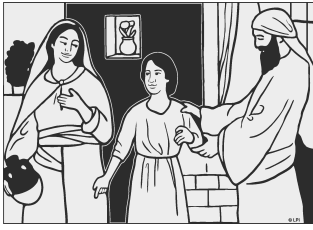


**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, WATERVLIET/GREEN ISLAND**



*He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52*

**Readings for the Week of December 31, 2006**

Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52  
 Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/ Jn 1:29-34  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42  
 Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38  
 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Life Center**

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**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH  
WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday:  
 4:00pm at St Brigid's  
 5:30pm at St Joseph's, G.I.  
 Sunday:  
 7:30am at St Joseph's, G.I.  
 9:00am at St Patrick's  
 11:00am at St Brigid's  
 7:30pm at St Patrick's

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday 8:00am at St Joseph's, G.I.  
 Tuesday 8:00am at St Patrick's  
 Wednesday 6:30am at St Brigid's  
 Thursday 8:00am at St Patrick's  
 Friday 8:15am at St Brigid's

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday, 3:00pm – 3:30pm at St Brigid's  
 Saturday, 4:30pm – 5:00pm at St Joseph's, G.I.

**The Mass schedule for the following weekend December 30/31 will be the normal weekend schedule. There is no 7:30pm mass at St Patrick's on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Since January 1<sup>st</sup> falls on Monday, it remains a holyday but without obligation. Therefore, we will have one Mass on January 1<sup>st</sup> at each of the churches, and the schedule is:**

**St Brigid's at 8:00 AM  
 St Joseph's at 9:00 AM  
 St Patrick's at 10:00 AM**

*Mass Intentions and Schedule  
for the week of December 31 to January 7<sup>th</sup>*

**Sunday, December 31**

7:30 AM at St. Joseph's -- Emily Decker  
 9:00 AM at St. Patrick's -- Christopher Drabik, Helen Kraynak  
 11:00 AM at St. Brigid's -- Brian Kalteux

**Monday, January 1, 2007**

8:00am at St Brigid's – The Farrell & Synan Families  
 9:00am at St Joseph's – Wilfred Connery, req by the Children  
 Rosemary Boehlke, req by her Mother  
 10:00am at St Patrick's – Helen Werner (27<sup>th</sup> Anniv), req by her Daughter

**Tuesday, January 2**

8:00am at St Patrick's – The Farrell & Synan Families

**Wednesday, January 3**

6:30am at St Brigid's – Emily Decker

**Thursday, January 4**

8:00am at St Patrick's – The Farrell & Synan Families

**Friday, January 5**

8:15am at St Brigid's – Emily Decker

**Saturday, January 6**

4:00pm at St Brigid's – Barbara Ann Amato, req by the Family  
 Molly Burnside, req by Roberta Kennedy  
 Marcia King, req by M/M Cornelius Culkin  
 5:30pm at St Joseph's – Herman Johnson (B'day), req by the Daughters

**Sunday, January 7**

7:30am at St Joseph's – Susan Towne, req by Mom & Family  
 9:00am at St Patrick's – William Bulmer, req by Bob & Carol Carlson  
 11:00am at St Brigid's – Special Intention, req by a parishioner  
 Raymond J Werner (27<sup>th</sup> Anniv), req by his Daughter  
 Betty Narzyski (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv), req by her Husband & Family  
 7:30pm at St Patrick's – The Farrell & Synan Families

*The Sanctuary Candle offered at St Brigid's is for Helen Werner for the week of December 31 to January 6, 2007 by her daughter.*



**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

Since the bulletin had an early deadline, our weekly collections will be in the following week's issue of the bulletin.

*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 please check office for new schedule for 2007. Thank you for all your help during 2006.**

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

### IHM/WATERVLIET FOOD PANTRY



Thank you for your continued generosity to those in need, especially during these cold winter days. At this time we are in need of the following non-perishable items:

tea/coffee (regular & decaf) oatmeal  
hot chocolate pancake mix pancake syrup  
instant/canned potatoes crackers  
cookies sugar cereal hearty soups  
canned meats canned vegetables  
applesauce ketchup mustard mayonnaise  
laundry detergent bath soap toilet tissue  
May God bless you always.



