

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, WATERVLIET/GREEN ISLAND

PAMPHLETS AVAILABLE

In the back of each Church there is a Catholic Update titled **A NEW LOOK AT THE RCIA: Journey for the Entire Parish**, which offers a good explanation of the RCIA. Do you know someone who might be interested in joining the Catholic Church? Please take one of the Catholic Updates and give it to that person.

THE RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Over the last several weeks we have been reflecting on the RCIA, its value and proper place within a parish. Last Sunday's article stated that we will begin the RCIA process here in Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. If you are at all interested in being a part of the RCIA, please contact the office and give us your name. We will have a meeting of all those interested to give you some more information. A good way to get involved is by sponsoring some adult who will be coming into the Church. **ALSO, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, if you know of anyone who has any interest in becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please call the office (273-6020) with that person's name or have that person call. We already have a list of potential candidates, but there are probably more out there that we are not aware of.**

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who, for whatever reason, didn't receive the Sacrament of Confirmation when you were in high school? Confirmation completes our initiation into the Roman Catholic Church. We are going to offer an adult Confirmation program this year, which will result in the reception of Confirmation next spring. This is a golden opportunity for you to take an in-depth look at your faith as an adult and to complete your initiation into the Church. Please call the office (273-6020) and give us your name. Our program will meet at St Patrick's on Sunday evenings beginning at 6:00 PM. We will meet for an hour and then together go to the 7:00 PM Mass. We anticipate beginning in mid-September.

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES ... Beginning on the weekend of September 15/16.

In most cases, as you will see, what is changing is the **location** rather than the time. This is to accommodate those who attend our Faith Formation classes. We are trying to do everything possible for our students to attend Mass in conjunction with Faith Formation. As you well know, our faith is not merely a **head trip**, although education is very important. When we educate anyone in the faith, we educate them into a way of worship. If the education does not lead to worship, something is sorely lacking. Therefore, we have tried to align our education and worship more closely so that there is maximum opportunity for worship. With that in mind, the following will be our Mass schedule, **beginning on September 15/16:**

SAT:	4:00 PM	ST BRIGID'S (NO CHANGE)
	5:30 PM	ST JOSEPH'S (NO CHANGE)
SUN:	7:30 AM	ST JOSEPH'S (NO CHANGE)
	9:00 AM	ST BRIGID'S (CHANGE OF LOCATION)
	11:00 AM	ST PATRICK'S (CHANGE OF LOCATION)
	7:00 PM	ST PATRICK'S (CHANGE OF TIME. HALF HOUR EARLIER)

Our Faith Formation will take place on Sunday mornings from 10:00 – 12:00, with the second half of that being devoted to Mass, and from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on Sunday evenings, again with the second half being devoted to Mass. There will also be Faith Formation on Monday evenings for those who find it impossible to participate on Sundays.

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7TH, THE FRIDAY MORNING MASS AT ST BRIGID'S WILL ONCE AGAIN BE SCHEDULED AT 8:15AM.

LOOKING AHEAD ...

ROSARY/ALTAR SOCIETY

The next meeting will be held on September 5th at 6:30pm at the Parish Life Center, 2416 7th Avenue. This will be the first meeting for the fall season. Hope to see all our rosary members there – we have a busy and exciting year ahead of us.

ANNUAL BANQUET

The Rosary Society has scheduled our annual banquet for Sunday, October 21st at 3:00pm at the Van Schaick Country Club.

We would appreciate any new items, hand made items, gift cards or cash donations for our raffle that day.

Please contact Bettianne Smulsky at 274-5354 or Kathy Brown at 271-7434 to make a donation.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH 2ND ANNUAL FALL KICKOFF

Community Liturgy followed by a Picnic

Sunday, September 16, 2007

Liturgy – 11:00am at St Patrick's

Picnic – 12:00 – 2:00pm on Front Lawns

**Hotdogs * Salads * Snacks * Desserts
* Beverages ***

Games and fun for all ages!

face painting - tug o' war - 3 leg race

Bouncy Bounce, Basket Raffles, plus much

much more ...

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Faith Formation

For All Ages

skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Meetings:

YM Core Team:

September 6, 7PM Faith Formation Center

Fall Kickoff Planning Sessions:

September 6, 13th 6:30PM Faith Formation Center

Please come and share your time and ideas with the Youth Ministry Core Team so that we can have an even more enjoyable experience at this year's Kickoff.

Faith Formation Committee:

September 11, 6:30PM Faith Formation Center

People of Faith: next session September 9th

All are invited to attend this Intergenerational model of Faith Formation. We meet once a month throughout the year to learn, share and grow in our faith.

As an alternative to weekly sessions, the emphasis is on the family and the shared experience of Liturgy and catechesis as we grow in understanding of what it means to be Catholic in today's world.

Join us in the Faith Formation Center after the 9AM Liturgy on September 9th.

