

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

## Easter Sunday, April 21, 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

### PASTORAL STAFF

Fr Donald Rutherford, Pastor  
Deacon Mark Leonard  
Shawn Allen, Business Administrator

### PARISH LIFE CENTER

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon—Thurs: 8:30am—3:30pm  
Friday—10:30am—3:30pm

### Administrative Assistant

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### Coordinator

Sharon Kowalski  
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Call for appointment

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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### Gospel Meditation

Can you imagine that moment? Can you imagine the stomach drop with dizzying realization: "It's all true. All of it is true! The past three years weren't a dream that ended horribly wrong." Can you imagine all the doubts and despair of the past days chased away like smoke on the wind by a rolled up burial cloth? By an empty tomb?

It didn't start that way, of course. "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." This frantic news from Mary Magdalene would have been another unexpected blow. After all that happened, now his body has been stolen? The love and devotion in Peter and John is apparent. They don't wait to collect more information or stop by the tomb when they have a chance. They run to the site. When is the last time you ran for something? This isn't a run for exercise, but a huffing and puffing bolt fueled by desperation. Can you imagine that moment? The fear pounding in their temples, matching their accelerated heart rate. Can you imagine the impatient affection of John, who outruns Peter but refuses to enter the tomb alone? And then, upon entry, "He saw and believed."

This is the drama of our great feast! The promise that seemed lost has been found. The dead are raised. Long before the Easter eggs and ham, we are invited to meditate on this divine reality. We are invited to feel the desperation and joy of that first Easter Sunday deep in our bones. Because it is not just Mary's story. It's not Peter and John's story. It's our story. From the greatest defeat can come the most awe-inspiring victory, and this is true not just for our God, but for each one of us. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



***"We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song."***



**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)???*

If you are having your child baptized and have not completed the sacraments yourself, we can help you make that happen. If you need to receive sacraments –Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation; for yourself, an older teen or young adult, if you have questions about becoming a member of the Catholic faith- we can help you make that a reality. We will work around your schedule and your individual area of need. Questions?? Contact Sharon at 518 328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 22, AND RE-OPEN ON TUESDAY APRIL 23.**

**Faith Formation - For All Ages: Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry**  
[skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

**April 28: "See You Soon" Sunday: Family Mass**

Every year, we celebrate the last week of Faith Formation with a party. We will have snacks, fun games and activities during the regular AM session, 9:45 to 10:45am. We will also be putting together our Birthday bags which will be used throughout the year for our Food Pantry clients. What do we need?? Cake mixes, frosting, candles, coloring books and crayons. Please make sure to bring them in with you on April 28.

We have handed out brightly colored t-shirts for the children to wear at this special event and at Mass. If you have some that no longer fit your child, please bring it in on the 28<sup>th</sup>. If your child has outgrown their t-shirt and needs a new one, please contact Mrs. Kowalski by phone (518-328-0427) or email with the size they need – NO LATER than April 26.

***Although we won't see you in Faith Formation classes until September, we plan on seeing you at Mass every Sunday.*** Mass is where we celebrate and live out all we learn about our faith in Faith Formation. It is where we meet Jesus every week in the Liturgy of the Word and in the Eucharist.

**Special seating at Mass for First Eucharist class: May 5, 2019**

On May 5, the children preparing for First Eucharist will be attending the 11AM Mass together. There will be seats reserved for them in the front of the church. Please make sure they are in the church **no later than 10:30am**.

**Confirmation, May 12: 2pm at the Cathedral**

Our young people will be Confirmed at the Cathedral this year on Mother's Day, May 12. Day and time for rehearsal will be announced.

**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/May**

April 21: Easter Sunday  
April 28: See You Soon Sunday, Family Mass  
May 4: May Crowning: 12 noon  
May 5: First Eucharist, 11am Mass

May 12: Mother's Day  
May 12: Confirmation, Cathedral 2pm  
May 13: Gathering Disciples: 6pm, Parish Life Center  
May 17-18: Bazaar  
May 20: Prayer & Worship: 6pm, Parish Life Center


**Scripture Sharing—Please note: There will be no Scripture study 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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)



**Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm —Mary's Kitchen will be closed on Easter Monday, April 22. We will re-open at the regular time on April 29.**

All members of the community are invited – 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 518 328-0427 for more information.

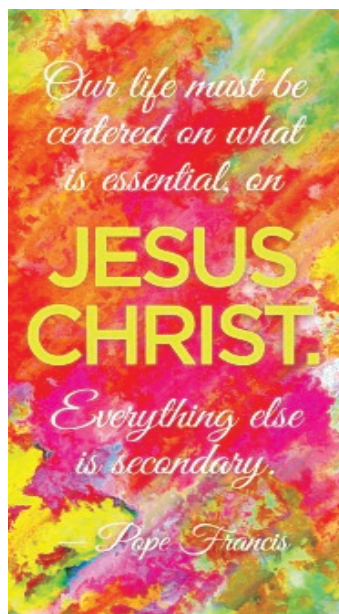
 <h2>In Memoriam ~ 2019</h2>		
In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>1/5/20</small>	In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children <small>11/10/19</small>	In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <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 & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>10/13/19</small>		

### Social Justice: *Caring for the Environment*

**Acts 10:40**—"This man God raised on the third day...that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

**Pope Francis, Laudato Si:**—"An awareness of the gravity of today's cultural and ecological crisis must be translated into new habits."

**Catholic Social Teaching:**—"Rejecting the false promises of excessive or conspicuous consumption...A renewed sense of sacrifice and restraint could make an essential contribution to addressing global climate change."



*"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.*

We have **3 Mass options every weekend:** Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 8:30am and 11am. **See you in church!!**

**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.

**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.

### *Mass Intentions for the Week*

**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

**Mon., Apr 22**

**9:00am**—NO COMMUNION SERVICE

**Tues., Apr 23**

**9:00am**—George McNeff, req by Ginny/Diane Jakubics

**Wed., Apr 24**

**9:00am**—Farrell & Synan Families, Estate

**Thurs., Apr 25**

**9:00am**—Walter S Muir, req by Bob & Kathy Falzo

**Fri., Apr 26**

**9:00am**—COMMUNION SERVICE

**Sat., Apr 27**

**4:00pm**—Marge Halpin Testo, Thomas Halpin, Sr, req by the family  
Patricia Crinigan, req by the Duffey family

**Sun., Apr 28**

**8:30am**—Matthew Manzella, req by Tom & Jane Hanley  
Kevin Daley, req by Maureen Hanley  
Cecelia Berkley, req by Allen & Dorothy Styno

**11:00am**—Carol Hynes, req by the family  
Carol Vogel (Anniv), req by the family  
Marion Winterbourne (3rd Anniv), req by the family

### ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

*Due to early bulletin deadline collection totals will follow next week.*