### IHM ROSARY SOCIETY FLEA MARKET

What a great time to go through the attic before taking down your Christmas decorations and browse among those long since tucked away treasures that have been just collecting dust up there, or items stored in the basement for *future* use, but never seem to get used. Bring them to life again by donating them to the IHM Rosary Society Flea Market Sale that will be held on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Mark your calendars!

The items we could use for the Sale are:  
:buttons...linens...camera's...towels...jewelry  
yarn...books...toys...games...baby items...small  
appliances...holiday decorations...sporting  
goods...*gently* used clothes.

We *can not* use: cookie tins.....shoes.....belts  
handbags.....suitcases.....dried flowers....TV's  
computers.....baskets.....bowling balls....florist  
vases.



### GIVE A BOOK - TAKE A BOOK

It may not be entirely leisure reading, but the literary content of the book entitled "Europe and the Middle Ages" (2<sup>nd</sup>) is a comprehensive study of some environmental, geographical, religious and technological aspects of Medieval Europe that is both interesting and informative.

Visit the Parish Life Center to see this and other books comprising a variety of topics. Hours are from 9:00am – 3:00pm, Monday – Friday. For further information and if you have books to donate, please contact Tina at 518 273-6020.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

We have had a great time at our SOCIAL EVENTS this year! From the picnic on the lawn of St. Patrick's to the breakfast with Santa, we have enjoyed meeting one another and getting to know people from all over the cities. Now it is time to plan the 2007 events. In order for these to work we need to have a committee willing to work with Father Deimeke to plan them. If you are willing please call the office and give Judy your NAME AND PHONE NUMBER. Father will call you when he is ready to have a planning meeting for the event you are interested in working to plan.

The events are:

**January Pancake Breakfast** -- Sunday, January 14  
from 9 to 12 at the Parish Life Center

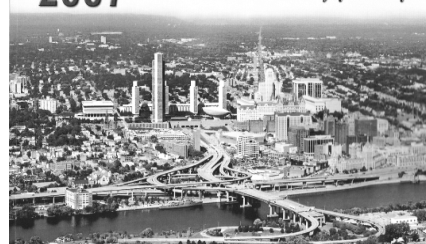
**Super Bowl Tail-gate Party** -- Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>  
at Saint Brigid's Hall

**Mardi Gras Dessert Party** Tuesday, February 20 at  
the Parish Life Center

**International Festival**---sometime in the month of May

**Capital Region  
2007**

Enjoy the City



"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!!

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

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.

**Faith Formation For All Ages**

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

**There are no class sessions on the weekend of Dec. 31-Jan 1.**

**Sessions will resume on January 8-9.** *May this Christmas season be filled with every grace and blessing; as your family experiences the love that Jesus gives.*

**Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)**

Every Sunday at the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's church, we will celebrate children's liturgy of the Word. All children from K to grade 4 will be called forth following the opening prayer, to go to the chapel with a catechist to hear and discuss the readings. They will return to you in the church after the prayer of the faithful. We will offer CLOW each Sunday at the 9 a.m. Mass.

**Meetings:**

First Reconciliation Team: Tuesday, January 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the FFC.

Youth Ministry Core Team: Thursday, January 4 at 7 p.m. at the FFC.

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

**EXCITING NEWS!**



Are you looking for a place to share your musical gifts? The Contemporary Music Group, which leads the congregation at the 7:30 Sunday evening Mass, wants YOU! Everyone is welcome and needed – singers, guitars and other instruments.

Come and try it out!! We rehearse on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

**VOLUNTEER GROCERY PROGRAM IN WATERVLIET – 25<sup>th</sup> YEAR**

The Volunteer Grocery Program has begun. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> year of free grocery pickup and delivery for seniors and handicapped individuals in Watervliet.

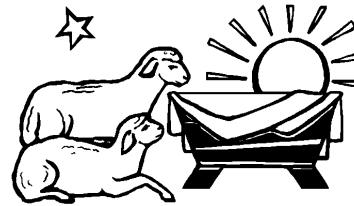
According to Charlie Diamond, founder of the program, individuals who wish to participate should call Charlie Diamond at his home at 271-8961 and leave their name, address and telephone number.

