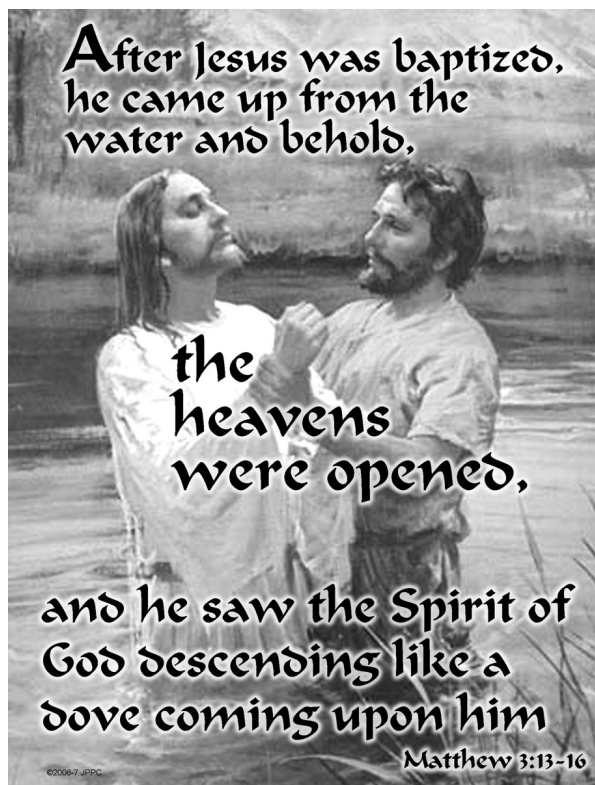


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

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The Baptism of the Lord, January 12, 2020



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Saturday: 5 p.m. (Anticipated Mass)
Mass Schedule Sundays: 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 noon
Daily Mass Monday - Saturday 7 a.m. & 8:30 a. m.
Holy Days of Obligation - *See Mass Schedule on page 3*
Morning Prayer: Monday - Friday at 8:15 a.m.
Rosary: Monday - Saturday after the 8:30a.m. Mass
Novena to the Miraculous Medal & St. Jude - Saturday after 8:30 a.m. Mass
Office & Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours: Mon - Thur. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & Sun. 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Reconciliation: Saturdays: 4:15 - 4:45 p.m. Please call the office for a private confession.

Served by: Rev. Michael G. Ward, K.H.S., Pastor
Rev. Valentine Ugwuanya, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Robert Kunze, Weekend Assistant
Deacon Jack Lynch

Katie Wills - Director of Music Ministry
Mary Clinton - Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation
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MISSION STATEMENT

*"We reach out to all through prayer and service, as we live our
Catholic faith in Christ with Mary"*

Notes from Fr. Mike



Once again our readings at the close of the Christmas season help us to better understand the incarnation, the Word becoming Man, Emmanuel, God dwelling among us. Jesus, like us in all things but sin, subjects Himself to John’s baptism not because He needs to be baptized, but to show once again the fullness of His humanity, to be in solidarity with us. This enables us to be in relationship with Him from our starting point, from our humanity, in order that we may encounter Him more fully and authentically in His divinity. The voice from heaven shows us that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah, that He is the servant, the chosen one, the Messiah who will bring salvation.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

Scripture Reflection
The Baptism of the Lord



“And a voice came from the heavens, saying, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’”
MATTHEW 3:17

Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that He gave His only Son, whom He really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with Him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father’s will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

Come to the quiet
“Choosing to Live in Peace”
San Alfonso Retreat House in West Long Branch



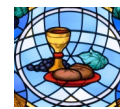
February 28, 29 & March 1, 2020
The cost is \$240 and is due January 28, 2020
Contact Christine Haight at 908 322-6462
for more information.

St Bartholomew and Immaculate Heart of Mary
Men’s Reception – January 15th

All men of the Parishes are invited to a reception at Darby Road in Scotch Plains on Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00 pm. Join fellow parishioners to kickoff 2020, sharing appetizers, beverages and friendship. You can also learn about some of the ministry opportunities available, including the Cornerstone XII team’s plans for the upcoming retreat.

