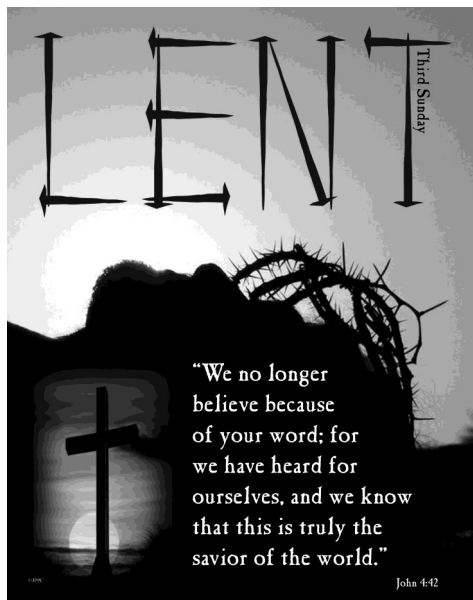


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

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The Third Sunday of Lent, March 15, 2020



Our New Sacred Heart Chapel



“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst.” (John 4)

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



It has been suggested that the woman in today's Gospel represents faithlessness, and that Jesus' offer of living water is an invitation to and gift of faith. Indeed, we find more and more that when we place our trust in Jesus, when we follow His example of giving ourselves to God and neighbor, that we find more abundant life and joy. The invitation to and gift of faith is extended to and through each of us, that we may grow closer to Christ and our neighbor.

It is with great joy that we will open our new chapel this week! After many years of planning and construction, our new Sacred Heart Chapel is ready for us to use. Beginning Monday, March 16th our daily Masses will be celebrated in the chapel at 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

I invite you to come celebrate with us, especially during this season of Lent as we prepare ourselves for the coming celebration of Easter in a few weeks.

Peace,
Fr. Mike

Scripture Reflection The Third Sunday of Lent



"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."

JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True joy and peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

Attention All Gardeners!



More daylight, warmer weather and Spring! Start our food pantry Garden. Your help is needed to till, weed and amend the soil. We are starting the week of March 30th. If you can help contact Emil at (908) 591-3384 or Kathy at (908) 322-9410.

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!

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. 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.

3. 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 once a year.

Easter Basket Collection



This year, our Families of Faith Families and First Communion Families will be assembling Easter Baskets for needy children including those served St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth, the Gray Friars in Newark as well as the IHM Food Pantry.

Our goal is to assemble 100 Easter Baskets. Donations are needed. Please check your email for the link that has the list of items needed.

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 to take part in this beautiful Mass. RSVP by April 3rd.

Remember Our Sick



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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Lee Achiron | Nicole Griffin |
| John Allen | Colleen Guidera |
| Eileen Arnold | John Heiling |
| Rose Badala | Juliann Junio |
| Marion Barrett | Janet Kanelos |
| Larry Biunno | Eileen Lynch |
| Thomas Bodenberd | Maureen Lynch |
| Christine Morris | |
| Jim McLean | |
| June McManus | |
| Bob McMillion | |
| Timothy Murphy | |
| Charlie Plungis | |
| Hilda Pizza | |
| Madeline Pravata | |
| Diane Pricken | |
| Cheryl Reid | |
| Joel Rivera | |
| Susan Rozborski | |
| Jeannie Schroeder | |
| Bernard Slaza | |
| Beverly Sopp | |
| Ryder Francis Spillane | |
| Paul Szeker | |
| Samuel Testa | |
| Carole Ventre | |
| Daniel Ventura | |
| Sr.Elizabeth Vermaelen | |
| Stephen Voorhees | |
| Christy Ward | |

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 15h

- 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

Monday, March 16h

- 7:00 am **Thomas Barth+** By the Carlino Family
 8:30 am **Carol Cassidy+** By Paul Cassidy

Tuesday, March 17th

- 7:00 am **Ignatius V. Ugwuanya** By Fr. Valentine Ugwuanya
 (for the repose of his soul)
 8:30 am **Joseph P. D'Annunzio+** By the Hayes Family

Wednesday, March 18th

- 7:00 am **Frank Pecoraro+** By Robert & Paula Criscuolo
 8:30 am **Jeff Colgan (living)** By Janice Good-Piga & Bob Piga

Thursday, March 19th

- 7:00 am **Norma Go+** By Lioanag Family
 8:30 am **Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph+** By S.S.J.

