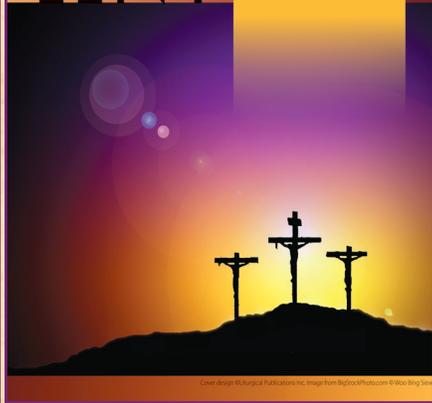


4th Sunday of LENT



Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

March 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

Spring Will Come! I'm sitting in my office at home working on my computer, sending e-mails and making telephone calls. I have not been out of the house all day! The snow, which keeps coming down and piling up, has kept me home. It will take a while to get out in the morning. You will be reading this on March 25th and 26th almost two weeks from now. The first day of spring is March 20th. Will the snow be gone by then? Will we be back to warm weather? Just as eventually spring will bring warmth, April showers and May flowers, Easter will bring hope, peace, love and joy if we open our minds and hearts to Jesus and His message. Just as there is much work to be done in yards and gardens after winter, so too do our spirits need the beauty of the wondrous season of Easter. Please keep up your Lenten activities of prayer, fasting and alms giving so that you will experience the "Best Easter" ever.

Part Time Music Director The Prayer and Worship Interview Committee interviewed our candidates for Part Time Music Director. After careful consideration, we selected Frank Prezio as the best candidate for the position. You will find that Frank has extensive experience in directing, cantoring, and even developing liturgical music. In anticipation of the interview, Frank attended several Masses at Immaculate Heart of Mary and was able to provide an honest assessment of the strength and limitations of our current music. Frank indicated a strong desire to help our parishioners more fully appreciate, participate in, and enjoy the music at our liturgies by building on the many positives that he noted currently exist. He looks forward to working with all of you, the choir members, and with our dedicated and experienced musicians, to assist in bringing "new life and spirit" to our liturgical music. Please join us in welcoming Frank to our Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish community. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

VOCATIONS MINISTRY—In today's second reading from the Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-14, Saint Paul provides us with these comforting and guiding words: *Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.*

As Christians, we are all called to bring our "light in the Lord" to others through our lives and the vocations to which we are called. During this Lenten season, let us "Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord" by praying for increased vocations to the priesthood, religious life and lay ecclesial ministry, as well as for the vocations to which we and our loved ones are called.

We thank Mary Ann McHarg and family for receiving the Traveling Chalice at the 4:00p.m. mass on March 25. Please consider participating in this enriching program by signing up by the Sacred Heart statue at the back of the church. You may select your specific week of participation as well as the Mass at which the chalice will be presented to you.





Altar Server Training

There are some new young people in albs at the Masses; Matthew Daus and Nicholas Iannacone. Zach and Justin Adams are helping to train these two new altar servers. We would love to add more young people to this ministry – boys and girls alike. Contact Mrs. Kowalski, Mrs. Carabis or Deacon Al if you are interested.

Lenten Coins and Lenten Prayer Banner: Just a few weeks left...

On the coin this year, 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.

As Christians, we know the Cross to be a symbol of healing, sacrifice and great love. In the back of the church, there is also 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.

Passion of the Christ, April 5—On Wednesday, April 5 we will have a showing of the Passion of the Christ in the Parish Life Center. We'll begin at 5:30pm with a light supper (soup/salad) and start the film at 6pm. All are welcome to join us. For questions or more information, call Sharon at 328-0427 or email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

Rosary Society—The Rosary Society will meet on Wednesday, March 29th at 6 pm in the Parish Life Center. All women over 18 yrs are invited.

Tuesdays in Lent: Pivotal Player—

St. Francis. Start with a simple supper and this week - a video series by Bishop Robert Barron, "Catholicism: the Pivotal Players", St. Francis.



The soups and salads have been delicious so far!! Please consider attending and/or signing up to share a soup or a salad – sign up sheets are on the table in the foyer of the church. Everyone is welcome!!

