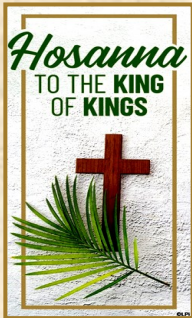
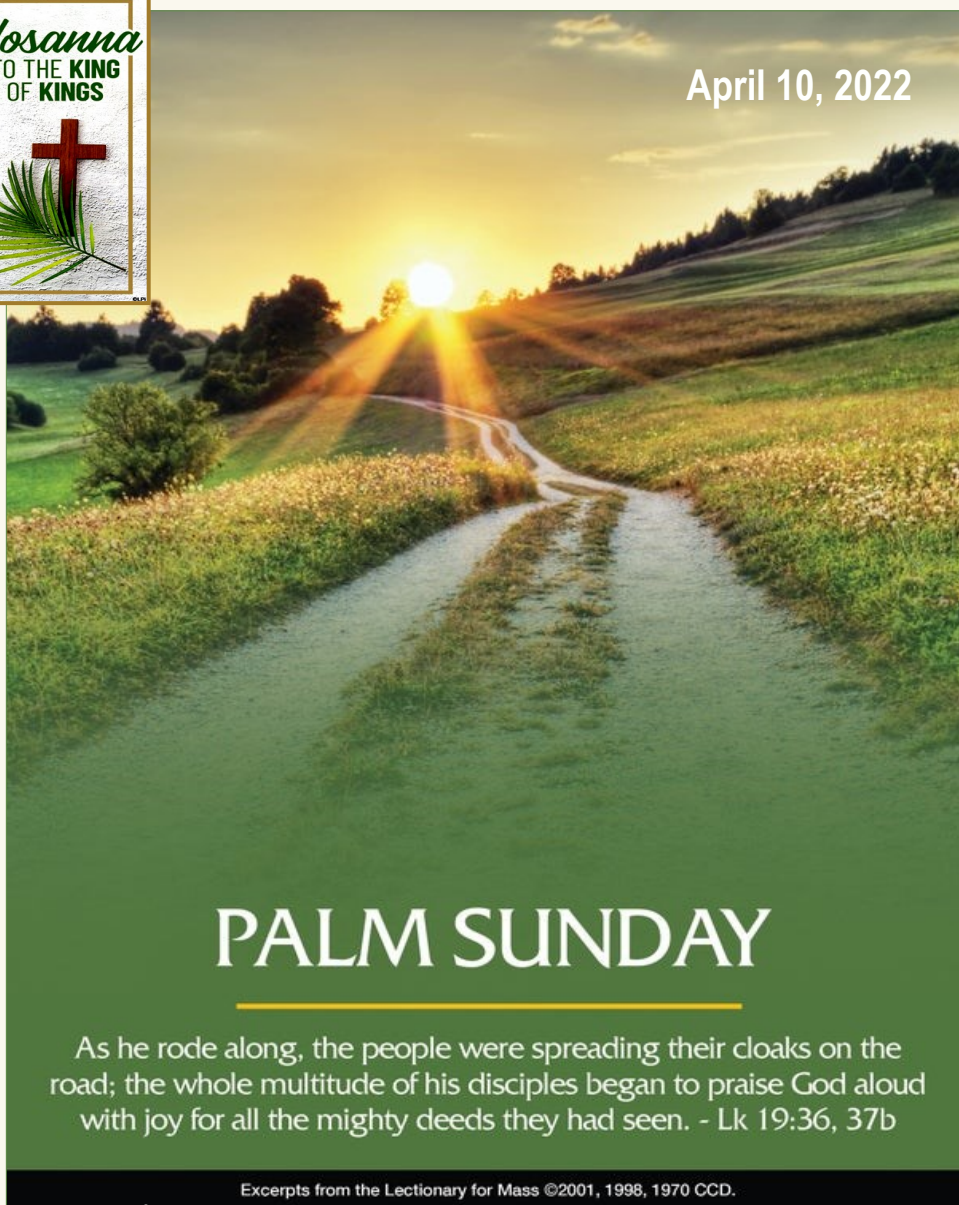


IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet, NY



April 10, 2022



PALM SUNDAY

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE Tuesday - Wednesday - 9:00am Mass

THE TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday; 7:00pm - Mass of The Lord's Supper
Good Friday; 3:00pm - Stations of the Cross
5:30pm - The Passion of the Lord
Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil at 7:30pm



EASTER SUNDAY - MASS AT 10:00AM

Blessing of food for Easter Meal April 16 at Noon

It is a Polish Tradition to have the 'blessing of food' for Easter. On Holy Saturday, April 16 at Noon, we invite you to bring your Easter Dinner Foods - Ham, Kielbasa, Butter Lamb, and whatever you may have to be blessed as we celebrate the Feast of the Lord's Resurrection.

Scripture Sharing: Wednesday of Holy Week: "Joshua"

We will not meet on Thursday, April 14 of Holy Week. However, we will be showing the movie, *Joshua* on Wednesday, April 13 beginning at 1:30pm. Joshua is a modern day telling of the story of a stranger who arrives in a small town and suddenly life is changed for many who live there. Who is this stranger?? No one knows for sure, but many begin to expect he is no ordinary person...

Based on the book, *Joshua*, it was written by a local priest, Joseph Girzone and was the first of several books with this theme.

While we wait for Season Three of "The Chosen" to be released, we will have a repeat showing of Season 1, beginning Thursday, April 21. If you missed some episodes or all of the first season, now is the time to catch up and/or see what you missed. Come join us. We will meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

A God Who Knows How It Feels ~

Christ could have spoken anything from the cross, so why did he choose to recite Psalm 22? And why is it so important that we recite that same Psalm at today's Mass?

"My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?"

