



Third Sunday of Easter

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet/Green Island NY

April 10, 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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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

World Day of Prayer for Vocations – April 17

On World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Sunday, April 17th, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday" 1.3 billion Catholics in 196 countries, speaking thousands of languages, are all asked to pray for the same thing: "Lord send us more priests, sisters and brothers!" The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations on the USCCB Vocations webpage: www.usccb.org/vocations

Please check out the insert in the bulletin from the Diocesan Vocations Office. It has a number of articles I believe you will find interesting and informative.

Vocations Summit/Vocations Committee

On May 7 the Diocese is holding a Vocation Summit in Auriesville. It is a large-scale diocesan event to help create a culture of vocations in the Diocese of Albany. Special guest speakers from across the country will re-ignite our focus on vocations—to marriage, family, priesthood, and religious life. All are invited! If you would like to attend the Summit, and/or be a member of the Parish Vocations Committee please call Deacon Al at 273-6020.

Anointing of the Sick

We were happy to see a good number of people come forward to receive the Anointing of the Sick this past weekend. We will do the Anointing again after the Masses on the weekend of May 7th and 8th. In case of an emergent health issue you may still call the Parish Office at 273-6020 for the Anointing.

MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays: 3:30 to 5:30pm—We have a little competition going on...just to keep things interesting: "Take-outs" vs. "Eat-ins". The last few weeks the "Take-outs" have won, but we're looking forward to the "Eat-ins" catching up as the nicer weather comes.

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.



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: *This Weekend*—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—One of our most enthusiastic candidates was inadvertently left out of last week’s bulletin. Jennifer Dayter participated in the Holy Week services and was Confirmed at the Easter Vigil. Congratulations, Jennifer and we’re looking forward to next year when Victor will make his First Eucharist!!



SCRIPTURE STUDY: Gospel of Matthew—On Thursday, April 14, we will view a DVD on 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 this Thursday between 6 to 7:30PM, in the Parish Life Center. Don’t forget – DVD, Parish Life Center on the big screen TV. Written questions, Faith Formation and Ministry Center. 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

Rehearsal for First Eucharist: 9:30 am, April 10 in the Church

Parents of children who have been preparing to receive First Eucharist **must attend, with their child, a brief rehearsal in the church on April 10, beginning at 9:30am.** It will take about half an hour, after which time we will return to the Faith Formation Center. **Completed Banner Kits must be returned NO LATER than April 17.**

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.

April 17: Meet and Greet with Deacon Al

As many of you know, Deacon Al Manzella is our new Parish Life Director. Before the 2015-2016 Faith Formation session ends, he would like to have a chance to meet with all our Faith Formation parents. He is asking that, after you drop off your children in Faith Formation on April 17, that you meet him over in the Parish Life Center for a little “meet and greet” from 9:45 – 10am.

There will be coffee, juice and some Danish and bagels. Deacon Al believes, as we do, that you and your children are the future church. Make sure you take advantage of this opportunity to get to know Deacon Al and give him the opportunity to get to know you.

Don’t forget – 9:45am in the Parish Life Center!!

“See You Soon” Sunday: Family Mass & “Thank You” Coffee Hour

Our parishioners at IHM support and appreciate our young people and families like no other place I’ve ever been. Whether it’s a Coffee Hour, Bake Sale, Pasta Dinner, Fall Kickoff, Special project or singing at Mass, the parishioners at IHM are there for our children 110%.

To show our appreciation, we are asking each of our Faith Formation families to make something (cookies, brownies, cheese/crackers, veggies, etc.) for a special “Thank You” Coffee Hour after the 11am Mass on April 17.

April 17 is going to be a very special morning. Our young people will be making a “Thank You” banner for the church. We had special t-shirts made for every child last year. **If you still have them, please have them wear them that Sunday. If you need a t-shirt, contact Mrs. Kowalski ASAP.** Our young people will have games and activities during their class session, sing a really fun song (words on the back) at the end of the 11am Mass, and then they will serve at the Coffee Hour.

