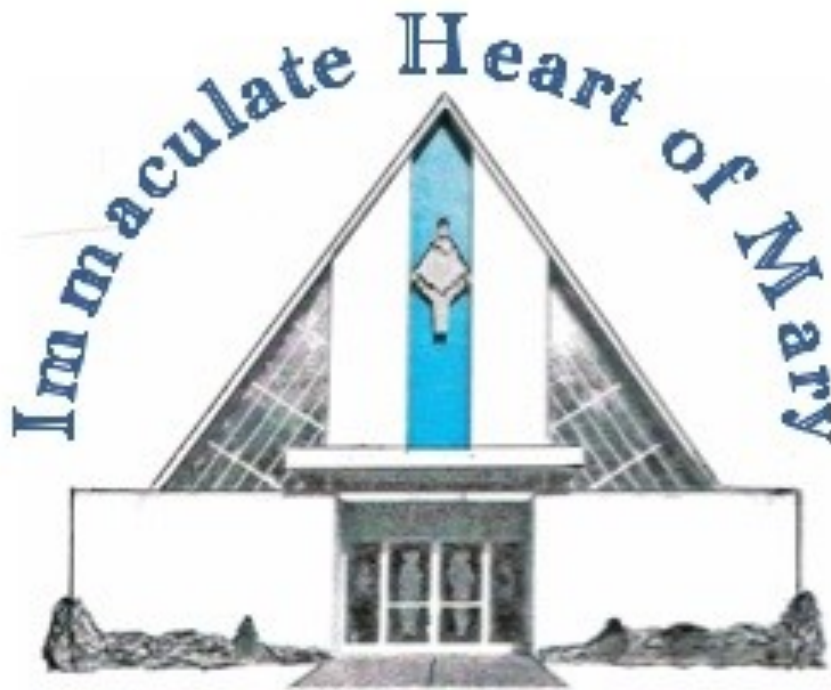


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 16, 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 challenges us this week to choose obedience and life by fulfilling the commandments and beatitudes. But He is asking us to not simply fulfill the letter of the law, but to fulfill the spirit of the law as well. To do this He helps us explore the full meaning of the commandments so that we have a better understanding of the spirit of the law. Thus in the commandment: "Thou shall not kill", killing means not just physical death, but inflicting emotional and spiritual wounds as well. Fortunately for us, Jesus gives us the grace necessary to fulfill not just the letter of the law, but the spirit as well, allowing us to live in right relationship with God and with one another, and gaining a better recognition of the presence of God's Kingdom in our lives.

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 vestibule of the church. Thank you.

Thank you!



You Helped us Make the Rectory into a Home

Thank you to everyone who helped us shower our clergy with love in celebration of their new home by sending them needed home essentials, gift cards and cash donations.

Sincerely,

The IHM Fairy Godmothers Guild.

Scripture Reflection The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:20

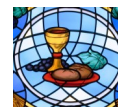
The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear-it's the love in your heart that will get you to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner in the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

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 16th:
For the intentions of
Henry Rozborski +
Requested by Nancy Fitzula*

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 | Juliann Junio |
| Rose Badala | Janet Kanelos |
| Larry Biunno | Eileen Lynch |
| Thomas Bodenberd | Maureen Lynch |
| Fran Boglioli | Christine Morris |
| James Brown | Jim McLean |
| Kevin Brown | June McManus |
| John Burkert | Bob McMillion |
| 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 |
| Barbara Faccone | 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, February 16th

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

President's Day Monday, February 17th

- 9:00 am **David Young Sr. +** By Mary Young

Tuesday, February 18th

- 7:00 am **Joseph Brennan+** By Eileen & Rich Wagner
 8:30 am **Barbara Parish** By Marilyn & Henry Espinoza

Wednesday, February 19th

- 7:00 am **Frank Pecoraro+** By John & Nancy Valli
 8:30 am **Magdalena Becker+** By Mary Young

Thursday, February 20th

- 7:00 am **Frank Pecoraro+** By Paula & Robert Criscuolo
 8:30 am **Kelly O'Brien (living)** By the Chimento Family

Friday, February 21st

- 7:00 am **Dr. Frank Pecoraro+** By the Foulks Family
 8:30 am **Frank Dombrowski Sr.+** By Ceil Lefkowitz

Saturday, February 22nd

- 7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Anthony Parenti+** By the Lewis Family
 5:00 pm **Anne Marie Kunze+** By Janice Good-Piga & Bob Piga

Sunday, February 23rd

- 8:00 am **Phillip Cappio+** By Foulks Family
 10:00 am **Vera Kiely+** By Betty Swisher
 12:00 pm **Thomas Farrell Sr.+** By his Family

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 16th:
*The Sanctuary Candle will burn for:
 For the intention of Eileen DiNizo+*



Flowers for the Blessed Mother



**For the week of February 16th:
 For the Swisher & Kiley Families
 living and dead**



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
Exploring STEAM



Young students need time to explore, create and innovate. They are naturally interested in science as they are very curious, persistent, and creative. At the Academy, we encourage our youngest students in grades PreK-4 to 3rd to question the world around them by supplementing their regular science curriculum with a STEAM class each week.

