

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 27, 2019



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Saturday: 5:30pm (Anticipated Mass)
Mass Schedule Sundays: 7:45am, 9:00am, 10:30am and 12 noon
Daily Mass Monday - Saturday 7am & 8:30am
Holy Days of Obligation - *See Mass Schedule on page 3*
Morning Prayer: Monday - Friday at 8:15am
Rosary: Monday - Saturday after the 8:30am Mass
Novena to the Miraculous Medal & St. Jude - Saturday after 8:30am Mass
Office & Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours: Mon - Thur. 9am - 8pm;
Fri. 9am - 4pm; Sat. 9am - 12pm & Sun. 8:30am - 11:30am

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"

A Note from Fr. Mike



Jesus is not condemning the religious practice of the Pharisee, nor is He condoning the malicious business practices of the tax collector. Rather, He is commenting on their approach to God in their personal prayer. The Pharisee approaches God with a sense of self righteousness, that he is good and is entitled to God's love. The Tax Collector knows that he is a sinful man and does not deserve anything from God. Yet he gives himself over to God's mercy, rather than expecting God's blessing. Jesus reminds His disciples, and us, that the correct way to approach God, and each other, is with humility and reverence, not pride and self righteousness. Yet, how often do we follow in the footsteps of the Pharisee? God wants to show us His love and wants us to experience His presence in our lives. When we think and act in a prideful and self righteous way, towards God and towards one another, we prevent ourselves from experiencing that love and presence in our lives. When we approach God and one another with humility and reverence, we open our hearts and minds to the love and presence of Christ in our lives and in others.

Peace,
Fr. Mike

Scripture Reflection 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 18:14

Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given. Instead we should be humbled by God's abundant generosity and our hearts should overflow with gratitude.

All Souls Remembrance Mass

All of our departed loved ones will be remembered, especially those lost this past year. They will be mentioned by name at our Mass on:

Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 12 noon

Please RSVP to the IHM office at (908) 889-2100 or email office@ihmparish.net by Monday, October 28th, so we can include your loved one's name in the program. We will display pictures of our deceased loved ones in the church vestibule from All Souls Day until the 1st Sunday in Advent. You may bring a framed photo (no larger than 8 x10 inches) to the Nazareth Center office. Please put your name and phone number on the back of the frame.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Living Rosary



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Living Rosary. It was a beautiful tribute to our Blessed Mother.



IHM Coat Drive

**Drop off New or Gently Used Coats to
Immaculate Heart of Mary's Nazareth Center**
Donations accepted: October 7- November 5

Coats will be donated to people in need
in Newark's North Ward.

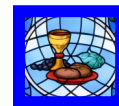
For more info contact: maurafarrell23@gmail.com
jimmie08twentyone@gmail.com

Baby Bottle Blessings! Please take a bottle.

This weekend Immaculate Heart of Mary will be hosting a Baby Bottle Blessings Campaign for Life Choices Resource Center, Metuchen. www.LifeChoicesRC.com. Life Choices has been serving women and families in our local community by offering FREE services such as pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling and a hand of hope and friendship for 34 years. By supporting the Baby Bottle fundraiser, you're helping to spread the Gospel of Life while building a legacy of love in our very own community. Fill the bottle with your change, cash, or a check and return by the weekend of November 17th or sooner. Remember to keep these families in your prayers.

Your gift will make a difference in the lives of many of God's children and their parents. Thank you!

Altar Bread and Wine Intentions



*The Altar Bread and Wine was donated
the week of October 27th:
For the intentions of
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish*

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 27th

7:45 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 9:00 am **Guy Lazur+** By the Knox Family
 10:30 am **Frankie Dombrowski Anniversary+** By Donna & Stephen D'Annunzio & Family
 12:00 pm **Michael D'Ambrosio** By Kiley & D'Ambrosio Family

Monday, October 28th

7:00 am **Janice Good-Piga & Bob Piga+** By Winston Piga
 8:30 am **Bob Swisher+** By Betty
 (29th Anniversary)

Tuesday, October 29th

7:00 am **Joseph Gary Luciano+** By Karen & Joe Schurtz
 8:30 am **Thomas Brennan+** By Pauline Mustacciuolo

Wednesday, October 30th

7:00 am **Glenna Wittemann+** By Tony & Phyllis Manno
 8:30 am **Mary Wood+** By the Verdic Family

Thursday, October 31st

7:00 am **Msgr. Francis Houghton+** By Fr. Mike Ward
 8:30 am **Jack McGovern+** By Betty Swisher
 7:00 pm **Mary Rotundo+** By Ray, Joan, & O'Donnell Family

All Saints Day - Friday, November 1st

7:00 am **Mary Rotundo+** By Betty Swisher
 12:00 pm **Msgr. Frank Houghton+** By John & Tracey Foley
 7:00 pm **Deceased Members of Browne & Curtin Family**
 By the Hennessy Family

