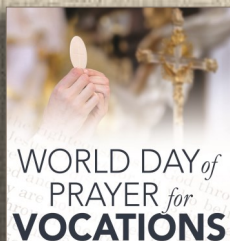


# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet, NY



**THE REJECTED  
STONE HAS  
BECOME THE  
*cornerstone.***

**PSALM 118**

*welcome*

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## **4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 25, 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

## RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children ~

**Welcome Brock Palmatier!!** Brock will complete his Sacraments of Initiation – Confirmation and Eucharist – at the 11am Mass on April 25. Our prayers are with Brock as he continues on his journey of faith and discovery of Our Lord's presence throughout his life.

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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).



### LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The cornerstone is the first stone that is laid and the stone that not only determines how the other stones are placed but the position of the entire structure. As human beings, we need a cornerstone or reference point so that our lives can be properly placed and positioned. Our cornerstone determines not only how we see ourselves but who we will become. Without a cornerstone or reference point, we will be disconnected, disoriented, and poorly positioned for effective action in our world. In order to be the children of God we are, Jesus Christ needs to be our cornerstone and the reference point for all that we do. He alone is the Good Shepherd who can guide through life's questions and challenges, bringing us to proper pasture. Without this proper base, we can easily fall into the trap of self-aggrandizement and quickly lose our way. If that happens, then moral principles, proper conduct, justice, wisdom, and virtue will be difficult to find. We need to listen to the right voices and allow God to show us how to build our house well. Salvation only comes from God and only God will protect us, no matter the cost. ©LPi



### Scripture Sharing: Jesus: the Way, the Truth and the Life ~

Our new series is produced by Ascension Press and presented by Jeff Cavins, Marcellino D'Ambrosio, and Edward Sri. This week's session, entitled "The Desert Way", discusses the encounter in the Desert of Jesus and his cousin, John. John has been "preparing the Way of the Lord". John's baptism has been that of repentance, whereas the Trinitarian Baptism offered through Jesus will be for the forgiveness of sin – something only God can do.

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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

### Questions of the week

#### First Reading:

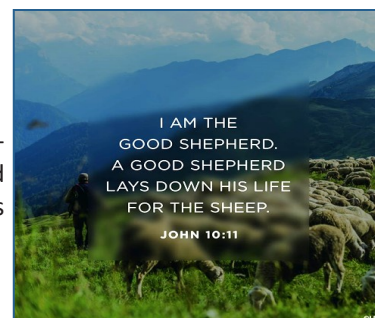
We hear how Peter courageously testified before the Sanhedrin that in Jesus' name the crippled man was healed and in Jesus' name all believers are saved. How strong is the conviction of your faith when someone challenges you?

#### Second Reading:

John speaks to his community of believers as "children of God." What do you see as some of the implications of such a designation?

#### Gospel:

In speaking of himself as "the good shepherd" who cares deeply for his sheep, Jesus contrasts himself to "a hired man" (the Pharisees) who has no concern for his sheep. How should have the Pharisees reacted to this criticism? ©LPi



### PRAYER MINISTRY

If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative or friend, contact Brenda at 271-6184.



If you would like your mother's name listed on the Annual Mother's Day Remembrance flyer, please submit it before Wednesday, May 5th. The listing will be available weekend of May 8-9 on a table at rear of Church.

**Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: WE'RE BACK!!** - 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!! Email [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto: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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

### Faith Formation: 2020-2021; APRIL/ MAY SESSIONS: PLEASE NOTE

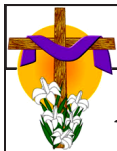
Mr. Passonno's class will meet in the Parish Life Center on **May 23rd**. Miss Marge's and Mr. Gleason's classes will meet in the Faith Formation Center on **April 25 and May 16**. Mrs. Carabis' and Mrs. Kowalski's class will meet in the Parish Life Center – with their parent(s) - on **April 25 and May 16**. See you at 9:45am on those Sundays!!

**Please note: ONLY those preparing to receive First Eucharist in June, will meet on May 16 in the Parish Life Center at 9:45am.**

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



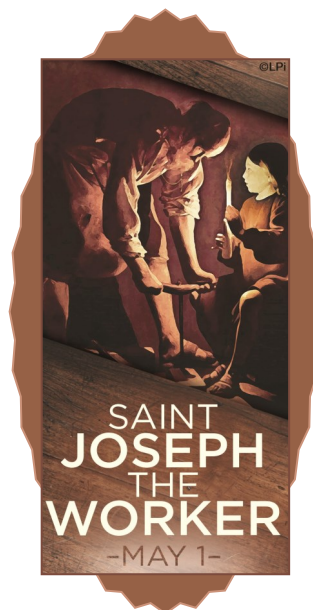


## In Memoriam ~ 2021

<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys &amp; The Butlers requested by Bob &amp; Carol Carlson <small>2/6/22</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan <small>1/23/22</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/24/21</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>9/26/21</small></p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>9/19/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam &amp; Katherine Novak John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>9/5/21</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>8/22/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/18/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family <small>7/18/21</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>7/11/21</small></p>		

### Readings for the week of April 25, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18  
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14  
**St. Joseph the Worker:** Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58  
Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat., Apr 24**  
4:00pm—Marge Testo, req by family  
Thomas Halpin, Sr, req by family  
Charles Rutherford, req by Martha & Chuck Fandl

**Sun., Apr 25**  
8:30am—Patricia Connors, req by Bob & Carol Carlson  
Charles Rutherford, req by Rosary Society  
Living & dec'd members of IHM

11:00am—Ann Boudreau, req by Nancy & Robert Woodard  
Charles Rutherford, req by Scripture Study  
Serena & Armand Fredette, req by family

**Tues., Apr 27**  
9:00am—For Special intentions, req by Tom VanSchaich

**Wed., Apr 28**  
9:00am—Gus, Barbara & Leo, req by the family

**Thurs., Apr 29**  
9am—Wm Johnson & Malasky family, Estate

**Sat., May 1**  
4:00pm—Charles Rutherford, req by Peggy Fisk  
Alice Duffy, req by Arsenal City Kids  
Living & deceased members of IHM

**Sun., May 2**  
8:30am—Marci Fushs, req by Bob & Carol Carlson  
Charles W. Rutherford, req by Fred & Margaret Gonsowski  
MaryAnne Bagnardi, req by her son Joseph

11:00am—Carole Maloney, req by the family  
Bill & Harold Avery, req by family  
Lv'g & dec'd members of St Patrick's Craft Guild, req by Toni Delduce

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### Confidence in Princes

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, “have you prayed about it as much as you’ve talked about it?”

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it. Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it's a good sign that we're losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

“It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes,” the Psalms tell us. Well, I've never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — “I've got this.”

It's tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I'll let you in on a secret: it doesn't matter what the question is, we don't have the answer. Take it to the One who does. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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