

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, WATERVLIET



....to all who helped with the clean up last Saturday. The crew was small but enthusiastic and they got a lot done. Both properties around St Brigid's and St Patrick's look a lot better. And thanks, especially to Linda Dunbar who furnished the lunch and other goodies.

THE WORD AMONG US

You may remember this Daily Scripture Meditation Guide from last Lent and Advent. We made copies available in each of our churches and they were well received. We are also making copies available for the month of June. They will be in the back of each Church. **THEY ARE FREE**; however, if you would like to throw a dollar into the collection to cover the cost, that would be appreciated. Thanks and hope you enjoy it.



FATHER'S DAY....

....is coming up on June 15th and we are planning to do the same thing for them as we did for our mothers for Mother's Day; namely, publish a booklet with all those names you would like to have commemorated at Masses that day and on the remaining days of June. Envelopes are in the back of all the churches so please take them and return them with the appropriate names. Deadline for having the names in the booklet will be June 8th.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Donna Murray has received a number of inquiries regarding the publishing of names in our Parish Directory. We will list all of our parishioners in the Directory; however, you will receive a copy only if you had your picture taken.

RETIREMENT OF FATHER DAN MAHAR

On Sunday, June 1st, Father Mahar will be retiring. His final Mass at Holy Cross Church will be at 10:30 that day and there will be a special reception/luncheon at the Desmond Hotel after that. The price for the luncheon is \$25.00 and it does not include a gift. If you are interested in attending please call Sr Helen Charles at Holy Cross at 489-8197.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) FOLLOW UP

The PPC met on Tuesday, May 13th, to discuss ideas from previous meetings and the parish bulletin regarding the financial situation and future of IHM. They agreed the entire parish needs to be involved in the process and this announcement today describes that process. There will be an initial meeting and a follow up at or near each of our worship sites. Every parishioner is invited to nominate him/herself to participate. We will select no more than 30 names from those who sign up for each site. They will meet with a representative from the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee at 7:00 PM on June 12th. At that meeting they will be provided with the ideas from the Parish Pastoral Council and financial information. (The meeting should be relatively brief.) On June 26th they will reassemble and be invited to submit their ideas/input, which will then be taken back to the Parish Pastoral Council. After that a parish wide "town meeting" will take place. **IF YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF THIS PROCESS, PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. NAMES WILL BE DRAWN AT THE END OF MASS ON JUNE 1st.** (7:30 at St Joseph's, 9:00 at St Brigid's, and 11:00 at St Patrick's.) **THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PROCESS BECAUSE IT INVOLVES THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH. PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR PARTICIPATION. THANK YOU.**



2008 BISHOP'S APPEAL

We are continuing to make progress on our Bishop's Appeal. The initial report, which was due at the Diocese on May 17th, reflected 272 gifts for a total of \$36, 210.00. That is up slightly from last year (256 gifts for \$33, 901.00) and represents 66% of our goal. A number of responses have come in since then and they continue to come in on a daily basis. Once again, **THANK YOU** to all who have so generously responded. Letters will be sent out later to those who have not responded and that will bring in another good amount.



AOEDE CONSORT ... Presents: *Baroque Masters*:



Bach and Vivaldi at St Patrick's, 515 19th Street on **June 13th at 8:30pm**. Join the Aoede Consort for an evening of baroque masterpieces featuring *Canata 131*: "Out of the depths I cry to thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice" by Johann Sebastian Bach and *Gloria* by Antonio Vivaldi.

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Gatherings:

Faith Formation News

Adult Faith Formation: Summer Scripture Sharing Sessions

As things wind down in our young people's Faith Formation sessions, we look forward to a new experience for the **adults** in our parish. We will begin an **evening Scripture sharing** group, using the Liguori series, ***Journey into the Bible***. All parishioners are invited to join us; to share God's Word and reflect on His Presence in our lives. The cost of materials is only \$6 per person for the entire summer session.

We will meet in the Faith Formation Center (former St. Patrick's rectory – 6th Avenue) on Wednesdays, at 6:30PM. Please contact Sharon Kowalski at 273-6020 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org if you would like more information or are in need of transportation.

