

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

of Watervliet & Green Island, NY

## ALL WELCOME

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### Church

### And

### Parish Life Center

Handicapped accessible



**5<sup>th</sup>**  
**SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." - Jn 14:2

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**MAY 7, 2023**

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm - Sunday: 7:30 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Schedule

9:00 am Mass - Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Adoration on Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:00 am

**Faith Formation For All Ages - Sharon C. Kowalski,**  
**Coordinator of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry - [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)**

**Faith Formation: 2022-2023:**



First Eucharist and May Crowning will take place at the 11am Mass at IHM on May 7<sup>th</sup>

Welcome to the Table to our First Communicants:

Sofia Adamo  
Jaxson Strook  
Giavanna Valenti!!

Please contact Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

**Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm - ALL WELCOME!!**

Marilyn and Peter Barron were dedicated members of our "sandwich making team" for Mary's Kitchen. They will be sorely missed.

May God bless and reward them for their service, compassion, and kindness to the guests of Mary's Kitchen.

Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Mondays and sit down to enjoy a meal with friends or pick up a meal to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!!

Questions?? Please contact Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

**Scripture Sharing: The Chosen – Season Three**

We have finally received our DVD of Season Three of *The Chosen*. This week's episode is entitled "Physician, Heal Yourself.". As Jesus returns to his childhood home for the Jewish new year celebration, his friends and family are all excited about what they've heard is happening with Jesus....until He tells them the truth of who He is. "Who do YOU say that I am??"

Come join us. All are invited. We meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

*"I am the Way  
and the Truth and the Life..."*

**RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children** ~ If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) or are curious about the process, contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

**Rosary Society Geranium Sale**

Pre-order and Pre-pay  
Available to pick up on Saturday,  
May 20 from 10 - 12 noon  
in Parish Life Center



**ONE RED PLANT IN 4 INCH POT - \$6.00**

Order forms are on the back table of the church.

Place form and money in an envelope marked  
**ROSARY SOCIETY** and put in collection basket.

Envelopes will be available.

**Flea Market: Re-scheduled to September** ~ We are not *cancelling* the Flea Market, but have to *re-schedule* it to September 23. Please continue to collect your items and we will post the dates and times for drop off of items for the Flea Market as soon as we have them. Questions?? Please contact Linda Dunbar at 518-209-6446 or Sharon Kowalski at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

**Baby Shower ~ For the Month of May**

The Rosary Society will hold its annual baby shower from **May 1 through May 31**.

**Items most needed:** - Receiving blankets, baby socks, onesies, newborn to size 24 month clothing, crib sheets, teething rings, grooming kits, burping cloths, swaddlers, baby towels and formula.

Monetary donation checks should be made payable to IHM Rosary for equal distribution between Community Maternity Services and BirthRight. Please place donations in the box on the table at the back of the church.

**Questions of the Week—To Reflect and Respond**

**First Reading:**

We hear today of some of the practical problems (assisting widows) the early Christians faced with the growing Church in Jerusalem. They solved the problem with division of labor. Which of your co-workers or friends need your help this week to carry a burden?

**Second Reading:**


Peter contrasts those with faith who announce the praises of God to those without faith who disobey God's word. How do you react to family or friends who are without faith?

**Gospel:**

Jesus assured his disciples that "whoever believes in me will do the works that I do." How do you think you imitate Jesus?

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 <b>In Memoriam ~ 2023</b>		
In loving memory of <b>Albert P Morelli,</b> <b>Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan</b> requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>2/18/24</small>	In loving memory of our Families: <b>The Carlsons, The Mardigans,</b> <b>The Foleys &amp; The Butlers</b> requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/4/24</small>	In loving memory of <b>John A O'Brien</b> requested by the Family <small>10/29/23</small>
In memory of our beloved son <b>Michael D Kowalski</b> requested by <b>Michael and Sharon Kowalski</b> <small>9/17/23</small>	In loving memory of <b>William T Sr, Julia F</b> <b>and Robert A Fahr</b> requested by the Family <small>8/20/23</small>	In loving memory of <b>The Barron &amp; Rys Families</b> requested by the Family <small>7/16/23</small>
In loving memory of <b>Bryan T Roberts (son)</b> <b>Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents)</b> requested by Judith Pope <small>7/16/23</small>	In loving memory of <b>Adam &amp; Katherine Novak</b> <b>John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; Florence Szpot</b> requested by the Family <small>6/11/23</small>	In loving memory of <b>Joseph V Germano</b> requested by the Family <small>6/11/23</small>

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### Obligation: Mass or Communion?

**Question:** Are Catholics obligated to attend Mass each Sunday, or receive Communion each Sunday?

#### Answer:

The questions about Mass attendance and the reception of Holy Communion are clearly outlined in what are traditionally called the "Precepts" of the Church. These specific teachings are intended to stand alongside the Ten Commandments as fundamental practices for Catholics and are outlined in the Code of Canon Law. The obligations related to Mass attendance and receiving Communion are outlined in the first and third precepts, which we find quoted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (no. 2042):

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The third precept ("You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season") guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

Rather than seeing these as obligations that are simply to be fulfilled out of a sense of duty, Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us of the grace that is made available to us when we gather for Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist: "Sunday is the day which is at the very heart of the Christian life... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human" (Dies Domini, no. 7).

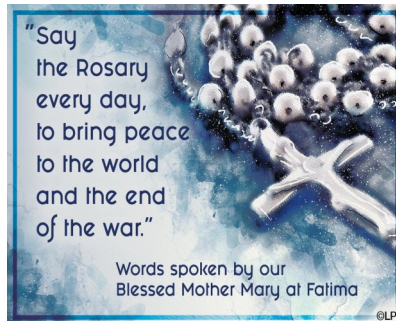
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### Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the week

To those who persist in faith, the truth is a living stone, strong enough to support the weight of real joy.

To those who despair of faith, it is a stumbling block. The truth will always be in their way.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat., May 6**

**4:00pm—Living & dec'd members of IHM**  
**Lois Conlen, req by Isabel Glogowski**  
**Matthew & Frances Milos, req by Karl/Joan**

**Sun., May 7**

**7:30am—Walter/Mary Muir (74 yrs Anniv),**  
**req by the family**  
**Leonard Dabkowski, req by Allen/Dorothy**  
**Styno**

**11:00am—Carole Maloney, req by husband**  
**Nancy Comley, req by Lorraine Alund**

**Tues., May 9**

**9:00am—Nancy Comley, req by Eleanor**  
**Hack**

**Wed., May 10**

**9:00am—Madeline Theresa Whaley, req**  
**by Dolores A Shaw**

**Thurs., May 11**

**9:00am—Frank & Vincenza DiNuzzo, Estate**

**Sat., May 13**

**4:00pm—Santa DelBrocco, req by dgtrs, Jo-**  
**Ann & Natalie**  
**Bianca Razzano, req by Bob & Sandy Beston**  
**Barbara Bouchard, req by family**

**Sun., May 14**

**7:30am—Living & dec'd members of IHM**  
**Marilyn & Pete Barron, req by Kathy**  
**Bisceglia**

**11:00am—Nancy Comley, req by Martha**  
**Fandl**

**Theresa Cocca, req by Gene & Cindy**  
**Kathleen Raleigh, req by Ann & Phil DiNuzzo**

**Prayer Ministry** - If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative, or friend contact **Brenda at 518-961-0169.**

**LEGNARD CURTIN AUXILIARY 927** would like your Price Chopper cash register tapes. There is a drop box in the entry lobby to the church. Any questions contact Brenda at 518 961-0169. Thank you.

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**  
**Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)**  
**April 22-23.....\$4296.00**