

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 9, 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



Jesus calls His disciples to be the salt of the earth, the city on the hill, the light of the world. He calls them to not hide their faith, but to proclaim their love for God in all that they do. Faith is not simply about the relationship between an individual and Jesus, but between all of us and Jesus as well. It should be seen in all of our relationships. How do we do this? We follow the teaching of Isaiah in the first reading and feed the hungry, help those in need, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and remove oppression and malice from our communities. When we do this, we let the light of Christ shine through us for all to see.

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 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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." " MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourage more good works. Let your light shine!! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

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 9th:
For the intentions of
Antimo Guarda Scione +
Requested by Dan & Rosemary Kelly*

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



Mass Intentions

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**

Monday, February 10th

7:00 am **Joe D'Annunzio+** By Ray & Joan O'Donnell
8:30 am **Mary Kemp+** By Tom Barth

Tuesday, February 11th

7:00 am **Joan A. O'Donnell+** By Ray & Joan O'Donnell
8:30 am **Heba Fortunato (living)** By IHM Rosary Altar Society

Wednesday, February 12th

7:00 am **Dr. Francis Pecoraro+** By Mary Young
8:30 am **Katherine Wening+** By IHM Rosary Altar Society

Thursday, February 13th

7:00 am **Jean Lewis+** By Betty Swisher
8:30 am **Richard Gibbons+** By Ann Gibbons

Friday, February 14th

7:00 am **Frank Pecoraro+** By Marilyn Gialanella
8:30 am **Annabelle DiMizio+** By Henry & Marilyn Espinoza

Saturday, February 15th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
8:30 am **Ramon Valera+** By the Lewis Family
5:00 pm **Patrick Joseph Mulrooney+** By Maria Iocono & Family

Sunday, February 16th

8:00 am **David A. Young+** By Mary Young
10:00 am **Alfonso J. Marrese, Sr.+** By Alfonso Marrese & Family
12:00 pm **Frank Pecoraro+** By Peter & Maria DiNizo

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 Faccone	Daniel Ventura
Albert Fischer, Jr.	Sr.Elizabeth Vermaelen
Emily Fleming	Stephen Voorhees
Mary Flynn	Christy Ward
Anna Franke	Norah Yokom
Nicole Griffin	

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: George Slifer+, Madeleine Theresa Hoefling+

Sanctuary Light: Week of February 9th:

The Sanctuary Candle will burn for:

*For the intention of Joseph D. D'Annunzio+
Requested by Viola D'Annunzio & Family*



Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of February 9th:

In loving remembrance of:

Marie Dambrauskas+

Requested by:

Barbara & Joe Mrozek



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



Celebrating Service

Catholic Schools Week kicked off our celebration of the Academy's 70th Anniversary. Throughout the year, the Academy will recognize our Anniversary in various ways, but one of the most important is the '70 Acts of Service'. Catholic Schools Week provided us the opportunity to start on some of these projects.

The 5th, 7th and 8th grades created jars of "uplifting messages" which will be given to those in need of hope and joy. Fifth grade also worked with their Pre-K 4 buddies and created Valentine's Day cards for the residents at McCauley Hall. The 8th grade writing class wrote letters to seminarians supporting their mission of serving God as a Catholic priest.

Third Grade created 'Color a Smile' pictures that will be sent to the elderly. The students performed a random act of kindness for someone they didn't know by giving a small note with either a candy or a tea bag. Even our youngest students are learning the value of service. Students in PreK-3 and PreK- 4 made placemats and a craft for the February St. Bartholomew Parish senior luncheon.

The students were challenged to perform one act of kindness each day and record it on a slip of paper. The SAVE club and Student Council collected the slips and connected them together creating a colorful chain that is hanging along the second-floor hallway. The entire school participated in creating a prayer wall. Students learned that prayer is also an act of service. As they prayed this week, they were invited to share those prayers. The chains and the prayer wall remind students to continue their dedication to service, and that even the smallest act can have a great impact.

**Mother Seton Regional HS presents
"A Night on Broadway Gift Auction"
Friday, March 6**

Doors open 5:30 pm – Auction starts 7:00 pm
To order tickets email: giftauction@motherseton.org
Tickets \$25
One Valley Rd., Clark, NJ 07066 732-382-1952
"The Future is Hers"

**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**

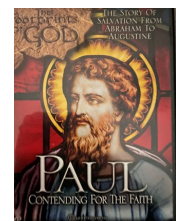


2nd Saturday Morning of the Month
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
3/14/20, 4/11/20, 5/9/20, 6/13/20
Open to All Men.
Coffee & light refreshments will be served.

Sessions will be in the IHM church basement.

**Immaculate Heart of Mary
Bible Study**

Please join us as we study
"Paul – Contending for the Faith"
Wednesday at 1pm
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 15-16**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Mulrooney-A	Apgar Zucosky Haight Haight* Cassidy*	Fr. Valentine
8:00 am	Harris	Bergen Bagdonas Coquia* Fahrman*	Fr. Valentine
10:00 am	Schiller	Aiere Aiere McCann Zappo Carlino* (cup) Manfredonia (cup)*	Fr. Mike
12:00 pm	Foley	Kiley Wagner Power Sapienza* Sapienza*	Fr. Rob

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 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, March 1st 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

Thank you to everyone who helped with Sheltering the Homeless this week, it is greatly appreciated. You truly made a difference.



Spring is Coming!

IHM Garden Club

Meeting on Tuesday, February 18 from 7-8pm
Nazareth Center Meeting Room

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 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

Monday, February 10th

Tuesday, February 11th
8:30 am- Rosary Altar Society Onsite Retreat

Wednesday, February 12th

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 13th

Friday, February 14th

Saturday, February 15th

Sunday, February 16th

1:30 p.m. - Sacrament of Baptism



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Offertory Collection

February 2, 2020

Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,960.78
Collection:	\$7 857.00
Parish Giving:	\$1,373.61
Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$2,730.17)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget	\$382,744.96
Actual	\$333,826.15
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$48,918.81)

Shining the Light of Christ Annual Appeal: \$19, 340.00
Goal: \$75,445.00 (225.63% of goal)

Thank you for your generosity!