

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, WATERVLIET

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – The PPC met on Tuesday, September 30th and the following was discussed: the final input for the Parish Directory should be sent to Olan Mills next week; a brief report was given on the first Building Committee meeting; the Diocesan Annual Parish Convening will be on October 25th and all PPB members are urged to attend: the need for an active evangelization program was discussed and Fr Ed will contact the Diocese to see if they can send a representative to our next PPB meeting to help us get started; the idea of putting information about our Mass schedule in the Troy Record was discussed. The next meeting will be on the last Monday in October, the 27th.

PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING – The Architecture and Building Commission (ABC) from the Diocese came on Tuesday, September 23rd for the initial meeting with the Building Committee. Mr Wally Kroner and Fr Richard Vosko gave general guidelines for the committee with the hopes that we can have a couple of proposals to present to the Parish early next year. The Building Committee will be meeting regularly and eventually will engage architects as consultants. **Rumors are flying. No decisions have been made and none will be made until there is consultation with the whole Parish.**

THE “BEARERS OF LIVING HOPE DISCERNMENT RETREAT” ...will be offered from Nov 21-23, 2008. It is for those interested in discerning a vocation to religious life. Please call or email Sister Rosemary at [674-3818/rosemary.cuneo@rcda.org](tel:674-3818) if you are interested or would like more information. Application forms are available by calling 453-6670.

BEGINNING *the first Monday in October and every first Monday* of the months following, religious from the area will gather at **THE MUDDY CUP** on Madison Avenue from 7:00 – 8:00 PM for informal conversation about religious life.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS – Sunday, October 5th at 1:00 in the gym at St Brigid's.

Bring any and all of your “beasts” that you would like to have blessed, whether they have been blessed before or not.....there may even be some treats for them. (Doors open at 12:30)

ANNUAL OCTOBER COUNT – Every year the Diocese asks each parish to take an attendance count at all weekend Masses during October. Last year we had an average of 805 persons attending Masses each weekend. When we complete the October count this year our figures will be published.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED



We are in need of persons to serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers. Remember as a lector, through you, God continues to spiritually feed His people at the Table of the Word. As a Eucharistic Minister you are serving the people of God with the holy Bread of Life. Altar Servers must have received First Eucharist to be eligible. Please consider serving your parish in one of these ministries. If you are interested, please contact Linda Dunbar at 785-0003.

ALTAR/ROSARY BANQUET

This will be the last chance for dropping the return form for the Altar-rosary Banquet at the weekend Masses. Our deadline is Wednesday, October 8th. You may still drop them off at the PLC, 2416 7th Ave, in the mail or to anyone on the committee.

The banquet will be held on Sunday, October 26th from 2:00pm – 5:00pm at the Knights of Columbus, Waterford (Northside). **Directions:** *From Watervliet, and Green Island – take 787 north to the end. Take a right at the light (Saratoga St) over the bridge to the 1st traffic light, take a left at this light (Clifton St) over RR tracks to stop sign. Go 1 block, take a left at Grace St. 76 Grace St on the left – parking lot is before building and is marked. Easy access. Come enjoy being waited on to a delicious dinner of your choice. For more information call Kathy Brown, 271-7434.*

IHM/WATERVLIET FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Do you receive more calendars than you can use each year? Please do not discard them. Place them in the food pantry boxes in each of the worship sites or bring them to the Parish Life Center. We can distribute them with the food baskets. Although we have signed up many new clients this year, our overall number of families has remained at around 290. Some families have moved, some needed help only once (for example, if they were between jobs), & some have passed on.

Our food pantry currently needs the following: laundry detergent, bath soap, paper products, peanut butter, instant & decaf tea & coffee, canned food (meat, fruit, pasta, potatoes, sauerkraut, & fish), cake mix, cereal (hot & cold), low calorie jam & jelly, low salt vegetarian canned beans (baked, kidney, pork & beans), stuffing mix, pancake mix, low salt soup, Jello, low calorie pudding. Please include low/no sugar items so that we can help out those who are diabetic. Also, please note that food stamps do not include soap or paper products. Thank you! May Jesus & Mary pray for you always!



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Gatherings:

Youth Ministry: October 9th

There will be a Youth Ministry meeting on Thursday, **October 9th** at 6:30PM in the Faith Formation Center. Planning will begin for upcoming events, such as the **Family Movie Night** on Friday, October 17th and the **Haunted Halloween** on October 31st. All young people in the Parish in middle and high school are invited to attend and be part of this energetic and creative group.

Faith Formation Committee: October 14

There will be a Faith Formation Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 14th at 6:30PM in the Faith Formation Center. Planning for the **First Reconciliation Parent meeting on October 21st** and the **First Reconciliation Preparation Day on November 8th** will be discussed.

