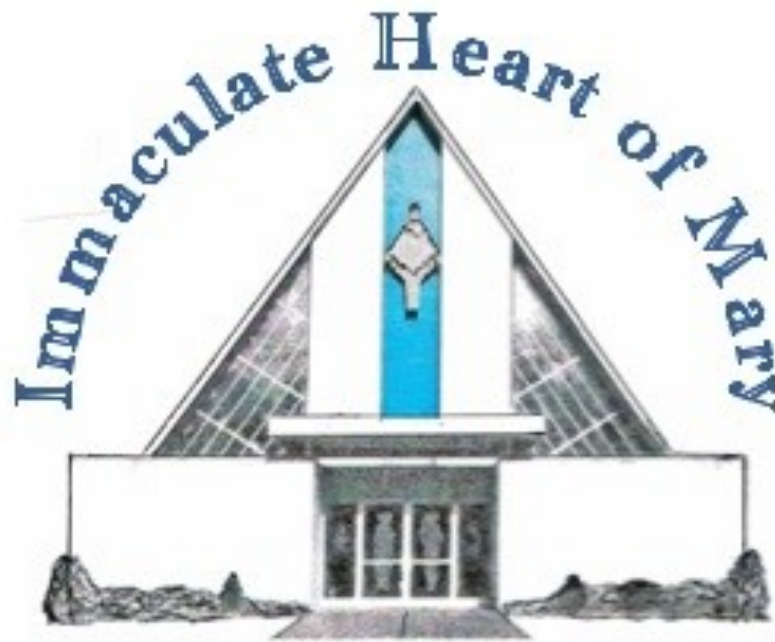


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 15, 2020*



*Immaculate Heart of Mary is now celebrating Mass in church on a limited basis, please see page 2 for details. Mass will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook & our website: [www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net).*

*Reconciliation is now available on Saturdays from 4:15 – 4:45 p.m.. If you are in need of assistance or have questions please call or email the office. We are monitoring our phones & email and look forward to helping you in any way we can.*

*The IHM Office is closed to the public until further notice.  
The new Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is now open.*

*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*

*Website: [www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net)*

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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”*

**Note from Fr. Mike**



What do we do with the gifts that God has given to us? Do we even recognize them? Sometime we do, sometimes we times we do not. In baptism we are called to participate in the mission of Christ, to proclaim the Good News of God’s love for us to the world. This requires us to use the gifts that God has given us to help others experience God’s love and to build up His kingdom. Like two of the servants in the Gospel we sometime do this very well. Other times, like the third servant, we are too afraid to do anything. In Christ we have nothing to fear except not responding to His invitation to love God and love our neighbor, using our gifts to bring about His Kingdom. This is how we prepare for His coming, by living in His light, the light we received at baptism, and allowing that light to guide our thoughts words and actions. May we all respond with generosity of mind and heart to His love and His call, and so come to a greater experience of His wonder filled presence in our lives.

Peace, Fr. Mike

**Scripture Reflection**  
**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.” - MATTHEW 25:21*

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn’t want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

**Coats for Kids**

Each \$20 donation provide a child with a brand new winter coat. \$220 pays for a case of a dozen coats. No donation is too small. What better way to give to charity when you the money goes directly to those in need?

Check donations should be made payable to the Knights of Columbus, Council #5730. Donations should be mailed to:

K of C #5730  
PO Box 302  
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076



Or donate online at [www.mkt.com/kofc5730](http://www.mkt.com/kofc5730)  
Thank you!

**Attention Lectors:**



Lector workbooks for those currently serving are ready to be picked up; please pick yours up from the box in front of the Nazareth Center any time.

**Mass Update in Accordance with COVID-19 Guidelines**

All Masses are now celebrated publicly in church with COVID 19 protocols. The 8:30 am daily Mass and the Sunday 10:00 am Mass will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook & on our website: [www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net).