Any questions call Michael Caramico at 908-418-7202 or Brendan McNamara at 908-251-2245.

Altar Bread and Wine Intentions



The Altar Bread and Wine was donated the week
of January 12th:
For the intentions of
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Are you new to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish?

Are you interested in joining the parish? Has your contact information changed? If yes, please fill out this form and put it in the collection or send it to the IHM office.

- I am new to IHM and/or I would like to register.
- I would like to receive information regarding Faith Formation.
- I am interested in volunteering for a ministry.

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Remember Our Sick



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| Lee Achiron | Colleen Guidera |
| John Allen | John Heiling |
| Eileen Arnold | Janet Kanelos |
| Rose Badala | Eileen Lynch |
| Larry Biunno | Maureen Lynch |
| Thomas Bodenberd | Christine Morris |
| Fran Boglioli | Jim McLean |
| James Brown | June McManus |
| Kevin Brown | Bob McMillion |
| John Burkert | Thomas Moore |
| John Byrne | Timothy Murphy |
| Anna Cassella | Charlie Plungis |
| Matthew Cassio | Hilda Pizza |
| Donald Checchio | Madeline Pravata |
| Frank Chimento | Diane Pricken |
| Colm Cosgrove | Cheryl Reid |
| Edward Clark | Joel Rivera |
| Joe Clarke | Susan Rozborski |
| Ray Clark | Jeannie Schroeder |
| Elle Crofton | Bernard Slaza |
| Enrique Curbelo | Beverly Sopp |
| Dorothy D'Angelo | Ryder Francis Spillane |
| Taylor Dill | Paul Szeker |
| Denise Donnelly | Samuel Testa |
| Marie Farrell | Carole Ventre |
| Albert Fischer, Jr. | Daniel Ventura |
| Emily Fleming | Sr.Elizabeth Vermaelen |
| Mary Flynn | Stephen Voorhees |
| Anna Franke | Christy Ward |
| Nicole Griffin | Norah Yokom |

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 12th

- 8:00 am **Vladimir Pcolinsky+** By the Coughlan Family
 10:00 am **Howard & Marion Franciscus+** By the Franciscus Family
 12:00 pm **Fred Chemidlin+** By Patricia Markey & Family

Monday, January 13th

- 7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Rose Faccone+** By Blum & Veglia Families

Tuesday, January 14th

- 7:00 am **Jimmy Malfetti+** By Jim & Ro Malfetti
 8:30 am **John Reilly+** By his Family

Wednesday, January 15th

- 7:00 am **Maria & Rosalia+** By Pina Scarpignato
 8:30 am **Rose Chiaia+** By Mary Smith

Thursday, January 16th

- 7:00 am **Maria & Giovanna+** By Pina Scarpignato
 8:30 am **Nicolina Vacca+** By Maria Vacca

Friday, January 17th

- 7:00 am **Robert McGinley+** By Verizon Friends
 8:30 am **Peg Metz+** By Richard & Eileen Wagner

Saturday, January 18th

- 7:00 am **Maria & Cecilia+** By Pina Scarpignato
 8:30 am **Fr. Robert Patterson+** By The Lewis Family
 5:00 pm **Jimmy Malfetti+** By Jim & Ro Malfetti

Sunday, January 19th

- 8:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 10:00 am **Bernadette Smith+** By Mary Graham
 12:00 pm **James Lissemore+** By Lee Gillingham

Hospital Privacy

Please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow hospitals/pastoral care offices to contact parishes. If you or a loved one are in the hospital and want a priest to visit, please call the IHM office at (908) 889-2100.



