

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

May 6, 2018

Celebration of the Eucharist

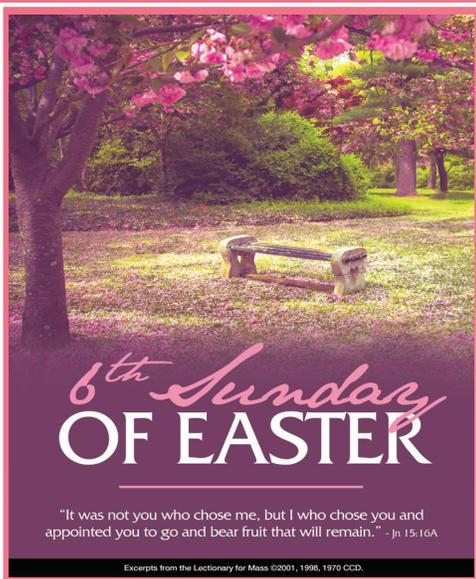
Saturday Vigil—4:00PM, Sunday—8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Weekday Schedules

Communion Service: Monday & Friday, 9:00 AM

Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00 AM

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE



PASTORAL STAFF

Fr Don Rutherford, Sacramental Minister
Deacon Al Manzella, Parish Life Director
Deacon Mark Leonard

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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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Deacon Al's Corner ~

Congratulations - Congratulations to our newest family member Brock Edward Hall who received baptism today, the first Sacrament of Initiation; and to his parents Tabatha and Steven.

From the Gospel According to John – “God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.” Remaining in the love that Jesus had for all people, compassionate, self-giving, unconditional love is our goal and our challenge. May we always strive to remain in that love!

Congratulations – Thirteen children from our Parish family have received First Communion, the Eucharist, which is the second Sacrament of Initiation. Congratulations to the children and to their parents. We look forward to them continuing in our Faith Formation Program until they receive their third and final Sacrament of Initiation, Confirmation. May God bless our children and their families today and always with gifts of faith, hope and love.

Feast of the Ascension – Thursday, May 10 is the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. There will be a vigil Mass Wednesday evening at 5:30pm and a 9:00am Mass on Thursday.

Bishop's Appeal – Please complete and return your pledge card. Keep in mind that if our parish falls short of its goal we must make up the deficit out of parish funds. In addition to supporting all the good works the Bishop Appeal funds, it is important for all parishioners to make a gift to help the parish meet or even surpass its goal. The parish may keep 50% of funds in excess of the goal. As always I thank you for your generous support.

Vocations Ministry—Scripture verses provide us with passages that allow us to pause from our busy worldly lives and reflect on the individual vocations to which God calls each of us. During our thoughtful discernment, God speaks to us of the important ways that we can use the talents and gifts that He has given us to serve others.



However, this week's Gospel reading from John 15:9-17 leads us from our personal vocations to the overall Christian vocation of love through Jesus! In this passage, Jesus says: “It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you... This I command you: love one another.” These are our collective instructions. Whether God calls us to individual Christian vocations of loving marriage, generous single life, or to the priesthood, diocese or religious life, it is our love for one another through these vocations that will let others know that we are truly God's children.

Please pray for increased vocations to the priesthood 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, and drop it in the collection basket.

Faith Formation - For All Ages

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

Special seating at Mass for First Eucharist class: May 6, 2018

On May 6, 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**.

First Eucharist: May 6, 11am

Anthony Faresta, Kendall Hoefler, Andrew Iannacone, Edward Irvine, Ella and Lanie LaBoissiere, Kendalyn Maloney, Finn Manning, Laeney Miller, Mackenzie Strock, William VanPatten, Vincent Vitello and Vera-Jeanne Ornauer will receive our Lord for the very first time on Sunday, May 6th 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.

See You Soon" Sunday: Family Mass & "Thank You" Coffee Hour

Many thanks to all who helped with the "See You Soon Sunday" activities before Mass, and who prepared and served the "Thank You" reception after the 11am Mass on April 29. It was a wonderful morning and we'll see you **very soon** at the Masses on Sunday and special events we have planned in the upcoming weeks.

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 12 noon, 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 Spring Enrichment, the Autumn Gathering and other 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, Barb Nash, Keith Slupski, Bob Passonno, Linda Dunbar, Pat Brannigan, Amie and Lauren Drzeweicki. **THANKS** also to all our AM gatekeepers and to all the parents who have volunteered this year to help with events and special projects.

