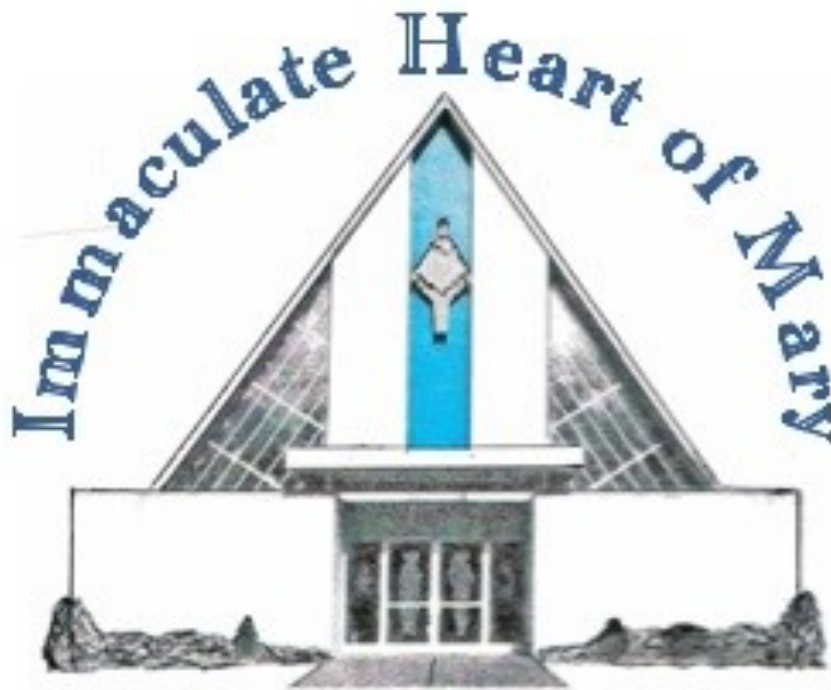


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 23, 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 continues to elaborate on how to better understand and live out our faith. He challenges us to go further than the letter of the law. He calls us to be perfect. It is only through His grace that we can undertake that challenge. He calls us to be just and merciful, to love all people, not just the people we like. In seeking to live out the commandments to love God and to love one another we indeed can fulfill not just the letter of the law but the spirit of the law as well. It is in developing our relationship with Jesus Christ that we become better able to and more empowered to love others as God has loved us, thus becoming a better reflection of the love of God in our world.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

Archdiocese of Newark 2020 Lenten Regulations



1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially,” or as a whole, is serious.

3. Fridays of the year outside of Lent are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self- denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2020 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 7, 2020.**

*Canon 920 §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

Scripture Reflection The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



“ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you....” MATTHEW 5:44

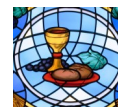
Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But remember, the foundations of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others, even “our enemies”, maybe it softens their hearts as well.

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 23rd:
For the intentions of
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish*

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 Faccione | 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 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

Monday, February 24th

- 7:00 am **Catherine Marie Weber+** By Robert & Paula Criscuolo
 8:30 am **Frank Pecoraro+** By Jim Kelliher

Tuesday, February 25th

- 7:00 am **Dennis Stehle+** By Ritter Family
 8:30 am **Joe Sumanski+** By Rich & Heba Fortunato

Ash Wednesday, February 26th

- 7:00 am **Tommy Ricca+** By the Chimento Family
 12:00 pm **Good, Eurapka, Dawid & Piga Families**
 By Janice Good-Piga & Bob Piga
 4:00 pm **Henry Rozborski+** By Ann Marie & Diane Bednar
 7:00 pm **Ugo D'Andrea+** By the Farrell Family

Thursday, February 27th

- 7:00 am **William Mulligan+** By Kevin Charos
 8:30 am **Philip Duddy & Fran McGrath+** By Eleanor Duddy

Friday, February 28st

- 7:00 am **Jacinta K. Ugwuanya+** By Fr.Valentine Ugwuanya
(For the repose of her soul)
 8:30 am **Celestina A. Ugwuanya+** By Fr.Valentine Ugwuanya
(For the repose of her soul)
 12:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**
 4:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, February 29th

- 7:00 am **Mr. Manuel Marques+** By Glo -Ann Lee
 8:30 am **James R. Kennedy+** By Kerry Caspersen
 5:00 pm **George Hughes Jr.+** By the Hughes Family

Sunday, March 1st

- 8:00 am **For the people of IHM Parish**
 10:00 am **Leonard Ehrlich+** By Janice Reilly
 12:00 pm **Helen, Dorothy & Herman Eckert+** By Lundgren 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: Adolfo Ilisan+, Patricia Abernethy+, Irene Johansen+

Sanctuary Light: Week of February 23rd:

The Sanctuary Candle will burn for:

For the intention of Dolores O'Brien+

Requested by Mary Francis & Marge Malone



Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of February 23rd:

In memory of David Young, Sr.