Remember those who have died: **Jacquelyn Caruso+**

Sanctuary Light: Week of January 12th:

The Sanctuary Candle will burn for:

For the intention of **Rose Faccone+**

Requested by the **Blum & Veglia Families**



Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of **January 12th:**

For the Swisher and Kiley Families-living and dead

BOLD Youth Ministry

Show Your Glow: High School Youth Ministry Night

Who: All High School Teens - invite your friends! (They don't even have to belong to the parish - all in 9th-12th grade are invited)

What: GLOW STICK NIGHT - Become Our Lord's Disciple and learn what it means to SHINE.

Where: Nazareth Center

When: Sunday, January 19 (7-8:30 p.m)

RSVP: TEXT Rachael at (908) 280-2893, but walk-ins and friends are ALWAYS welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Martin Luther King Day of Service

Who: All in 8th - 12th Grade

What: Make & serve soup & sandwiches to seniors!

Where: Nazareth Center ~ Gym

When: Monday, January 20 (9a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

SIGN UP: We are looking for around 18 teens per shift. Sign up for a shift at boldym.com/ihmsp/

**Knights of Columbus
March for Life Bus Trip to Washington
January 24, 2020**



Help save an unborn life and change yours! Bus leaves from IHM Church. Mass begins at 6am. Bus departs 6:45am and returns about 9pm. The cost is \$35 for adults, \$25 for students, includes sandwiches, drinks, snacks. Please RSVP as soon as possible. Send your check to Knights of Columbus, PO Box 302, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076. Please include names and phone numbers. Make credit card payments at mkt.com/kofc5730. For more details, call Mike Romanyshyn at 908-868-2625 or email mromanyshyn@gmail.com.

**Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer
1651 US Highway 22, Watchung, NJ**

908 753-2091, website: www.msmhope.org

**Martha & Mary: Models of Hospitality
Monday, January 27, 7-9pm**

The two sisters, Martha and Mary, are found in three prominent stories in the Bible, all of which give us a glimpse into their personalities and provide reflections for our lives today

Presenter is Mary Jo Kearns, RSM



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If so, please choose Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scotch Plains through your AmazonSmile account. There is no cost to you and Amazon will donate a portion of the sale to IHM. Just go to smile.amazon.com, search for Immaculate Heart of Mary Scotch Plains and then click on "select". Thank you!

**IHM Engaging Disciples Community Team
Men's Scripture & Discussion Group**

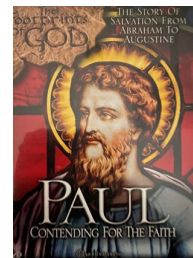


Saturday Mornings
2nd Saturday of the Month
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

2/8/20, 3/14/20, 4/11/20, 5/9/20, 6/13/20
Open to All Men

Coffee & light refreshments will be served
Sessions will be held in basement of IHM

**. Immaculate Heart of Mary
Bible Study**



Please join us as we study
"Paul – Contending for the Faith"
Wednesdays at 1pm
4 Sessions: January 22, January 29,
February 5 & February 12, 2020
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Nazareth Center Meeting Room
RSVP to Eileen Wagner at 908 317-8554
or email eilwagner45@gmail.com.

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of January 18-19**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Clark	Apgar Zucosky Haight Haight* Cassidy*	Fr. Rob
8:00 am	Keogh	Gibbons Bagdonas Coquia Fahrman*	Fr. Rob
10:00 am	Fortunato	(S) Staniec Aiere Aiere McCann Zappo (Cup) Carlino* (Cup) Manfredonia*	Fr. Mike
12:00 pm	Briante	Kiley Wagner Power Sapienza* Sapienza*	Fr. Mike

Rosary Altar Society:



From the Rosary Altar Society to you: may you have a healthy, happy 2020! Here are just a few of the activities we have to look forward to:

February 11th is our half day In-House Retreat with Katie Thompson and MaryJane Bergan as chairladies. This retreat starts with Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by coffee, tea and light breakfast in the church basement. The guest speaker is from Mount Saint Mary's and promises to be thought provoking as well as entertaining.

