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# Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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*Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 10, 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



The 7 brothers in the first reading today go to great lengths to give witness to their trust in God, even to death. Most of us will not be called to go that far, but the story forces us to ask ourselves how far will we go?

Perhaps a better approach, and a longer lasting one, is to review our daily lives and choose one or two areas in which we can give a better witness to our faith. Once we have done that we can concentrate on one or two other areas. This step by step approach will help us to gradually recognize more profoundly God's love for us and our ability to share that love with others.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

### Scripture Reflection 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through His grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word."*  
2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy we must be merciful to others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

#### 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 are displaying 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.

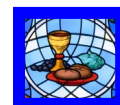
*Your gift will make a difference in the lives of many of God's children and their parents. Thank you!*



#### IHM Coat Drive

**Drop off New or Gently Used Coats to  
Immaculate Heart of Mary's Nazareth Center**  
Donations accepted: October 7- November 11  
Thank you to all who donated to the IHM Coat Drive

#### Altar Bread and Wine Intentions



*The Altar Bread and Wine was donated  
the week of November 10th:  
For the intentions of  
The Schmitt Family*

*Requested by Mary Jane Bergen*

*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       | Sr.Elizabeth Vermaelen |
| Mary Flynn          | Stephen Voorhees       |
| Lillian Fortunato   | Christy Ward           |
|                     | Norah Yokom            |

**Mass Intentions**

**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

**Monday, November 11th**

- 7:00 am **Mary Brandon** By the Mulrooney Family  
 8:30 am **Philip Doyle+** By Ray & Joan O'Donnell

**Tuesday, November 12th**

- 7:00 am **Kathryn Schurtz+** By the Carlino Family  
 8:30 am **Jim Rizzolo+** By Tracey Foley

**Wednesday, November 13th**

- 7:00 am **James R. Kennedy+** By Alice Van Anda & the Kennedy Family  
 8:30 am **Christopher O'Neil+** By Vivian O'Neil

**Thursday, November 14th**

- 7:00 am **Kathryn Schurtz+** By the Dwyer Family  
 8:30 am **Peg Collins Katims+** By her Family  
 (10 year anniversary)

**Friday, November 15th**

- 7:00 am **Robert McEvilly+** By Rosemarie Halverson  
 8:30 am **Kathryn Schurtz & Joseph Kearney+** By Ray & Joan O'Donnell

**Saturday, November 16th**

- 7:00 am **Mary Brandon+** By Joe & Margaret Mulrooney  
 8:30 am **Kathryn Schurtz+** By Maureen & Mike (Dwyer) Cahill  
 5:30 pm **Jim Hannaford+** By Fr. Mike

**Sunday, November 17th**

- 7:45 am **For the People of IHM Parish**  
 9:00 am **Mary Rotundo+** By Mary Graham  
 10:30 am **Marc Fusillo+** By Jack & Nancy Lay  
 12:00 pm **John D. Isola+** By the Isola 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.

**Flowers for the Blessed Mother**



**For the week of November 10th**

*To honor the living and deceased members of the Society of the Sacred Heart (R.S.C.J.) Requested by Mary Beth Winsor*



**Remember those who have died: Thomas Barth+**

**Sanctuary Light: Week of November 10th:**

*The Sanctuary Light will burn this week for:  
 For the intention of Michael Thomas Sot+  
 Requested by the Parenti 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](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.

**Sheltering the Homeless Update**

Hooray! Hooray! Two of the families we hosted in our program in October have obtained housing. They are also working. We ask God's blessing on them as they continue on life's journey. Thank you to all who volunteered in any capacity during that week. We had fun as we carried out Jesus's command to feed the hungry and provide shelter. We host again in February, so mark your calendars NOW!

**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.

**IHM Community Food Pantry Garden**

Our Community Food Pantry Garden produced 200 lbs. of vegetables during its first year. The clients were thrilled and excited to be able to select their own fresh vegetables.

Thank you to all: those who built the frames, loaded the frames with soil, donated plants and planted, those who faithfully watered twice daily and finally those who harvested. A great job done by all.

Now we put the garden to bed until the Spring!



**Math and Matter in Fourth Grade**

Fourth grade is a year to master the basics in math. Students refine and further their multiplication, division, and computation skills. It can seem fast paced and overwhelming at times, but Mr. John Benvenuto, the Academy's 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade math and science teacher, keeps the students on task and motivated.