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)

PARISH INFORMATION—New Members—In our weekly bulletin, there is a short tear off that you can use to begin the registration process. Once filled out, it can be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office. The parish secretary will then mail you a membership form and some information about the different ministries available at the parish, along with contact information.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL:
(names submitted after printing)

John Sherlock
Charles & Mary Sherlock
Hugh & Marie Donnelly

<h1>Memorials for 2016</h1>		
 <p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>10/16/16</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Genevieve M Dyer requested by her beloved husband Bill, Children & Grandchildren</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>8/28/16</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Fahr, Sr & Julia F Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>7/31/16</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John G Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>7/31/16</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>7/3/16</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>7/3/16</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford & Christine Callahan</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>6/12/16</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Dr. Richard P Crinigan, Jr requested by his wife, Patricia and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>4/24/16</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>4/24/16</small></p>
		<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>4/17/16</small></p>

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.



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.

IHM Website: What's Happening???—Have you been on the IHM website, www.rcpw.weebly.com lately? If you forgot to pick up a bulletin last week, you can find it on the website, as well as Mass times, information on Faith Formation, Reconciliation, contact information for the staff and parish offices and even some suggested sites for daily prayer and other organizations. Check it out and see for yourself!!

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"Jesus said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?'" Three times, Simon Peter had denied Jesus. Now, three times, the risen Christ gives Peter the opportunity to announce his love. Although Peter was "distressed" by the Lord's repeated question, ultimately this must have been a healing moment in Peter's life. He finally had the opportunity to assure Jesus that he loved him, thereby making up for his earlier failure and weakness on the night of the Crucifixion.

Jesus' death on the cross sufficed to forgive us of our sins. But his resurrection assures us that there is new life on the other side of our sinfulness. Just as Jesus had the power to conquer death, so too through his grace we have the power to conquer our sins. We can live a resurrected life, we can have a new beginning, just as Peter did that day at the Sea of Tiberias when he pledged his faith anew. This pledge of faith, it's interesting to note, also came with a kind of commission. Each time that Peter told the Lord he loved him, Jesus responded with a command: "Feed my lambs," "Tend my sheep," and "Feed my sheep." Of course, we know that Jesus had already established Peter as the "rock" on which he built his church, as the first pope. Now, Jesus was emphasizing the connection between loving him—the Good Shepherd—and loving his people, his flock, his church. Peter's love for Christ was meant to be manifested in his love and care for the church, as is the case with every pope. But it's also true for every Christian. We are called not just to relish the gift of forgiveness and the grace of new life in Christ, but to take the next step of loving and serving those around us.



Mass Intentions for Apr 11—17

Mon., Apr 11

9:00am—**COMMUNION SERVICE**

Tues., Apr 12 MASS

9:00am—**Lv'g & Dec'd mem of IHM**

Wed., Apr 13

9:00am—**Donna Murray**, req by Charles/Rosalie Adams

Thurs., Apr 14

9:00am—**Mary Maloney**, req by Marge Centanni

Fri., Apr 15

9:00am—**COMMUNION SERVICE**

Sat., Apr 16

4:00pm—**JoAnn Mancini**, req by Mary Eagan
Michael Bulmer, req by Jim Tracey
Langford Bros., req by Lilia Langford
Tom Lajuenesse, req by Sophie Germano

Sun., Apr 17

8:30am—**Carol Lansing**, req by the family
Sadie LaBarron, req by the family
Irving & Betty LaBarron, req by the family
11:00am—**Donna Murray**, req by Brenda Persons
Margie Riedy, req by Dave/Maureen McMahon
Mr & Mrs Armand Fredette (Anniv), req by Rose Avery

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Weekly Collection (including mail-in)

April 2-4, 2015 was Holy Week
Apr 2-3, 2016.....\$7807.00