

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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*Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 3, 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



Despite the fact that people did not like him, that he was rich, that he was a sinner, and that he was short, Zaccheaus was determined not only to see Jesus, but to know him as well. He is seeking Jesus. He does not simply want to see him, although this may be the initial reason, he wants to know him. In entering into that relationship with Jesus he discovers conversion, fulfillment and a desire for holiness. He lets this relationship not only inspire him for a moment, but intentionally allows it to guide his life and actions, he becomes engaged in his relationship with Jesus and his continued discipleship. Let his determination and seeking inspire us this week to also search for a deeper relationship with Jesus, to become more intentional and engaged in our discipleship and have a stronger desire for holiness.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

### Scripture Reflection 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



*“But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.’”*  
**LUKE 19:8**

We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn’t called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your hear, how is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

### All Souls Remembrance Mass

Thank you to everyone who participated in our All Souls Remembrance Mass. It was a beautiful tribute to those we have loved and lost.

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 pick up your loved one’s picture on Sunday, December 1st.

### 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](http://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 it to the Nazareth Center by 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!*



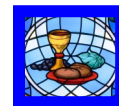
### IHM Coat Drive

**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](mailto:maurafarrell23@gmail.com)  
[jimmie08twentyone@gmail.com](mailto:jimmie08twentyone@gmail.com)

### Altar Bread and Wine Intentions



*The Altar Bread and Wine was donated  
the week of November 3rd:  
For the intentions of  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish*

Remember Our Sick



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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Lee Achiron         | Anna Franke       |
| John Allen          | Nicole Griffin    |
| Eileen Arnold       | Colleen Guidera   |
| Rose Badala         | John Healing      |
| 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 |
| Dorothy D'Angelo    | Bernard Slaza     |
| Taylor Dill         | Paul Szeker       |
| Denise Donnelly     | Samuel Testa      |
| Marie Farrell       | Carole Ventre     |
| Albert Fischer, Jr. | Daniel Ventura    |
| Emily Fleming       | Stephen Voorhees  |
| Mary Flynn          | Christy Ward      |
| Lillian Fortunato   | Norah Yokom       |

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, November 4th

- 7:00 am All Souls Novena  
 8:30 am William McManus+ By Judy and Family

Tuesday, November 5th

- 7:00 am All Souls Novena  
 8:30 am Glen & Elizabeth Winsor+ By MaryBeth Winsor

Wednesday, November 6th

- 7:00 am All Souls Novena  
 8:30 am Eliseo M. Lucchesi & Francesco Richichi+ By Annette Palumbo

Thursday, November 7th

- 7:00 am All Souls Novena  
 8:30 am Frances Takacs+ By Barbara Apgar

Friday, November 8th

- 7:00 am All Souls Novena  
 8:30 am James & Rose Donovan+ By the Carman Family

Saturday, November 9th

- 7:00 am All Souls Novena  
 8:30 am For the People of IHM Parish  
 5:30 pm William Piga + By Bob Piga & Janice Good-Piga

Sunday, November 10th

- 7:45 am All Souls Novena & Helen McLane+ By McLane & Tricoche Family  
 9:00 am Kathryn Schurtz+ & Joseph Kearney+ By Betty & Tony Perfilio  
 10:30 am Leonard Ehrlich+ By the Farrell Family  
 12:00 pm Marc Fusillo+ By Mary Clinton

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 November 3rd:  
 In memory of  
 Frances Takacs+ & Susan Ruppert+  
 Requested by Barbara Apgar



Remember those who have died:

Sanctuary Light: Week of November 3rd:

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week for:  
 For the intention of Joseph D'Annunzio+  
 Requested by Denise Klockner



**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](http://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](http://www.njcoopexam.org).

**IHM Prayer Shawl Ministry**



**Do you Knit or Crochet? Do you want to learn?**

Join the IHM Prayer Shawl Ministry. We make prayer shawls for parishioners who are ill and we make scarves and hats for the needy.

We meet one Sunday a month after the 10:30am Mass in the Nazareth Center (approx. 11:30am). Can't make the meetings - feel free to work on a project at home and then just drop it off at the Nazareth Center. Our next meeting is Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions please contact Marion Berger 908-889-5885. If you would like to donate to this ministry, gift card donations to AC Moore or Michaels would be gratefully appreciated.



**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](mailto:bthornton@unioncatholic.org).



**Using History to Find Their Place**

Giving children a sense of their place in the world and empowering them with the skills they need to relate to others is an important feature of a grammar school social studies curriculum. Mrs. Lynda England, the Academy's fourth and fifth grade social studies teacher, has already utilized several creative projects to help the students start making those important connections.

Fourth grade spends the year in social studies focused on the state of New Jersey. The students start the year learning the topography of the state, then move onto the early explorers, such as Henry Hudson, Cornelius May, and Giovanni da Verrazzano. As an interesting project designed to enhance their understanding of our state's culture and heritage, the students recently researched the official symbols of New Jersey, including the state flower, insect, motto, fruit, and ship. They then created posters explaining each item.