The Academy has incorporated the 'Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Go Math!' program into the math program for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. It is designed to build a strong foundation of conceptual understanding and procedural fluency, enabling the students to be prepared for advanced middle school math. The program includes mastering word problems. Mr. Benvenuto has been guiding the students in the most effective way to read, understand and relate the word problems to real life. Practicing word problems also helps with reading comprehension and critical thinking skills, while teaching creativity and problem solving skills.

In Science, the students have been learning about matter and states of matter. The students recently observed and reported what happens when salt is added to water and the reaction baking soda has when combined with vinegar. The students enjoyed these experiments!

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have been taking advantage of the Academy Chromebook program being extended to their grades. Mr. Benvenuto has utilized the technology to encourage the students to expand their math skills through various online learning sites, such as Kahoot. They are also learning to master the Google suite of tools, such as Google Docs and Sheets.

Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders who competed in the Scholastic Olympics at Roselle Catholic. The following students placed in their subject: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Art- Chris Duran, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Art-Brianna Wynn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Forensics-Alejandra Rodriguez, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place History- Sofiya Piede, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Spelling- Taryn Mitchell. We are proud of you!!

**Minister Assignments  
Weekend of November 16-17**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:30 pm	Mulrooney	Apgar Cassidy Speth Torzewski Good-Piga	Fr. Mike
7:45 am	Keogh	Gibbons* Bagdonas Bergen Manno	Fr. Mike
9:00 am	Brennan	Carlino Manfredonia Prato Wagner* Dougherty*	Fr. Rob
10:30 am	Banasiak	Cregg* Leone Schiller* Zappo (S) Fischer Aiere (cup) Aiere (cup)	Fr. Rob
12:00pm	Harris	McGuinness Lundgren O'Connor Sapienza* Sapienza*	Fr. Mike

**Rosary Altar Society:**



Our Christmas Party on December 3rd is quickly approaching. Fr. Mike will celebrate Mass at 7pm to be followed by our party in the church basement. We will have games, appetizers, light dinner and dessert. At this event we also have our annual collection for Mother Teresa's Community located in Newark, NJ. This Christmas Mass and party is always beautiful, festive and fun. So, please remember to send us your \$10 check to Barbara Apgar, 427 LaGrande Ave., Fanwood, NJ 07023. Mark your calendar.

Our Commemorative Christmas Ornament has arrived and will be available for sale at church doors before and after Saturday and Sunday Masses throughout Advent. Ornaments can be purchased for \$5 each or 4 for \$15. Perhaps there may be some ornaments available at our Christmas Party. I'm sure you will agree they are very beautiful and will make very thoughtful Christmas presents.

**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 Sunday, December 1st 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 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.*

**Congratulations to the 2019 IHM Track Team on a Successful Season!**



**Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer**  
 Route 22; Watchung, NJ  
 msmhope@msmhope.org

**The Compassion Connection**  
 Join us as we ponder how we can tear down the walls of fear, distrust and privilege in our world as we unite with the compassionate heart of God.  
 Tue., Nov. 19, 7-9 p.m. (\$20-\$30 or what you can afford) Presenter: Catherine T. Nerney, SSJ, Ph.D., an author and professor of religious studies & Director of the Institute of Forgiveness and Reconciliation at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia.



**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 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 10th**  
 Food Pantry Sunday  
 IHM Office Closed

**Monday, November 11th**

**Tuesday, November 12th**  
 7pm - Rosary Society Executive Board Meeting

**Wednesday, November 13th**  
 11am - Food Pantry Open

**Thursday, November 14th**  
 7:30pm - Engaging Disciples Meeting

**Friday, November 15th**  
 Embolden Youth Retreat  
 7pm - First Reconciliation Parent/Child Retreat with "The Potter"

**Saturday, November 16th**  
 Embolden Youth Retreat

**Sunday, November 17th**  
 Food Pantry Sunday  
 8:45am - Families of Faith Gathering  
 11:30am - Prayer Shawl Meeting  
 1:30pm - Sacrament of Baptism

**For more info visit: [www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net)**

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**Offertory Collection**

**November 3, 2019**

Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,960.78
Collection:	\$9,692.00
Parish Giving:	\$1,421.46
Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$,847.32)

**Fiscal Year to Date:**

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

**Sharing God's Blessings:**  
 Pledged to date: \$41,355.00 (57.52% of goal)  
 Goal: \$71,902.00

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