Guitar Hero Competition

Now that our Faith Formation sessions have ended for this year, it is time to play. Our Youth Ministry team tells me there is this thing out there called a "**Guitar Hero Competition**". So, of course, since Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish likes to be on the leading edge of such things, we will sponsor a **Guitar Hero Competition** on **June 20th**, from **5 to 9PM** at the site of the former Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School.

The systems that we will be using are PS2 and Xbox 360. If you have your own guitar and it is compatible with these systems, please bring it, with **your name written** on masking tape and **attached to the guitar**.

There will be four levels to compete in: **Easy, Medium, Hard, Expert**. Cost to register is \$5. You may also purchase a **T-shirt**, imprinted with **IHM Guitar Hero 2008**, for an additional \$5. **To receive your T-shirt by June 20th, we must have your order in by June 4th.**

The competition is limited to 40 competitors and open first to Immaculate Heart of Mary young people, ages 10 and up. **All those who wish to compete must register by June 10th**. For registration forms or for more information, please call the Faith Formation office at 273-6020, ext. 6 or email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

Monthly: People of Faith

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.

People of Faith is an alternative to **weekly sessions** with an emphasis on shared experience of faith and Liturgy.

Join us in the Faith Formation Center (former rectory-6th Avenue) at 9AM on June 1st. Questions?? Call the Faith Formation office at 273-6020 or email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will continue through the month of June.

We would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to Miss Hanley who has been so faithful and devoted to our young people in this very important ministry. Over the summer, we are hoping to train a team to assist Miss Hanley in continuing CLOW. Please contact Sharon Kowalski at 273-6020 or email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org if you would like more information.

Every Sunday at the 11AM Mass in the St. Patrick's 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.

CRAFT GUILD

The next meeting of the Craft Guild will be held in St. Patrick's, lower level on Tuesday, May 27th, from 7:00pm – 9:00pm. All are welcome to join, men and women alike. Share your talents along with other fine artisans and enjoy an evening with those from the community of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish.

PRAYER TREE MINISTRY

If you would like to have prayers said for a loved one, relative, friend, and/or neighbor or even for yourself, for whatever reason, contact Brenda Persons at 271-6184.

Our Prayer Tree team is comprised of 'pray-ers'; a special ministry within our community. If you would like to be part of this ministry to others, call Brenda for more details. This is a ministry that can be done *any time ... any where!*

OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 26TH IN OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY AND WILL RE-OPEN ON TUESDAY REGULAR HOURS.
HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY!

IHM FLEA MARKET NEWS

Our recent flea market was a great success! Thanks to everyone who helped prepare the area prior to the sale; those that helped the day of the flea market, and all those who contributed their items and worthy treasures. The profit from the sale was \$2,804.96.

At this time and until further notice, please do not bring any more articles to St Patrick's for the flea market, we do not have the storage space. Thank you for your cooperation.

ALTAR/ROSARY SOCIETY

The rosary is prayed every Saturday, 3:15pm at St Brigid's church and the first Saturday of the month at St Joseph's at 5:00pm.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 4th at 6:30pm at the Parish Life Center, 7th Avenue.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THEM!

Our military families need your collected manufacturer coupons and old cell phones.

Schools: all Campbell product labels and box tops for education; also Price Chopper cash register receipts. If you have not registered your Advantage card for Heatly, Watervliet Elementary, Jr/Sr High school, Maplewood, St Brigid's Regional Catholic School, please go to the Customer Service area and they will help you. Any questions, contact Brenda Persons at 271-6184.

PRAYER MINISTRY

The "Afterglow of the Eucharist" is a prayer ministry that utilizes prayer teams to pray with parishioners for their various needs at the end of the last liturgy on Sundays. It is based on the healing graces that flow from the Eucharist and the mission of Jesus to proclaim and to heal. If you would like further information about this ministry or would like to be part of a prayer team, there will be a training session held on Saturday, May 31st from 9:30 am—12 noon at St. Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park. Registration is required to attend. Please call Deacon Jerry and Marie Grigaitis at 371-7911.