Fifth grade is spending the year studying the Americas. They started with an overview of the explorers and engaged in a research based discussion on the negative and positive impact explorers had on the land and the native population. They are currently studying Native Americans and how the land they lived on determined their livelihood and culture. For instance, in the plains, farming was easier, yet in the woods of the Northeast, trapping and hunting prevailed. To better understand their way of life, the students completed a research project related to one of the Native American groups. After selecting a group, each student had to research that groups culture and choose to make something from that group, such as a totem pole, model of a home, display of food or an everyday object the group used. They then presented their findings to their classmates. The details of social studies may be lost as we graduate into the adult world, but the foundations of geography, history, politics, and anthropology are crucial to a child's education.



**Minister Assignments  
Weekend of November 9-10**

| Saturday/<br>Sunday | Lectors   | Extra-ordinary<br>Ministers  | Presider      |
|---------------------|-----------|--|---------------|
| 5:30 pm             | Cassidy   | Haight<br>Haight<br>Clark<br>Torzewski*<br>Schaffernoth*                               | Fr. Mike      |
| 7:45 am             | Henkels   | Foulks<br>Regal<br>Fahrman<br>Dill   | Fr. Valentine |
| 9:00 am             | McCallion | (N) Staniec<br>(N) Sullivan<br>(N) Naugle<br>Power*<br>Wagner                          | Fr. Valentine |
| 10:30 am            | McClellan | Aiere<br>Aiere<br>DiBella<br>Allegra*<br>Alexandre<br>Aman (cup)*<br>(S) Swisher (cup) | Fr. Mike      |
| 12:00pm             | Hernandez | Kiley<br>Sapienza<br>Sapienza<br>Fajardo*<br>Fajardo*                                  | Fr. Rob       |

**Rosary Altar Society:**



**Change of Venue from Nazareth Center  
to Church Basement**

Our meeting on Tues., Nov. 5th, will be held in the church basement rather than the Nazareth Center. Rosarians and friends are invited to this workshop, where we will be making a 24 inch necklace under the direction of Lesley Aman. Space is limited to the first 25 people. To reserve your seat, send your \$15 check to Barbara Apgar, 427 La Grande Ave., Fanwood, NJ 07023.

At this workshop, you will enjoy cream sundaes or sherbet, pizzelle cookies, a bit of prayer, and good conversation. Please plan on joining us.

**Parish Information**

**Religious Education Classes**

Questions? [Faithformation@ihmparish.net](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.ihmparish.net)



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**IHM Holy Name Society**

The next meeting is this 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: Open November 3, 17 & 24 from 8:30-11:30am**  
*Closed Sunday November 10*  
*\*The Nazareth Center Office is open Sundays when Faith Formation classes are taking place.*

**St Helen’s Caregiver Support Group**

A support group for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones meets on the first non-holiday Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the Parish Center of St Helen’s on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield, NJ These are info and sharing sessions.

For more information please call Marilyn Ryan at 908 232-1214. The first meeting is November 4 at 7:30pm.

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

The Knights of Columbus will be selling religious Christmas cards this weekend, 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.



**2019 Sharing God’s Blessing Annual Appeal**

Did you know that there is still time to support the 2019 Sharing God’s Blessings Annual Appeal? IHM has received \$41,105 in pledges. Thank you to those parishioners who have already shown support and generosity.

Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort that strengthens many important programs across the Archdiocese of Newark? Our goal is \$71,902.00 and can only be achieved through your generosity. If you wish to give, please pick up a pledge form at the church doors or visit [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing). Thank you for your prayers and support.

**Calendar of Events at IHM**

**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 - Baptism Prep Class

**Monday, November 4th**

- 7pm - 8th Grade Confirmation Prep Class
- 7:30pm - Engaging Disciples Community Team Mtg

**Tuesday, November 5th**

- 1pm - Rosary “Come Bead with Me” Meeting

**Wednesday, November 6th**

- 11am - Food Pantry Open

**Thursday, November 7th**

**Friday, November 8th**

**Saturday, November 9th**

- 10am - Engaging Disciples Ministry Team Mtg
- 1pm - St. Bartholomew’s Anointing Mass

**Sunday, November 10th**

- Food Pantry Sunday
- IHM Office Closed

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**Offertory Collection**

**October 27, 2019**

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|---------------------|--------------|
| Weekly Budget Need: | \$11,960.78  |
| Collection:         | \$7,481.00   |
| Parish Giving:      | \$1,388.32   |
| Surplus/(Deficit):  | (\$3,091.46) |

**Fiscal Year to Date:**

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Budget             | \$215,294.04  |
| Actual             | \$181,415.38  |
| Surplus/ (Deficit) | (\$33,878.66) |

**Sharing God’s Blessings:**

Pledged to date: \$41,105.00 (57.13% of goal)  
 Goal: \$71,902.00

Next weekend, November 9-10, there will be a 2nd collection for the Archdiocese for Military Services, USA, **Thank you for your generosity!**