

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

February 24, 2019

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil—4:00PM, Sunday—8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Weekday Schedules

Communion Service: Monday & Friday, 9:00 AM

Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00 AM

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE



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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.

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Gospel Meditation

This Sunday, Jesus continues his challenging Sermon on the Mount. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you? Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back." Words like these are challenging! Many of us have grown up in a culture of independence and retaliation against those who harm us. Today's Gospel reminds us that the way of the world is not necessarily the way of the disciple.

In many spiritual texts, saints describe the first stage of the spiritual life as mercenary love of God. That is, we love Him because he "pays" us with graces and good things. Consider for a moment, why do you do the good that you do? Take volunteering, for example. How often do we talk about the good feelings service evokes and how you "get so much more than you give." This is still based on an attitude of return on our investment. Would we volunteer if we knew it was good to do, but we didn't "feel" good afterward? What if the people we helped seemed ungrateful, or if someone at the food pantry stole \$20 out of our purse? It can be difficult to love people when we think we might not get anything back. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?"

As Christians, we are called to imitate God. We follow a God who loves not only His closest friends, but who loves betrayers, deniers, and crucifiers. The Christian walk is one of perseverance and sacrifice. What does your love look like?

Social Justice: Caring for the Environment

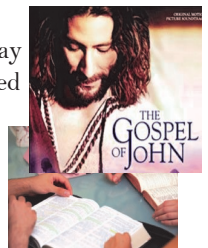
1 Corinthians 15:—"Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one".

Pope Francis, Laudato Si:—"God...does not leave us alone, for he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward".

Catholic Social Teaching:—"As we expand our work together as good stewards, it must be marked by care and respect for the dignity of every human being, especially the poor".

Scripture Sharing: The Gospel of John

Join us Thursday from 2 to 3pm for a Scripture study on the Gospel of John. Prepared by Dynamic Catholic, it is called the Turning Point and will take a look at "Eight Encounters with Jesus that will Change Your Life". All are welcome- no previous study necessary. Hope you will join us!! For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org



February 24: A Bake Sale and a Chance to Change a Life—The PM session and Mr. Gleason's class will be hosting a Resurrection Bake Sale on February 24 after the 11AM Mass in the back of the church. All monies raised from the sale will go to The Smile Train, an organization that provides cleft palate and cleft lip surgeries for children living in poor countries throughout the world.



In the United States, this is a relatively simple surgery done shortly after birth. Children born to parents in poorer countries face a lifetime of rejection, ridicule – even abandonment. They truly lack the opportunity to live a full life within their community.

Our goal is always to raise enough money – approximately \$275 per child – to provide as many children as possible with this life giving and life changing surgery. With your prayers and support, we know we will be able to accomplish a rebirth for these children...a second chance at life. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check out to **Immaculate Heart of Mary**, with Smile Train in the memo section. Cash donations may be put in an envelope marked "Smile Train" and put in the collection basket or brought to the bake sale. Questions? Contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

Faith Formation - For All Ages: Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry
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Faith Formation Schedule: "No Longer Strangers, I Call you Friends"

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

Questions? Please contact Sharon in the Faith Formation office at 518-328-0427 or at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org for more information.

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 24: Family Mass, Resurrection Bake Sale for Smile Train

February 25: Prayer & Worship, 6pm in the Parish Life Center

March 5: Mardi Gras, 4 to 6:30pm, Parish Life Center

March 6: Ash Wednesday +

March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12: Stations of the Cross

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16: Lenten Tuesdays

Prayer & Worship: Monday, February 25—There will be a meeting of the Prayer & Worship committee at 6:00pm on Monday, February 25 in the Parish Life Center. All are welcome.

Mary's Kitchen

Mondays, 3 to 5pm

All members of the community are invited – both parishioners and non-parishioners alike – to enjoy an eat in meal, chat and relax with friends or to pick up a meal to take out.

Questions?? Contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 for more information.

MARDI GRAS: MARCH 5: PANCAKES & SAUSAGE??

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 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 4:00 to 6:30pm. 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.