HELP KEEP YOUR CHURCH CLEAN



Anyone who is able or would like to volunteer a small amount of time to helping clean St Joseph's church, G.I., please call Brenda Persons at 271-6184.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
MAY 26th - JUNE 1st**

If you wish to schedule a Mass Intention, please call the Parish Office to speak with Tina or Judy at 273-6020 two weeks prior to the desired date so that we can list the intention in the bulletin before it goes to press. Thank you.

Monday, May 26

8:00am at St Joseph's – The Farrell & Synan families



Tuesday, May 27

8:00am at St Patrick's – Theresa Ann Parker, req by Jean Fox

Wednesday, May 28

6:30am at St Brigid's – Bryan T Roberts (Lv/B'day), req by his family

Friday, May 30

8:15am at St Brigid's – Parishioner's Birthday, req by the O'Hare family

Saturday, May 31

4:00pm at St Brigid's – John & Rose Natarelli, req by the daughters; Mary, Santa & Anna

Margaret Oaksford (B'day), req by M/M Joseph Germano

5:30pm at St Joseph's – Theodore Macken, req by his children

Sunday, June 1

7:30am at St Joseph's – Jane Dunn, req by Lucille & Frank Lacosse

9:00am at St Brigid's – John & Mary Carroll, req by their son, John

11:00am at St Patrick's – Vincenza DiNuzzo, req by the son, Frank J DiNuzzo, Jr & children

Susan Treacy, – req by Lorraine Alund

Theresa Ann Parker, req by old St Patrick's Craft Guild

7:00pm at St Patrick's – For all students, req by a parishioner

Dorothy Storms, req by John Wallace & the Wallace family

SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR WEEK OF MAY 18-24

St Brigid – For a Special Intention, donated by Lilia Langford

SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR WEEK OF JUNE 1-7

St Joseph – For a Special Intention, donated by Dolores Shaw



"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who

ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." - Jn 6:56-58

Readings for the Week of May 25, 2008

- Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
- Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45
- Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Mk 10:46-52
- Friday: Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
- Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56
- Next Sunday: Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32/Rom 3:21-25, 28/Mt 7:21-27

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Weekly.....\$5555.00
Total (including mail-in).....\$6065.00

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH
ST BRIGID'S REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
RALPH PROVENZA, PRINCIPAL**

Email: principalsbrcs@yahoo.com

ST BRIGID'S PRINCIPAL TO DYE HAIR AND SLEEP IN A TENT!

As an INCENTIVE to sell raffle tickets, Mr. Provenza has agreed to dye his hair red and sleep in a tent. The students voted and selected these incentives for Mr. Provenza. The catch is students need to sell a certain amount of raffle tickets.

We will keep you posted.

*Incentive	Raise \$5,000 by 6/6	Raise \$7,000 by 6/6	Raise \$10,000 by 6/6
Dye Hair Red for	One Day	Two Days	Three Days
Sleep in a Tent in Play Area next to Primary Building for	One Night	Two Nights	Three Nights

(* While the raffle drawing is June 26, the money for the incentives needs to be raised by June 6th.)

MOTHER'S DAY DINNER WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

The Myhschuk family planned the event, purchased the food, prepared the food, and even served it. Thanks to Parish support, we sold over a hundred dinners, and raised \$773.

WATERVLIEET HISTORY DAY - ST BRIGID'S STUDENTS SHINE

Grades 2 – 8 worked with their teachers over several months to develop and present various projects during Watervliet History Day, Saturday, May 17. It was an excellent program – well organized, informative, and well attended. While all classes were recognized for their hard work and skill, our Second grade class received a certificate for "Best Presentation," Sixth grade for "Most Researched, and Seventh grade for "Most Creative."

2008 - 2009 REGISTRATION - RESERVE A SLOT NOW

Based on last year's experience, we are anticipating filling our Pre-school, Pre-K, and Kindergarten classes. While we will give preference to current students, we can only reserve a place in a class if we have a completed registration form and registration fee on file. I would encourage you not to wait too long to register your child(ren).

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Please visit our Website regularly for updates. Website: www.rcdaschools.org/stbrigid

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WELCOME TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH!

We invite you to become a member of our parish family. To register, please stop by the Parish Office at 2416 7th Avenue, or fill out the following form and place it in the Sunday collection basket.

Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Address: _____