



# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Watervliet-Green Island

## 8TH SUNDAY-ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 26, 2017

### Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil – 4:00PM

Sunday – 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Weekday Schedule

Communion Service: Monday and Friday at 9:00 AM

Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM

## All Are Welcome

### 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.

### Deacon Al's Corner

“All Are Welcome.” - The scarcity of young adults, young couples and youth in our parish is an often-cited concern. And I believe the reality is that many of them are not here because they are busy and off doing things as couples or as families, and also pursuing happiness and the pleasures of this life. They believe the Church has no relevance for them. They believe it has nothing to offer them.

What would you say to them? What does the Parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary have to offer? Why do you come each week and support the parish with your time, talent and treasure?

“What counts above all else is “faith working through love.” (Gal. 5:6) Jesus, who we believe in, came to teach us how to love one another. And He invites us to help establish a kingdom where “All Are Welcome.”

**Lent and the Best Lent Ever** – Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. I must admit that for many, maybe most. Lenten Seasons, I have given up chocolate, in fact I gave up all candy and desserts. Matthew Kelly, founder of the Dynamic Catholic, challenges us “not to give up chocolate for Lent, but to join him at: [www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com). You will receive daily e-mails with video reflections.



#### Lenten Insert

Please take the time to review the Bulletin insert, and place as many of the opportunities as possible on your calendar.

**VOCATIONS MINISTRY**—The Vocations Ministry would like to invite you to our Holy Hour for Vocations. It will take place Tuesday, March 21st at 7pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.



Why attend the Holy Hour? At a time when the church so desperately needs priests, deacons, religious, and lay ministers what better way to ask God for an increase in vocations than to get together as a parish and pray? It is our responsibility as parishioners and Catholics to pray for vocations and we would love to do it in as strong a voice as possible.

**RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults**—Do YOU have questions about the Catholic faith? Need to receive sacraments – either Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation, for yourself, an older teen or young adult?

Whatever your needs may be, we are here to help you make it happen. We are able to work around your schedule and your individual area of need. Want more information?? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

**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. Thank you**

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## Mardi Gras: February 28: Pancakes and Sausage?? —Lent

begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1, but *before we fast - we feast*. Don't miss the traditional Mardi Gras meal of pancakes and sausage, which will be served in the Faith Formation Center from 4 to 6PM.



Why pancakes and sausage? Mardi Gras literally means "Fat Tuesday" (in French) and is the day before Lent begins, Ash Wednesday. In times past, Lent was observed by a more rigorous method of fasting.

Mardi Gras was a last chance to clean out the pantry of those things which would be forbidden during the coming fast. Pancakes and sausage, which used up the remaining dairy, eggs, syrup, sugar, oil and meat, were and are, traditional foods for Mardi Gras. Mardi Gras, even today, serves as a reminder...a day to step back from our daily routines and focus on the great season of Lent...and what that means for each of us this year.



**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**

**MASS SCHEDULE:  
9:00 AM & 5:30 PM**

**Lenten Coins: This Year, "Lift High the Cross"** —This year's Lenten coins were purchased for the parish by Faith Formation as a show of gratitude for all the support given to our young people by the parish. On the coin, are the words to a familiar hymn, "Lift High the Cross, the Love of Christ Proclaim".

This hymn is used for different feasts and solemnities, such as the Exaltation of the Cross; Palm/Passion Sunday, Holy Week and the Easter season.

We remember our Lord's words, "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it." (Mt 10:38,39). May carrying this Lenten cross, in our pocket or on a key chain, help us to remember our Lord's great sacrifice and love as we journey with him in this season of Lent.

**Lenten Prayer Banner**—As Christians, we know the Cross to be a symbol of healing, sacrifice and great love. In the back of the church, there is a Lenten Prayer Banner. Crosses will be placed nearby in a basket. Please take a cross, write on it the name of a person or intention that you will be praying for this Lent and pin it to the banner.

**Stations of the Cross: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus**—Share a special gift with your families this Lent; take some time out of your busy lives to attend the

Stations as a family at **7PM on Fridays**. Sometimes to really understand the journey, you have to walk in the footsteps of Jesus on His way to the cross.

There are many ways to experience the Stations; many ways to express the same prayer: The schedule this year is: March 3: Traditional; March 10, Rosarians: St. John XXIII; March 17, Confirmation: Today's Disciples; March 24, FF/RClA, Everyone's Way of the Cross; March 31: Rosarians, Through the Eyes of Mary; April 7: Gr. 6-9. Deacon Al will also have stations in the afternoon on Good Friday.

**Tuesdays in Lent: Get Ready for Something Special**—Start with a simple supper and then Adoration or a video series by Bishop Robert Barron, "*Catholicism: the Pivotal Players*"; sounds like we could be ready to experience a special Lenten journey...

Please sign up to share a soup or a salad – sign up sheets are on the table in the back of the church. Hope to see you at 5:30pm, beginning Tuesday, March 7 for a special Lenten experience.

### **FAITH FORMATION—For All Ages**

**Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)**

#### **Lent Begins Wednesday, March 1, Ash Wednesday**

What will Lent mean to you, as a family, this year? Just another few weeks of cold winter weather...giving up chocolate or desserts...

OR, how about really taking a look at this liturgical season of **Purification and Enlightenment**? There is so much happening at Immaculate Heart of Mary this Lent. Every Tuesday in Lent there is a simple supper at 5:30pm, followed by Adoration or a DVD that makes being Catholic make sense. Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7pm...first the Traditional stations, the second Friday is presented by the Rosary Society, the third presented by our Confirmation candidates, sponsors and parents; Everyone's way of the Cross is next; the fifth week is again led by our Rosarians; finally, our grades 6-9 will present the Stations on April 7.