Friday, March 20th

- 7:00 am **Edward Andersen+** By Joe & Donna Conforti
 8:30 am **John Borucki+** By Kevin Ryan
 12:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**
 4:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, March 21st

- 7:00 am **Rein Schaper+** By Janet Frazier
 8:30 am **Claire Gibbons+** By Anne Gibbons
 5:00 pm **Henry Rozborski+** By Ann Marie & Diane Bednar

Sunday, March 22nd

- 8:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 10:00 am **Tom Dwyer+** By the Dwyer Family
 12:00 pm **Margaret & Patrick Cuddihy+** By Eileen Guidi

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:

Sanctuary Light: Week of March 15th:

The Sanctuary Candle will burn for:

For the intention of Benjamin Cirigliano+

Requested by the Cirigliano Family



Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of March 15th:

In memory of the Birthdays of George Schmitt & Helen Bergen+

*Requested by :
Mary Jane Bergen*

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

This basketball season was filled with highs, lows, but most of all fun!



JV Girls had a fantastic season. Coached by Bill Mariani, the team had a pivotal game when they came back against a very strong Oak Knoll team. After that win that the team came together. This new found focus led the girls to the semi-finals of the CYO Championships. Unfortunately they did not win, but the loss did not dampen their spirit or desire to work hard again next year.

The Pee Wee 4th grade boys, coached by Clay Torres and Carols Paz had a tremendous season culminating at the CYO Championship Game. While they did not take the title, the boys demonstrated the meaning of teamwork throughout the game. This team has been playing together for 3 seasons and they continue to grow. They look forward to another title challenge next year. All our home games were full of spirit thanks to the SBA Cheerleaders. Mrs. Rotondo coached a group of athletic and peppy girls. The team included several new girls who were welcomed by the veterans. Thank you to all the volunteer coaches & parents.

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>.

**BOLD Youth Ministries
Top of the Morning to You**



WHO: All high school teens and their friends!
WHAT: A special night on St. Patty's Day
WEAR: Something GREEN!
WHEN: Sunday, March 15 (7pm-8:30pm)
We will meet in the Nazareth Center
We'll be making Shamrock Shakes!

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Service Trip to Pittsburgh, PA is July 19-24
Check your email for registration information.

Wellness Awareness

The health and well being of our parishioners, and everyone who comes to IHM, is a top priority to us. We ask you follow these guidelines to keep 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 it extra help is needed, even if you are not scheduled.

**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

**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 ends 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 21-22**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Cassidy	Apgar Zucosky Haight Haight* Torzewski*	Fr. Mike
8:00 am	Manno	Gibbons Bagdonas Coquia* Fahrmann*	Fr. Valentine
10:00 am	Fortunato	(S) Schiller Aiere Aiere McCann Zappo Carlino Manfredonia	Fr. Mike
12:00 pm	Smith	Kiley Wagner Power Sapienza* Sapienza*	Fr. Rob

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.*

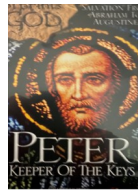
Stations of the Cross
Fridays in Lent at 12 noon & 4pm
12 Noon - Stations & Soup



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 15th

11 a.m. - Prayer Shawl Meeting
7 p.m. - Youth Group St. Patrick’s Party

Monday, March 16th

Sacred Heart Chapel opens for daily Mass

Tuesday, March 17th

Wednesday, March 18th

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 19th

9:30 a.m. - Centering Prayer Meeting

Friday, March 20th

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

Saturday, March 21st

Sunday, March 22nd

8:30 a.m. - 1st Communion Parent Child Prep
10 a.m. - Rite of Names for Confirmation Class



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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 8, 2020

Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,960.78
Collection:	7,467.00
Parish Giving:	3,548.01
Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$945.77)
Fiscal Year to Date:	
Budget	\$442,548.86
Actual	\$388,572.04
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$53,976.82)

Shining the Light of Christ Annual Appeal: \$23,350.00
Goal: \$75,445.00 (29.96% of goal)

Thank you for your generosity!