

# Putnam's Thanksgiving Day Parade Held In Carmel

BY ERIC GROSS

The internationally acclaimed Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade has taken on new meaning for children enrolled at St. James School in Carmel.

Forty-eight hours before the big day, boys and girls created their own Thanksgiving Day Parade that featured balloons, bikes, tricycles, scooters and wagons – all decorated as floats.

Following the parade on church grounds overlooking Lake Gleneida on a glorious morning, the children were treated to a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings thanks to a small army of parent volunteers and staff members.

St. James School Principal Maura Crawford commended her staff for "always looking for ways to create amazing memories for our children. In the midst of their hard work as we live with the New York State Common Core Standards every day, our faculty finds time and energy to make sure that our children feel like children as they enjoy school."

*At right and below, the parade winds its way around the St. James School campus last Tuesday. At far right, Msgr. Martin watches Salvatore and Charlotte create their own holiday pictures.*

