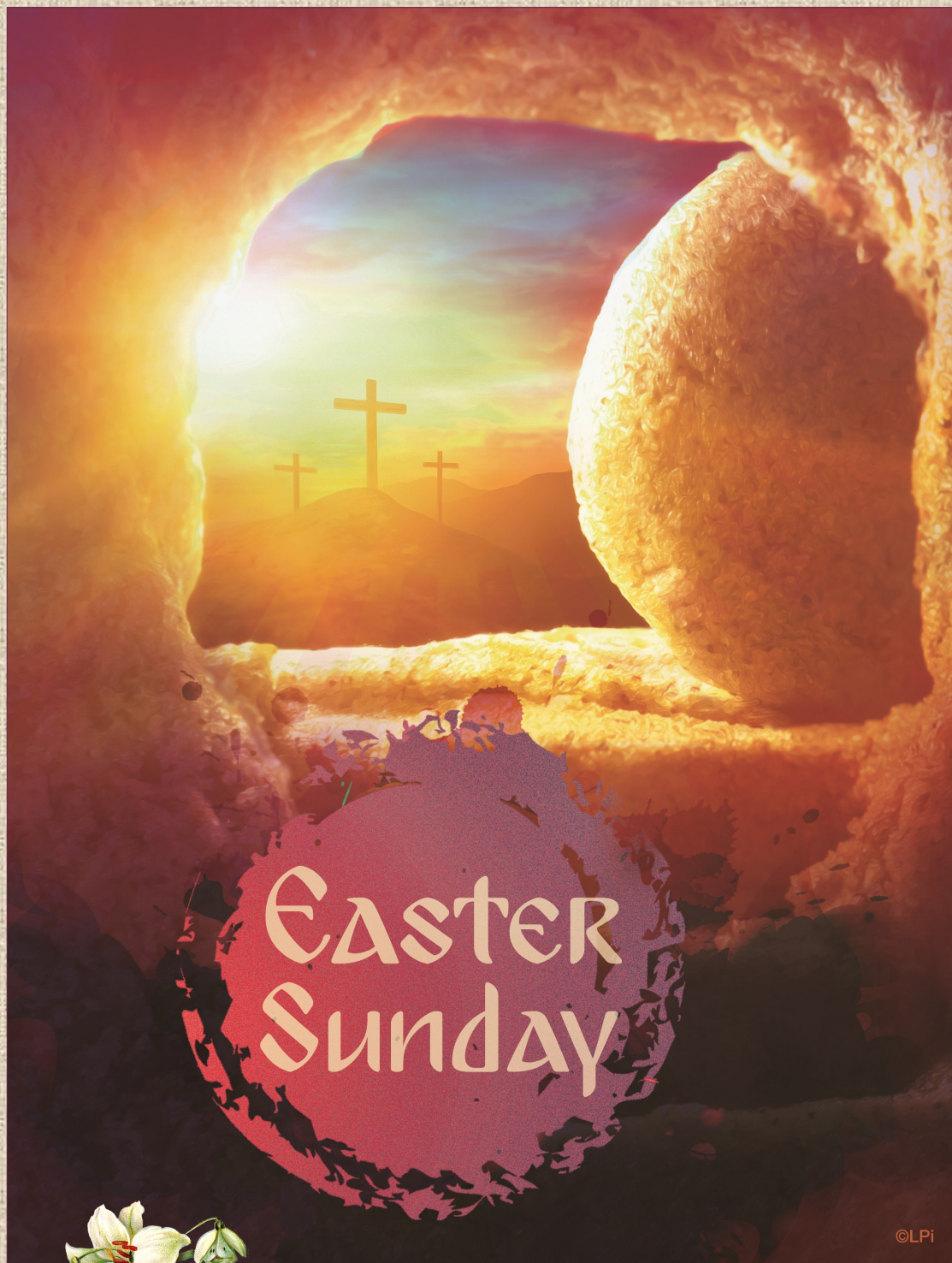


IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH



APRIL 12, 2020

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.

Gospel Meditation ~

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

When we awoke this morning, we found ourselves blessed with another day. It is Easter Sunday. As that thought crossed our minds, did we find ourselves saying “so what” or “alleluia”? For many, today is truly a day of alleluia. For others, it is just another day of “so what.” Faith makes a huge difference. It not only makes a difference in how we understand today and the significance of what we celebrate, it also makes a huge difference in terms of how we understand ourselves.

Succeed, live well, be productive, find your niche, follow your dreams, make money, protect your social status, be politically correct, and keep your preferences to yourself are pretty good examples of the messages our secular life wants us to hear. In and of themselves, they don’t sound all that harmful. But when really examined, they are. The life of resurrection embodied in the Gospel tells us a much different story.

Life keeps us busy. We are always connected, distracted, occupied, and working. For many of us, an agenda awaits us before we even start our day, and unfinished stuff is brought with us when we retire at night. Make the best of life and “find your own road to happiness are messages we all too easily believe. The “so what” response to the new life of resurrection is often the result of believing that life is only what I make it. What God has to say isn’t important to me securing my next raise.

