

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, WATERVLIET

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.

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. Meeting places will be announced in the bulletin next weekend. Since fewer than 30 signed up at each church, all those who signed up will be able to attend.**

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.

WELCOME DEACON JAMES EBERT! This will be the first weekend that Deacon Ebert will be with us. He will introduce himself at all Masses and I'm sure he will be warmly received and will be greatly appreciated as he ministers with us from now until August 15th.



FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Gatherings:

People of Faith: June 1st

All parishioners 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

Faith Formation Planning 2008 – 2009: June 10 and 24

All Catechists and members of the Sacrament Committee are urged to attend the planning meetings for 2008 – 2009 on Tuesday, June 10th and June 24th, at 6:30PM in the Faith Formation Center on 6th Avenue.

Youth Ministry Core Team: June 5th

All interested young people, in grades 6 and up, are invited to attend the Youth Ministry meeting on June 5th, at 6PM in the Faith Formation Center on 6th Avenue. We will be finalizing plans for the Guitar Hero Competition on June 20th.

This year, we plan on having two Youth Ministry teams: a middle school, grades 6 – 8, and high school, grades 9 and up. Parents who would like to see what is happening in Youth Ministry in our parish are also welcome to attend this meeting.

NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Adult Faith Formation: Summer Scripture Sharing Sessions

We have begun an **evening Scripture sharing** group for the **adults** in our parish, using the Liguori series, *Journey into the Bible*. If you would like to join our discussion this week, we will be taking a look at Chapters 5 – 10 in the book of Exodus.

No previous knowledge or study of scripture is required. 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.

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.

IHM/WATERVLIET FOOD PANTRY

Did you know.... beginning June 1st, people who redeem at least \$5. in food stamp benefits at participating Farmers Markets will get an extra \$5. token to spend at the market each day they visit the Farmers Market! The program, called NY Fresh Checks, is designed to encourage food stamp participants to shop at Farmers Markets. For more information, please contact Tracey Martin at 518-786-3691, x227, or Traceym@regionalfoodbank.net.



Our food pantry is in need of: canned food (fruit, pasta, potatoes, sauerkraut, & fish), cake mixes, cereal (hot & cold), canned beans (baked, kidney, pork & beans), cranberry sauce, jelly, stuffing mix, sugar, flour, decaf tea, hot chocolate mix, pancake mix, hearty canned soups, chicken/beef boullion, jello, & paper products. ***FYI*** – *paper products, as well as laundry detergent, dish detergent, toothpaste, and hand soap* are commodities that can NOT be purchased with Food Stamps. Thank you for sharing with those who are in need of assistance.

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.

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!*

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.

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.

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.

CRAFT GUILD

The next meeting of the Craft Guild will be held in St Patrick's, lower level on Tuesday, June 10th, 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.

UNCLE SAM CHORUS OF TROY NY

We are a small group of men who sing Patriotic and Inspirational songs and perform throughout the Capital District in some 25 parades during the Summer season....

"Let's Keep Patriotism Alive and Well ", come sing with us, the *Uncle Sam Chorus*. Call Neil at 518-885-4517 for more details - neilsingslead@nycap.rr.com.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Weekly.....	\$6167.00
Total (including mail-in).....	\$6608.00
Central & Eastern European Churches.....	\$1256.00

Thank you for your continuing support to our parish. May God bless you.

PHONE NUMBERS TO KEEP ON FILE

Catholic Information: 1-800-MY FAITH
Traveling Mass Times: 1-410-676-6000

SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 8-14

St Patrick's – The Szotak Family, donated by
Brenda Persons

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
JUNE 2ND – JUNE 8TH**

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, June 2

8:00am at St Joseph's – Raymond S Tallman



Tuesday, June 3

NO MASS

Wednesday, June 4

NO MASS

Friday, June 6

NO MASS

Saturday, June 7

4:00pm at St Brigid's – L'ving & dec'd mem of St Brigid's Regional Catholic School Class '43, req by M/M Paul Duffey

5:30pm at St Joseph's – Christina Reepmeyer, req by Tina & Anthony Rovelli

Thomas Fisk, req by the family

Alice Richardson, req by M/M William Shepard & family

Sunday, June 8

7:30am at St Joseph's – Margaret McDonald, req by the family

9:00am at St Brigid's – Dec'd members of Ladies Aux AOH, req by Lilia Langford

11:00am at St Patrick's – Theresa Ann Parker, req by Antoinette Delduce

Richard Meher, – req by Vera Facticeau & family

Bernice Kehn, req by the Craft Guild

7:00pm at St Patrick's – Catherine Caulfield, req by Faith Formation Staff

Joshua Szotak, req by Brenda Persons

GIVE A BOOK – TAKE A BOOK

The soul, the "interior castle," is described by St.Teresa of Avila (Spain, 16th century) as having 7 dwelling places.



In volume 2 of *The Collected Works of St. Teresa of Avila*, translated in 1980, the 7 dwelling places of the "interior castle," also called the 7 mansions, are described in very readable detail.

The 7 petitions of the "Our Father" are the basis for the 7 mansions of the soul, as related by author Tom Richards at

www.catholic.net/rcc/Periodicals/Faith/may-june99/Interior.html. It

gives an indication of how we spend our lives through prayer building the "interior castle" always closer to God.

Visit the Parish Life Center to see this and other books on a variety of topics. Hours are from 9:00am-3:00pm Monday – Friday. For further information, please call Tina at 273-6020. Thank you to everyone who has given to; participated in & promoted this opportunity.

NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the Week of June 1, 2008

Sunday: Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32/Rom 3:21-25, 28/
Mt 7:21-27
Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday 2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34
Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Mk 12:38-44
Next Sunday: Hos 6:3-6/Rom 4:18-25/Mt 9:9-13



*"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock."
- Mt 7:24-25*

	<h2>Memorial Page for 2008</h2>	<p align="center"><i>In loving memory of Dorothy Norton Requested by Penny and Dennis</i></p>
<p align="center"><i>In loving memory of Raymond & Helen Werner Requested by their daughter, Judith</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>In loving memory of Anne & Bill Paris Gladys & Gene Paris Requested by Patti & Arnie - Pam, Russ & Family</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>In loving memory of Albert & Dorothy Flanigan Requested by their son, William & daughter, Karen</i></p>
<p align="center"><i>In loving memory of Raymond C Brooks Requested by His loving wife & children</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>In loving memory of Rhonda M (Soucy) Bartholomew Requested by Michael, Dad, Martha, Deborah, Jeffery, Jayne & Jean</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>In loving memory of Lee Penn, Penn Family, Mary Sheehan, Joseph Penn Family Requested by Patricia A Penn</i></p>
<p align="center"><i>In loving memory of Virginia, Edward, James and Barbara Dunbar Requested by Pat & Linda Dunbar</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>In loving memory of Thomas E Halpin, Sr., Margaret M Halpin & Marge Halpin Testo Requested by Their children & grandchildren</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>In loving memory of Gert & Harold Quackenbush Florence & Walter Ellis Requested by Trudy & Walt & Family</i></p>
<p align="center"><i>In loving memory of The Thomas F Dunphy Family Requested by Julia F Fahr</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>In memory of Katherine Meagher Requested by Rose Marie Kotansky</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>In loving memory of Max Kotansky Requested by Rose Marie Kotansky</i></p>
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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: _____