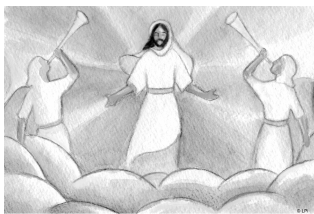


## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, WATERVLIET/GREEN ISLAND

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather (his) elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky." - Mk 13:26-27



### Readings for the Week of November 19, 2006

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/ Heb 10:11-14, 18/ Mk 13:24-32  
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/ Lk 18:35-43  
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/ Lk 19:1-10  
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/ Lk 19:11-28  
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/ Lk 19:41-44  
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/ Lk 19:45-48  
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/ Lk 20:27-40  
Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/ Rv 1:5-8/ Jn 18:33b-37

### Question of the week

What does 'remaining vigilant' until Christ comes mean to me?


### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CATHOLIC

The next workshop will be on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Parish Life Center on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Everyone is welcome to attend. Enrich your experience as a Catholic.

### THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Poverty in America continues to rise, despite the fact that many people work full-time and at more than one job. Housing and health care costs are skyrocketing, and wages are not keeping pace. This very day, 37 million Americans are struggling to escape poverty. One by one, people are joining local community groups to break the cycle of poverty -and Catholics across our country are part of that change. Join in solidarity with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development to end poverty in our nation – one community at a time. Support CCHD.

### SHOES FOR THE SHOELESS

 Our annual shoe drive will begin this week and end on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please bring shoes to the Parish Life Center on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Please take them out of boxes and put a rubber band or string around the pair of shoes to keep them together. We are also accepting children's shoes this year.

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

On Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> the children in our school and faith formation program are invited to spend their morning with Santa. Santa will attend Mass at St. Patrick's church at 9 AM and participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word. He will then be available for breakfast and pictures downstairs. Parents and grandparents are welcome to become part of the pictures. They will also have an opportunity to visit the craft fair which will still be going on at that time. We would appreciate knowing how many adults and children to expect at this event. Please call 273 – 6020 so we can purchase enough food for all. There will be a donation box and all proceeds will go to the food pantry.



### GIVING TREE

This year we have over 300 children (ages newborn – 17) and seniors (65+) to whom we will be providing gifts. During Advent, please watch for a Giving Tree in each of the churches. The wrapped gifts with tags indicating name/size/gender, or name/toy/age/gender, can be dropped off at the Parish Life Center, 2416 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 3:30pm.

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

There will be a 4 P.M. liturgy at St. Brigid's and St. Patrick's church on Christmas Eve. The children in our school and faith formation program will present the gospel to the community in the form of a pageant. The presentation will contain readings and song. As the family gathers this Thanksgiving be sure to make plans to come to Mass on Christmas Eve together and be part of this blessed event. Remember it is our job as adults to create every opportunity to pass along our faith to our children. Don't ignore this responsibility! Children will be receiving instructions during classes about getting involved in the pageant. Adults are requested to keep their eyes out for angel wings, animal and shepherd costumes. We will need many!



### THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DELIVERY

On Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30pm we will need **volunteers** to deliver Thanksgiving food baskets. If possible, please sign up ahead of time on the sign-up sheets in each of the churches, or call Parish Life Center (PLC) office to let us know your preferred time to help with delivery.

We need: (1) volunteers to *guard the turkeys* that will be "stored" in parking lot during the day on Monday and (2) volunteer(s) to help *direct traffic* in the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue parking lot at St Patrick's between 4:30-6:00pm. Call the PLC office at 273-6020 if you would be interested in "guarding turkeys" or "directing traffic" on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

The holidays are approaching! At this time we are in need of the following non-perishable items:

tea	hot chocolate
crackers	cookies
laundry detergent	sugar
oatmeal	instant potatoes
pancake syrup	apple sauce
ketchup	mustard
cake mixes	canned meats (chili/hash)
canned peas	canned beets
stuffing mix	honey



Did you know that there are 43 food pantries in the Capital District?

