

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

April 7, 2019

## 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

*Journeying thru Lent*

### PASTORAL STAFF

Fr Donald Rutherford, Pastor  
Deacon Mark Leonard  
Shawn Allen, Business Administrator

### PARISH LIFE CENTER

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

### Administrative Assistant

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### FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY CENTER

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### Coordinator

Sharon Kowalski  
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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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### Gospel Meditation

"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle." The episode of the woman caught in adultery is a powerful story. We have perhaps all felt as the woman has at some point in our lives, surrounded by those who would condemn us. The beauty of Christ's mercy at the end is clear? and a welcome relief as we all struggle to be good and holy people. But have we ever imagined ourselves on the edge of the circle? Have we pictured ourselves in the sea of dusty robes? Perhaps, we hope, we're hovering at the edge of the circle of judgment. But we've all been there.

How easy it is to be righteous when someone else's reputation is at stake. When the small child is acting up in the grocery store or on the plane. When another company has a scandal break or a major error sets back their profits. Could it be easy to pick up the stone and feel its weight and heft in our hands? Because if we've got a stone in our hands, our own righteous category is clear. Our judgment is our insurance that we won't be on the receiving end of the criticism. If we can point out a wrong, surely we are firmly in the right.

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her? they went away one by one." This Lent, not only are we invited to receive God's mercy, but to show God's mercy. As the season begins to wind to a close, consider those in your life you tend to judge the most harshly. What is one concrete way you can drop your stone?

### RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older

**Children** — Need to receive sacraments —Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation; for yourself, an older teen or young adult? Whatever your needs may be – whether completing the Sacraments of Initiation or questions about becoming members of Catholic faith, we are here to help you make it happen. We will work around your schedule and your individual area of need.

**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)???** Need more information?? Contact Sharon at 518 328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

**IHM Prayer Ministry** — If you would like the prayer team to pray for you or a loved one during the Lenten season; or would like to be a part of the prayer team, please call Brenda at 518 271-6184.



**Rosary Society Meeting**—The Rosary Society group will hold their meeting on Wednesday, April 10th at 6:00pm in the Parish Life Center. All women over 18 yrs of age are invited to join. If you would like to find out more about the Rosary Society, please contact Linda at 518 209-6446.

### ***Tuesday in Lent: April 9 Soup & Salad; Exposition***

We'll begin with a simple supper of soup and salad in the Parish Life Center this week at 5:30pm.

There are sign up sheets in the back of the church if you would like to make a soup, salad or bring some type of bread or rolls. You don't have to, but it would be most appreciated!! There's *no charge*. Please join us this week for a special Lenten experience. All are welcome.

### ***Fish Fry Fridays: April 12, This Week: Fish Fries and Sides***

From 5:30 to 6:30pm on Fridays in Lent this year, we will have available fish fries and sides in the Parish Life Center. Meals must be paid for the weekend before. Cost will be \$7.00 each. (cash only please). Don't forget, Stations start at 7pm. Why not enjoy your meal and then join us in the church for Stations of the Cross??

### ***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 at 7PM on Fridays. Sometimes to really understand the journey, you have to walk in the footsteps of Jesus on His way to the cross. There are many ways to experience the Stations; many ways to express the same prayer: The remaining schedule this year is: the Living Stations, which will be presented by the young people in our Faith Formation program on April 12.

### **Lenten Prayer Banner**

As Christians, we know the Cross to be a symbol of healing, sacrifice and great love. In the back of the church, there is a Lenten Prayer Banner. Crosses will be placed nearby in a basket.

Please take a cross, write on it the name of a person or intention that you will be praying for this Lent and pin it to the banner.

### **Scripture Sharing: "Conversion", Bishop Robert Barron**

Join us Thursday from 2 to 3pm for a Lenten DVD series by Bishop Robert Barron: *Conversion, Following the Call of Christ*. For the next few weeks, we will be meeting to experience Biblical stories of people who changed their lives: Bartimaeus, the man born blind; the rich young man; the call of Matthew; Jonah; the woman at the well; and the journey of the Magi. All are welcome to join us, even if you haven't previously been part of the Scripture study. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

### **Lenten Reminder:**

#### **"They Have Pierced My Hands and My Feet"**

This year, we will have on the back table of the church a prayer card with a nail attached. Carry it with you, attach it to a mirror or the refrigerator; place it on a nightstand next to your bed. Let it serve as a daily reminder of Our Lord's great love and sacrifice for us.



