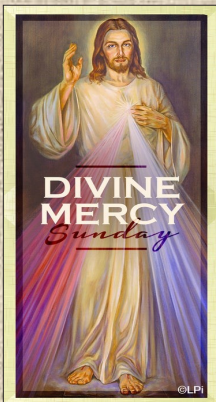


IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet, NY



2nd Sunday OF EASTER

"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29BC

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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 11, 2021

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm & Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00am
Weekday Schedule

Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday, Mass at 9:00am

Adoration on Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:00am

Church and Parish Center - Handicapped Accessible

Live the Liturgy

Alleluia! Forgiveness has risen from the grave! What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. When experienced, we are moved to do all in our power to avoid sin and embrace the loving presence of our risen God. God stands ever ready to receive us and wants nothing more than for us to come home. How reluctant we are to believe this truth! We want proof, tangible evidence and absolute assurance that what we have been told is true. Jesus has risen from the dead and brings us peace. It is the gift of wholeness and holiness that is breathed upon us by God's life-giving and healing mercy. May the rays of love that flow from the heart of Christ pierce ours!

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PRAYER TEAM MINISTRY- If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative or friend, contact Brenda at (518)271-6184.

Scripture Sharing: Metanoia * *We will resume on April 15 with a series from Ascension Press: Jesus: the Way, the Truth and the Life.*

For all those interested, we meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm in the Parish Life Center. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Faith Formation For All Ages ~

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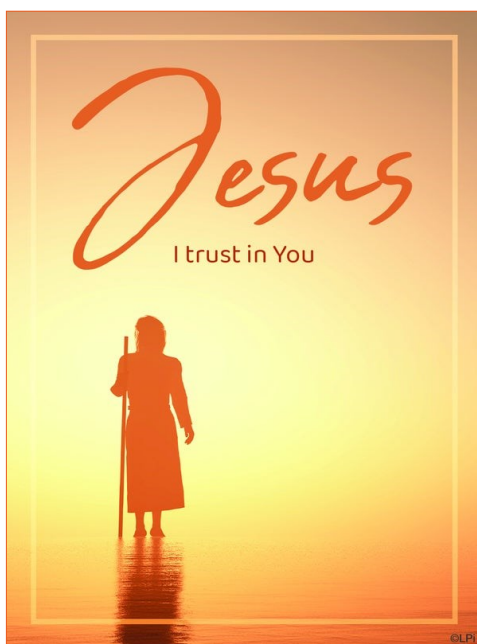
Faith Formation: 2020-2021; APRIL SESSIONS: PLEASE NOTE CHANGES

Mr. Passonno's class will meet in the Parish Life Center on **April 18**. Mr. Gleason's class and Miss Marge's class will meet in the Faith Formation Center on **April 11 and 25**. Mrs. Carabis' and Mrs. Kowalski's class will meet in the Parish Life Center – with their parent(s) – on **April 11 and April 25**.

See you at 9:45am on those Sundays!!

Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): Currently on hiatus.



RCIA and 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 at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org. We will be meeting on Tuesday evenings at 6pm through the end of April. Brock will complete his sacraments on the last week-end of April. Please keep him in your prayers.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Collections Turn In ~

If you have not already turned in monies collected during Lent, please do so as soon as possible. Money may be turned in at the parish office or put in a white envelope marked "RICE BOWL" and placed in the collection baskets in church. God bless you for your generosity in sharing what you have with others.

GOSPEL MEDITATION -

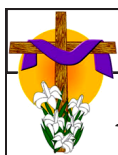
Second Sunday of Easter ~ (Divine Mercy Sunday)

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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In Memoriam ~ 2021

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| In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson 2/6/22 | In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan 1/23/22 | In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/24/21 |
| In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family 9/26/21 | In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski 9/19/21 | In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family 9/5/21 |
| In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family 8/22/21 | In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 7/18/21 | In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 7/18/21 |
| <p>Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: <i>WE'RE BACK!!</i></p> <p>Mary's Kitchen is serving meals again!! For the present time, we can do TAKE OUT meals only. All are welcome. Why cook when we've done it for you?? Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Monday and pick up a meal all ready for you to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!!</p> <p>Thanks again to the Matthew's who have provided desserts for Mary's Kitchen. Special thanks also to Trudy Ellis for her delicious baked goods. We are very grateful but I'm sure our guests appreciate it even more!!</p> <p>Email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.</p> | | |
| <p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 7/11/21</p> | | |

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Apr 10

4:00pm—Catherine Blair (Anniv), req by daughter & grandson
Ann Boudreau (1st Anniv), req by cousins;
Chris Adkins & Brian Haner
Robert Glogowski (11th Anniv), req by his brothers & sisters

Sun., Apr 11

8:30am—Charles Rutherford, req by Nancy Comley
Ann Kerin, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Nancy Lord, req by Cindy/Gene Cocco

Henry Del Brocco, req by dgtrs; JoAnn & Natalie

Pat Connors, req by the Rosary Society

Tues., Apr 13

9:00am—Anne DiNuzzo, Estate

Wed., Apr 14

9:00am—Dec'd mem of Della Rocca/ Ferradino families, req by the Adams family

Thurs., Apr 15

9am—living & deceased members of IHM

Sat., Apr 17

4:00pm—Karen Carmel, req by Vickie Yonkers

Charles Rutherford, req by Lewis/Stark & D' Attilio families

Mary E Raila, req by Margaret & Fred Gonsowski

Sun., Apr 18

8:30am—Kevin Keegan, req by IHM Staff
Charles Rutherford, req by Food Pantry

Frank Iannone, req by M/M Buddy Vincent

11:00am—Patricia Connors, req by Kay Connors

Marge Riedy/Eileen Eckel, req by Maureen McMahon

Charles Rutherford, req by Faith Formation

Cross Catholic OUTREACH ~ Please welcome the priest visiting our parish next weekend. He comes to us from Cross Catholic Outreach and will share some touching stories about the amazing work Catholic missions are accomplishing worldwide. Since Cross Catholic Outreach empowers existing Catholic missions, its programs are extremely cost-effective, and the majority of the resources it collects go into program services that help the poorest of the poor around the world. To learn more about Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach, text **BLESSINGS** to 474747.

Reflective Questions for the Week

First Reading: Luke gives us a glimpse into the solidarity of heart and mind with the original community of believers in Jerusalem. *How does your current community of faith compare to this first-generation Jerusalem church?*



Second Reading: John speaks of the power of faith and love for believers in conquering evil in the world. *How does the faith and love in your life sustain you?*

Gospel: The story of Thomas' doubt in the resurrected Jesus is one of the most well-known resurrection narratives. *Why do you think Christians throughout the ages are drawn to this story?*

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"The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1407). The weekly celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday evening or Sunday morning defines who we are as Catholics – in our parishes, in our households of faith, in our neighborhoods, and in our world.



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