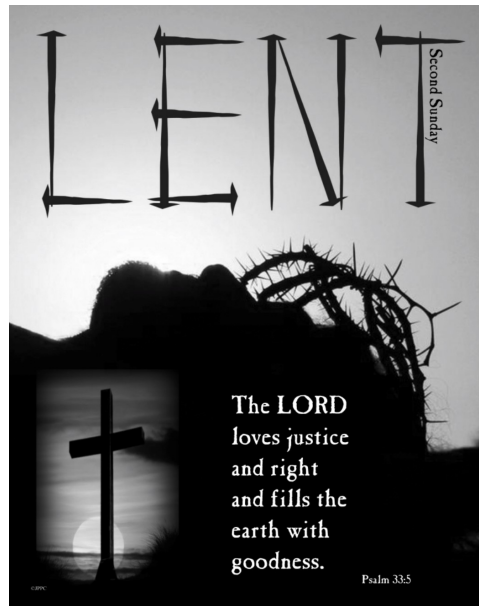


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

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The Second Sunday of Lent, March 8, 2020



“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.” (Matthew 17)

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



Today's story of Abraham is a turning point in the story of salvation. Until now the book of Genesis related the story of sin and rebellion. Now we see God establishing a relationship with Abraham and calling him to a life of holiness. It is an invitation to relationship and a call to holiness that continues for each of us today. It is a promise of everlasting life in the glory of God, a glory glimpsed in the transfiguration, which gave the disciples, and us, courage to persevere in our journey of faith.

Peace, Fr. Mike

Scripture Reflection The Second Sunday of Lent



“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.”

GENESIS 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.”

IHM Women’s Prayer Group Thursday, April 2nd from 7:30—9pm

Please Join Us

For Our March Prayer Gathering

Our Theme is The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary
We will meet in the Church basement



Refreshments will be available!



St Bartholomew Bereavement Group

If you have lost a loved one to death, we invite you to join us as we travel this difficult journey. The group is lead by trained facilitators, certified by the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark. Our first, of eight group sessions is Thursday, April 16 at 7p.m. in the Rectory at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church.

If you are interested in joining us, or if you would like more information about the group, contact Bernadette Rossi at (908) 322-2835 or Patrice Roe at (908) 400-1590. All calls are confidential.

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 **1st Sunday of Lent, March 1 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.

Altar Bread and Wine Intentions



The Altar Bread and Wine was donated the week of March 8th:

*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 (908) 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, March 8th

- 8:00 am **Helen A. Peer+** By Robert, Alexander, John Kostakos
 10:00 am **James Kennedy+** By Kerry Casperson
 12:00 pm **Agnes Reilly+** By her Family

Monday, March 9th

- 7:00 am **Leni Becker+** By Betty & Tony Perfilio
 8:30 am **Margot Hinner+** By Janice Good-Piga & Bob Piga

Tuesday, March 10th

- 7:00 am **Tom Barth+** By Marilyn Gialanella
 8:30 am **Good & Piga Families+** By Janice Good-Piga & Bob Piga

Wednesday, March 11th

- 7:00 am **Tom Barth+** By Robert & Paula Criscuolo
 8:30 am **Frank Pecoraro+** By the Carlino Family

Thursday, March 12th

- 7:00 am **Fr. Valentine Ugwuanya** By the Rosary Altar Society
25th Silver Jubille
 8:30 am **Randy Middleton+** By Patricia Markey

Friday, March 13th

- 7:00 am **Ruben R. Razal+** By family
 8:30 am **Tommy Wagner+** By Mom & Dad
 12:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**
 4:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, March 14th

- 7:00 am **For the people of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **The deceased members of Licata & Mannell Families+**
 By Lewis Family
 5:00 pm **Frank Pecoraro+** By Dan & Roe Kelly

Sunday, March 15th

- 8:00 am **Anne Kunze+** By the Rosary Altar Society
 10:00 am **Mary Theresa Hughes+** By the Rosary Altar Society
 12:00 pm **Michael D'Ambrosio+** By the D'Ambrosio & Kiley 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: Barbara Deem+, Fr. Fabio Roy De Jesus Brenes-Chaves+

Sanctuary Light: Week of March 8th:
The Sanctuary Candle will burn for:

*For the intention of Frankie Dombrowski+
 Requested by Ed & Maggie & Family*



Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of March 8th:

*In loving remembrance of
 Agnes Reilly+*

*Requested by :
 Her daughter, Janice Reilly*

IHM's Summer Academy 2020



Registration will begin soon.

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

Hoops Wrap-Up Part One



This season has seen some great basketball action and exciting games from the St. Bartholomew Academy student-athletes. This week we have our first installment of the season re-cap.