STEAM is STEM with the arts added. Including the arts into the study of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math is a natural fit because STEAM's emphasis is creativity and design. Our STEAM teacher, Ms. Teresa Bonner, has been guiding our youngest students with various fun projects that allows them to critically think, ask questions, and work on problem-solving skills. Each class starts with a question, sometimes supplemented with a video, and then a hands-on project. Students have learned the basics of chemical reactions when they made "potions" a la Harry Potter style around Halloween. The students watched the reaction of vinegar and baking soda when mixed and learned the properties of an acid and base. Ms. Bonner also challenged students to create a bridge using only five pieces of paper and books. The students had to ensure the bridge was strong enough to support the weight of several pennies. PreK and Kindergarten learned the basics of shapes and how different shapes can be used to build things. They built a two-dimensional fire engine using pre-cut shapes, each shaped forming a part of the fire engine, circles for the wheels, squares for windows and doors, etc. They also created triangles out of marshmallows and toothpicks.

As each project is completed, students complete a journal to record their question, observations, predictions, and results, introducing them to the process of the scientific method. STEAM is a fun way to encourage our youngest students to learn about the wonders of the world.

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP
This is a week you won't want to miss!
July 19-24, 2020

Calling all HIGH SCHOOL TEENS to join us for a week of service, friendships, spiritual growth and memories that will last a lifetime! BOLD will be sending teens from multiple parishes to Pittsburgh, PA for a **week of service to restore homes, feed the hungry, lift the spirits of children, bring joy to the elderly and disabled and so much more!**

Pittsburgh is open to those entering the 9th grade in the fall of 2020 and older. All participants must fill out the online registration form, and submit the \$375 registration fee by April 1 to reserve your spot on the trip. Please make all checks payable to Fiat Ventures. Spots are limited. For more info and registration, please to www.boldym.com/chwc.

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.

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

Doors open 5:30 p.m. – Auction starts 7 p.m.

To order tickets email:

giftauction@motherseton.org

Tickets \$25

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"The Future is Hers"

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of February 22-23**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Good-Piga	Speth Kelly Schaffernoth Clark* Torzewski*	Fr. Mike
8:00 am	Banasiak	Schwanenberg Regal Conforti* Dill*	Fr. Mike
10:00 am	Reinoso	(N) Sullivan (N) Fischer (N) Perfilio (S) Dougherty Leone Cregg (cup)* Alexandre (cup)*	Fr. Rob
12:00 pm	Kiley	Palomares Lundgren McGuinness Fajardo* Fajardo*	Fr. Valentine

Rosary Altar Society:



Have you had a chance to see the “Pack-n-Play” displayed in the church vestibule? It was set up by the chairwomen, MaryJane Bergen and Katie Thompson, for the “Lions and Lambs” Baby Shower. The vestibule is the collection site for items that you purchased for this event. The shower is March 3rd in the Nazareth Center from 1-3 p.m. No need to wrap your donation, just place it in the Pack-n-Play and the chairwomen will take it from there. Of course, light refreshments will be served.

A Night of Inspiration featuring Fr. Rob will be held in the Nazareth Center on April 14, 2020 at 7 p.m. Fr. Rob is always engaging and inspirational. I’m sure we will have much to think about after his presentation. Dessert will be served.

During this Night of Inspiration we will be collecting costume jewelry. MaryBeth Winsor and Janice Good-Piga will deliver your gifts to the children of Elizabeth who are in need of a Mother’s Day Gift. They will also provide a gift box or bag so the children will have something to give their mom that looks lovely. Hope to see you on April 14th at 7 p.m.

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. Office is closed Sunday February 16, 17 & 23.*

Sheltering the Homeless

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

**Spring is Coming!
IHM Garden Club**



It is time to begin planning for our successful food pantry garden. We need to discuss an irrigation system, what to plant, soil amendments and much more. Come to a meeting Tuesday, February 18th at 7:30 p.m. in the Nazareth Center.

All are welcome. Help us surpass last year's yield of 250 pounds of produce to distribute to our food patrons.

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 16th

IHM Office Closed
 1:30 p.m. - Sacrament of Baptism

Presidents Day, February 17th

IHM Office Closed

Tuesday, February 18th

7 p.m. - Rosary Executive Board Meeting
 7:30 p.m. - IHM Garden Club Meeting

Wednesday, February 19th

11 a.m. - Food Pantry
 4:15 p.m. - Children's Choir Practice
 8:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, February 20th

Friday, February 21st

Saturday, February 22nd

4:30 p.m. - 9th Grade Confirmation Lent Gathering

Sunday, February 23rd

IHM Office Closed



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Offertory Collection

February 9, 2020

Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,960.78
Collection:	10,017.00
Parish Giving:	\$3,844.66
Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$1,900.88)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget	\$394,705.74
Actual	\$347,687.81
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$47,017.93)

Shining the Light of Christ Annual Appeal: \$20, 490
Goal: \$75,445.00 (27.16% of goal)

Thank you for your generosity!