

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Presentation of the Lord, February 2, 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 8:30 a.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.

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



We see in today’s celebration a continuation of the Incarnation Story which we celebrated on Christmas Day. Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the temple to fulfill the prescriptions of the Law. This gives us an indication that Jesus will not abolish the Law but fulfill it; we see the covenant promises being fulfilled, the promise of salvation. Anna recognizes this and proclaims this good news. We are called to see the gifts that God gives to us and to experience the peace and consolation that Christ brings into our lives. We then integrate that relationship with Christ into the fabric of our lives and proclaim God’s saving love as Anna does in today’s Gospel.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

Wanted: New or Used Communion Dresses & Suits



Immaculate Heart of Mary will again be collecting gently used and new communion outfits and accessories. First Communion is one of the seven sacraments of the Catholic faith, usually celebrated when children are around 7 or 8 years old. Sometimes preparations can be a strain on a family’s budget. Your donations will go to families in need at St. Joseph’s Parish in North Plainfield.

Our collection period is now through March 15th. Please bring your donations to the Nazareth Center or to the front entrance of the church. Thank you.

Help us Make the Rectory into a Home



Please join us in showering our clergy with love in celebration of the their new home by sending them needed home essentials from their Rectory Registry on Amazon.

Any help at all, including gift cards for Amazon, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Lowes or Visa would be immensely appreciated. Please send gifts and gift cards directly to IHM Parish, 1571 S. Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 by February 10, 2020.

Sincerely. The IHM Fairy Godmothers Guild.

Scripture Reflection
The Presentation of the Lord



“...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...”

LUKE 2:22

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is “being Catholic” something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It’s easy to be Catholic then, it’s harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress and talk? How do you present yourself to 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.

Altar Bread and Wine Intentions



*The Altar Bread and Wine was donated the week of February 2nd:
For the intentions of
Ugo D’Andrea+
Requested y Ann Leone*

Archdiocese of Newark
Anniversary Liturgies for 2020



Our Archdiocese will be celebrating five, twenty-five, and fifty years of **Christian** marriage in the year 2020. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 19th at 3pm - celebrating 5 & 25 years
May 3rd at 3pm - celebrating 50 years

Please contact Terry Clark at 889-2100 if you would like to take part in this beautiful Mass. RSVP by April 3rd.

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 | Timothy Murphy |
| John Byrne | Charlie Plungis |
| Anna Cassella | Hilda Pizza |
| Matthew Cassio | Madeline Pravata |
| Donald Checchio | Diane Pricken |
| Frank Chimento | Cheryl Reid |
| Colm Cosgrove | Joel Rivera |
| Edward Clark | Susan Rozborski |
| Joe Clarke | Jeannie Schroeder |
| Ray Clark | Bernard Slaza |
| Elle Crofton | Beverly Sopp |
| Enrique Curbelo | Ryder Francis Spillane |
| Dorothy D'Angelo | Paul Szeker |
| Taylor Dill | Samuel Testa |
| Denise Donnelly | Carole Ventre |
| Barbara Faccione | Daniel Ventura |
| Albert Fischer, Jr. | Sr.Elizabeth Vermaelen |
| Emily Fleming | Stephen Voorhees |
| Mary Flynn | Christy Ward |
| Anna Franke | Norah Yokom |
| Nicole Griffin | |

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 2nd

- 8:00 am For the People of IHM Parish
 10:00 am Bill McManus+ By Judy & family
 12:00 pm Glenys Jane Manfre+ By her husband

Monday, February 3rd

- 7:00 am Sister Dorothy Payne+ By Joan & Dominic DeVito
 8:30 am Danny Kelly+ By Mom & Dad

Tuesday, February 4th

- 7:00 am Joseph D'Annunzio+ By Scott Keogh
 8:30 am Chris Haight (living) By IHM Rosary Altar Society

Wednesday, February 5th

- 7:00 am Ramon Valera+ By Evelyn Dougherty
 8:30 am Patricia Ehrlich+ By the Foley Family