Questions?? Call the Faith Formation office at 273-6020 or email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

OOPS!! I missed the Registration Parent Meetings...What Do I Do Now??

Not a problem. We will be happy to schedule individual appointments with you to register your young people for Faith Formation. Please call the Faith Formation office at 273-6020, and we will add you to our list of evening appointments.

Please remember: Your children must be re-registered every year. For the safety of all our children, there will be no registrations while sessions are going on. Young people **must** be registered before attending any sessions.

Special note to families of candidates for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation: Families who have young people intending to receive these sacraments in 2007-8, must be registered and attending class sessions by **October 1st**.

Do you know of someone who is planning to receive one of these sacraments this year? Please have them contact the Faith Formation office immediately, if they have missed the Registration Meetings and are not registered.

September 16th: Do you have it on your Calendar yet?

Plans are already in the works to make this year's **2nd Annual Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Fall Kickoff** even better than last year!!!! How does a **Bouncy- bounce** sound? Basket Raffles, games, activities, face painting, great food and fun for the **whole parish**. Posters have gone up with the details.

We need your help!!

The Youth Ministry Core team has again volunteered to get things started but, an **event for the whole parish**, needs the **help of the whole parish**. Sign up sheets and phone calls will soon be made, asking for your help. We need donations of hot dogs and rolls, snacks, salads, beverages and desserts. Set up will be at 9AM on the 16th and clean up at 2PM.

We're looking forward to working with all of you to create a day of fun and community for the entire parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)



Every Sunday at the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Patrick worship site, we will celebrate Children's Liturgy of the Word. Following the opening prayer, all children from K to grade 4 will be invited to go to the chapel with a catechist 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.

YOU CAN AVOID A STROKE!

Most people can't identify a single risk factor or a warning sign of stroke, yet over 750,000 Americans will be affected by a stroke this year alone!

Life Line Screening Radiology will be at **Our Lady of Mount Carmel School** performing a day of preventive health screenings on **Thursday, October 25th, 2007**.

Screenings are fast, painless and offered at low cost. They involve the use of ultrasound technology, and scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke, aortic aneurysms which can lead to a rupture, and plaque buildup in the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease. Also offered for men and women is a bone density screening to assess their risk for osteoporosis.

These non-invasive, inexpensive and painless, ultrasound tests help people identify their risk for stroke, vascular diseases or osteoporosis early enough for their physician to begin preventive procedures.

Each screening takes about 10 minutes or less to complete. Our vascular screening package, which includes the Stroke/Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm and Ankle Brachial Index (hardening of the arteries) screenings, is \$119. Sign up for the complete wellness package (which includes the osteoporosis screening) and pay only \$129.

Appointment spaces are limited and pre-registration is required. Sign up now by calling toll free to **1-800-407-4557**.

IHM/ST PATRICK'S CRAFT GUILD

The craft guild will begin taking advance orders for the *2008 Entertainment Book* on Sunday, September 2nd after the Mass at St Patrick's. A booth will be set up inside of the main entrance at the back of the church. The sale of *Entertainment Books* will continue until Christmas. The meetings for the month of September for the Craft Guild will be held on Tuesday, September 4th and 18th at St Patrick's. For more information, please contact Toni Delduce at 273-6024.

PRAYER TREE

If you wish to have a loved one prayed for because of illness, surgery, a special intention, or whatever your need, contact Brenda Persons at 271-6184.

We are always looking for more people to add to our prayer tree as *pray*-ers. Interested in being part of this ministry? Call Brenda at the number above.

TODAY IS FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

Please remember those in need of food in our community. There are drop boxes in the rear of each of the churches for non-perishable items. At this time we are in need of:

Canned corn, cake mix, beans, misc. canned vegetables, canned meats, cranberry sauce, tea/cocoa, crackers, canned fruit, soup & jelly. Also, some items that cannot be purchased with food stamps, such as: ***dish soap, laundry detergent, face soap, toilet tissue, paper towels, shampoo, toothpaste.*** Thank you for caring and reaching out to your neighbors in their time of need. God bless you.

DON'T FORGET OUR MILITARY

Keep on collecting those manufacturer coupons for our military families ... also our schools with Campbell Soup labels and box tops for education. Any questions call Brenda Persons at 271-6184. You can drop them off at the parish life center during business hours during the week.

ST BRIGID'S REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL - NEWS
FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Friendly's in Latham (Rt 9) will be hosting a "Family Fun Night" to benefit the construction of our new Library. When you visit ***Friendly's*** on the date and time listed below, 10% of all proceeds will be donated to St Brigid's. Please bring your friends and family.

Date: Wednesday, September 12, 2007

Time: 5:00pm – 8:00pm

New School Year Registration

We do have openings in most grades. Please contact the school for more information (**273-3321**). Financial aid is available to qualified families.

Refrigerator Needed

We are in need of a good used full sized refrigerator for the teacher's room.

