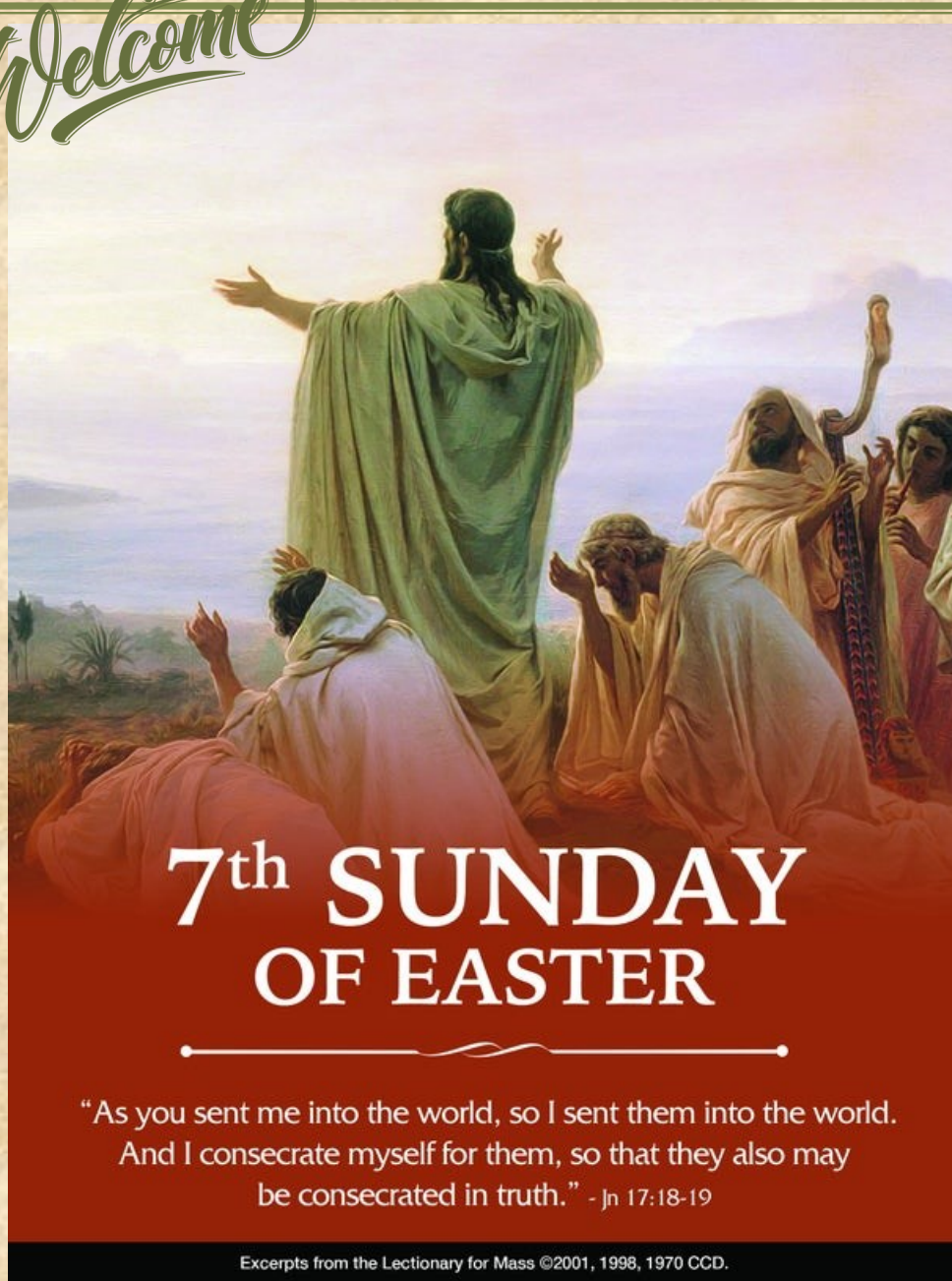


IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet, NY

Welcome



7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.
And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may
be consecrated in truth." - Jn 17:18-19

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MAY 16, 2021

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Weekday Schedule

9:00 AM Mass: Tuesday ~ Wednesday ~ Thursday

Adoration, Tuesdays ~ 9:30 to 11:00 AM





Father Rutherford will be celebrating 40 years of priesthood on May 23rd. His vocation has been a gift to many! Please join us for a small reception in the back of the Church after all the Masses on May 22nd and 23rd to congratulate Fr. Rutherford, and to wish him the very best.

Scripture Sharing: Jesus: the Way, the Truth and the Life ~

This series is produced by Ascension Press and presented by Jeff Cavins, Marcellino D'Ambrosio, and Edward Sri. This week's session is entitled "The True Israel". The Jews expected in the messianic age a renewed, united Israel, becoming the holy, priestly people God had called them to be. Jesus redefines holiness in terms of purity of heart and mercy. He demands of his disciples a lifestyle of unlimited forgiveness. This is so central to the rule of the new Israel, that Jesus puts it in the prayer taught to his disciples in the Sermon of the Mount – the Lord's Prayer.