IHM Prayer Ministry

If you would like the prayer team to pray for you or a loved one; or would like to be a part of the prayer team, please call Brenda at 518 271-6184.

LENT Begins March 6: What Does it Look Like at IHM? — Ash Wednesday is March 6 this year. Stations of the Cross on Fridays will be at 7pm. Lenten Tuesdays will begin at 5:30pm and feature a soup and salad supper followed by either a Holy Hour or video presentation. Keep an eye on the bulletin for further details.



Vocations Ministry — Please pray for increased vocations to the priesthood through our Vocations Prayer Chalice Program. Instructions are at the Sacred Heart statue at the rear of the church, or simply write a note that you are interested in the program, add your name, telephone number and/or email address, and drop it into the collection basket.

In Memoriam ~ 2019		
 <p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan</p> <p>1/5/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children</p> <p>11/10/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/20/19</p>
<p>In loving memory of Veronica Gardner req by the Vertone Family</p> <p>8/25/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph Bagarose req by the Vertone Family</p> <p>8/25/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>8/4/19</p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>7/7/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>7/7/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>7/7/19</p>
<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>5/12/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p>4/28/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John Novak, Rosalie & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>4/7/19</p>

RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older

Children — *Need to receive sacraments –Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation; for yourself, an older teen or young adult?* Whatever your needs may be – whether completing the Sacraments of Initiation or questions about becoming members of Catholic faith, we are here to help you make it happen. We will work around your schedule and your individual area of need.

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 more information?? Contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

Parish Visitor—The Pastoral Care Ministry would like to initiate a program of visiting our parish shut-ins. These are people who have been members of our parish and now due to age or illness are unable to celebrate with us at Mass. We are looking for men and women to be a friendly visitor to our shut-ins. It would not be a great commitment, just an occasional visit to a member of our parish to assure them they are still a vital member of our community. We would like to begin this during Lent. Please sign up at the table in the rear of the church.

HEAR ABOUT "CLYNK"???



We (IHM) procure specially tagged **recycling bags** and parishioners are invited to take one and fill it with beverage containers: **glass, plastic or cans** --- (they can be mixed together with the tops on) then taken to any **Hannaford** store and deposit the bag into the marked **"CLYNK"** kiosk and we, (IHM parish) get credit for the deposit. Alternatively, if it is difficult to get to a **Hannaford** store, they can bring the filled bag to Church and Matt Carabis or someone else can take it to the store to make the deposit. This is a relatively painless way to **donate** to the church. While each deposit generates only pocket change, the combination of many such deposits from many parishioner families does add up. **And we are doing something good for the environment at the same time.** Right now the money raised is earmarked for our Social Justice Committee to help fund its projects. This is a win-win situation. The church benefits as well as the environment. **THINK—"CLYNK"**

The plastic bags are available on a table at the back of the church.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., Feb 23

4:00pm—Tom & Mary Holton, req by family
Dean Holmes, req by Suzanne Trzcinski
Leo & Ruth Raymond, req by the family

Sun., Feb 24

8:30am—Matthew Crudo, req by Diana Bleau
In thanksgiving for favors granted, req by Ann Gicobbi
Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Richard Crinigan (5th Anniv), req by the family

Mon., Feb 25

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Feb 26

9:00am—Leanne Werner (Lv'g/B'day), req by the family
Joseph Bagarose, req by the Vertone family

Wed., Feb 27

9:00am—Thomas Falzo, req by Peggy Germano

Thurs., Feb 28

9:00am—Elizabeth Hanley (1st Anniv), req by family

Fri., Mar 1

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Mar 2

4:00pm—Eleanor Legnard, req by Rosary Society
Joseph & Dorothy Slupski, req by Keith Slupski
Thomas Falzo, req by Bob & Carol Carlson

Sun., Mar 3

8:30am—Mrs Nancy F Capuano, req by Tom & Jane Hanley

11:00am—Domenica Krakat, req by Virginia Esposito

Sean O'Brien, req by Marilyn LaParl
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ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE
Due to early deadline the totals will
be in the next issue of the bulletin.