Remember the obligation to attend the Sunday Eucharist remains suspended until further notice. IHM will continue to livestream our Masses. In charity and love for our parishioners and clergy, please keep in mind the following protocols:

- *In accord with national, state and local health directives, those who show symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been exposed to an infected person are not permitted to enter the church for 14 days.*
- *Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue or who are 60 or older are strongly encouraged to avoid the risks posed by attendance at public celebrations of the Mass.*
- *Masks must be worn while in the church. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the church, please use it when entering and exiting.*
- *Our church has been sanitized and is cleaned on a regular basis.*

Space is limited as social distancing guidelines are still in place and must be followed. Reservations must be made to attend mass through our website or by calling the office at (908) 889-2100. Complete details can be found on our website: <https://ihmparish.net> as well as the link to sign up for specific masses. Stay healthy!

# Mass Intentions

## Sunday, November 15th

8:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**  
 10:00 am **James Kennedy+** By Kerry Casperson  
 12:00 pm **Frank Pecoraro+** By Carl & Arlen Taraschi

## Monday, November 16th

7:00 am **Alex Radel** By Barbara Vincelli  
 8:30 am **Louis & Teresa Schmitt+** By Mary Jane Bergen

## Tuesday, November 17th

7:00 am **Steve Beck+** By Bernie Beck  
 8:30 am **Irene McElroy+** By Mary Mahony

## Wednesday, November 18th

7:00 am **Florence Carroll+** By Pat & Jim Feeley  
 8:30 am **Dr. Pierre Forgacs+** By the Valera Family

## Thursday, November 19th

7:00 am **Dino Valez+** By Tracey Foley  
 8:30 am **Dr. Pierre Forgacs** By Nikolaides Family

## Friday, November 20th

7:00 am **Charles R. Senner+** By John M. Gibson  
 8:30 am **Bruce Tobia+** By the Laguna Family

## Saturday, November 21st

7:00 am **Thomas Sharkey+** By Karen Schurtz  
 8:30 am **For the People of IHM Parish**  
 5:00 pm **Joseph Sciabica** By the Hughes Family

## Sunday, November 22nd

8:00 am **Frank Pecoraro+** By George & Edna Knudsen  
 10:00 am **William Chcek (living)** By Patricia & James Feeley  
 12:00 pm **John & Grace Majka+** By Mary Young

### The Altar Bread & Wine for the Week of November 15th:

For the intention of Frank Pecoraro  
 Requested by:  
 His wife, Maureen and Family



### Sanctuary Light: Week of November 15th:

The Sanctuary Light will burn for:

George Geiger

Requested by Joseph Thompson and daughters



## Remember Our Sick



|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| John Allen          | Juliann Junio          |
| Rose Badala         | Eileen Lynch           |
| Marion Barrett      | Maureen Lynch          |
| Larry Biunno        | Owen Mike McCabe       |
| Fran Boglioli       | June McManus           |
| Erin Brennan        | Christine Morris       |
| Samatha Bridge      | Jim Morris             |
| James Brown         | Bob McMillion          |
| Kevin Brown         | Marlene Mosko          |
| John Burkert        | Danielle Nabinger      |
| Anna Cassella       | Hilda Pizza            |
| Paul Cassidy        | Charlie Plungis        |
| Matthew Cassio      | Diane Pricken          |
| Frank Chimento      | Susan Rozborski        |
| Colm Cosgrove       | Bernard Slaza          |
| Edward Clark        | Beverly Sopp           |
| Joe Clarke          | Ryder Francis Spillane |
| Ray Clark           | Paul Szecker           |
| Dorothy D'Angelo    | Carole Ventre          |
| Marie Farrell       | Daniel Ventura         |
| Albert Fischer, Jr. | Sr.Elizabeth Vermaelen |
| Emily Fleming       | Stephen Voorhees       |
| Nicole Griffin      | Christy Ward           |
| John Healing        |                        |



**Remember those who have died:**  
**Madeline Pravata+**

### 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 15th:

In memory of

The Guarna & Maimone Families



A letter from the Academy Principal

Hello,

My name is Kimberly Harrigan and I would like to introduce myself as the new principal of St. Bartholomew Academy. During my first week here, the students, parents, and faculty have made me feel welcomed and for that I am grateful.