For those interested, we meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm in the Parish Life Center. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

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.

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: *WE'RE BACK!!* - Mary's Kitchen is serving meals again!! For the present time, we can do TAKE OUT meals only. All are welcome. Why cook when we've done it for you?? Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Monday and pick up a meal all ready for you to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!!

Kathy M. continues to delight our guests with her sweet treats. Thanks also to Trudy Ellis for her delicious carrot cake and banana bread.

Email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

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

Faith Formation: 2020-2021; MAY SESSIONS: PLEASE NOTE

Miss Marge's and Mr. Gleason's classes will meet in the Faith Formation Center on **May 16**. *All students in gr.1 will meet with Miss Marge in the Faith Formation Center.*

Mrs. Carabis' and Mrs. Kowalski's class will meet in the Parish Life Center – with their parent(s) - on **May 16**. *Please note: ONLY those preparing to receive First Eucharist in June, will meet on May 16 in the Parish Life Center at 9:45am. At this session, we will hand out the banner kits and have a rehearsal for First Eucharist in June.*

Mr. Passonno's class will meet in the Parish Life Center on **May 23rd**.

Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions. See you at 9:45am on those Sundays!!

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): Currently on hiatus.

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration of the week

When Jesus was physically with his disciples, he guarded and protected them. One of his greatest desires was that they share his joy completely. God's love is the source of all things and their sustenance. As we conduct the normal routines of our lives it is easy to get caught up in the immediacies of this world and lose focus. We become very self and worldly dependent, forgetting that God wishes to guard and protect us. The joy the resurrected Christ can offer cannot be found in this world. It takes a bit of faith to realize that God's will is a constant in our lives and that God desires only the sustenance and goodness of both our bodies and our souls. We need to trust in God's constant and rejuvenating love. This radical resurrection trust allows us to experience the joy of God's presence in all of the good and the bad, positive and negative, life building and life destructive events that we encounter. God remains where love remains.

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Readings for the week of May 16, 2021

Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

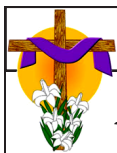
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Prayer Ministry ~ We believe as faith-filled people, prayer matters and offers hope. The Prayer Tree Ministry is made up of a group of people who pray for others. If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative, or friend contact Brenda Persons at 518-271-6184.



In Memoriam ~ 2021

<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/6/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan</p> <p>1/23/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/24/21</p>
<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>9/26/21</p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski</p> <p>9/19/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>9/5/21</p>
<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>8/22/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>7/18/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>7/18/21</p>
<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>7/11/21</p>		

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

There's No Place Like Home

Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness — those words aren't enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It's more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it's because we're not at home.

That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave.

But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - First Reading:

In the immediate aftermath of Jesus' ascension, and as a means for healing within the group, Peter and the apostles discerned Matthias as the replacement for Judas. What are some areas in your faith life that need healing in order to feel whole?

Second Reading:

John testifies that his community has "come to know and to believe in the love God has for us." Do you think your faith community shares a similar conviction of faith in the love of God?

Gospel:

We hear Jesus' prayer to his Father for the protection of the disciples, especially against "the evil one" in the world. Where do you personally experience evil in the world today?

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"The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1407). The weekly celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday evening or Sunday morning defines who we are as Catholics – in our parishes, in our households of faith, in our neighborhoods, and in our world.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., May 15

4:00pm—Santa Del Brocco, req by dgtrs,
JoAnn and Natalie
Charles Rutherford, req by Brenda Persons
Joseph Gilchrist, req by the family

Sun., May 16

8:30am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM
Frank Iannone, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
Charles Rutherford, req by Dan/Diane Devine

11:00am—Mary & Elmer Long, req by family
Theresa Cocca, req by Cindy & Gene Cocca
Carole Maloney & son Jeff, req by the family

Tues., May 18

9:00am—Jerry Beston, req by Ellen Hughes & family

Wed., May 19

9:00am—In memory of Sandra Simmons
Green (1947-2021) req by Judy Ostapovich
Maloney

Thurs., May 20

9:00am—John V Roberts, req by the family

Sat., May 22

4:00pm—Mary/Edward Ashline, req by dgtr
Charles Rutherford, req by Gary/Sandy
Domalewicz
Jerry Valenti, req by wife & family
Fr. Donald Rutherford (40th Anniv of Ordination), req by a grateful parish!

Sun., May 23

8:30am—Patricia Connors, req by Linda Dunbar
John B Ebenhoch, req by John/Marie Scully
Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM

11:00am—Thelma/John Paul, req by family
Frank Iannone, req by Pat Fitzgerald & family
Jonathan Kalinowski (1st Anniv), req by
Mr & Mrs Frank Debboli

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Weekly Collection (incl mail-in/E.G.)
May 1-2, 21—\$6632.00