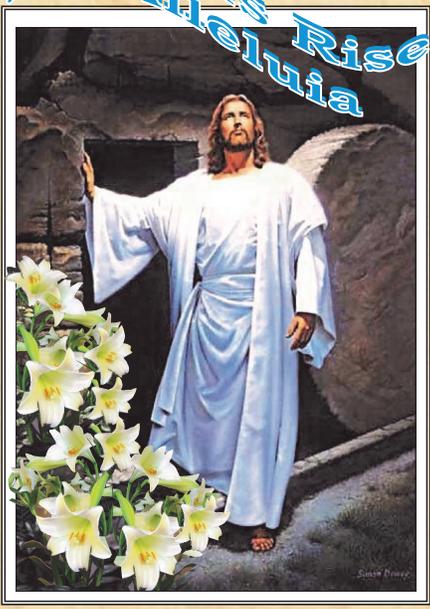


Jesus Is Risen  
Alleluia



# THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet/Green Island NY

## EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 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

#### PARISH LIFE CENTER

2416 7th Avenue  
Watervliet, NY 12189  
(518) 273-6020 Fax: (518) 273-3978  
Email: [info@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:info@ihm.rcpw.org)  
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#### OFFICE HOURS:

Mon—Thurs: 8:30am—3:30pm  
Friday—10:30am—3:30pm

#### Administrative Assistant

Judith Pope: [jpope@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:jpope@ihm.rcpw.org)

#### Secretary

Mary Beth Knapik

#### Archivist

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#### Facility Manager

Matthew Carabis

#### FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY CENTER

2425 7th Avenue  
(518) 328-0427

**Coordinator**, Sharon Kowalski  
[skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)  
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

**Happy Easter** – My prayer for all of us is that we celebrate today, and for the next fifty days of the Easter Season, God's infinite LOVE. Motivated and supported by that LOVE may we continue to be a community rich in compassion, steadfast in hope, and fearless in the search for justice and peace.

**Celebrate for Fifty Days?** – Our society of fast foods, fast cars and smart phones is a society on the move. Our hectic, busy lives prevent us from reflecting on God's gifts to us, His Word, His Passion, Death and Resurrection! Let's take time during the Easter Season to celebrate God's presence in the beauty of nature, the joy of children, the love of family and friends. Let's allow the Holy Spirit to enliven our faith, hope, joy and love.

**Thank you** – I have said this before but it bears repeating, there are many people who work to make our liturgical celebrations happen. Thank you all who helped make our liturgies spirit filled, joyful and enriching celebrations.

#### Earth Day April 22

Please consider signing up to help with yard work on Earth Day, Saturday April 22 between 9:00am and 12:00 noon, around the Church, the Parish Hall and the Faith Formation building. Bring your rake and a pair of work gloves. Matt Carabis will lead the charge!

**When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world.**

— John Muir

**We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.**

— Native American Proverb

**The proper use of science is not to conquer nature but to live in it.**—Barry Commoner



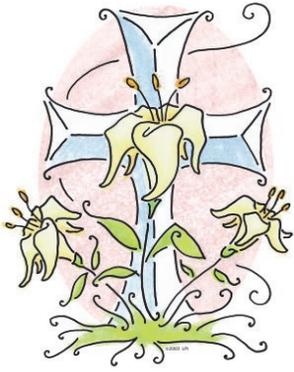
**VOCATIONS MINISTRY**—Today we celebrate the greatest day of the Liturgical Year. God has raised Jesus from the dead. Alleluia! Pray that our same God will **bring each of us the fullness of life** by following Jesus, our Brother. Pray this prayer daily for yourself and for all members of the parish.



O God, you sent your Son, Jesus, to bring eternal **life** to those who believe. I join Him in praying for laborers for your harvest. May your **Holy Spirit** inspire men and women to continue His mission through your priesthood, diaconate, religious **life** and lay ministry. May this same **Spirit** make known your **will** for my life. I ask you, dear God, what do you wish me to do with my life? What are you asking of me today? ... this week? **How can I best respond to you?**



**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.



**RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults**—At the Easter Vigil this year, we had five Baptisms. We welcome Princess Jones, Olivia Ford-Jones, Jonnie Jones, Annette Lugo and Nikolas Basle into the Catholic community of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish.

**Something to consider - Do you know that in order to be a godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation, you must have received all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation)???**

*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 [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

**Scripture Study: Gospel of Matthew**—You are invited to join us Thursday, April 20, from 6pm to 7pm in the Faith Formation and Ministry Center for questions and a discussion on Chapter 20-21 of the Gospel of Matthew, *Stepping Down into Greatness*. For more information, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

**Rosary Society**—The next meeting of the Rosarians will be held on Wednesday, April 26th at 6:00pm in the Parish Life Center. All women 18 years of age and older are welcome to join. Contact Linda Dunbar at 209-6446.

**Volunteers Needed to Make Rosaries!!** —We are in need of volunteers to help make rosaries. **Materials and instructions are provided!** If you have some time to spare and would like to make rosaries contact Audrey O’Hare at 273-4502 for more information.