Adult Faith Formation: October Schedule for Scripture Sharing Sessions;

Thursdays, Faith Formation Center, 6:30PM: **October 16 and 23.**

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation Sessions: 2008-2009

Sessions began for this year on September 21st. If you would like to register your children for Faith Formation, please call the Faith Formation office at 273-6020 (ext.6 after 3:30PM), or email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org for an **individual** registration appointment.

Special note to families of candidates planning to receive First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation in 2008-9: *Deadline for registration for those planning to receive those sacraments this year is this week, **October 5th.***

Just a reminder: We are following the guidelines of the former catechetical programs in Watervliet/Green Island. There is a **two year preparation process** for reception of the sacraments of **Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.**

First Reconciliation Families:

Families who have young people planning to receive First Reconciliation this year (November 22nd), must now be registered and attending class sessions. The **Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation** will be **October 21st.** A mailing with further information will go out this week.

Coffee and Conversation: October 19th

The 3rd grade will be assisting at the Mass on October 19th at the 11AM Mass. They will also be hosting, with the help of their parents and catechists, a Coffee hour immediately after Mass in the lower level of St. Patrick's. Please join us for coffee, juice and a little conversation.

Fall Intermediate Certificate Courses: October 7 and November 11

We will be offering two Intermediate Certification courses at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish this Fall. **Morality** will be offered on Tuesday, October 7th and **Jesus** will be offered on Tuesday, November 11th, both at 7PM in the Parish Life Center.

Registration forms and the fee (\$12 for each course) are due the week before each course is offered. Courses are open to all parishioners.

For registration forms or for more information, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 273-6020 (ext. 6 after 3:30PM) or email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume in mid-October.

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.

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ST BRIGID'S REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

Pet Food Drive



We are conducting a Pet Food Drive as part of our celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron Saint of all animals. The food will be delivered by members of our Student Government and Molly (the dog) to the Menands Animal Shelter on Tuesday, October 7th. You can bring pet food to school or to the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 5th, 12:30pm in the school gym.

**Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 5th, 1:00pm,
St. Brigid's School Gym**

All are invited to our 4th Annual Blessing of the Animals. Doors open at 12:30pm, with the blessing taking place at 1:00pm.

**Official Opening of School Library and Ice Cream
Social, Monday, Oct. 6th, 6:30pm, School Cafeteria**

We are pleased to invite our parishioners to the "official opening" of our new library. The opening of the library is also a celebration of the combined support of our Parishioners, school families, and greater Watervliet and Green Island communities. Please join us.

IHM CRAFT GUILD NEWS

The craft guild will be meeting every Tuesday, from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at St Patrick's, 19th St until the craft fair, the first weekend in December; all are welcome to join. We will be working on our crafts in preparation for the fair to be held on December 5th, 6th, and 7th.

★ The 2009 Entertainment Books are now available! ★

For more information about the Guild and/or the Entertainment Books please contact Toni Delduce at (518) 273-6024.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Anyone who can help with cleaning at St Joseph's in Green Island, please call Jeannie Brennan at 273-2456. We would like some help every other Saturday morning, or once a month, if that would better fit your schedule.

PRAYER TREE



If you would like to have someone prayed for or if you would like to join our prayer tree as a 'pray-er', please call Brenda Persons at 271-6184.

COUPON/REGISTER TAPES/BOX TOPS/LABELS

Please don't forget our military families with manufacturer coupons and cell phones. Our schools: Price Chopper cash register tapes, box tops for education & all Campbell product labels. Any questions, call Brenda Persons at 271-6184.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

THIS WEEKEND IS PRO-LIFE WEEKEND

Please sign up to pray for an unborn child for the next 9 months.

Rosarians will be at every Mass all weekend at all the doors of the church.



NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Catholic families should be living symbols of our conviction that

life is *always, always* a gift from God.

Teach your children to respect human life from conception to natural death.

Pray as a family for an end to this evil that destroys the weakest of the weak, the poorest of the poor.

*- Light & Shadows: Our Nation
25 Years After Roe v. Wade.*

PARISH CONVENING 2008

Bishop Hubbard and the Diocesan Pastoral Council invite *all parishioners* to join us for Parish Convening 2008 on Saturday, October 25th from 9:30am -1:30pm at Christian Brothers Academy, 12 Airline Drive in Albany. Our theme will be *Leadership for the Harvest: Cultivating Our Hope*. Bishop Matthew Clark of Rochester will be the keynote speaker. Kim and Reggie Harris will lead us in prayer and song and a variety of workshops will be offered to enrich your faith journey and parish life. Cost is \$18/person and registrations are due by Wednesday, October 15th. Brochure and registration forms can be found in the September 11th issue of *The Evangelist* and also are available for download at www.rcda.org. For further information, please call 453-6661.

