

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

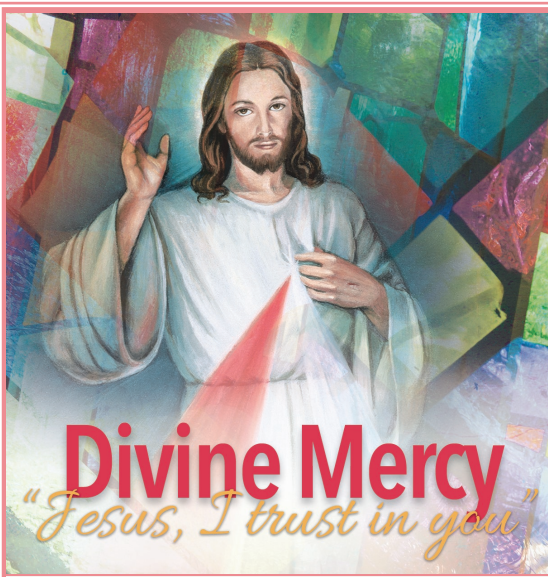
Watervliet/Green Island NY

April 28, 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



2nd Sunday of Easter

PASTORAL STAFF

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

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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

He has you in mind. Do we think about that much? The God of the universe has us in mind, individually as persons and together as one human family. We hear this truth in today's Gospel story of Thomas. His doubt is likely familiar to us by now. "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Jesus is God. He could have risen any way he wanted. He could have risen perfectly healed, as a further sign of his power over death and suffering. But when Thomas encounters him, we see what Jesus chose. "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." In resurrecting his body, Jesus already has Thomas in mind. Jesus retains his wounds for Thomas, for the disciples, and for all who would doubt the sacrificial power of love. This intentional love of Jesus is echoed by John and his disciples, who authored this Gospel. "Jesus did many other signs...these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ...and that through this belief you may have life in his name."

From its earliest beginnings, the Church knew the power of sign and story. When they wrote the Gospels, they had us in mind. We are all Thomas from time to time. We need to see the mercy of God lived and real in our lives. This can happen throughout the circumstances of our daily comings and goings. It can also happen through meditating on the Scripture, through placing ourselves in the stories and listening to God's voice speaking. We don't get to see what the disciples got to see, but we know, through them, that God always has us in mind. As he reminds the disciples, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."



RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older

Children — Need to receive sacraments —Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation; for yourself, an older teen or young adult? 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.

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)??? Need more information??

Contact Sharon at 518 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm —Please note: Mary's Kitchen will be open at the regular time, 3 to 5pm, on Monday, 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.

Scripture Sharing— “Revelations” Revealed—All are welcome to join us at 2pm Thursday, May 2 in the Parish Life Center. We will begin with a new Scripture study on the book of Revelation. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org



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

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.

FAITH FORMATION - FOR ALL AGES:

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry 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 28th. 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**.

May Crowning, May 5, 10:30am; Please note time change

Our children who will be making their First Eucharist will be crowning the Blessed Mother at 10:30am on Sunday, May 5 before the 11am Mass.

Confirmation, May 12: 2pm at the Cathedral

Our young people will be confirmed at the Cathedral this year on Mother's Day, May 12. Rehearsal will be at 6:30pm on Wednesday, May 8 at the Cathedral in Albany

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Following the opening prayer at the 11am Mass, Father will invite all children from **PreK 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 28: See You Soon Sunday, Family Mass

May 5: May Crowning: 10:30am

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

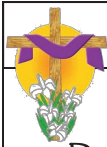


2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER


BELIEVE

Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:27

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



In Memoriam ~ 2019

In loving memory of Albert F Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan 1/5/20	In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children 11/10/19	In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/20/19
In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family 10/13/19	In memory of Justin Berthiaume requested by the Vertone Family 9/8/19	In loving memory of Veronica Gardner req by the Vertone Family 8/25/19
In loving memory of Joseph Bagarose req by the Vertone Family 8/25/19	In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family 8/4/19	In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 7/7/19
In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 7/7/19	In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 7/7/19	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family 5/12/19
<p>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.</p> 		
<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family 4/28/19</p>		

Social Justice: *Caring for the Environment*

Reading-Acts 5:12: "Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles."

Pope Francis-Laudato Si: "The respect owed by faith to reason calls for close attention to what the biological sciences...can teach us"

Catholic Social Teaching: "Catholic social teaching is based on and inseparable from our understanding of human life and human dignity."



JOHN WASSMUTH, PIANIST

Performing A Benefit Concert

In honor of the

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 3:00pm

The sisters of St. Joseph Provincial House Chapel

385 Watervliet-Shaker Road

Latham, NY 12110

Meet the Artist at a reception to follow concert

A Free Will Offering at the Door will be Appreciated

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Weekly Collection (incl mail-in/E.G.)

Apr 7-8, 2018..... \$6100.00

Apr 6-7, 2019.....\$8983.00

Palm Sunday weekend

Mar 24-25, 2018.....\$6853.00

Apr 13-14, 2019.....\$6931.00

WHEN DOING YOUR ESTATE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Mon., Apr 29

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Apr 30

9:00am—Beatrice & Philip Zarlengo, Estate

Wed., May 1

9:00am—MaryAnne Bagnardi, req by son, Joe

Thurs., May 2

9:00am—William Lofink, Jr req by Aunt Marion & Uncle Stan

Fri., May 3

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., May 4

4:00pm—Jerry Valente
Michael & Frances, req by Karl & Joan
Patricia Crinigan, req by the Testo family

Sun., May 5

8:30am—Kevin Daly, req by Lorraine Alund
George McNeff, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
Paula Persons, req by Brenda Persons

11:00am—Mary & Elmer Long, req by family
Carol Vogel, req by Norma Keating

Dale Noble, req by MaryAnn & George Forslin