I am honored to lead this school in continuing to prepare every student to meet the challenges of the future by providing a challenging curriculum, an active faith formation program, and giving opportunities to instill school spirit and pride during these unprecedented times and beyond.

Attending Catholic education my entire life, I can attest that Catholic school graduates exhibit qualities and live Gospel values that will not only help them in their future careers, but also in their community and family lives.

I am excited to be part of a strong church community that serves the Lord and makes Him an integral part of their lives by working together to live the mission of our church and school. I look forward to spending time with all of you and learning about your children and families!

Please look for our new Newsletter each Monday to see what is happening in our school community! Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or want to introduce yourself. My door is always open. My email [sbapincipal@stbacademy.org](mailto:sbapincipal@stbacademy.org)

I am a strong believer in Mother Theresa’s quote:

*“I can do things you cannot, You can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.” - Mother Teresa*

I am looking forward to accomplishing great things together with you!

Peace always,

Ms. Kimberly Harrigan

**Knights of Columbus – 2020 Thanksgiving Pie Sale**

The Roselle Park K of C Council #3240 is holding their annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale. Pre-orders are being accepted now (paid in full) until Wed. 11/18. We're honored to once again partner with Schiefersteins Farm Market in Clark. Established in 1903, Schieferstein’s is a local road side Farmers Market & Garden Center. Family owned & operated for 117 years, all pies are baked fresh on premises. 9-10" pies (size varies by variety) are \$15/each. Assortment includes: apple, apple crumb, blueberry, cherry, coconut custard, pecan, pumpkin, and SUGAR FREE apple.

NEW this year 100% premium fresh apple cider from Melick’s of Oldwick. The cider is available for your holiday table in either ½ gallon \$4/each or 1 gallon \$6/each. Also available are 9" GLUTEN FREE apple pie from Gluten Free Gloriously in Sterling (certified gluten free bakery). Gluten free pies are \$23/each.

All pies will be available for pick-up on Wed. 11/25 (the day before Thanksgiving) from 1-5pm at Church of the Assumption’s Lower Parish Hall located at 113 Cheigo Place in Roselle Park.

Order forms are available on the Parish website: <http://www.assumptionrp.com> or K of C Msgr. Loreti Council #3240’s Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Knights-of-Columbus-Msgr-Loreti-Council-3240>. Anyone needing additional information may contact Church of the Assumption’s Parish Office at (908) 245-1107.



Catholic Charities is deeply thankful for your positive response to the donation bin. As we all know, one way to give “thanks” is by “giving.” Just as the Lord has given so many blessings, this is an ideal time to give any unwanted clothing to the Catholic Charities donation bin. Please note that in addition to all forms of used clothing we also welcome small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, toys, novels and children’s books. Happy “Thanks-giving”!

**Minister Assignments  
Weekend of November 21-22**

| Saturday/<br>Sunday | Lectors   | Extra-ordinary<br>Ministers      | Presider      |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 5:00 pm             | Zucosky   | Staniec<br>Torzewski<br>Clark    | Fr. Valentine |
| 8:00 am             | Brennan   | Dill<br>Bagdonas                 | Fr. Mike      |
| 10:00 am            | McClellan | Zappo<br>Deacon Jack<br>Perfilio | Fr. Valentine |
| 12:00 pm            | Kiley     | O'Connor<br>McGuinness           | Fr. Rob       |

**A New Giving Option to Support Our Parish  
TEXT-TO-GIVE 908-224-3545**

Text a dollar amount to (908) 224-3545; you will then be directed on how to proceed through your existing Parish Giving account or setting up an new account.

