



Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

May 5, 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
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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

"Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.'" Peter is a favorite apostle for many people. I wonder if it is because of his flawed, relatable humanity. Today's Gospel takes place after Jesus appears to the disciples and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. And yet, Peter finds himself returning to his old way of life, to comfortable habits he formed long before following Jesus. Is something still lingering in him? Is something still lingering in us? Lent is over, and we should be rejoicing! But do you feel like you're still holding onto something? Or perhaps you had an excellent Lent. You encountered Jesus in a new way and grew in faith. But as the weeks since Easter have slipped by, some of your newfound devotion has begun to waver. The closeness you felt in your Lenten commitments has given way to humdrum status quo or turn-of-the-season busyness.

"Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter has endured so much in his walk of discipleship! But something is still weighing on him. In today's Gospel, Jesus confirms Peter's devotion three times, a redemption of his earlier threefold denial. The call of the Lord must come again, as if heard anew for the first time. So often, this is the pattern of the Christian life. We discover God and experience a new desire for our faith, but in time, our enthusiasm begins to wane. Perhaps something happens that startles us, or we startle ourselves by a poor decision. Then we discover God anew! Our joy returns...for a while. Even the Apostles were no strangers to the cyclical nature of spiritual growth. Our disappointments or frustrations should not be cause for giving up. Like Peter, we too can recommit and start anew. This Sunday and every day of our lives, Jesus is waiting to say again, "Follow me."



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 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

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.

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

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm —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 Thursdays in the Parish Life Center. We have begun a new Scripture study (published by Ascension Press) on the book of Revelation. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Rosary Society News—Monthly Meeting of the Rosary Society will take place on May 8 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

May Crowning: will be held on Sunday, May 5th at 10:45 am. Rosary members and those wishing to participate will gather in the Parking Lot and process to 25th Street where the crowning will take place.

Baby Shower : The annual baby shower held by the Rosary Society will take place during the month of May. A playpen will be set up in the back of the Church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Hearing Assistance Available— We now have hearing assist earphones that are available for use during Mass time. The hearing aid is linked to the same frequency as our sound system and will only work within the church. If you have difficulty hearing, please feel free to use one of them during Mass and then return it to the same stand where you picked it up. Thank you.



FAITH FORMATION - FOR ALL AGES:

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

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Faith Formation

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. Questions about our Faith Formation program? Please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

May Crowning, May 5, 10:30am

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.

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

Alexander Behrens, Avery Donohue, Ryan Ford, Reilly Luke, Gianna Nieves, and Thomas Skumurski will receive our Lord for the very first time on Sunday, May 5th at the 11AM Mass. May God bless them and their families with abundant joy as they begin this new phase in the lives of their lifelong journey of discovery of the Lord.

There will be seats reserved for them and their families at the front of the church. Parents, please make sure they are in the church **no later than 10:30am**.

Confirmation, May 12: 2pm at the Cathedral

Justin Adams, Luke Burns, Michael Ford, and Joseph Mazzola 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.

Many Thanks to All FF Volunteers: We Couldn't Do It Without YOU

We are so blessed at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish....we have such a dedicated group of volunteers sharing their faith with our children. **TWENTY-EIGHT** Sundays every year, they are here at 9:30am and/or 12noon, prepared and ready to present the teachings of the Catholic faith so vital to our children and their families. This, of course, does not include the numerous hours spent at courses or workshops to increase **their** understanding and knowledge of the Catholic faith.

May God reward them abundantly for all they do for us. **THANK YOU:** Marge Testo, Kelly Place, Mary Carabis, Mary Pontari, Mark Gleason, Keith Slupski, Bob Passonno, Linda Dunbar, Pat Brannigan, Amie Drzeweicki and Kelly Keefer. **THANKS** also to all our AM gatekeepers and to all the parents who have volunteered this year to help with events and special projects.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Please note: Beginning May 5, CLOW will be on hiatus until September.

Here's What's Coming Up in May

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



In Memoriam ~ 2019		
 <p>In loving memory of Albert F Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan</p> <p>1/5/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children</p> <p>11/10/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/20/19</p>
<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>10/13/19</p>	<p>In memory of Justin Berthiaume requested by the Vertone Family</p> <p>9/8/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of Veronica Gardner req by the Vertone Family</p> <p>8/25/19</p>
<p>In loving memory of Joseph Bagarose req by the Vertone Family</p> <p>8/25/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>8/4/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>7/7/19</p>
<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>7/7/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>7/7/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>5/12/19</p>
<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p>4/28/19</p>		

3rd Annual Immaculate Heart of Mary Family Bazaar!! ... May 17th & 18th

A parade kicks it off at 6:00pm on Friday, May 17th.
Come join the entire community for some good old-fashioned

Fun, Entertainment, Food,

Magic Games Face Painters

Caricature Sketches

Pony Rides Petting Zoo

and a Silent Auction!



Social Justice: *Caring for the Environment*

Reading-Acts 5:28: "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name."

Pope Francis-Laudato Si: "In 1971...Pope Paul VI referred... "Due to ill-considered exploitation of nature, humanity runs the risk of destroying it and becoming in turn a victim of this degradation."

Catholic Social Teaching: "Protecting the land, water, and air we share is a religious duty of stewardship and reflects our responsibility to born and unborn children."

Spiritual Adoption/7-8 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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Mon., May 6

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., May 7

9:00am—Thomas Falzo, req by the family

Wed., May 8

9:00am—Jeffery Phaneuf, req by Lilia Langford

Thurs., May 9

9:00am—Johnson & Malasky families

Fri., May 10

9:00am—NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., May 11

4:00pm—Margaret Stebbins, req by the family
Edward/Anita Dillon, req by Dorothy Mitchell & family
George McNeff, req by Peggy Germano

Sun., May 12

8:30am
and
11:00am

For All Mothers
Living & Deceased

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE Good Friday/Holy Land

Mar 30, 2018.....\$580.00

Apr 19, 2019.....\$634.00

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

Apr 1, 2018.....\$13,753.00

Apr 21, 2019....\$10,263.00