Hope to see you at 5:30pm Tuesday, March 28 for a special Lenten experience.

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 remaining schedule this year is: 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.

IHM Prayer Ministry—Contact Brenda Persons at 271-6184 if you would like the prayer team to pray for you or a loved one who is ill or undergoing surgery.

Faith Formation For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Has Lent Changed Your Life This Year...Has It Made a Difference?

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 are every Friday at 7. This week, the Rosarians will lead us in Stations: Through the Eyes of Mary; and our grades 5-9 will present the Stations on April 7.

How about adding daily prayer, fasting from a favorite food or activity, contributing to the Rice Bowl?? Think about it and try it for a few weeks...you just might find that it's a life-changer.

CRS Rice Bowl: Where Are We This Week???? Mexico

This week highlights Maria. Growing up, Maria remembers what it was like; they considered themselves rich because they had a lot of corn, beans and animals. Life has now changed. Read the whole story on the insert inside your Rice Bowl and discover how CRS has launched a greenhouse project.

The recipe this week is *Arroz Rojo (red rice)*. Try it and tell us what you think!!

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

AM sessions for grades Prek 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 **PreK 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.

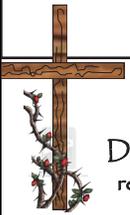
Here's What's Coming Up in March/April

Confirmation: March 26, 2pm, Cathedral

Lenten Tuesdays: March 28, April 4, 11

Stations of the Cross: March 31, April 7 and Good Friday

In Memoriam ~ 2017

 <p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Fatti 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 John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">1/22/17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John G Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">8/20/17</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 & 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 & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/2/17</p>
 <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">See You in Church!!</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 & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/23/17</p>

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat., Mar 25**
4:00pm—Living & Dec'd mem of IHM
- Sun., Mar 26**
8:30am—Angelo Delduce, Sr, req by the family
Kate LaVoie, req by Bob/Carol Carlson
Maurice (T-Boy) Collins, req by Brennan family
11:00am—Margaret Foley, req by Linda Dunbar
Linda Housel, req by Patty Russman/Virginia & Mary Mahar
Josephine Bond, req by the Tracey family
- Mon., Mar 27**
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Tues., Mar 28**
9:00am—Charles Bulson, req by Steve & Toni Halayko
- Wed., Mar 29**
9:00am—Charles Bulson, req by Lucille Lacosse
William Conboy, req by Mr/Mrs Robert Beston
Sophie Halayko, req by Toni/Stephen Halayko
- Thurs., Mar 30**
9:00am—John Gregory, req by Brenda
Kathryn Mohl, req by Sr. Dolores Shaw
Lucy Krikorian, req by Frederick Hudy
- Fri., Mar 31**
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Sat., Apr 1**
4:00pm—Margaret Foley, req by Rosary Society
Beatrice Weaver, req by Rich & Betsy
Maurice "T-Boy" Collins, req by Ladies Aux #927
- Sun., Apr 2**
8:30am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM
11:00am—Catherine Hynes, req by the family
Serena/Armand Fredette, req by the family
Thelma/John Paul, req by the family

RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults—The Easter Vigil will be here before you know it. This year, we will have five Baptisms on the Easter Vigil. Please keep in your prayers: Princess Jones, Olivia Ford-Jones, Jonnie Jones, Annette Lugo and Nikolas Basle.

Do YOU have questions about the Catholic faith? Need to receive sacraments –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 skowski@ihm.rcpw.org.

Scripture Study: Gospel of Matthew—You are invited to join us Thursday, March 30, from 6pm to 7pm in the Faith Formation and Ministry Center for questions and a discussion on Chapter 19 of the Gospel of Matthew, **Marriage: A Demonstration of God's Love**. For more information, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Mary's Kitchen: 3:00pm—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 for more information at 328-0427.

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

NAME _____

PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
Weekly collection (including mail-in)
Mar 19-20, 2016.....\$7292.00
Mar 18-19, 2017.....\$6114.00