Thursday, February 6th

- 7:00 am Pasquale Deleso+ By Viola D'Annunzio
 8:30 am Mary, George & Georgina Mae Good+
 By Janice Good-Piga & Bob Piga

Friday, February 7th

- 7:00 am Nestor Viniachi Maldonado+ By Hang Bui
 8:30 am Ramon Valera+ By the Mulrooney Family

Saturday, February 8th

- 7:00 am Giuseppe Napolitano+ By Hang Bui
 8:30 am Drew Bernard+ By Chip Mulrooney
 5:00 pm Charles & Frances Takacs+ By Barbara Apgar

Sunday, February 9th

- 8:00 am Anne Kunze+ By Mary Jane Bergen
 10:00 am Mary Hughes+ By Mary Graham
 12:00 pm For the People of IHM Parish

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: Thomas Moore+, Catherine Sanguiliano+

Sanctuary Light: Week of February 2nd:

The Sanctuary Candle will burn for:

For the intention of Ugo D'Andrea+

Requested by Ann Leone



Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of February 2nd:

In loving remembrance of:
Charles & Frances Takacs+

Requested by Barbara Apgar



IHM's Summer Academy 2020
Registration will begin on or about March 1st

Session Dates:

First Session:

June 29TH through July 10
(No classes on July 3RD)

Second Session:

August 17TH through August 28TH.
More details to follow...

Catholic School Matters



Below is Fr. John's Op-Ed that appeared in The Alternative Press this week.

Seventy years ago the parishioners of the newly established parish of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church in Scotch Plains recognized a need to provide a Catholic education for their children and those in the surrounding community. Catholic schools in America began because parents and Church leaders wanted to make sure that children receive the best in human and religious formation. The St. Bartholomew community wanted that opportunity here. Since then, Catholic schools have educated millions of children and inspired what is best in our society. As we reflect on society today, one can readily see the need and relevance of Catholic education.

It was almost 15 years ago that I became Pastor of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church. St. Bartholomew Academy, or Interparochial School, as it was known then, welcomed me with genuine warmth. I was thrilled to be assigned to a Church that also had a thriving school. Over the course of my years at St. Bartholomew's I have witnessed the impact Catholic education has on every child and family that attends our school. Catholic Education is more than religious formation with academics thrown in. It is a unique way to teach children to be curious about the world around them, challenge them to grow and discover their gifts, and nurture their faith. On the grammar school level, the idea of taking care of the whole child, or *cura personalis*, is fundamental. In a Catholic grammar school, children learn that to "do the math" means more than get the correct answer, it means to count your blessings. When students ask, "Why did God make me?" they learn about the cells that make up their bodies, the rock formations in the Earth's crust, and that because we are stewards of this Earth we responsible for all of God's creation. Teachers in Catholic schools are true partners in education, and parents know that when they drop their child off in the morning, their child's mind will be challenged, their spirit will be nourished, and that child will be loved as a child of God regardless of race, creed, color, or faith.

**Change the World
One Act of Service at a Time
Join BOLD for Catholic Heart Work Camp**

We are calling all high school teenagers, college students, young adults and youth leaders to join us for a week of service, friendships, spiritual growth and memories that last a lifetime. BOLD will be sending teens from multiple parishes to two different cities for a week of service and fun with Catholic Heart Work Camp:

- **St Croix, Virgin Islands**
June 27 - July 3 or 4, 2020
For details and registration, go to www.boldym.com/stcroix
- **Pittsburgh, PA**
July 19 - 24, 2020
For details and registration, go to www.boldym.com/chwc

Contact Rachael Flanagan for more info:
ihmsp@boldym.com or text/call 908 280-2893.

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

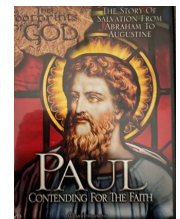


2nd Saturday Morning of the Month
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
2/8/20, 3/14/20, 4/11/20, 5/9/20, 6/13/20
Open to All Men.

