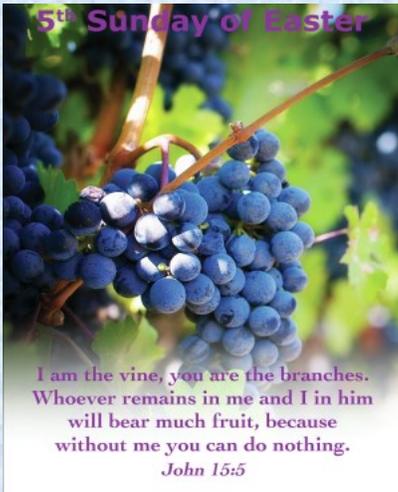


5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me and I in him  
will bear much fruit, because  
without me you can do nothing.  
John 15:5

**HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE**

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:00 pm—3:30 pm 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 arrangements  
as soon as the engagement is an-  
nounced. (Preferably at least 6  
months in advance)

**Anointing of the Sick**

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

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet/Green Island NY

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 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!*

**NEXT SUNDAY-MOTHER'S DAY—THERE WILL NOT BE A 7:00 PM MASS.**

**FATHER DON KELLY** is now happily residing in Room 522 at The Teresian House, located 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!

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA** Recently I was approached by a new BSA director who was wondering if there is any interest in trying to revive some troops in Watervliet/Green Island. I am going to approach the Watervliet/Green Island Clergy Association about this but in addition I am wondering if there is any interest with IHM. They are looking for interested youth (both boys and girls at all levels of scouting), as well as adult volunteers. If there is any interest please call me (273-6020) or Jake Horner at 869-6436, x 33.

**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 also received a refund of \$1850.00 from last year since we exceeded our goal. Thanks for your support of this Appeal in previous years, and I know you will continue to be generous this year. Recall the Theme: **WE ARE ALL CHURCH**

**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 taking. **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*

**HANNAFORD GIFT CARDS ARE AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL THE MASSES IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

**ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS**—Next meeting will be held on May 6th at 2415 7th Ave (FF/MC) at 6:00pm.

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. Thank you

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

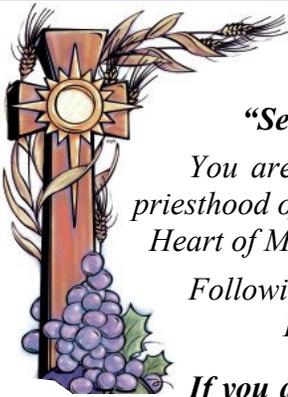
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**"SEE YOU SOON" Sunday: Family Mass & "THANK YOU" Coffee Hour** April 26<sup>th</sup> was a fabulous morning!! Our young people celebrated "See You Soon Sunday" with t-shirts, games, relays and just plain fun during our AM session. Our Faith Formation families outdid themselves with goodies for the "Thank You" coffee hour after the 11AM Mass— we filled THREE tables, instead of the usual two with all kinds of treats that expressed our appreciation for the parish who supports us so well.

And – our young people expressed their thankfulness to God at the end of Mass with a fantastic a capella rendition of "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High". Thanks especially to all our fabulous catechists who work so hard during the year to share their faith with these wonderful young people...it truly takes an entire parish to bring Jesus into the lives of those growing in the faith.

**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](http://www.rcda.org) to register and for more information.



## 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.*

***If you are attending this function, please sign your name on the guest sheets that will be on the tables at the back of the church. This will be an aid to caterer for ample food.***

**RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**—Last week, our session on Holy Orders went into overtime. 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.

### **FAITH FORMATION—For All Ages**

**Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)**

#### **First Eucharist: May 3rd**

Nicholas Iannacone, Sophie Mulheren, Hailey Domey and Caleb Konteh will receive our Lord for the very first time on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 11AM Mass. May God bless them and their families with abundant joy as they begin this new phase in their lifelong journey of discovery of the Lord in their lives.

#### **Confirmation: May 5th**

Grace Bryce, Emily Carabis, Ryan Nolan and Catherine Viola will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of Victory in Troy at 7pm on May 5. May the Holy Spirit strengthen them in their lifetime journey of faith. Our prayers and best wishes are with them and their families. Candidates, sponsors and parents should be there no later than 6:30pm.

#### **Faith Formation Sessions & CLOW: See You in September!!**

***Faith Formation sessions and Children's Liturgy of the Word will be on hiatus until 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, Celebration of Fr. Ed's Retirement and 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination**, 11am Mass, followed by a reception at Michael's Restaurant. Details are in the bulletin.

## Memorials for 2015

 <p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family &amp; Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks &amp; Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">10/25/15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Adam &amp; Katherine Novak John g Novak &amp; 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 &amp; Julia F Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">9/2/15</p>
<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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/5/15</p>

**“SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED BABY”**—Seven/Eight Month Developing Baby. You're in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. He is completely formed, and has been since 8 weeks. All he is doing now is gaining weight and making his mother uncomfortable with his size. But she's not worried now. In a short time, her baby will be born. She has planned to bring him home or to place him for adoption. Either way, she knows she can receive the assistance she needs from the Catholic church and from the crisis pregnancy centers.

Your baby's mother appreciates the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It hasn't been easy, but your prayers have given her grace to seek the help she needs.

**ANNUAL BABY SHOWER**—We will have our annual baby Shower during the month of May. We will bring baby items for those little ones who are very needy. In so doing, we will symbolically clothe our "adopted" babies.

Bring gifts UNWRAPPED and place them in the little crib. Needed are disposable diapers, size newborn to 24 months; onesies, blankets, outfits, bottles, stretch pajamas, etc. If you donate cash, place it in an envelope and put it into the collection basket. **Checks should be made out to:**

COMMUNITY MATERNITY SERVICES.

**MARY'S KITCHEN: 3:30pm—5:30pm**—*Mary's Kitchen will be closed on May 11, because of Spring Enrichment and May 25<sup>th</sup>, because of Memorial Day. We will be open at the regular times on May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>.*

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.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY: *The Acts of the Apostles***—*Please note: Because of Spring Enrichment, there will be no Scripture session on May 14<sup>th</sup>.*

This week, we will continue with a DVD on 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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

### Mass Intentions for May 4—10

**Mon., May 4**

9:00am—Gene Monaghan, req by M/M Charles Adams

**Tues., May 5**

5:30pm—Mary Louise DeCotis

**Wed., May 6**

12:00pm—Johnson & Malasky families

**Fri., May 8**

9:00am—Farrell & Synan families

**Sat., May 9**

4:00pm—Milos Family, req by Joan & Karl

Jerry P Valenti, req by wife & family

Joseph Germano, req by Eileen & Jim Germaine

**Sun., May 10**

8:30am—

11:00am—

} *For All Mothers  
Living & Deceased*

**NO 7:00 PM MASS**

**MOTHER'S DAY ENVELOPES**—This is the last weekend to submit the names for the 'Mother's Day Remembrance' card. The deadline for the listing of names will be Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Ample time is needed to prepare the flyer. Those who have submitted names will find the pamphlet listing on one of the tables in the back of the church for Mother's Day.

**IHM PRAYER TREE MINISTRY**—If you know of a friend, or a loved one in need of prayers, contact Brenda Persons at 271-6184.

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**  
**Weekly Collection (including Mail-in)**

Apr 26-27, 2014.....\$7780.00

**Apr 25-26, 2015.....\$7644.00**