



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet/Green Island NY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2015

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil—4:00pm

Sunday—8:30am, 11:00am and 7:00pm

Weekday Schedule

Mon. 9:00am; Tues. 5:30pm; Wed. 12:00pm; Fri. 9:00am

There will be no 7:00pm Mass on the following weekends: New Year's, Super Bowl Sunday, Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

*May The God Of Life Who Broke The Bonds Of Death And Raised
Jesus From The Tomb Be With You And Your Loved Ones!*

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00pm—3:30pm or by
Appointment

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 arrange-
ments as soon as the engagement
is announced. (Preferably at least
6 months in advance)

Anointing of the Sick

If you are hospital bound, home-
bound or seriously ill and desire to
be anointed, contact the Parish
Office. Eucharist can be brought to
any parishioner by a Eucharistic
Minister.

FATHER DON KELLY is now happily residing in Room 522 at The Teresian House, locat-
ed at 200 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, NY 12203-5394. He called recently to
ask me to express his appreciation for all the support you have given him through your
notes, etc. Keep it up!

RISE BOWLS If you used a rice bowl during Lent, please bring it back as soon as possi-
ble and deposit it in the Rice Bowl stand in the back of church. Thanks to all who helped
to feed the hungry of the world.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS/GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY The fourth
Sunday of Easter is always Good Shepherd Sunday with a gospel reading about Jesus,
the Good Shepherd. This year we are going to do something a little different in that Sis-
ter Fran Gilchrist, CSJ, a native of Watervliet, and some other religious from Watervliet
are going to make a presentation on Religious Life. We are in the midst of "The Year of
Religious Life" so this will be most appropriate. In addition, on this Sunday we will be
encouraging participation in the Bishop' Appeal, which will be the following Sunday.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL We just received our assessment for the Bishop's Appeal
and it is \$56,785.00, an increase of \$1,113.00 from last year. That is a 2% increase,
which was diocesan wide. We will probably receive a refund from last year, since we
exceeded our goal. I'll let you know when that comes in. Thanks for your support of this
Appeal in previous years, and I know you will continue to be generous this year.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

City Gardens - Approximately a dozen people have signed up so far. If you have a
green thumb and would like to grow your own vegetables, please contact the parish of-
fice. For those of us who do not have a green thumb, Cooperative Gardens is willing to
do a training session. There is still plenty of plots left. Sign up now—Planting season will
be here soon.

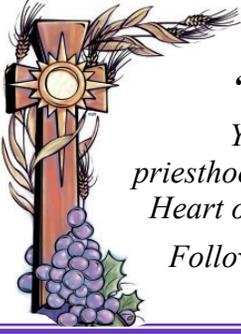
Human Trafficking—There is a conference in Washington, D.C. in July. We hope to
send representatives from the parish. Information on this in future bulletins.

Parish Nursing—Several Registered Nurses from the parish have expressed an
interest in this program. We are working diligently to get this program off the ground and
running. Next meeting May 8th at 11:00 a.m.

LITTLE WHITE BOOKS AND THE WORD AMONG US There are a number of both still
available...if you do not have one or if you know someone who could benefit from either,
please take them. If they are not used they will eventually be "tossed".

FREE BOOKS (Used but good!) There comes a time in life to begin "dispensing", and I
have come to that time, so I am going to disperse a good portion of my library that I have
been "lugging around" for nearly 40 years. Those books of a **spiritual reading nature** I
am going to place on one of the back tables in the church and they are yours for the tak-
ing. **PLEASE**, if you decide to take one don't just let it collect dust! Read it and pass it
along. Enjoy and may it benefit you on your spiritual journey!

Fr Ed



Retirement and 40th Ordination Anniversary

“Serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.” (deut. 10:12)

You are invited to share in the retirement and celebration of 40 years of Ordination to the priesthood of Fr Ed Deimeke at the 11:00 AM Mass on May 31, 2015 in the Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Following the Celebration of the Mass, a reception will be held in Michael’s Banquet House, 1019 New Loudon Road, Latham, NY from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—This Wednesday, we’ll take a look at Mary and the Saints, lay ministries, devotions and Paraliturgies...para what??? Through a thorough discussion, we’ll discover just what the Catholic Church really does teach about all these things. Questions about the RCIA?? Contact Fr. Ed Deimeke at 273-6020.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: The Acts of the Apostles—This week, we will begin Chapter 17 in the Acts of the Apostles. Paul begins his second missionary journey, reconnects with the Christian communities already established and sets out for Philippi and Macedonia – encountering success and conflicts along the way.

You are invited to join us, between 6 to 8PM, at the Faith Formation and Ministry Center (2425-7th Avenue). For questions or for more information, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

SPRING ENRICHMENT: Not Just for Faith Formation!!—Every year in May, the Albany Diocese offers courses designed to provide everyone with the opportunity to discover more about their faith or to deepen the skills and understanding of individuals serving their parishes. Courses are offered in faith formation, pastoral care, bereavement, adult faith formation and leadership training. This program is subsidized by the Diocesan Bishop’s Appeal.

