Mary, rejoice in solidarity of Jesus' Resurrection!



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 _____



RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—Katina and Ashley have celebrated the Sacred Three Days with our community and are now fully initiated members of the Catholic faith. They now enter a period of reflection and further study called Mystagogia. Mystagogia means “going deeper into the mysteries”; the truths of our faith.

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 “sleeping 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.

Interested in what this process is all about? Contact Fr. Ed Deimeke at 273-6020 for information about the RCIA.

MARY'S KITCHEN: Closed Easter Monday, April 6

We will resume serving on the following Monday, April 13.

A short time ago, we lost one of our founding volunteers of Mary's Kitchen, Pat Sibincich. Pat's humor and sense of what's right (and what's not) filled the soup kitchen with laughter and order, in situations that - at times - could become a little chaotic. She was such a good sport (who can forget, “Is Ben Dover here?”) She was a wonderful woman and an absolute joy to be around. We will truly miss her and will keep her, and her family, in our thoughts and prayers.

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.

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.

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 April 5, Easter Sunday. Sessions will resume on Sunday, April 12 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 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??

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 12. Monies have to be turned into the parish office.

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 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;">In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John g Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">9/27/15</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>

“SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED BABY”—Six Month Developing Baby



Your spiritually adopted baby is growing quite beautifully now. His weight is approaching 2 pounds. Baby's born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor has remarked that the Roe v. Wade decision is on a collision course with itself. Each passing year, we witness medical advances that allow our medical professionals to save younger and younger premature infants.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: - 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.

IHM PRAYER TREE MINISTRY—If you know of a friend, or a loved one in need of prayers, contact Brenda at 271-6184.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING— Next meeting of Rosarians will be held **Wednesday, April 8th at 6:00 pm** in the Faith Formation Center (2425 7th Avenue). For further information about the Rosary Society, contact Linda at 209-6446. All women 18 years and over are invited to join.

*When Doing Your Estate
Remember Your Parish*

SANCTUARY CANDLE—APR 5—11
Tony Cipollari and square dance friends, donated by Chris Williamson



ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE **Weekly Collection (including Mail-in)**

Mar 22-23, 2014.....\$6435.00 **Mar 21-22, 2015.....\$7675.00**

Collection totals for Palm Sunday and Easter will be in the following issue due to early deadlines.

Mass Intentions for Apr 6—12

- Mon., Apr 6**
9:00am—**Elizabeth Denué**, req by Charles & Lorraine Bulson
- Tues., Apr 7**
5:30pm—**Farrell & Synan families**
- Wed., Apr 8**
12:00pm—**Mae Ogden**, req by Peg Fisk
Mary Maloney, req by Marge Centanni
- Fri., Apr 10**
9:00am—**Connie Fox Egan & Jean Fox**, req by the family
Katherine S Devlin (9th Anniv), req by her sister
Frank Germano (1st Anniv), req by wife Linda
- Sat., Apr 11**
4:00pm—**Frank & Antoinette Cupano**, req by wife, Anna & family
Anthony & Teofila Chmielewski, req by Joan & Karl
Mary McGlynn Bevins, req by Helen Lettko
Rita Kaspar & Chris Germano, req by Sophie
- Sun., Apr. 12**
8:30am—**Frank Lacosse**, req by Tom & Jane Hanley
Margaret Sweeney, req by Michael & Patricia Murphy
Gene A Monaghan, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
- 11:00am—**William Carlson**, req by the McBain family
Margaret London, req by Donna Murray
Living & deceased members of St Patrick's Craft Guild, req by Toni Delduce
- 7:00pm—**Frank Germano (1st Anniv)**, req by wife Linda