If you are interested in attending the San Alfonso Retreat on February 28, 29 & March 1st, call Christine Haight at 322-6462 for more information or to reserve your place.

March 3rd, 2020 at 7pm in the Nazareth Center will find us celebrating a "Lions & Lambs" Baby Shower to benefit Raphael House. This is sure to be fun. Please see this week's bulletin insert for suggested donations.

We have a lot to look forward to and as always we hope you will join us.

Parish Information

Religious Education Classes

Questions? Faithformation@ihmparish.net

Baptisms: Please call the office at (908) 889-2100.

Adoration Chapel:

Temporarily located in the Nazareth Center. See page 6 for new hours. Chapel closed on Holy Days and Holidays. Please note, if SPF schools are closed due to bad weather, the chapel will be closed.

Marriage:

Appointments should be made at least one year in advance. Contact the priest about a date and Pre-Cana information.

New Parishioners:

Registration forms available at www.ihmparish.net or in the office.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound:

Please notify the parish office of those who are sick or homebound, in hospitals or are unable to worship. For urgent calls, contact 908 889-2100 at any time.

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:

Religious education for adults who are either not Baptized or who are Catholic, but have not received all of their sacraments and would like to be Confirmed or receive Communion. We have flexible hours. Call (908) 889-2100. All are welcome.

Reconciliation: Saturdays: 4:45-5:15 pm

Arrangements can be made at any time for private confession. Please call the office.

Parish Schools:

St. Bartholomew Academy (908) 322-4265
 Union Catholic Regional High School (908) 889-1600

Website: www.ihmparish.net



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IHM Holy Name Society

The next meeting is Sunday, February 2nd after the 8:00am Mass in the church basement. All interested men of the parish are invited to join us for breakfast. We serve eggs, sausage, crumb cake and coffee at every meeting.

Please join us.



Nazareth Center Office & Adoration Chapel Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 8 pm

Friday: 9 am - 4 pm

Saturday: 9 am - 12 pm

Sunday: 8:30 - 11:30 am

**The Nazareth Center Office is open Sundays when Faith Formation classes are taking place.*

New Mass Schedule for 2020

The new weekend Mass schedule is in effect.
The weekend Masses will be as follows:
Saturday: 7 a.m. & 8:30 a.m. (Daily Mass),
5 p.m. (Anticipated Mass)
Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 noon

(Weekday Masses are 7 a.m. & 8:30 a.m. Monday - Friday)

Charitable Contribution Forms for 2019

There are several different ways to receive charitable contribution forms for tax purposes from IHM:

*** Collection Envelopes:** If you are using the envelopes for your Sunday collection contribution, you will receive a form in the mail from our envelope company, provided you have contributed \$100 or more in 2019.

*** Capital Campaign:** Any cash or check contributions to our "Praise for the Past... Building for the Future" Capital Campaign will be acknowledged by a letter from IHM being mailed later this month.

*** Parish Giving:** You can print a contribution history activity form for all electronic fund transfer contributions through Parish Giving by visiting your account at www.parishgiving.org.

Contact Tracey in the office if you need further assistance.

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, January 12th

Food Pantry Sunday
8:15 a.m. - Families of Faith Gathering
11 a.m. - Prayer Shawl Meeting

Monday, January 13th

Tuesday, January 14th

7 p.m. – Rosary Executive Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. - Community Team Engaging Disciples Meeting

Wednesday, January 15th

11 a.m. - Food Pantry

Thursday, January 16th

Friday, January 17th

Saturday, January 18th

Sunday, January 19th

1:30 p.m. - Baptism
Office Closed



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Offertory Collection

January 5, 2020

Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,960.78
Collection:	\$9,149.00
Parish Giving:	\$1,861.24
Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$950.54)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget	\$334,901.84
Actual	\$294,647.94
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$40,253.90)

Christmas Collection to date: \$70,563.46

Sharing God's Blessings:

Pledged to date: \$50,240.00 (69.87% of goal)
Goal: \$71,902.00

Thank you for your generosity!