OR, how about making a real effort to get back into the practice of attending weekly Mass as a family? It seems so easy to scoop up the children after Faith Formation and go right out the door of the church...is whatever we're rushing out to as important as celebrating the next 40 minutes with the community in an experience of worship and thanksgiving for all God has done for us that week??

Think about it and try it for a few weeks...you just might find that it's a life-changer.

#### **Faith Formation Theme 2016-2017: Prayer and Works of Mercy**

**AM sessions for grades Pre-k to 7 are 9:45 to 10:55, with Mass at 11AM. PM sessions for grades 6 to 10+ are 12:15 to 1:15pm, following the 11am Mass.**

**Please call the Faith Formation office at 328-0427 to register your child or for details about our Faith Formation Program,**

#### **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)**

Following the opening prayer at the 11am Mass, Father will invite all children from **Pre-K to grade 3** to go with our catechists to hear and discuss the readings for that Sunday's Mass. They will return to you in the church after the Prayer of the Faithful.

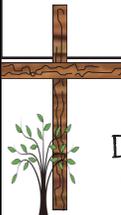
Older siblings may participate in a different role as helpers to Mrs. Pontari. She also welcomes parent's help. If you would like to accompany your little ones and see what it's all about, please feel free to join them.

#### **Here's What's Coming Up in February/March**

February 28: Mardi Gras  
March 1: Ash Wednesday

⋮ Lenten Tuesdays: March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11  
⋮ Stations of the Cross: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7 and Good Friday

## In Memoriam ~ 2017

 <p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">12/17/17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">10/15/17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">10/8/17</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/30/17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/23/17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/2/17</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/2/17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/23/17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family &amp; Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks &amp; Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/23/17</p>

**SMILE TRAIN: One More Chance to Change A Life...** Because of the storm, we will have a make-up bake sale after all of the Masses on **February 25/26**. We can't let our Smile Train Children down...

We are so grateful to all those who donated or purchased food items at the Resurrection Bake Sale on February 11/12. However, Mass attendance was really down because of the storm that weekend and we want to give all who would like to a chance to purchase bake sale items and/or donate to Smile Train. So, once again, we will have a bake sale after all the Masses this weekend, **February 25/26**, hosted by our Confirmation and Mr. Gleason's classes.

May God bless you all with the gift of rebirth; in health, faith and hope; from the God who constantly calls us to love each other, as He loves each of us.

**ROSARY SOCIETY**—The Rosary Society usually meets on the second Wednesday of the month. However, due to the fact that Ash Wednesday is March 1st, the Rosary Society meeting in March will be March 15th. PLEASE continue to say the Rosary for World Peace and join us before the 8:30 am Mass on Sundays to pray the Rosary as a group. If you have any questions, please contact Linda at 209-6446.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY: Gospel of Matthew**—\*You are invited to join us Thursday, March 2, from 6pm to 7pm in the Faith Formation and Ministry Center for questions and a discussion on Chapter 18 of the Gospel of Matthew, **Characteristics of the Christian Community**. For more information, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

**MARY'S KITCHEN: 3:00—5:00pm**—All members of the community are invited – both parishioners and non-parishioners alike, to pick up a take out meal or to enjoy an eat in meal to chat and relax with friends. Questions?? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 for more information.

**REFLECTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS—St Paul to Corinthians 4:1**—"Brothers and sisters: thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God."

**Laudato Si: paragraph 75**

A spirituality which forgets god as all-powerful and Creator is not acceptable. That is how we end up worshipping earthly powers, or ourselves usurping the place of God, even to the point of calming an unlimited right to trample his creation underfoot."

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**—Due to early deadline, Collection Totals will be in the next issue of the bulletin.

<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Adam &amp; Katherine Novak John G Novak &amp; Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">8/20/17</p>
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- Sat., Feb 25  
4:00pm—Paul Duffey  
Alice & John Duffey  
Eloise & Don Jones } req by the Duffey family
- Sun., Feb 26  
8:30am—Norman Persons (Anniv), req by Brenda  
Marion Zanghi, req by Dorothy/Allen Styno  
Margaret Hanley-Sweeney, req by the family  
11:00am—Living & deceased members of IHM
- Mon., Feb 27  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Tues., Feb 28 MASS  
9:00am—Robert Hennessy, req by Pat Fitzgerald  
& family  
Margaret Foley, req by Pat Fitzgerald/Gwen  
Korkemaz  
Charles Bulson, req by Steve/Toni Halayko
- Wed., Mar 1—ASH WEDNESDAY  
9:00am—Charles Bulson, req by Linda Dunbar  
Margaret Foley, req by Brenda Persons  
5:30pm—Souls in Purgatory
- Thurs., Mar 2 MASS  
9:00am—John Dewine, req by Lorraine Alund
- Fri., Feb 24  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Sat., Mar 4  
4:00pm—Lv'g & deceased members of IHM
- Sun., Mar 5  
8:30am—William Fahr, Sr (B'day), req by the family  
Robert Robillard, req by Legnard Curtin Aux  
Dorothy (1st Anniv)/Joseph (B'day)Slupski, req by  
Keith Slupski  
11:00am—Sean O'Brien, req by Marilyn LaParl  
Joan Hall/Dolores Lazzaro } The Mercer family  
Helen & Bill Ryan }