AMERICAN LEGION POST #927 CLAM STEAM

The American Legion is holding a Clam feast on Saturday, October 25th from 12:30pm – 4:00pm. Limited to 120 dinners. Tickets are on sale until October 20th. For further information call the Legion at 272-1198 or Brenda Persons at 271-6184.

ROSARY RALLIES

Over 3,000 public outdoor Rosary Rallies will be held all over the United States at noon on Saturday, October 11th. This is close to the exact time and day of the "Miracle of the Sun" that took place on October 13, 1917 in Fatima, Portugal. Our local rally will be held in front of St Ambrose Church, Old Loudon Road in Latham. In order to obtain peace, America urgently needs to return to God, do penance, and pray the Rosary, as requested by our Blessed Mother at Fatima. Please join us on October 11th at noon. Rain or shine. Hope to see you there.

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**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH
WEDDINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2008**



*David Anthony Paterniani & Madeline Teresa Perfetti
Douglas George Adamek, Jr & Margaret Mary Benacquista
Michael Christopher Dembrosky & Melissa Lindsay Picarillo*

**BAPTISMS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST AND
SEPTEMBER 2008**

*Arianna Marie Phillips
Matthew John Davs
Dominick Michael Heffern
Bellah Sophia Hoang*

SETON HEALTH - DIABETES EDUCATION

Diabetes Support Group Meeting Schedule: All meetings are held in Conference Room A and afternoon meetings are held in Conference Room B.

Oct 9 th	2:00pm – 3:30pm
Nov 13 th	6:30pm – 8:00pm
December	No Meeting

For more information, please call 268-5584.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOR AIDS SERVICES

Celebrate the Harvest – October 9th, 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

Join in a special evening of good food, live jazz by **Grand Central Station**, and bidding on many gifts and items from area restaurants, stores and entertainment venues. All proceeds benefit Catholic Charities Aids Service to provide support to individuals with HIV/AIDS. Location: Albany Country Club, 300 Wormer Rd, Voorheesville, NY

COUNSELING FOR LAITY

November 18th and 20th, 6:00pm to 9:00pm (both evenings) **2008 Strengthening Relations Program**: This program is designed to foster healthy relationships. It will focus on: communication; conflict resolution; intimacy; dealing with stress; positive attitudes; and the Myers-Briggs will be administered and interpreted. Focus will be on the couple and their understanding and acceptance of each other. This **two-evening workshop** is excellent preparation for marriage; remarriage or just enhancing a couple's relationship. **Pre-registration is required** (518) 453-6625 as the Myers-Briggs must be scored previous to the session. Presenter: Sr Anne Bryan Smollin, CSJ, Ph.D Fee \$100.00. Location: Pastoral Center, 40 N Main Ave.



MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6TH – 12TH

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, Oct 6

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

Tuesday, Oct 7

8:00am at St Patrick's – **Thomas Raleigh (B'day)**, req by his wife **Edward Connors**, req by Edward Almstead

Wednesday, Oct 8

6:30am at St Brigid's – **Edmund P Woznack**, req by Michael Woznack & Betty Kruger

Friday, Oct 10

8:15am at St Brigid's – **The Farrell & Synan families**

Saturday, Oct 11

4:00pm at St Brigid's – **M/M John Fox**, req by the family **Florence & Stephen Yesilouis**, req by the O'Hare family

5:30pm at St Joseph's – **Carmen J Scesny (30th Anniv)**, req by the children

Ray Connery (10th Anniv), req by his wife Helen & family

Sunday, Oct 12

7:30am at St Joseph's – **The Farrell & Synan families**

9:00am at St Brigid's – **Carmen Ramos Fernandez**, req by Diane Gamble **Jeffe Sulit**, req by Al & Mary Lou Sterling

11:00am at St Patrick's – **Dec'd mem of Alund family**, req by Lorraine Alund

Stanley Lindgren, req by Bettianne & Ed Smulsky

Marie Burke, req by M/M Peter Topian & family

7:00pm at St Patrick's – **The Farrell & Synan families**

SANCTUARY CANDLES FOR THE WEEK OF OCT 5-11

St Brigid – Special Intention donated by Lilia Langford
St Joseph – In Memory of my parents, donated by Don & Marie

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes'? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." - Mt. 21:42-43



Readings for the Week of October 5, 2008

Sunday:	Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday:	Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Weekly (including mail-in)

September 30, 2007.....	\$6312.00
September 28, 2008.....	\$6345.75