**Rosary Altar Society:**



We want to thank all who participated at the Rosary Society November Meeting with the Downton Abbey Experience either in person or virtually. Special thanks to Father Michael Ward for his continued support and technical help to make it possible! Much thanks to Terry Clark and her committee in helping us to obtain a successful experience of 1912 at Downton Abbey. Congratulations to Ellen Hogan-Rotella as the winner of the Downton Abbey Basket!

Reminder if you are an officer, a chairwoman of a standing committee or a chairwoman of a monthly program our next Board Meeting is Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at noon at IHM. Please RSVP to me, MaryJane, 908-753-2161 by Monday, November 16th. Thank you.

“The Rosary is the best therapy for these distraught, unhappy, fearful and frustrated souls precisely because it involves the simultaneous use of three powers: the physical, the vocal, and the spiritual.” Venerable Fulton Sheen. “A world at prayer is a world at peace”. Father Patrick Peyton That’s why we are praying for you, our parish, and the world. Thank you!

**Parish Information**

**Religious Education Classes**

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

**Baptisms:** Please call the office at (908) 889-2100.

**Adoration Chapel:**

The new Adoration Chapel is open. Contact Betty Swisher at 908 889-2100 for details. Chapel closed on Holy Days & Holidays.

**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: 4:15-4:45 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](http://www.ihmparish.net)



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**Bible Basics for Beginners**

**Six Sundays via Zoom**

**Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan 10,  
Feb. 7, March 7, April 25  
11am - 12 noon**



**Check your email for signup link.**

**Presented by Immaculate Heart of Mary**

**Instructor: Allan Wright**

**Offertory Collection**

**November 8, 2020**

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Weekly Budget Need:                    | \$10,784.32   |
| Collection:                            | 6,850.00      |
| Parish Giving: (includes TEXT to GIVE) | 5,099.73      |
| Surplus/(Deficit)                      | 1,165.41      |
| <b><u>Fiscal Year To Date:</u></b>     |               |
| Budget                                 | \$204,902.08  |
| Actual:                                | 182,873.95    |
| Surplus/(Deficit)                      | (\$22,028.13) |

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**All Souls Mass & Novena**



**All our departed loved ones were remembered on November 2nd at our special All Souls Mass and we continue to pray for them during the novena.**

We will display photos of our deceased loved ones in the church vestibule from All Souls Day until the First Sunday in Advent. If you forgot your loved one's candle, please call or email the office and we will arrange for you to pick it up.

***Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Pantry Needs Food and Money Donations***



We are seeing unprecedented requests for food at IHM. The line starts over an hour before the food bank opens. If you would like to make a non-perishable food or money donation you may drop it off behind the church in the red bins.

Thank you to everyone in the community who has donated food, money & time to the IHM Food Pantry. You have truly made a difference.



**Calendar of Events at IHM**

**Sunday, November 15th**

**Monday, November 16th**

**Tuesday, November 17th**

12:00 p.m. Rosary Altar Society Board Meeting

**Wednesday, November 18th**

9:30 a.m. - Centering Prayer Meeting  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Food Pantry Distribution

**Thursday, November 19th**

**Friday, November 20th**

**Saturday, November 21st**

**Sunday, November 22nd**

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**Heart for Humanity and the Urban League  
In need of personal item donations**

The Urban League of Union County is asking for help for 24 people Men & Women formerly homeless returning to affordable housings, 12 men & 12 women. All items must be new.

Back Pack Personal Product Needs :

- Body Wash or Soap
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Toothpaste & Tooth Brushes
- Body Lotion & Lip Balm
- Hair Brush & Comb
- Q-Tips & Nail Clipperd
- Hand Sanitizer & Tissues
- Wash Cloth & Towel
- Socks & Baseball Cap
- Winter Hat & Gloves & Scarf
- Journal / Notebook with Pens

Please drop off items in front of the Nazareth Center by November 16. Thank you!