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Faith Formation For All Ages

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

#### Class sessions this weekend:

**FF Sessions are held in the Faith Formation Center (former rectory at St. Patrick's.)**

There are 3 sessions offered as follows:

- Sunday at 10 a.m. for all elementary grades: K - 5
- Sunday at 6:15 p.m. for grades 6 – 11
- Monday at 6:15 for grades 2, 4, 5, and 6 only: (if you would

like this time slot, please let the FF office know).

**FF Families: please remember that you are asked to buy / or sell only one *Enjoy the City* book!!**

#### Diocesan Youth Conference

This past weekend, two of our youth experienced the diocesan youth conference which was held at LaSalle Institute. It was an amazing event!! 500 people played, learned, sang, and prayed together. It was a wonderful celebration of our youth – we are truly blessed that they are an integral part of our church!!! When you see them, ask Cassandra DeDominicis and Emily McFeeters about their experience.



**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish  
Green Island & Watervliet**

***Enjoy the City*** is designed with you in mind, providing hundreds of offers to your **local** area's most popular dining recreation, & retail establishments to benefit Faith Formation programs and special events!!

To purchase your coupon book of ONLY \$15. each, stop by the Parish Life Center office on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue during business hours, 8:30am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday.



**\*Special Thanksgiving Day Mass**  
will be held at St Joseph's Church  
on Thursday, Nov. 23 at 9:00 AM  
(for this week only there will be  
no 8:00AM mass at St Patrick's)

#### PLEASE NOTE:

**On December 2<sup>nd</sup> ONLY the 5:30pm mass at St Joseph's Church will be re-scheduled for 7:00pm due to a previously scheduled wedding.**

#### BULLETIN MEMORIAL PAGE

**Twenty six weeks** out of the year we place the names of persons we love who have passed away on our **Memorial Page.**

If you would like to remember someone who has passed away on this *memorial page*, you can *pick up a form at the Parish Life Center office*, fill out all the information needed – drop it off at the front desk along with a check in the correct amount payable to: Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Your memorial will appear for the 26 weeks as you have requested it. This tribute begins in Advent and ends on the Feast of Christ the King. There are a total of 30 spaces available on the page, so it will be first come basis.

**Fill out a form for each memorial.  
Each box is \$100.**

#### CRAFT GUILD

##### Craft Fair and Bake Sale

Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:00pm-9:00pm

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00am-6:00pm

Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00am-1:30pm

We can use your help in selling the Raffle tickets – baking for the Bake Sale (part of the Craft Fair) or donating handmade crafted items such as: wooden, floral, knitted or crocheted, baby items, afghans. We also could use help setting up the basement of St Patrick's Church. If you are able to help in any way, or have any questions please contact Toni Delduce at 273-6024.

**SPECIAL RAFFLE!!** Fred Gonsowski has generously given his time and talent by artistically painting the top of an old student desk....This one of a kind portraiture of *school day memories* is awesome. It is not only a desk but could be used as an end table, nightstand or a treasure for a teacher. Tickets will be available after masses and at the Craft Fair at \$1.00 each. The drawing will take place on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The **Entertainment 2007** books are \$30. and are available after Masses and will also be at the Craft Fair. Call Brenda Persons at 271-6184 for information.

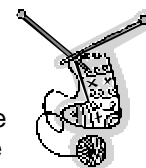
The Craft Guild will be meeting every week in preparation for the Craft Fair. The next meeting will be on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm in the basement of St Patrick's church. New members are always welcome.

#### ROSARY/ALTAR SOCIETY

The rosary is recited every Saturday at 3:15pm at St Brigid's before the 4:00pm Mass, and also on the first Saturday of the month at 5:00pm at St Joseph's, Green Island before the 5:30pm Mass.

The Giving Trees go up in the parish churches December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Our next rosary meeting will be December 16, 2006 at which time we will have a Christmas Party. We will have a grab bag, \$5.00 limit on gift. There will be lots of refreshments.