**Social Justice—WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE!** Fr. Peter Young has worked for many years with the poor and addicted (i.e. The Schuyler House in Menands). Fr. Young and PYHIT help thousands of people every day. His work is under siege and the attacks are coming from government agencies whose true goal should be to support Fr. Young. **Fr. Young needs our support.** We simply ask that you make a phone call to the Governor’s Office at one of these telephone numbers - (518) 474-8390 Touch #1 and leave a message or (212) 681-4580. Ask the staffer to "Please ask the Governor to support the work of Fr. Young". Calls may be made at any time and a voice mail message can be left if you do not reach a person. **PLEASE lend your support.** Thousands will be out on the street and without the help they need without your assistance. **The next meeting of the Social Justice Committee will be on April 19th at 11:00am. All are welcome. Questions—contact Linda Dunbar at 209-6446.**

### Faith Formation For All Ages

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

[skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

#### **Birthday Bags: End of Year Project for Faith Formation: April**

Can you imagine what it would be like not to be able to provide a birthday cake for a member of your family? As the wrap up project for Faith Formation 2016-2017, we will be collecting items to create “birthday bags” for our Food Pantry. **What do we need?** Cake mixes, cans of frosting, birthday candles, coloring books, crayons...just the basics for a birthday celebration. We will be collecting those items for the entire month of April and assemble them on the last day of Faith Formation classes, “See You Soon Sunday”, April 30. Please bring items for the birthday bags to the Faith Formation Center.

#### **CRS Rice Bowl Offerings**

If you have been collecting for the Rice Bowl during Lent, please return the amount collected to your child’s catechist by Sunday, April 23.

#### **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 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 April/May**

April 23: Rehearsal for First Eucharist, in church

April 30: “See You Soon Sunday”

May 7: First Eucharist, 11am Mass

May 13: May Crowning, 4pm Mass

May 19-20: Bazaar

May 29: Memorial Day Parade

**CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WITH EWTN**—Learn more about your Faith during the holiest time of the year with EWTN’s movies, documentaries, concerts, children’s programs, and much more! Join the celebration of Mass in Rome or in Washington, D.C. Get program details at [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com) or visit [www.ewtn.com/channelfinder](http://www.ewtn.com/channelfinder) to find a station near you!



# In Memoriam ~ 2017

<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12/17/17</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10/15/17</p>	<p>In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10/8/17</p>
<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1/22/17</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam &amp; Katherine Novak John G Novak &amp; Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8/20/17</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7/30/17</p>
<p>In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7/23/17</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7/2/17</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7/2/17</p>
<p><b>MARY'S: Closed April 17</b>—Please note: Mary's Kitchen will be closed on <b>Easter Monday, April 17</b>. We will re-open from 3 to 5pm on April 24.</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4/23/17</p>	<p>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;">4/23/17</p>

If you would like to help us out with food items, we still need **desserts**, but can always use canned vegetables; kidney, black or white beans; dried soup mixes; chicken or beef broth; or large cans of crushed or diced tomatoes. You can leave items for the **soup kitchen** in the Parish Life Center. Thank you!!

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.

**MEMORIAL MASS REQUESTS**—Canon Law (534) requires that one of the weekend Masses be celebrated for the parishioners, either Saturday or Sunday. That leaves only two Masses that can be said as Memorial Masses per weekend. Since there is a limit to the number of intentions that can be said at any one Mass (3) we are unable to allow one person to request a number of Mass times and no more than 2 months ahead. For those who are homebound or unable to come to the office during business hours, you may call the office for a Mass request at 273-6020. All requests are done on a first come first served basis.

In order to have Memorial Mass times available we encourage parishioners to take advantage of the weekday Masses.

Please refer to the guidelines on the right for the schedule when the months will open up for requests. *Thank you.*

### MEMORIAL MASS REQUEST

<b>Date open</b>	- available month
April 3	month of June
May 1	month of July
June 1	month of Aug.
July 5	month of Sept.
Aug. 1	month of Oct.
Sept. 5	month of Nov.
Oct. 2	month of Dec.
Nov. 1	month of Jan.'18
Dec. 1	month of Feb.'18

**LIMIT:**

3 Masses for 2 month period per person

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
9AM Masses are available for Memorial Masses.

We apologize in advance for those times we have to reschedule a weekday Memorial Mass that has been preempted by a funeral liturgy.

### MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat., Apr 15—Easter Vigil**  
8:00pm—Living & deceased members of IHM
- Sun., Apr 16—Easter Sunday**  
8:30am—John Hedley, req by Bob/Carol Carlson  
Jean Legault, req by Brenda Persons  
Charles Bulson, req by the Rosary Society  
11:00am—Margaret Foley, req by Barbara/Joe Butler  
David Ostiguy (B'day), req by parents, Robert/Agnes  
John/Ella Brannigan, req by Brannigan family
- Mon., Apr 17**  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Tues., Apr 18**  
9:00am—Daniel Haner, req by Michele/Charlie Smith  
Margaret Foley, req by Kay & John Connors
- Wed., Apr 19**  
9:00am—William Conboy, req by M/M Robert  
Beston
- Thurs., Apr 20**  
9:00am—Charles Bulson, req by Adams family
- Fri., Apr 21**  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Sat., Apr 22**  
4:00pm—Carol Lansing, req by famiy  
Paul Corey, req by Corey family  
Joseph Germano, req by the family
- Sun., Apr 23**  
8:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM  
11:00am—Carol Hynes, req by the family  
Marion Winterbourne (1st Anniv), req by the family  
Stan Cote (B'day), req by Peg

*He is not here:  
for he is Risen,  
as he said.* —MATTHEW 28:6



*When Doing Your  
Estate Remember  
Your Parish*

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**  
*Weekly Collection (including mail-in)*  
Apr 2-3, 2016.....\$7807.00  
Apr 1-2, 2017.....\$8078.00