



THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet/Green Island NY

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 23, 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

Alleluia

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

PASTORAL STAFF

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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

Congratulations – Congratulations to our newest members who helped make Easter special by spending time preparing for, and receiving, Baptism; and becoming the newest members of our Parish Family: Nikolas Anthony Basle, Jonnie B. Jones, Olivia A. Ford-Jones, Princess J. Jones, Annette E. Lugo and Lashad Smith. Please pray for them as they continue their faith journeys.

Busy Calendar – During the year there are many liturgical, spiritual and social events scheduled and planned. In order to ensure we don't schedule events that conflict with events previously scheduled we are implementing a "calendar review process." If an organization or individual would like to schedule an event they are asked to submit a request to myself and Sharon Kowalski thirty days prior to the date of the event. They can do this in writing or by attending the monthly Gathering Disciples meeting. We will review the request for appropriateness as a Parish function and against the existing schedule of events. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Bishop's Appeal 2017 – The 2017 Bishop's Appeal will be held on the weekend of April 29th and 30th. This is our opportunity to unite together as one Catholic family, to answer the challenge given to us by Jesus Christ to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, comfort the afflicted, and to promote justice for every person. In these next two weeks, please take the time to prayerfully reflect on the gifts that you have been given by God and respond to the Bishop's Appeal as generously as you possibly can.

Your participation is essential to the success of the Bishop's Appeal. Please join other Catholics from throughout the fourteen counties of the diocese in supporting this very import collection. This weekend is "Advance Notice Weekend" when we provide "advance notice" that next weekend we will be asking you to "make a commitment" by completing the pledge cards in the pews. Thank you and may God bless your generosity.



VOCATIONS MINISTRY (Divine Mercy Sunday)—Today Bill and Gloria Martin will be receiving the traveling chalice at the 8:30am Sunday Mass. The Christian vocation, just



like every particular vocation or call, is born from within the People of God, and is a gift of **divine mercy**. If you perceive a young a person may be gifted with a religious vocation don't hesitate to speak to the person about the possibility and encourage them. God speaks to us in silence but God also speaks to us in the persons, situations and events in life. What are you doing to aid God in calling forth new LIFE for the Church? Are you being called?

Men—Interested in Becoming a Priest? —You are invited to join us on **April 26th** at the **St Isaac Jogues House of Discernment, 695 5th Ave., Watervliet NY** for an evening of discernment and Formation. 6:00pm we begin with Evening Prayer and Mass. Dinner and our Formation session will follow. We conclude by 10:00pm. Meet other men who are discerning. To attend please e-mail Fr. Ligato: Anthony.Ligato@rcda.org.



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.



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.

RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults—Congratulations to Princess Jones, Olivia Ford-Jones, Jonnie Jones, Annette Lugo and Nikolas Basle who were baptized on the Easter Vigil. Welcome to the Immaculate Heart of Mary parish community!!

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.

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 Chapters 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

Faith Formation For All Ages

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

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Rehearsal for First Eucharist: 9:30 am, April 23 in the Church

Parents of children who have been preparing to receive First Eucharist **must attend, with their child, a brief rehearsal in the church on April 23, beginning at 9:30am**. It will take about half an hour, after which time we will return to the Faith Formation Center. **Banner Kits will be handed out at that time and must be returned NO LATER than April 30.**

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.

“See You Soon” Sunday: Family Mass & “Thank You” Coffee Hour

Our parishioners at IHM support and appreciate our young people and families like no other place I’ve ever been. Whether it’s a Coffee Hour, Bake Sale, Pasta Dinner, Fall Kickoff, Special project or singing at Mass, the parishioners at IHM are there for our children 110%.

To show our appreciation, we are asking each of our Faith Formation families to make something (cookies, brownies, cheese/crackers, veggies, etc.) for a special “Thank You” Coffee Hour after the 11am Mass on April 30.

We had special t-shirts made for every child last year. **If you still have them, please have them wear them that Sunday. If you need a t-shirt, contact Mrs. Kowalski ASAP.** Our young people will have games and activities during their class session, sing a really fun song (words on the back) at the end of the 11am Mass, and then they will serve at the Coffee Hour.

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 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

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.

In Memoriam ~ 2017

 <p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & 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 & Katherine Novak John G Novak & 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 & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7/2/17</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7/2/17</p>
<p>MOTHER'S DAY IS MAY 14TH— PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUBMIT YOUR MOTHER'S DAY LIST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE</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 & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4/23/17</p>

MASS INTENTIONS

- 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
- Mon., Apr 24**
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Tues., Apr 25**
9:00am—Irene Riley, req by M/M Charles Adams
- Wed., Apr 26**
9:00am—Michael Pontore, req by Lorraine Alund
- Thurs., Apr 27**
9:00am—Cynthia, Sarah, Leanne Werner, req by the family
- Fri., Apr 28**
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Sat., Apr 29**
4:00pm—Leo/Ruth Raymond, req by the family
Henry DelBrocco, req by wife, Santa & family
Marion Winterbourne, req by the family
- Sun., Apr 30**
8:30am—Frank Rocco, req by Brenda
Jean LeGault, req by Mary/Barbara Crowley, Debra Donato
Margaret Rose Gonsowski, req by Rosary Society
11:00am—Living & deceased members of IHM

MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays 3—5pm Please note: Mary's Kitchen will re-open from 3 to 5pm on April 24. After consulting with our volunteers, the decision was made to remain at the 3 to 5pm time year round. 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.

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

MEMORIAL MASS REQUEST		LIMIT:
<u>Date opens</u> -	<u>available month</u>	3 Masses for 2 month period per person
April 3	month of June	WEEKDAY MASSES:
May 1	month of July	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
June 1	month of Aug.	9AM Masses are available for Memorial Masses.
July 5	month of Sept.	We apologize in advance for those times we have to reschedule a weekday Memorial Mass that has been preempted by a funeral liturgy.
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	

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Passion/Palm Sunday (including mail-in)
Mar 19-20, 2016.....\$7292.00
Apr 8-9, 2017.....\$8001.00

Good Friday—Holy Father
Mar 25, 2016.....\$618.00
Apr 14, 2017.....\$531.00

Easter Sunday (including mail-in)
Mar 26-27, 2016.....\$10,092.00
Apr 15-16, 2017\$12,387.00
Thank you for your generosity & continued support to IHM.