**ST BRIGID'S REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS**

In the November 3, 2006 issue of *Troy Record*, a person wrote the following:

"St Brigid's School has only 120 kids in it, kindergarten through eighth grade, including my son. The diocese closed St James in Albany last year with 140 kids. They need to tell us if they are going to leave St Brigid's open for three more years. Otherwise, I'm pulling my kid out for next year."

**Letter in response to *Troy Record* article from Sr Mary Jane Herb, IHM, PhD – Superintendent of Schools for Diocese of Albany**

Dear Editor:

On Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> the "Sound Off" section of the *Troy Record* included a statement regarding the future of St Brigid's Regional School. I would like to assure all parents, students, faculty and parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church that every possible measure is being taken to sustain the future of the school.

St Brigid's future looks bright for a number of reasons. The current enrollment, including pre-K through eighth grade, is 184. Over the past three years, the pre-school and pre-kindergarten classes have grown. Such growth is a positive indication for future enrollment in kindergarten classes. The school's aftercare program is also growing, and a Summer Program instituted this year was well attended. In addition, the parish has included the school in its long-range plans by earmarking significant funding for building renovations.

We recognize and applaud the sacrifice parents make when choosing to send their children to a parochial school, and we are dedicated to making sure that option remains available to families in Watervliet. The dedicated administration and faculty at St Brigid's continue to be resolute in carrying out their mission to providing a quality education, centered in faith and focused on the future. The Diocese supports this mission.



Picture on left: Pre-K students at pumpkin farm during a fall field trip. Right side: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students with their aquarium full of Koi.

**ST BRIGID REGIONAL SCHOOL**

web site: [www.rcdaschools.org/stbrigid/](http://www.rcdaschools.org/stbrigid/)

**PICTURE RE-TAKES NOVEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>**

On Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am Re-take and new student pictures will be done at the school.



**(November 20-26) Mass Schedule**

If you wish to schedule a Mass, please call the Parish Life Center at least two weeks ahead of the desired date so that we can have the intention listed in the bulletin before it goes to press. Contact Judy or Tina at 518 273-6020. Thank you.

**Please Note: The Mass with our school children will continue to be held each Friday but the schedule may change due to other events, at which time the change will be noted in the bulletin.**

**Monday, November 20**

8:00am at St Joseph's – Emily Decker

**Tuesday, November 21**

8:00am at St Patrick's – Frances Nicolai, req by her sister, Bea Lagano

**Wednesday, November 22**

6:30am at St Brigid's – Raymond Werner, req by his daughter

**Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day**

**SPECIAL MASS FOR THANKSGIVING DAY**

**9:00am at St Joseph's Church, Green Island**

**Friday, November 24**

8:15am at St Brigid's – Emily Decker

**Saturday, November 25**

4:00pm at St Brigid's – Elizabeth Callahan, req by the Family Mary Sheehan, req by the Family Edward & Mary Ashline (Thanksgiving), req by the Family 5:30pm at St Joseph's – Thomas Raleigh, req by the Family Frances Johnson (B'day), req by her daughter

**Sunday, November 26**

7:30 at St Joseph's – William V O'Connor, req by M/M Michael Drabik 9:00am at St Patrick's – Marjorie F Hennessey (B'day), req by Betty Gaynor Joseph Avonovich, req by Bernice Conroy 11:00am at St Brigid's – Special Intention, req by a parishioner M/M Walter McNamara, req by M/M Joseph Germano Clement Carofano (Anniv), req by daughters, Patty, Diana & Joan 7:30pm at St Patrick's – The Farrell & Synan Families

The **Sanctuary Candle** at St Joseph's for the week of November 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> will be in celebration of Helen Connery's birthday (living) – donated by her sister Lucille and Frank.



**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

Weekly.....\$7,169.00

Total (including mail-in).....\$7,658.00

Thank you for your continuing support to our new parish; it is a sign of your faith in God's presence in our lives. Money Counters **team 2** is counting next week.