Sadly, we live as if the grave is the end. While we may give the wonder of heaven a blink now and then, its glory really doesn’t impress us or matter all that much. It’s all about the here and now and what I need to do today to get where I want to be tomorrow. We tend to put off considering the one significant “tomorrow” that will come the millisecond after we take our last breath. When that happens, will we want to be thinking “so what?” or “alleluia”?

There is only one Jesus, one mission, and one resurrection. There is also only one of us. Have you ever pondered what one solitary, humble human life can do? Faith, not our world, tells us how special we are. We are not robots. We are not replaceable. We have one shot. There are no do-overs. Love is at our core and unites us together as one with the God of love who so desperately wants us to be with Him forever. This may not match our secular agenda, but it ought to make our true inner agenda leap for joy. There doesn’t need to be an end. I can live forever. Alleluia!

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Readings for the Week of April 12, 2020

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/
Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/
Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,
11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps
33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps
105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk
24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps
8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk
24:35-48

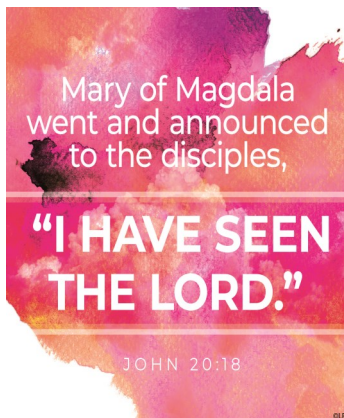
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1
-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps
118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-
21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/
Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

GO OUT
AND
SPREAD
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Care for Creation ~

Reading-1 Corinthians 5:8 —“For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast...with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”

Pope Francis-Laudato Si—“Greater scarcity of water will lead to an increase in the cost of food and the various products which depend on its use.”

Catholic Social Teaching-USCCB,1991—“What steps can we take to devise a sustainable and just economy?”

Care 4 Creation—“to save us from refusal to perform our duties toward Your natural environment, O Holy Trinity, Deliver us.”

Christ
is
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Call for information or appointment


The PARISH OFFICE is CLOSED for all transactions until further notice. However, parishioners may still continue to mail in their weekly parish envelopes



OR drop them off in the MAIL SLOT at the 7th Ave. Entrance Door.

Thank you for your continued support to your parish.

Mary's Kitchen and Food Pantry are CLOSED at this time.

 In Memoriam ~ 2020-21		
In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson 2/7/21	In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan 1/10/21	In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 1/10/21
In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/25/20	In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family 8/23/20	In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 7/19/20
In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 7/19/20	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family 7/19/20	In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family 5/24/20
Check your local TV station (Watervliet 1303) for time of taped Sunday Mass.		In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family 5/10/20

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Come to Christ

Life is perhaps God's greatest gift to each of us. Without life, we would be unable to experience all the wonder of this world, the love of family and friends, and the joy that comes from using our talents and skills. Life itself is more profound a gift than we can even truly contemplate. On Easter, we celebrate life. For on this day, Jesus Christ conquered death and gave to us the chance for a life eternal. The wonder, love, and joy of this world does not have to end. Through a life in Jesus Christ, these emotions are heightened, and we find even greater fulfillment in this world.

Maybe this Easter you are finding yourself open to taking a next step in your relationship with Jesus. This could be the moment you decide to follow Him more closely and take seriously all that he has given you. If so, welcome to the journey, where there are many other disciples on that same path who can help show you the way and share their stories. If not, hopefully it doesn't take a whole year for this possibility to be considered again. Jesus is alive and waiting to get closer to you. May this Easter season find you and Our Lord getting to know one another in a whole new way. Happy Easter! —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



For all the parishioners who have been mailing their weekly contributions, or dropping them off in the 7th Avenue door Mail Slot of the Parish Office, —We greatly appreciate your continued support and commitment.

Many blessings to you.

IHM PRAYER MINISTRY~ We believe as faith-filled people, prayer matters and offers hope. If you think you might be interested in being part of the prayer tree ministry; which is made up of a group of people who pray for others —for anyone who would like to have prayers said for themselves for wellbeing; a relative, friend, or for a family member, contact **Brenda at 518 271-6184.**

Let us continue to pray for the well-being of one another, and an end to this virus.

Since all regularly scheduled Masses are canceled until further notice, we will not be scheduling any new Mass intentions until this directive is lifted. Intentions that have been previously reserved will be rescheduled at a later date before any new intentions are taken. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding of this situation.

Parish Registration Update: In an effort to keep our records up to date, we are asking all parishioners to kindly fill out the form below with your current address, phone number and email and include it in your tithing envelope or a regular white envelope and drop in collection basket when you come to Church. Thank you for your assistance. **(If you are not presently registered with the parish, we invite you to fill out tear-off to start the process.**

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

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