With over 150 courses scheduled, take advantage of the opportunity to hear nationally known speakers, enlightening and challenging workshops, and dynamic prayer and worship. The sessions are offered during the week of May 11 to 14 and are only \$12 each (if registrations are sent in by April 24). Check out the diocesan website at www.rcda.org to register and for more information.

“SEE YOU SOON SUNDAY” and a “THANK YOU” COFFEE HOUR—Our parishioners at IHM support and appreciate our young people and families like no other place I’ve ever been. Whether it’s a Coffee Hour, Bake Sale, Pasta Dinner, Fall Kick-off, Special project or singing at Mass, the parishioners at IHM are there for our children 110%.

In recognition of this extraordinary support, our Faith Formation families will host a “Thank You” coffee hour after the 11am Mass. All the parish is invited....hope to see you there!!

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS—Next meeting will be held on May 6th at 2425 7th Ave (FF/MC) at 6:00pm.

FAITH FORMATION—For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Faith Formation Sessions Schedule for April

April 26: Young people in the AM and PM sessions will meet at 9:45AM in the Faith Formation and Ministry Center for a special program and attend the 11am Mass together.

First Eucharist: May 3; 11AM, Mass.

Confirmation: May 5, 6:30PM, Our Lady of Victory, Troy

Children’s Liturgy of the Word: See You in September!!

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will go on hiatus for the summer months. We will reconvene in September.

We Said We’d See You Soon...Here’s What’s Coming Up in May

Over the next few months, we’ll see you for special celebrations, as well as at Mass: As important as Sacraments are, we are not just a “Sacramental Church”. Faith Formation begins the journey with Jesus at our Baptism and continues throughout our lives. Attendance at sessions doesn’t end with the reception of a Sacrament; it takes a lifetime to develop a relationship with the God who loves us.

Sunday, May 17: May Crowning, 11am Mass. First communicants will crown the Blessed Mother

Monday, May 25: Memorial Day Parade; 10am at Watervliet High School to march with IHM

Sunday, May 24, Pentecost, 10am in the Faith Formation Center; crafts, activities, and snacks

Sunday, May 31, Retirement and Celebration of Fr. Ed’s 40th Anniversary of Ordination, 11am Mass, followed by a reception at Michael’s Restaurant. Details to follow.

Memorials for 2015

 <p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">10/18/15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Genevieve M Dyer requested by her beloved husband Bill, Children & Grandchildren</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">8/30/15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/5/15</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">10/18/15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Dr. Richard P Crinigan, Jr requested by his wife, Patricia and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">8/16/15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/5/15</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John g Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">9/27/15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of William T Fahr, Sr & Julia F Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">8/2/15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/26/15</p>

PLEASE NOTE:

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, MAY 1ST.
REGULAR SCHEDULE WILL COMMENCE ON MONDAY,
MAY 4TH AT 8:30 AM.**

MARY'S KITCHEN: 3:30PM to 5:30PM—We're looking forward to the warmer weather – and *no rain Mondays* – so that we can take out our picnic tables again for our guests. They really seem to enjoy having their meals picnic style!! Meanwhile, we'll continue our take-out mode of operation.

Mary's Kitchen is open to everyone in our parish and in the community. All are welcome and are encouraged to share in the meals we offer each week. Questions about Mary's Kitchen? Please contact Sharon at 328-0427 for more information.

Dear Parishioners,

Recently we've received many phone calls regarding either late delivery, and in some cases non-delivery of the offering envelope packets. Please be aware that we are working with our offering envelope company as well as the Post Office to resolve this issue as soon as possible. In your next envelope packet you will find a detailed letter explaining the situation in further detail and how it's being handled.

I can assure you that this issue is not a result of something we are doing, or not doing, here at the Parish Office. If you find your envelopes have not arrived on time, please call the parish office to let us know.

If you ever find yourself without an envelope, all you need to do is write your first and last name on a regular white envelope and drop it in the collection basket. You will receive proper credit.

Your contributions are crucial in helping to support our Church ministries.

*Thank you,
Fr Ed*

Mass Intentions for Apr 27–May 3

- Mon., Apr 27**
9:00am—Thomas Halpin & Dgtr Marge Tes-to, req by family
- Tues., Apr 28**
5:30pm—Mary Louise DeCotis
- Wed., Apr 29**
12:00pm—Johnson & Malasky families
- Fri., May 1**
9:00am—MaryAnne Bagnardi, req by son, Joseph
- Sat., May 2**
4:00pm—Jerry Valenti, req by Brenda Persons
Raymond Hart, req by Marie Connelly
Joseph V Germano, req by Fahr family
- Sun., May 3**
8:30am—Norman Persons, req by Brenda Persons
Pat Sibincich, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
11:00am—Helen Cody, req by cousins, Mary & Helen
William LoFink, Jr, req by Marion & Stan Scesny
Joseph Germano, req by Wtvlr Seniors Mah Jongg Group
7:00pm—Living & Deceased mem of IHM



ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
Weekly Collection (including Mail-in)
Apr 19-20, 2014 was Easter Weekend
Apr 18-19, 2015.....\$6814.00