All Souls Day - Saturday, November 2nd

7:00 am **All Souls Novena**
 8:30 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 12:00 pm **All Souls Mass**
 5:30 pm **Jane Santone+** By Joyce Santone

Sunday, November 3rd

7:45 am **All Souls Novena**
 9:00 am **Alice Schott+** By the Chimento Family
 10:30 am **Joe D'Annunzio Anniversary+** By Donna & Stephen D'Annunzio & Family
 12:00 pm **John & Agnes Reilly+** By Family

Remember Our Sick

Lee Achiron	Anna Franke
John Allen	Nicole Griffin
Eileen Arnold	Colleen Guidera
Rose Badala	John Heiling
Larry Biunno	Janet Kanelos
Thomas Bodenberd	Eileen Lynch
Fran Boglioli	Maureen Lynch
James Brown	Christine Morris
Kevin Brown	Jim McLean
John Burkert	June McManus
John Byrne	Bob McMillion
Anna Cassella	Thomas Moore
Matthew Cassio	Timothy Murphy
Donald Checchio	Charlie Plungis
Frank Chimento	Hilda Pizza
Colm Cosgrove	Madeline Pravata
Edward Clark	Diane Pricken
Joe Clarke	Cheryl Reid
Ray Clark	Joel Rivera
Elle Crofton	Susan Rozborski
Enrique Curbelo	Jeannie Schroeder
Taylor Dill	Bernard Slaza
Denise Donnelly	Paul Szeker
Marie Farrell	Samuel Testa
Albert Fischer, Jr.	Carole Ventre
Emily Fleming	Daniel Ventura
Mary Flynn	Stephen Voorhees
Lillian Fortunato	Christy Ward
	Norah Yokom

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.

Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of October 27th:

In honor and thanksgiving to our Blessed Mother & St. Jude

Requested by Betty & Tony Perfilio



Remember those who have died:

Sanctuary Light: Week of October 27th:

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week for:

*For the intention of Mary Wood+
Requested by the Verdic Family*



HIGH SCHOOL TEENS:

Feeling the pressure of school already? Exhausted from after school sports and clubs? Overwhelmed with college applications? Just ready to get away? Take a step back from the craziness to unwind and be filled! JOIN US for a fun-filled weekend to meet new people, enjoy nature and reconnect with your faith!

WHO: YOU! Open to all 9th-12th graders

WHERE: Camp Tecumseh in Pittstown, NJ

WHEN: Departing Friday, November 15th @ 6pm and returning on Sunday, November 17th by lunch.

HOW MUCH: \$160* for the weekend, which includes all meals, overnight accommodations, activities, and a special give-away!

*We never want finances to get in the way of a great faith experience!

Please let us know if money is an issue.

HOW: Register NOW at www.boldym.com/embolden

SAVE THE DATE:

Our next BOLD Youth Ministry nights will take place in the Nazareth Center:

Sunday, November 24 (7-8:30pm)

Sunday, December 15 (7-8:30pm)

All High School teens are welcome. Please join us.

**Catholic High School Placement Test
Friday, November 8, 2019**

Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic high school in Fall 2020. The High School Placement Test is Friday, Nov. 9th. Registration is online at www.njcoopexam.org.

Catholic School Open Houses

Mount Saint Mary Academy

1645 US Route 22; Watchung, NJ
Sunday, October 27, from 1-4:30pm
For more info call (908) 757-0108

Seton Hall Preparatory School

120 Northfield Ave; West Orange, NJ
Sunday, October 27 from 12-3pm

Union Catholic Regional High School

UC Information Night
November 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. For more info, contact Betsy Thornton at 908 889-1600, ext.302



**Union Catholic Information Night
November 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

If you missed Open House or want a closer look, join us and learn how UC's faith-based environment can support you on your journey to college and throughout life! Be Fearless, Be Faithful, Be Ready!

#UCFUTURE READY

For more info, contact Betsy Thornton
908 889-1600, ext.302 or
bthornton@unioncatholic.org.



Current Events:

Linking the Past to the Present

Educating young people to become informed, thoughtful citizens is an integral part of a student's development. Mrs. Conroy, the Academy middle school history teacher, incorporates current events into the curriculum to help start building the students' capacities for critical thinking, emotional engagement, moral reflection, and civic mindfulness.

Using various educational materials, the middle school students at the Academy make a connection between the history they are studying and today. Each history class begins with a review of CNN Student News, where the major news stories of the day, as well as human interest stories, are conveyed to them on their level. After watching each episode, time is spent reviewing the topics discussed. Each week the students play News Brain, a countrywide online quiz, where students compete over the issues in the news each week. They also receive a subscription to Scholastic News' Junior Scholastic, a bi-weekly magazine that features in-depth current events, geographic activities, connections to US and world history, as well as text analysis activities. Finally, each student is required to complete five news articles summaries over the course of each semester. The students must identify the type of news - local, national, or world, and explain why the article is newsworthy. They also have to highlight the critical parts in the article, such as the who, what, where, and when.