SPECIAL EVENING OF PRAYER FOR WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

Friday, September 14th at 7:00pm at St Pius X Church, 23 Crumitie Rd, Loudonville, a special evening of prayer for widows and widowers will be held. The evening will include song, prayer and scripture, reflection time, intercessions, and a candle lighting memorial. It will conclude with a time for refreshments and fellowship. Eucharistic Adoration will be at 6:45pm. For more information call Jeanne Pitkin at 462-1336.

SETON HEALTH AUXILIARY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

Seton Health Auxiliary will hold its 100th Anniversary Gala on Friday, September 28th at the Century House (Rt 9 Latham). The event will begin at 6:00pm and the cost is \$75/person. For more information please contact Mickey at 235-8847 or Barbara at 235-0459. Reservations accepted until September 14th.

WATERVLIT LIBRARY HISTORIC SOCIETY

The Society will hold its next meeting on Monday, September 10th at 6:30pm in the Library. The agenda will consist of election of officers and setting the schedule of events for the coming year.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:13-14

Readings for the Week of September 2, 2007
 Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
 Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
 SEPTEMBER 3 – SEPTEMBER 9**

THE MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST JOSEPH'S AT THE 7:30AM MASS, SEPTEMBER 2ND, SHOULD HAVE ALSO INCLUDED THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FISK FAMILY, REQUESTED BY PAT FISK.
(Request was submitted after bulletin went to print)

Monday, September 3
 8:00am at St Joseph's - **The Farrell & Synan Families**

Tuesday, September 4
 8:00am at St Patrick's (chapel) – **Joseph P & Robert Foley**, req by the Family

Wednesday, September 5
 6:30am at St Brigid's – **Francis C Ford (4th Anniv)**, req by Agnes

Friday, September 7
****8:15am** at St Brigid's – **The Farrell & Synan Families**


Saturday, September 8
 4:00pm at St Brigid's – **Roberta Kennedy (1st Anniv) & Mary C DeCotis (B'day)**, req by the Burnside & DeCotis Families
Susan Hacker (Lv, B'day), req by her sister
 5:30pm at St Joseph's – **Carolyn Shaftick**, req by the Mattison Family

Sunday, September 9
 7:30am at St Joseph's – **Mickey Szymczak**, req by Brenda Persons
 9:00am at St Patrick's – **Carrie Delduce**, req by Mary Wagner
Roberta Kennedy (1st Anniv), req by the Holton family
Peter J Gaynor & Ann Gaynor Maloney, req by Betty Gaynor
 11:00am at St Brigid's – **William Ackerman**, req by Theresa Ashline & Russell Farrone
 7:30pm at St Patrick's – **Edward Eidle**, req by the Numrich Family
The Farrell & Synan Families

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ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Weekly.....	\$6,032.16
Total (including mail-in).....	\$6,237.16
August 15 th Holy Day – The Assumption.....	\$1,562.06
2 nd Collection (Home Missions).....	\$1,775.75

PLEASE NOTICE:

 THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD IN OBSERVANCE OF THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY, AND REOPEN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH AT 8:30AM.

The Sanctuary Candle at St Brigid's has been donated by Lilia Langford for the week of September 2nd – 8th for a Special Intention.

St Joseph's Sanctuary Candle has been donated by EMF for Special Favor granted for the week of September 2nd – 8th.

DIOCESAN CURSILLO

Please join us for some fun! A Diocesan Cursillo goods and services auction will be held at St Ambrose, McCormack center in Latham on Sunday, September 16th at 2:00pm. Proceeds will help defray the cost of Cursillo weekends. If you have any questions, you may call Rosalie Adams at 273-9017.

COMMEMORATION OF THE CONSECRATION OF ST AGNES CEMETERY

All are invited to join Bishop Howard Hubbard to remember the faithful departed and mark the 140th anniversary of St Agnes Cemetery.

Date: September 30, 2007
 Place: St Agnes Cemetery
 48 Cemetery Ave
 Menands, NY
 Time: 1:00pm Procession and Mass
 Reception will follow the Liturgy

Please register by sending an email to Molly Nicol at molly.nicol@rcda.org or contact 463-0134 x110.

NYS COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS-CAPITAL DISTRICT

Enjoy Miniature Golf and support Special Olympics on Saturday September 8th (rain date September 9th). The Capital District Knights of Columbus is holding a benefit Mini Golf Tournament at Knight's Tale Course on Rt 9 (next to Hoffman's Play Land). Event begins at 9:00am and runs all day. The cost is \$10.00/person. Prizes will be given for low scores and holes in one. For information call Hank Larose 783-1706 or Jim Hart 584-3911.

God has granted to man
 a dignity which is near to divine.
(Ps 8:5-6)
 In every child which is born and
 in every person who lives or dies
 we see the image of God's glory.
 — John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, 84