Calls should be placed before noon each day. Diamond will return the calls the same day and proceed to the home to provide the free service.

Items are purchased at Price Chopper in Watervliet. The program began in 1982 and runs from November 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

**TEAM FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Each Sunday at 9:00am school age children will have an opportunity to listen and respond to the gospel for the day in language appropriate for their age. That effort is called the Children's Liturgy of the Word. In order to offer this service for our children we need to create a team of persons willing to work with them. If you would like to be trained to perform this wonderful ministry or if you have been involved in it previously and would enjoy doing it again please volunteer to join the team. The more people on the team the smaller the commitment of time for each person involved. Please call Eileen at 273-6020 for details.



**LA SALLE INSTITUTE**

**174 Williams Rd, Troy, NY 12180**

[www.lasalleinstitute.org](http://www.lasalleinstitute.org)

La Salle Institute is a Catholic School, established in 1850, in Troy, NY by the Brothers of the Christian Schools, serving young men in grades six through twelve.

The mission of La Salle is to educate its students in a loving, caring, supportive environment to inspire them to become moral, responsible, and productive members of their communities with a commitment to truth, honor and duty.

For information on admissions, please contact La Salle at 518 283-2500, ext. 237 or visit the web site.

Entrance & Scholarship Exam

Saturday, January 6, 2007

8:15 AM

- Must call to register.

**DOMINICAN RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER**

1945 Union Street, Niskayuna, NY 12309

518 393-4169

Following are programs being offered at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center in January. Reservations are required for most programs.

January 12-14, 2007 – Woman to Woman Weekend, "Life's Songs of Sustenance and Sounds of Silence, a Hymn of Our Universe Unfolding into the Heart of God". The weekend is varied and flexible. \$180.00 (age 65 & over-\$165.00) Res. needed.

January 26-28, 2007 Weekend Retreat for Women, "Nothing will separate us from the Love of God". Guest Director: Rev. L Ed Deimeke, currently Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. (Watch bulletin for further information).

# Memorial Page for 2007



In loving memory of  
**Robert J. & Marie Foley Carlson**  
Requested by  
Bob and Carol Carlson

In memory of  
**Dennis and Margaret Tracey**  
Requested by  
The Tracey Family

In loving memory of  
**Lee Penn**  
Requested by  
The Penn Family

In loving memory of  
**The Thomas F. Dunphy Family**  
Requested by  
Julia F. Fahr

In loving memory of  
**Deceased members of the Morelli & Hogan Families**  
Requested by  
Don and Patti Hogan

In loving memory of  
**Eugene Hanley, Mary Rose Hanley and Patricia Hanley-Capitano**  
Requested by  
Mary Ellen Hanley

In loving memory of  
**Mr. & Mrs. William O'Brien & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Graziano Pascale & Family, Larry Pascale, Grandson**  
Requested by  
The Family

In loving memory of  
**Charles and Jane Yanni**  
Requested by  
The Family

In loving memory of  
**Thomas E. Halpin, Sr. Margaret M. Halpin, Marge Halpin Testo**  
Requested by  
Their Children and Grandchildren

In loving memory of  
**Walter Twardowski**  
Requested by  
His Great-Grandchildren  
Schuyler Haley, Keira & Tristan

In loving memory of  
**Joseph T. Avonovich**  
Requested by  
The Family



## *In Appreciation*



*Your contributions for the celebration of Advent and preparation for the Christmas Season have been awesome, inspiring and a true outpouring of your love for God. Many thanks for all the cards, gifts and other good wishes.*

*While there is sorrow that needs to be dealt with on many levels, we can be thankful that our Triune God is indestructible. He is never outdone in generosity. In so many ways, we are in communion with the saints, with their work while they lived on earth, and with their intercessory prayers now that they are in Heaven. God's ways are indeed wonderful and mysterious. He has let us share in the blessings provided by the Beatitudes, and encouraged us to be participants in the corporal works of mercy. May your Christmas season be Merry and bright!*