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

---

### CHURCH CLOSINGS AND BEYOND

As was announced last weekend, the closing liturgies for Immaculate Conception Church and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church are being held this Sunday, Nov 19th.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel.** Father Emery Parillo, OFM, will preside and Father Roderick Crispo, OFM, a native son of the parish, will be the homilist. Refreshments will be served following the Mass.

**Immaculate Conception Church** Father Paul Antos will preside, if he is able, and the homilist will be Father Joseph Cebula, a native son of the parish. Also, Father Joseph Dworak, another native son of the parish, is hoping to be present if he can make some schedule changes. Of course, Father Boleslaus Watroba, the founding pastor, will be present. Refreshments will be served following Mass.

**On Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, The Feast of Christ the King,** we will have a new Mass schedule as follows:

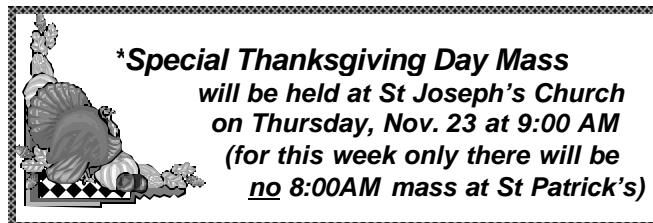
**Saturday: 4:00 PM at St Brigid's**  
**5:30 PM at St Joseph's in Green Island**  
**Sunday: 7:30 AM at St Joseph's in Green Island**  
**9:00 AM at St Patrick's**  
**11:00 AM at St Brigid's**  
**7:30 PM at St Patrick's**

The 9:00 AM Mass at St Patrick's on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, which is the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year, will be a special liturgy of welcoming for all in conjunction with the craft fair. We will have articles brought from each of the churches that have closed, including Sacred Heart of Mary. We will also have ministers from each of the churches. As we begin a new church year we also begin a new era here in Watervliet. All transitions are difficult and this is no exception; however, this is a "paschal" event rather than a "terminal" event. A Paschal event leads to new life while a terminal event ends everything.

### NEW DAILY MASS SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

Because of the closure of OLMC and ICC churches we will have a new daily Mass schedule beginning on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. It is as follows:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00 AM at St Joseph's</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00 AM at St Patrick's</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30 AM at St Brigid's</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 AM at St Patrick's</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:15 AM at St Brigid's</b>



Please note: There will be an 8:00 AM Mass at St Patrick's only as long as there are two priests assigned here at IHM. When we go to one, there will be no Mass on Thursdays.

A few words about the new schedule: We realize that no schedule will please everyone, and we tried to construct a schedule that would accommodate as many people as possible while allowing one priest to cover the Masses. We changed the time for the early Sunday morning Mass to 7:30 rather than 8:00 AM because there is no other 7:30 Mass in the area. We thought this would accommodate those who need an earlier Sunday Mass. We scheduled the 9:00 AM Mass at St Patrick's because the Faith Formation Program begins at 10:00 AM there at the Faith Formation Center, what formerly has served as the rectory at St Patrick's. (Several weeks ago we changed the 5:00 PM Saturday evening Mass from St Patrick's to 5:30 at St. Joseph's in Green Island and the Sunday evening Mass from 7:30 PM at St Joseph's to 7:30 PM at St. Patrick's so that those who attend Faith Formation classes from 6:15 – 7:15 on Sunday could come to Mass at the conclusion of their Faith Formation classes.) We also scheduled the masses an hour and a half apart because of the real possibility that, in the not too distant future, there will be only one priest available for Sunday mornings. Is it a perfect schedule? Not for everyone, but then we live in an imperfect world which asks all of us to sacrifice for the overall good of everyone. Thank you for your understanding. **(PS Incidentally, we have already seen an improved attendance at the Sunday evening Mass at St Patrick's thanks to a number of the students from the Faith Formation Program along with their parents attending.)**

As always, your prayers are appreciated as we continue to come together as one community of faith.