We've never known the Jesus of the Gospels to doubt the will of God. We've never known him to be a defeatist or to give into feelings of despair. He's the hero who walks on water, the Savior who is welcomed to Jerusalem with a pathway of palms. And he knows how this story ends; he knows full well that his Father has absolutely *not* abandoned him.

So why does he say this? Jesus doesn't make offhanded comments, especially in his last hour. Today, when we repeat the words that he calls out in his darkest moment, we must remember that he wants us, very particularly, to consider them.

With his crucifixion, Jesus reminds us of his humanity. He is a man of flesh that can be torn and blood that can be shed. Somehow, in tandem with his divinity, he still possesses a heart that knows fear and pain and longing. And with this seemingly hopeless cry, he reminds us of that.

Let us never doubt that Jesus can relate to us in our brokenness. This is the week, friends. This is the week that reminds us that our God is a God who knows every pang, every trembling, and every uncertainty of human life. Our God knows what abandonment feels like. He knows what rejection feels like. He knows what it is to keep going when the strength and the will has disappeared. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

"The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life"

RCIA & Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) or are curious about the process, contact Sharon: skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427.

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays 3 to 5pm - ALL ARE WELCOME!! Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Mondays and sit down to enjoy a meal with friends or pick up a meal to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!! All are welcome; parishioners, neighbors and friends!! Questions?? Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

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

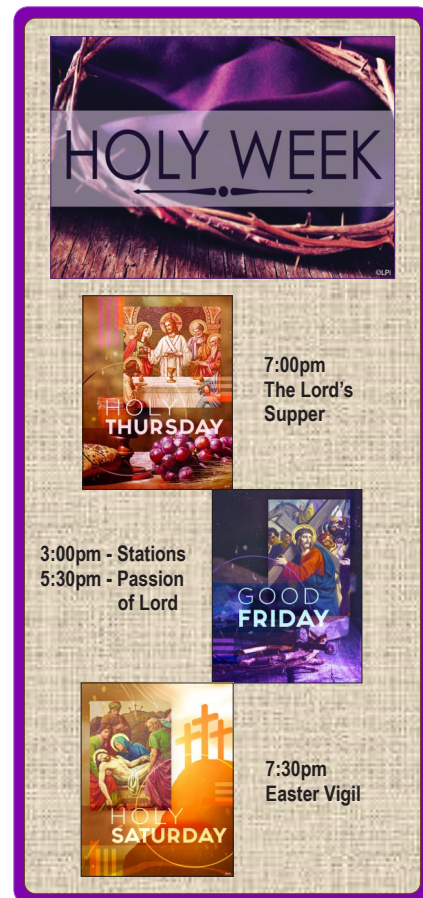
Faith Formation: 2021-2022


Congratulations to Liliene and Elena Cesare, Nickolas Erby, Eleanor LaChut and Keilani Maloney who recently received their First Reconciliation. May they continue to seek the Lord's grace and forgiveness in this very special sacrament. Faith Formation sessions for April are April 10 and 24. All sessions are 9:45 to 10:50am.

Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

Ice Cream Extravaganza: April 24

Immediately after the 11am Mass on April 24, we will get together in the Parish Life Center for ICE CREAM!! All are welcome. Make sure you join us for Make-Your Own Sundaes, or just a bowl or a cone. Looking forward to seeing you there!!



 In Memoriam ~ 2022		
In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>2/19/22</small>	In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/5/23</small>	In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/23/22</small>
In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>9/18/22</small>	In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>9/4/22</small>	In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>8/21/22</small>
In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>7/17/22</small>	In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/17/22</small>	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>4/10/22</small>

PRAYER TREE MINISTRY - Almost everyone believes in the power of prayer. At some point in our lives, we all need prayers. It simply means taking a few minutes out of your day to pray for others. Please consider becoming a member of our Prayer Tree Ministry. Interested? Contact *Linda* at 518-209-6446.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)
Mar 19-20, 2022.....\$5328.00
Mar 26-27, 2022.....\$6156.00

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We need your cash register tapes. Go to the Customer Service area in Price Chopper and register your Advantage card and pick out a school of your choice. You can drop them off at the parish office or in the white striped box located in the Church Lobby next to the Food Pantry wicker basket. Questions? Please call Brenda at 518-271-6184.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Answer:

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled. Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. ©LPi

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Apr 9

4:00pm—Robert Glogowski, req by his brothers and sisters
 Henry Del Brocco (25th Anniv), req by Jo Ann & Natalie, daughters

Sun., Apr 10 - PALM SUNDAY/PASSION OF LORD
 8:30am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM

11:00am—Jim & Pat Connors, req by Norma & Mary
 Ann Boudreau, req by Chris Adkins & Brian Haner
 Catherine Blair (Anniv), req by daughter & grandson

Tues., Apr 12

9:00am—Large family, req by the family

Wed., Apr 13

9:00am—for the people in the Ukraine

Thurs., Apr 14—MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
 7:00 PM

Fri., Apr 15—GOOD FRIDAY
 3:00 PM - STATIONS OF CROSS

5:30 PM - SERVICE/PASSION OF THE LORD

Sat., Apr 16 - EASTER VIGIL (Holy Saturday)
 7:30 PM—Mary Louise Basle, req by her children

Sun., Apr 17 - EASTER DAY - ALLELUIA
 10:00 AM—Andre Colarusso, req by Gloria Colarusso, Jason Scavo
 Tammy Morgan, req by Denise Cesare & family



 **Parish Registration:** *(If you are not presently registered with the parish, we invite you to fill out this tear-off to start the process.)*

In an effort to keep our records updated, kindly fill out this form below and place it in a regular white envelope and drop in collection basket at church or 7th Ave. door slot of parish office. Thank you for your assistance.

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email: _____