

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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Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

April 14, 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 to Calvary

Gospel Meditation

Palm Sunday is a strange day in our liturgical calendar. We begin by waving palms, but somewhere in the middle, we call for Jesus to be crucified. We celebrate today an equally paradoxical God, one who comes to save through suffering.

"I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" Jesus, who so often in the Gospels tries to hide his true identity, speaks thunderously to the Pharisees who would still the rejoicing crowd. At the Last Supper, Jesus confirms the Messianic promise to his disciples, saying "I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me." Yet, before the night is over, Jesus has been betrayed.

We hear the tragedy unfold in Luke's Passion narrative. Jesus is abused by the council of elders, denied by Peter, whipped by Roman soldiers, and condemned to death by Pilate. But what else do we see? Jesus heals someone who came to arrest him, forgives his torturers, promises a repentant man paradise, and - by his loving endurance - converts a centurion at the foot of the cross. Jesus is both Redeemer of the World and Suffering Servant. In taking on the mantle of Messiah, Jesus does not only receive our praise and our accolades, but he bears our burdens and sins and does so with the deepest love. He may go about our salvation in a paradoxical way, but he is dearer to our own suffering hearts for it. This week, we remember that no sorrow of our own is beyond the reach of the compassion of God.



Holy Week: The Holiest Week in the Church Year

Holy Week defines who we are as Catholic Christians. Our faith is defined by the truth of the Resurrection. Please plan on attending as many of the services during Holy Week as you can.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday—7:00 PM, Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday—7:00 PM, The Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil—8:00 PM

Easter Sunday—10:00 AM



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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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Last Tuesday in Lent: Soup & Salad, then St. Thomas Aquinas

We'll begin our last week with a simple supper of soup and salad in the Parish Life Center 5:30pm and then enjoy our last Bishop Barron DVD on the life of St. Thomas Aquinas.

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.

Faith Formation - For All Ages:

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
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Palm/Passion Sunday: April 14 Family Mass

April 14 is Palm/Passion Sunday; the beginning of Holy Week. Our young people in Faith Formation and their families will participate in the liturgical ministries and sing the closing song, *Jesu, Jesu*, at the 11AM Mass.

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

There will be no AM or PM sessions on April 21, Easter Sunday. We will resume sessions on April 28 for our "See You Soon Sunday" celebration. AM and PM sessions will meet in the Parish Life Center at 9:45am where we will assemble our Birthday bags, have a little snack, and play some of our favorite games. Items needed for birthday bags? Crayons, coloring books, candles, cake mix and frosting. Questions? Please contact Sharon in the Faith Formation office **at 518-328-0427 or at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org** for more information.

Birthday Bags: End of Year Project for Faith Formation: April 28

Our birthday bags are not just for children. Every week, Miss Marge asks the food pantry clients if any have a birthday that week. Many of our seniors have enjoyed the bags as well, inviting neighbors or friends over to share the cake that they have baked and celebrate a birthday that might just have gone by unremembered. Some have even shared with us that they found the coloring books and crayons as a welcome diversion to the especially long winter that we have just experienced.

Please bring items for the birthday bags to the Faith Formation Center on April 28 when you bring your children to Faith Formation.

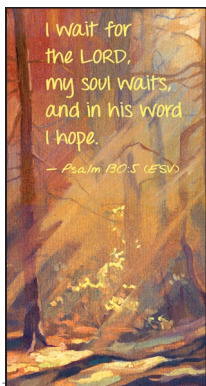
Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

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 14: Palm/ Passion Sunday, Family Mass, 11am
April 18, 19, 20: Holy Week Triduum
April 21: Easter Sunday
April 28: See You Soon Sunday



THE PASCAL LAMB & THE EASTER SEASON—The Pascal Lamb symbolizes the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ—The Lamb of God, the Christian symbol of the Passover sacrifice of Jesus from death to life.

Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019 begins the Liturgical Season of Easter. This special season lasts for 50 days and ends on Pentecost Sunday, (the birthday of the Church) June 9.



One of the ways we can be witnesses to who and what we believe as Christians, is to display the Paschal Lamb symbol (insert in Easter bulletin) in a prominent location in a front window of your home.

Let us as a faith-filled community of Immaculate Heart of Mary, rejoice in solidarity of Jesus' Resurrection!!

Scripture Sharing:

Please note: no Scripture study April 18 (Holy Thursday) or April 25.

We'll take a brief hiatus for the rest of April and begin again on Thursday, May 2 with a new Scripture study. All are welcome to join us at 2pm on Thursdays in the Parish Life Center. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org


Rice Bowl—The three practices encouraged by the Church for Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. 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?? **We are asked to turn in the money we've collected for the Rice Bowl in the collection on Holy Thursday.**

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm — **Mary's Kitchen will be closed on Easter Monday, April 22.**

Our thanks go out to Schuyler bakery for their donation of hard rolls every week. Help us to show our thanks by patronizing this local treasure.

All members of the community are invited to Mary's Kitchen – 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 328-0427 for more information.

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

RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children — *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)???*

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. Need more information?? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

Social Justice: Caring for the Environment

Isaiah 50:7—"The Lord God is my help...knowing that I shall not be put to shame."

Pope Francis, Laudato Si:—"St John Paul II stated that the special love of the Creator for each human being 'confers upon him or her infinite dignity.'"

Catholic Social Teaching:—"For many of us, a life less focused on material gain may remind us that we...can even allow more time for family, friends, and civic responsibilities."

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.

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.

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.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL: _____



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Mon., Apr 15

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Apr 16

9:00am—Beatrice & Philip Zarlengo, Estate

Wed., Apr 17

9:00am—Patricia Crinigan, req by Ginny/Diane
Jakubics

THE TRIDUUM



Thurs., Apr 18—HOLY THURSDAY/LAST SUPPER
7:00pm—Living & deceased members of IHM

Fri., Apr 19—GOOD FRIDAY

7:00pm—PASSION OF THE LORD

Sat., Apr 20—HOLY SATURDAY/VIGIL

8:00pm—Carol Lansing, req by the family

Sun., Apr 21—EASTER SUNDAY

10:00am—John & Ella Brannigan, req by the
children, grandchildren

Patricia Crinigan, req by Brady family; Mike, Jack
& Patricia

The Werner & Pope families, req by the family

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Due to early deadline, the Collection Totals will
be in next issue of bulletin.