Requested by Mary Young



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...

**Centering Prayer
"Be Still, Know, I am God"**

Have you ever felt the call to **"Just be"**
or perhaps heard that **"still, small voice"**
inviting you to spend some **quiet time** with the Lord?
Join us, Thursday, March 19th from 9:30 a.m.
to approximately 11 a.m. for our first session
in the Nazareth Center for **Centering Prayer**,
which focuses on Lectio Divina, (Divine Reading),
Reflection and Meditation.

This prayer method helps to **deepen our
Spirituality** and our **Personal Relationship** with the Lord.

It also helps us to become more **aware** of
constantly being in the **"presence of God"**.
You enter into the **Sacred Silence**, deep within
the **center of your being** where

**You and God are one, as you allow your
Heart to "touch the heart of God".**

Please call Phyllis Manno at 908-264-7456 or
Mary Jane Bergen at 908-753-2161 for more information.
We'll be reflecting on The Stations of the Cross
for Lent. Looking forward to praying with you.

Catholic School Matters
Celebrating Black History Month



Black History month is an excellent opportunity for students
to celebrate the contributions of African Americans. This
February, the Academy students have been honoring,
discovering and studying various African Americans who
helped shape our wonderful, diverse and inclusive society.

Every morning in February, the announcements feature a fact
about a historical African American. Starting the day with a
reflection on history helped set the tone for learning. The
younger students in grades PreK - 2nd grade have been
engaged in reading stories about famous African Americans
and working on interactive projects. The 1st-grade will hold
a Famous Influential African American Live Wax Museum.
They will dress up as a famous person of their choice and
read a fact about their person as people visit and push a
special button to make them "talk."

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 – 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.

**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.

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of February 29 -March 1**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Clark	Haight Haight Good-Piga Kelly* Zucosky*	Fr. Valentine
8:00 am	Foulks	Manno Bagdonas Coquia* Wagner*	Fr. Mike
10:00 am	Wills	Swisher Allegra Diken Aiere* Aiere* (S) Schiller (cup) Alexandre (cup)	Fr. Valentine
12:00 pm	Briante	Wagner Lundgren DiBella Power Palomares	Fr. Rob

Rosary Altar Society:



Valentines, flowers and candy decorated the church basement welcoming Sr. MaryJo Kerns who gave a wonderful talk on “Spirituality in Every Day Life. The chairwomen for the In-House Retreat were MaryJane Bergen and Katie Thompson. We thank them for all they did to make this event fun as well as informative.

On March 3rd, we have our “Lions and Lambs” baby shower to benefit Raphael House in Elizabeth. The list of acceptable items is posted in the church vestibule. Donations must be new. No wrapping necessary just put your donation in the Pack-n-Play. The new mothers are sure to appreciate our help. We meet in the Nazareth Center from 1 to 3 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Thank you for your support.

As you know. The Night of Inspiration with Fr. Rob is scheduled for April 14th at 7 p.m. in the Nazareth Center. That night, we will be collecting costume jewelry donations to be delivered to children of Elizabeth in need of Mother’s Day gifts. So, mark your calendars to enjoy light refreshments and hear one of Fr. Rob’s wonderful talks.

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, 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 23.*

**Stations of the Cross
Fridays in Lent at 12 noon & 4pm**



12 Noon - Stations & Soup

Join us for the Stations of the Cross in Church. We will continue our tradition of serving a soup & salad luncheon following the noon Stations every Friday, except Good Friday.

Stations of the Cross for Families

Please mark your calendars for 4pm each Friday during Lent and participate with your family in the Stations. For parents who experienced the Stations of the Cross during their childhood, we know how it can help us grow in our relationship with Jesus, as we walk with Him to Calvary.

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.paritygiving.org.
Contact Tracey in the office if you need assistance.

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, February 23rd

8:45 a.m. - Summer Academy Meeting
IHM Office Closed

Monday, February 24th

Tuesday, February 25th

Ash Wednesday, February 26th

See Mass schedule on page 3
Ashes will be distributed at Mass
11 a.m. - Food Pantry

Thursday, February 27th

Friday, February 28th

Rosary Altar Society San Alfonso Retreat
12 p.m. - Stations of the Cross & Soup Luncheon
4 p.m. - Stations of the Cross for Families

Saturday, February 29th

Rosary Altar Society San Alfonso Retreat

Sunday, March 1st

Rosary Altar Society San Alfonso Retreat
8:30 a.m. - Families of Faith Gathering
9 a.m. - Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast



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Offertory Collection

February 16, 2020

Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,960.78
Collection:	8,253.00
Parish Giving:	2,378.10
Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$1,329.68)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget	\$406,666.53
Actual	\$358,318.91
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$48,347.61)

Shining the Light of Christ Annual Appeal: \$21, 240
Goal: \$75,445.00 (28.15% of goal)

Thank you for your generosity!