Faith Formation

Please call the Faith Formation office at 328-0427 or contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org for information or questions about our Faith Formation Program.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Please note: Beginning May 6, CLOW will be on hiatus until September.

Here's What's Coming Up in May

May 6: First Eucharist at 11am Mass

May 8: Holy Hour, 6-7pm

May 10: Ascension Thursday

May 13: May Crowning at 11am Mass

May 14: Mary's Kitchen, Bob Beston & friends

May 18-19: Bazaar

May 20: Pentecost

May 20: Rosary breakfast, after 11am Mass. Tickets must be purchased before the 20th

May 21: Holy Hour, 9:30 to 10:30

May 28: Memorial Day, Communion service & parade

Mary's Kitchen: 3pm to 5pm—On May 14, Bob Beston and Friends will be preparing a meal at Mary's Kitchen. All are invited – members of the parish, the soup kitchen and the food pantry!! A specially prepared meal will be served during our regular hours – 3 to 5pm – followed by evening prayer in the church.

All members of the community are invited – both parishioners and non-parishioners alike - 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.

Rosary - The Rosary Meeting will be held May 9th at 6:00 pm in the Parish Life Center.

May 20 Pentecost—Breakfast Join us for breakfast on May 20th in the Parish Life Center.

Tickets will be on sale after the Masses on **May**

5-6 and May 12-13 weekends. Tickets are \$10.00. **Tickets will not be available at the door.**



Scripture Sharing: Thursdays 3 to 4pm. This Thursday, May 10, we will begin Session 4 with questions and a discussion on *The Mystery Revealed*. All are welcome. Hope you will join us!! For more information, please contact Sharon at 518 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Spiritual Adoption: 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.



IHM Prayer Ministry—if you would like the prayer team to pray for you or a loved one, please contact Brenda Persons at 518 271-6184 .

<h2>In Memoriam - 2018</h2>		
 <p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>12/23/18</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>10/21/18</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>10/21/18</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>10/14/18</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John G Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>10/7/18</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>7/29/18</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>7/8/18</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>7/8/18</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Francis X Lacosse, Sr requested by wife Lucille, Toni & Frank, Jr</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>5/27/18</small></p>

Social Justice: *Caring for the Environment*

1 John 4:7— “Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.”
Pope Francis, Laudato Si—“Caring for ecosystems demands farsightedness, since no one looking for quick and easy profit is truly interested in their preservation.”

RCIA & Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children—Need to receive sacraments –Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation; for yourself, an older teen or young adult? **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)???**

What about you? 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. Want more information?? Contact Sharon at 518 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

Readings for the Week of May 6, 2018

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26--16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 /Mk 16:15-20

Rosary Society-Annual Baby Shower

The annual Baby Shower, sponsored by the Rosary Society will be held during the whole month of May. Bring unwrapped baby items and place them in the crib in the back of the Church. These will support Community Maternity Services and Mary's Corner. We will symbolically be clothing our spiritual adopted babies. See poster in back of Church for more details.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., May 5
 4:00pm—William Burrill, req by Duffey family
 Jerry Valenti, req by wife & family
 Patricia Krikorian, req by Marie/Pat Razzano

Sun., May 6
 8:30am—Greg Knorr, req by Bob/Carol Carlson
 Margaret Rose Gonsowski, req by son/dgtr
 Domenica Krakat, req by Cori/Mark Spain
 11:00am—Living & deceased members of IHM
 Grace Healey Yund, req by Bob/Carol Carlson

Mon., May 7
 9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., May 8
 9:00am—Patricia Colbert, req by Bob/Carol Carlson

Wed., May 9-Vigil
 5:30pm—Patricia Colbert, req by Carol Gensicki

Thurs., May 10-The Ascension of Lord
 9:00am—Patricia Colbert, req by Bill Meher
 Theresa Cocca, req by Cindy & Gene

Fri., May 11
 9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., May 12
 4:00pm—J Donald O'Hare, req by the family
 Ray Robillard, req by Brannigan family
 Elizabeth Hanley, req by Cathy Hapiak & family

Sun., May 13
 8:30am—Patricia Colbert, req by Rosary Society
 Margaret Rose Gonsowski, req by dgtr & son
 Ann McCormick, req by Margaret/Fred Gonsowski
 11:00am—All Mother's living & deceased

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Due to early deadline, the Collection totals will be in next week's issue.

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.

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 HOME PHONE _____