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April 17, 2022

EASTER SUNDAY

AND THEN
EVERYTHING
CHANGED



ALLELUIA

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm

Sunday - 8:30 and 11:00am

Weekday Schedule

9:00am Mass - Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Adoration on Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:00am

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things.

They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the future will be empty, afraid that we won't succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn't Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid? Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don't!

Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw

caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! God is not boring and stuck. God is exciting and engaging. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live. ©LPi



SCRIPTURE SHARING: *The Chosen, Season 1*

While we wait for Season Three of "The Chosen" to be released, we will have a repeat showing of Season 1, beginning Thursday, April 21. The first episode is entitled, "I Have Called You by Name."

If you missed some episodes or all of the first season, now is the time to catch up and/or see what you missed. Come join us. We will meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

RCIA & Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) or are curious about the process, contact Sharon: skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES:

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FAITH FORMATION: 2021-2022: First Eucharist and May Crowning, May 1

The remaining Faith Formation session for April is April 24. Sessions are 9:45 to 10:50am.

First Eucharist and May Crowning will be at the 11am Mass on May 1.

Please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

ICE CREAM EXTRAVAGANZA: April 24

Immediately after the 11am Mass on April 24, we will get together in the Parish Life Center for ICE CREAM!! All are welcome. Make sure you join us for Make-Your Own Sundaes, or just a bowl or a cone. Looking forward to seeing you there!!

HELP FOR THE UKRAINE ~ Once again your generosity has been overwhelming. We were able to supply an abundance of clothing, personal care items, bandages, baby items, crutches, flashlights, gauze, cord, and medical supplies as well as monetary donations of over \$5,000.00. **THANK YOU SO MUCH.** God bless you!!!!



MARY'S KITCHEN:- ALL ARE WELCOME!! Please note: Mary's Kitchen will be closed on Easter Monday, April 18.

Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Mondays and sit down to enjoy a meal with friends or pick up a meal to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!! All are welcome; parishioners, neighbors and friends!!

Questions?? Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

In Memoriam ~ 2022

In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>2/19/23</small>	In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/5/23</small>	In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/23/22</small>
In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>10/9/22</small>	In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>9/18/22</small>	In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>9/4/22</small>
In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>8/21/22</small>	In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>7/17/22</small>	In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/17/22</small>

Questions for the Week: "Reflect - Respond"

First Reading:

We hear in the reading from Acts some of the earliest proclamations from Peter about his witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. To whom in your life should you bear witness to the resurrected Christ?

Second Reading:

Using the image of unleavened bread, Paul urges the believers in Corinth to see the resurrection of Jesus as an opportunity to start anew. What needs renewal in your life?

Gospel:

The apostles did not initially believe the witness of Mary Magdalene and the other women to news of the resurrection of Jesus. Why do you think so many people today still doubt this good news? ©LPi



A Joyous and Blessed Easter to All!

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED - Fruits of Holy Communion

Question:

What are the "fruits" of holy Communion?

Answer:

The Eucharist, like all sacraments, offers its own unique grace. We receive a special share in God's life that helps us in our faith journey. We are given all we need to sustain and nurture our relationship with God. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Everything we are and everything we hope to become is found in this sacrament. It is essential to the life of the church, to each member of the church. Without it, there is no church. **The Eucharist is the center of our spiritual life and has enormous effects on our growth, our holiness, and our way of life.** The fruits of holy Communion are the benefits one receives from the sacrament. These fruits of holy Communion are discussed in the catechism in the article on the Eucharist. The primary benefit is union with Christ. We become one with him sacramentally, just as we hope to become one with him for eternity. The Eucharist also separates us from sin, both past and future. It forgives the venial sins of the past and, by the love we receive, protects us from mortal sin in the future. The church community is also unified and strengthened by the Eucharist. It unites us to the poor and offers the pledge of eternal life. ©LPi

Prayer Ministry ~ We believe as faith-filled people, prayer matters and offers hope. The Prayer Tree Ministry is made up of a group of people who pray for others. If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative, or friend contact *Linda* at 518-209-6446.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Apr 16—EASTER VIGIL

7:30PM—Mary Louise Basle, req by the children

Sun., Apr 17 - EASTER DAY - ALLELUIA

10:00AM—Andre Colarusso, req by Gloria Colarusso, Jason Scavo Tammy Morgan, req by Denise Cesare and family

Tues., Apr 19

9:00am—Helen Lettko, req by Marge Centanni

Wed., Apr 20

9:00am—Helen Lettko, req by Mary Rose MacLasco

Thurs., Apr 21

9:00am—DiNuzzo, LoParco, Burnham families, Estate

Sat., Apr 23

4:00pm—Charles Adams, req by Bob/Sandy Beston St Brigid's Class of '72 (50th Anniv) Marge Testo & Thomas Halpin, Sr, req by the family

Sun., Apr 24

8:30am—Tammy Morgan, req by mom/dad

11:00am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM Cutulle & Barbaro families, req by Donna Barbaro Rosalie Novak (B'day), req by Joyce Novak



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Apr 2-3, 2022.....\$7373.00