### **CRS Rice Bowl**

The three practices encouraged by the Church for Lent are prayer, fasting and alms-giving. Giving up something for Lent: chocolate, fast foods, smoking?? Why not take the money saved from doing those things and consider giving some or all of it to the Rice Bowl project??

### **Faith Formation - For All Ages: Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry**

[skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

#### **Faith Formation Schedule: "No Longer Strangers, I Call you Friends"**

AM sessions for grades PreK to 7\* are on Sunday, from 9:45 to 10:55, with Mass at 11AM. PM sessions for grades 7\* to 10+ are on Sunday, *following* the 11am Mass, from 12:15 to 1:15pm.

Questions? Please contact Sharon in the Faith Formation office at 518-328-0427 or at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) for more information.

#### **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)**

Following the opening prayer at the 11am Mass, Father will invite all children from PreK 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 7: Combined session (Mrs. Carabis/Mrs. Kowalski's classes) 9:45 in PLC

April 9, 16: 9am Mass, followed by Exposition and Benediction at 11:30am

April 9, 16: Lenten Tuesdays, beginning at 5:30pm

April 10: Movie, Paul the Apostle of Christ

April 12: Stations of the Cross, 7pm

April 14: Palm/ Passion Sunday, Family Mass, 11am

April 18, 19, 20: Holy Week Triduum

April 21: Easter Sunday

### **Adoration and Benediction Every Tuesday morning during Lent 9:30 to 11:30am**







## In Memoriam ~ 2019

In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>1/5/20</small>	In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children <small>11/10/19</small>	In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/20/19</small>
In memory of Justin Berthiaume requested by the Vertone Family <small>9/8/19</small>	In loving memory of Veronica Gardner req by the Vertone Family <small>8/25/19</small>	In loving memory of Joseph Bagarose req by the Vertone Family <small>8/25/19</small>
In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>8/4/19</small>	In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/7/19</small>	In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>7/7/19</small>
In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>7/7/19</small>	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>5/12/19</small>	In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family <small>4/28/19</small>

**Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm** —All members of the community are invited—both parishioners and non-parishioners alike—to 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.

**Vocations Ministry**—Please pray for increased vocations to the priesthood and religious life through our Vocations Prayer Chalice Program. Instructions are at the Sacred Heart statue at the rear of the church, or simply write a note that you are interested in the program, add your name, telephone number and/or email address, drop it into the collection basket and you will be contacted.



### WHEN DOING YOUR ESTATE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH

#### Social Justice: *Caring for the Environment*

**Romans 8:9:**—"If indeed the Spirit of God lives in you...the Spirit gives life, because of righteousness."

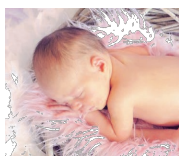
**Pope Francis, Laudato Si:**—"Christians in their turn realize that their responsibility within creation, and their duty toward nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith."

**Catholic Social Teaching:**—"The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole."

#### Spiritual Adoption/6 Month Developing Baby

Your spiritually adopted baby is growing quite beautifully now. His weight is approaching 2 pounds. Babies 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.



In loving memory of  
Adam & Katherine Novak  
John Novak, Rosalie & Florence Szpot  
requested by the Family  
4/7/19

### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sat., Apr 6**  
4:00pm—Marie Connelly, req by  
Rosary Society  
Anthony/Teofila Chmielewski, req by Karl/Joan

**Sun., Apr 7**  
8:30am—John Brian Daley, req by Tom/Jane Hanley  
Katherine Slupski, req by Brenda Persons  
11:00am—Living & deceased members of IHM  
Margaret Stebbins, req by Linda Dunbar

**Mon., Apr 8**  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

**Tues., Apr 9**  
9:00am—James Langford, req by wife, Lilia  
Patrick Dauria, req by Testo family

**Wed., Apr 10**  
9:00am—Marie Connelly, req by Eleanor Hack

**Thurs., Apr 11**  
9:00am—Beatrice & Philip Zarlengo, Estatee

**Fri., Apr 12**  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

**Sat., Apr 13**  
4:00pm—Ruth/Leo Raymond, req by dgtrs,  
Denise & Gayle  
Marie Connelly, req by Brenda Persons  
Susan Roberts, req by Food Pantry

**Sun., Apr 14 —PASSION/PALM SUNDAY**  
8:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM  
Patricia Crinigan, req by the Rosary Society  
11:00am—Serena & Armand Fredette (Anniv),  
req by the family



**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**  
**Weekly collection (incl Mail-in/E.G.)**  
3/30-31/19.....\$7570.00  
**Catholic Relief Services Collection**  
3/10-11/18.....\$1148.00  
3/30-31/19.....\$ 915.00