Coffee & light refreshments will be served.
Sessions will be held in basement of IHM, except the 2/8 meeting which is in the Nazareth. Center.

**Immaculate Heart of Mary
Bible Study**

Please join us as we study
"Paul – Contending for the Faith"
Wednesdays at 1pm
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 February 8-9**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Cassidy	Speth Apgar Clark Torzewski* Schaffernoth*	Fr. Rob
8:00 am	Schwanenberg	Foulks* Keogh* Banasiak Dill	Fr. Rob
10:00 am	Zappo	(N) Regal (N) Staniec (N) Dougherty Allegra (S) Fischer Aman (cup)* Swisher (cup) *	Fr. Rob
12:00 pm	Smith	Palomares Lundgren O'Connor Fajardo* Fajardo*	Fr. Alex

Rosary Altar Society:



No reservations are needed for the February 11th Half Day Retreat. Everyone is invited to attend. We begin with 8:30 am Mass, then we proceed to the church basement where we will enjoy some light refreshments. Sister. Mary Jo Kearns, R.S.M. from Mount St. Mary's will speak on "Cultivating Spirituality in our Everyday Lives". The workshop ends at 12 noon and you are invited to bring a "brown-bag" lunch to enjoy while sharing with each other in fellowship. Bring a friend and remember everyone is welcome.

On March 3rd from 1 until 3 pm in the Nazareth Center, we will hold the "Lions and Lambs" Baby Shower in support of Raphael House. Leading up to this shower, in the month of February, you will see designated boxes in the church vestibule. These will be used to collect your **new** gifts for Raphael House. Please remember to purchase gifts from the suggested gift list which you will find posted at the church doors. Although this is a baby shower you will also find items suggested for the new mothers. That afternoon, March 3rd, will be exciting and fun. Hope to see you there.

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 this Sunday, February 2nd after the 8:00 am 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)

Sheltering the Homeless

Our guests will arrive this Sunday, February 2nd and will be staying for a week. As we welcome them, we need the following volunteers: evening hosts, breakdown & laundry. All of our past guests have obtained housing and now have jobs. Kudos to all of you who volunteered in the past.

IHM will host Monday, Wednesday & Friday. St. Bart's will host the other days. All help is greatly appreciated. If you can help or have questions, please call Kathy Mitchell 908 322-9410.

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 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 assistance.

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, February 2nd

Hosting the Homeless

8:30 a.m. - Families of Faith Gathering

9 a.m.- Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast

1 p.m. - Baptism Prep Class

Monday, February 3rd

Hosting the Homeless

7 p.m. - 8th Grade Confirmation Prep Class

Tuesday, February 4th

Hosting the Homeless

Wednesday, February 5th

Hosting the Homeless

11 a.m. - Food Pantry

1 p.m. - St. Paul Bible Study

4:15 p.m. - Children's Choir Practice

8:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, February 6th

Hosting the Homeless

7:30 p.m. - Women's Prayer Group

Friday, February 7th

Hosting the Homeless

Saturday, February 8th

Hosting the Homeless

7:30 a.m. Men's Scripture & Discussion Group

Sunday, February 9th

Hosting the Homeless

Food Pantry Sunday

8:30 a.m.-Families of Faith Gathering

10 a.m. - 8th Grade Rite of Names

11:a.m. - Prayers Shawl Meeting

Offertory Collection

January 26, 2020

Weekly Budget Need: \$11,960.78

Collection: \$7,944.00

Parish Giving: \$1,567.54

Surplus/(Deficit): (\$2,449.24)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget \$370,784.18

Actual \$324,595.54

Surplus/ (Deficit) (\$46,188.64)

Christmas Collection to date: \$71,372.41

Shining the Light of Christ Annual Appeal: \$16,640.00

Goal: \$75,445.00 (22% of goal)

Thank you for your generosity!