

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

of Watervliet & Green Island, NY

## ALL WELCOME

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### Church

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### Parish Life Center

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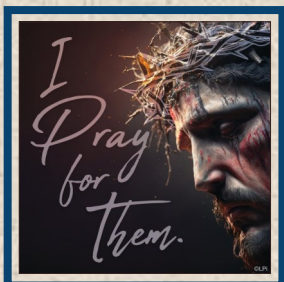


## 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." - Jn 17:1

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**MAY 21, 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



### Welcome to the Table of the Lord



Pictured left: Father Rutherford  
and our First Communicants:

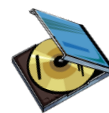
Sofia Adamo  
Jaxson Strock  
Giavanna Valenti



### May DVD: May 25, "August Rush"

On Thursday, May 25 at 1:30pm in the Parish Life Center, we will see a film called "August Rush". Have we ever made decisions for someone else thinking we know best?? Sometimes, the consequences are exactly the opposite of what we planned or hoped for. "August Rush" is a beautiful story, filled with beautiful music and an uplifting theme of hope triumphing over all odds.

Come join us. All are welcome. Contact Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) for more information.



### Scripture Sharing: The Chosen ~ Season Three - Please note: we will not meet for Scripture this week because of the May DVD. We will meet again on June 1.

Come join us. All are invited. We meet on most 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)

### 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).

### 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:

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!!

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.



**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 is holding 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 wooden box on the table at the back of the church.

### Gospel Meditation—

#### A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

#### 7th Sunday of Easter - May 21, 2023

Traditionally, the four writers of the Gospels are symbolized by four creatures that make their way into Church art and architecture: Matthew, an angel; Mark, a lion; Luke, an ox; and John, an eagle. These images can be found in churches across the world, a nod to those who recorded the stories of Jesus for us, thousands of years ago.


Today's Gospel was written by John. There are a few reasons why John is symbolized by an eagle, but my favorite explanation is that his writings soar like an eagle into the sky with their beautiful, poetic language. The prayer we hear today is no different — Jesus invokes God in a long discourse that might seem mystifying at times, the same way that a poem can be perplexing to understand when we are unfamiliar with the pacing or format.

Consider holding onto the shortest sentence in this prayer: "I pray for them."

Jesus prays for us. For me. For you.

Let that sink deep into your being. Jesus is on your side. He is aware of what you are holding at this moment. He is aware of your pain, your faith, your mission. And He's rooting for you. This prayer was recorded thousands of years ago, far before you were born. Since before you were born, you were held in prayer. With that certainty, we live. — Father John Muir

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

### Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the week

When the world sees us, do they see to whom we belong? In what ways are we most manifestly Christian? In prayer, in service, in sacrifice? Whatever it is, let us devote ourselves to it with one accord, so that Jesus Christ may be glorified in all that we do. ©LPi

### Readings for the week of May 21, 2023

Sunday: *Seventh Sunday of Easter*: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/  
Jn 17:1-11a

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday: *Morning*: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/  
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 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23



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

#### First Reading:

We hear how the eleven apostles and Jesus' family and friends gathered together in prayer "in one accord" in the immediate aftermath of Jesus' resurrection and ascension. How does your faith in Jesus bring you closer to others?

#### Second Reading:

Peter acknowledges that you may suffer insults and ridicule for being a Christian. Has this ever happened to you?

#### Gospel:

Jesus tells his disciples that "eternal life" belongs to those who know the one true God and Jesus Christ. Is the idea of "eternal life" impacting how you live your life here on earth?

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., May 20

4:00pm—Jerry Valenti, req by wife/ family  
Helen Connery, req by IHM Rosary Society  
Mary Ellen Legnard, req by Peggy Fisk

Sun., May 21

7:30am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM  
Maurice Clough, req by Mary/Barbara Crowley

11:00am—Nancy Comley, req by Bob/Sandy Beston

Kathleen Raleigh, req by Lorraine Bulson  
Marge Centanni, req by Lorraine Bulson

Tues., May 23

9:00am—lv'g & dec'd members of IHM

Wed., May 24

9:00am—Nora Spiak (Anniv), req by the family

Thurs., May 25

9:00am—lv'g & dec'd members of IHM

Sat., May 27

4:00pm—Lectors, Eucharistic ministers,  
Greeters, Ushers  
Michael Lazzaro, req by Brenda Persons  
Mary Ellen Legnard, req by Eleanor Hack

Sun., May 28

7:30am—Lectors, Eucharistic ministers,  
Greeters, Ushers  
Bryan T Roberts, req by his mother  
Maurice Clough, req by Ginny/Diane Jakubics

11:00am—Lectors, Eucharistic ministers,  
Greeters, Ushers

Marilyn & Peter Barron, req by Faith Formation

Marie Ruping, req by Ann Gingeresky

**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.

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**Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)**  
**May 6-7 '23.....\$4108.00**