Coached by Dana Califano, the 3rd & 4th grade Pee Wee girls team had a terrific season that taught them valuable lessons. The small team, with only eight players, forced the girls to give 100 percent effort for every game and demonstrated the true importance of teamwork. The tenacious defense the girls played gained respect and compliments from opposing coaches, players and referees. This is a team to watch in the future.

The 3rd grade Pee Wee boys, coached by John Dawidoicz, finished the season 6-6 and headed into playoffs determined but fell short in the semi-finals. The season was filled with growth, with each player learning new skills and sportsmanship. This team will also be one to watch as they continue to improve.

The SBA 5K is Saturday, March 28! Join us for this fun race to kick off spring. Sign up at: <https://www.raceforum.com/sba> .

Wellness Awareness

The health and well being of our parishioners, and everyone who comes to IHM, is a top priority to us. We ask that you follow these guidelines to keep us all healthy:

- If you are uncomfortable shaking hands with those seated around you, at the beginning of Mass and at the Sign of Peace, a wave, nod or something similar conveys the message of fellowship and peace.
- EOMs, please use the hand sanitizers behind the altar BEFORE AND AFTER you serve. Healthy EOMs, please offer to serve if extra help is needed, even if you are not scheduled.
- If you are sick, it is okay to stay home.

We hope you are all well.

Save the Date: May 1 at 7p.m.

St. Bart's Pub Night & The Class of 1970 Reunion

Join us for live music by “BBD Rhythm & Blues”. It will be a night of friendship, food and drink for the benefit of St. Bartholomew Academy. The party is open to all . Need more info?

Pub Night: stbarts1950@gmail.com
50th Reunion: 1970stbarts@gmail.com

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 March 14-15**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Mitchell	Speth Apgar Clark Torzewski* Schaffernoth*	Fr. Valentine
8:00 am	Keogh	Foulks* Bergen Banasiak Dill	Fr. Rob
10:00 am	Davis	(N) Regal (N) Staniec (N) Naugle Allegra (S) Fischer Aman (cup)* Swisher (cup)*	Fr. Valentine
12:00 pm	Hernandez	Palomares Lundgren O'Connor Fajardo* Fajardo*	Fr. Mike

Rosary Altar Society:



Our Night of Inspiration with our speaker Fr. Rob is scheduled for April 14th at 7 p.m. in the Nazareth Center. Fr. Rob will give us one of his best talks which I am sure we will find helpful and thoughtful. Come along and enjoy fellowship, dessert, discussion and prayer.

That same night there will have a table set up to accept costume jewelry. These donations will be delivered to the children in Elizabeth in need of a Mother's Day gift. If you can help, we thank you.

May 17th is our Rosary Alter Society's Communion Mass and Breakfast. We start with Mass at 10 a.m. followed with breakfast at Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains. The cost of this event is \$45. Please send your check to Barbara Apgar at 427 LaGrande Ave.; Fanwood, NJ 07023. What a fine way to end our year! Hope you can attend.

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: 4:15-4:45 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, April 5th 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, March 8.*

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



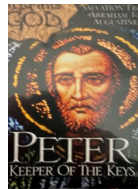
Join us for the Stations of the Cross in Church. We will continue our tradition of serving a soup & salad luncheon following the noon Stations every Friday, except Good Friday.

Stations of the Cross for Families

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

**IHM Bible Study
 Please join us as we study
 "Peter – Keeper of the Keys"
 Wednesdays at 1pm**

4 Sessions: March 4, 11, 18 & 25
 Nazareth Center Meeting Room
 RSVP to Eileen Wagner at 908 317-8554
 or email eilwagner45@gmail.com.



Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, March 8th

IHM Office Closed
 Food Pantry Sunday

Monday, March 9th

Tuesday, March 10th

7 p.m. - Rosary Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 11th

11 a.m. - Food Pantry
 1 p.m. - Bible Study: Peter – The Keeper of the Keys
 4:15 p.m. - Children's Choir Practice
 8 p.m. - Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, March 12th

Friday, March 13th

12 p.m. - Stations of the Cross & Soup Luncheon
 4 p.m. - Stations of the Cross for Families

Saturday, March 14th

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

Sunday, March 15th

11 a.m. - Prayer Shawl Meeting



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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.

Offertory Collection

March 1, 2020

Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,960.78
Collection:	8,326.00
Parish Giving:	1,532.73
Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$2,102.05)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget	\$430,588.08
Actual	\$377,577.03
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$53,031.05)

Shining the Light of Christ Annual Appeal: \$22,600
Goal: \$75,445.00 (29.96% of goal)

Thank you for your generosity!