These classroom tools and assignments not only enable middle school students to see beyond the world they live in, but they provide them with critical note taking skills, map skills, and reading comprehension that will serve them in high school and beyond. We are very proud that the history curriculum of the Academy incorporates current events into Ancient Civilization and US History.

Congratulations to Alejandra Rodriguez & Jack Perreault for winning the Annual Christopher Columbus Day Essay Contest sponsored by SPF Chapter of UNICO.

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of October 11/2-11/3**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:30 pm	Mitchell	Good-Piga Zucosky Speth Kelly* Cassidy	Fr. Mike
7:45 am	Foulks	Gibbons Bagdonas Bergen Manno	Fr. Mike
9:00 am	Lewis	Coquia Perfilio Carlino Banasiak* Manfredonia*	Fr. Valentine
10:30 am	Schiller	Fischer (S) Staniec Cregg Zappo Schiller Leone (cup) Fortunato (cup)*	Fr. Rob
12:00pm	O'Connor	Sullivan Lundgren Palomares Kiley McGuinness	Fr. Valentine

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

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Rosary Altar Society:



Our Day of Renewal at St. Joseph's Shrine in Stirling was a big success. The setting was beautiful and the day was spiritually strengthening and very comforting. Eileen Wagner and Heba Fortunato were the chairladies for this fine event. Thank you ladies we all appreciated your efforts.

Our next meeting is November 5th at 1:00pm in the Nazareth Center. Lesley Aman will be our instructor for making a lovely black and white necklace. We hope you can join us for fellowship, prayer, a bit of creativity and ice cream sundaes and sherbert. Please forward your \$15.00 check to Barbara Apgar at 427 LaGrande Avenue, Fanwood, NJ 07023 to reserve your place.



IHM Holy Name Society

The next meeting is Sunday, November 3rd at 8:30am in the church basement. All interested men of the parish are invited to join us for a short scripture reflection and breakfast. We serve eggs, sausage, crumb cake and coffee at every meeting.

Please join us.



Nazareth Center Office & Adoration Chapel Hours
Monday - Thursday: 9am - 8pm
Friday: 9am - 4pm
Saturday: 9am - 12pm
***Sunday: Closed Oct. 27;**
Open November 3 from 8:30-11:30am
**The Nazareth Center Office is open Sundays when Faith Formation classes are taking place.*

Thank you for Fr. Valentine's Jubilee



A sincere thank you to the planning committee for Fr. Valentine's 25th Anniversary Jubilee. The following people helped make this special milestone possible: Maryanne and Charlie Mulrooney, Rich Duthie, Rick Aiere, Margaret Lewis, Mary Francis Malone, Rich Banasiak, Jean Bagdonas and Geraldine Keogh.

Knights of Columbus
Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sale
November 2 and 3

The Knights of Columbus will again be selling religious Christmas cards on November 2 and 3 following all Masses in support of our "Send Religious Christmas Cards" program. These beautiful cards, which are not available in retail stores are reasonably priced. This will be the only weekend for the sale.

This year give yourself the gift of Cornerstone!

Cornerstone is a retreat given by the women of St. Bartholomew and IHM for women. It is a 26-hour retreat held at St. Bart's. Our theme is, **Walk by Faith not by Sight**. Please join us on Nov. 1-2, 2019. For a registration form or info contact Patti Haddad at phaddad@levinedesantis.com or 908 305-0055.

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, October 27th

IHM Office Closed

Monday, October 28th

Tuesday, October 29th

7pm - Welcoming Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 30th

11am - Food Pantry Open

7:30pm - Youth Rally: Go Make a Difference at Holy Trinity

Thursday, October 31st

All Saints Day, November 1st

See Mass schedule on page 3

Women's Cornerstone Retreat

Saturday, November 2nd

Women's Cornerstone Retreat

12pm - All Souls Remembrance Mass

Sunday, November 3rd

8:30am - Holy Name Society Meeting

8:45am - Families of Faith Gathering

8:45am - 1st Reconciliation Parent/Child Prep Class

1:30pm - Sacrament of Baptism

For more info visit: www.ihmparish.net



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Offertory Collection

October 20, 2019

Weekly Budget Need: \$11,960.78

Collection: \$7,631.00

Parish Giving: \$2,278.45

Surplus/(Deficit): (\$2,051.33)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget \$203,333.26

Actual \$172,546.06

Surplus/ (Deficit) (\$30,787.20)

Sharing God's Blessings:

Pledged to date: \$41,105.00 (57.13% of goal)

Goal: \$71,902.00

Thank you for your generosity!