

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 17, 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 community of Thessalonica was expecting the coming of Christ in a very short time. They began, perhaps, to think to themselves, why work or put effort into many things when it will not matter soon? St. Paul reminds and encourages them to continue to work and to use the gifts and talents to help the community. When Christ is coming is not as important as the continued love of God and neighbor, as shown through their support of one another, the use of God's gifts and giving praise and thanks for His wondrous love. By not taking God's love and mercy for granted we can continue to develop our covenant relationship with Christ, allowing ourselves to grow in faith and trust in God's love and willingness to continue to share that love with one another.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

### Men's Scripture and Discussion Group



IHM is starting a men's scripture and discussion group. The group's monthly Saturday morning meetings in the Church basement will allow the men of the Parish to meet, socialize a bit over coffee and donuts and discuss the next Sunday's scripture. The meetings will last an hour or less, and are a great opportunity to meet like-minded men of the Parish in a low pressure environment while gaining a better understanding of the next week's Gospel. Participants in similar programs find that it is really much more rewarding to participate in Sunday Mass and listen to the Gospel and the homily when they've heard, thought about and discussed the Gospel ahead of time with a group of lay men. The initial meeting of the group is Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 am, with later meetings scheduled for the second Saturday of each month.

### Scripture Reflection 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a good model for you, so that you might imitate us."*  
2 Thessalonians 3:9

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their actions and words, others do take notice. Then notice because of the joy and peace that results and other people desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life many be the only interaction others have with our Catholic faith.

### All Souls Remembrance Mass

We are displaying pictures of our deceased loved ones in the church vestibule until the 1st Sunday in Advent. You may pick up your loved one's picture on Sunday, December 1st.

Did you remember your loved one's candle? If not it is in the Nazareth Center ready for you.

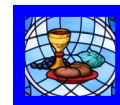
### Baby Bottle Blessings! Please Hand in Your Bottle Today

Life Choices has been serving women and families in our community by offering FREE services such as pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling and a hand of hope and friendship for 34 years. For more information, please visit [www.LifeChoicesRC.com](http://www.LifeChoicesRC.com).

Fill the bottle with your change, cash, or a check and return it to the Nazareth Center or Church by November 17th. 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 November 17th:  
For the intentions of  
Felimon's Death Anniversary &  
Soledad's Birthday  
Requested by Ferdi Nieva*

Remember Our Sick



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, November 18th

7:00 am Dolores O'Brien By Evelyn Dougherty  
8:30 am Kathryn Schurtz & Joseph Kearney+ By Marion, Marc,  
Julianne & Steven Berger

Tuesday, November 19th

7:00 am Michael Thomas Sot+ By the Parenti Family  
8:30 am Andrew Finer+ By Mary Young & Family

Wednesday, November 20th

7:00 am Kathryn Schurtz+ By Al & Diane Camera  
8:30 am Andrew Bhingare+ By Rekha

Thursday, November 21st

7:00 am Jeannette Goldstein+ By the Chimento Family  
8:30 am Gene Whitehorne+ By Evelyn Whitehorne

Friday, November 22nd

7:00 am Bob Burke+ By Bob & Helen Piasecki  
8:30 am Kathryn Schurtz & Joseph Kearney+ By Ellen & John  
Del Mauro

Saturday, November 23rd

7:00 am Eugene A. Lannicelli+ By the Chimento Family  
8:30 am Robert O'Connor+ By the Lewis Family  
5:30 pm Mary & Thomas Browne+ By the Hennessy Family

Sunday, November 24th

7:45 am Bob Bergen+ By Barbara & Joe Mrozek  
9:00 am Deceased Members of the Connors & McCallion Family+  
By Rosemarie McCallion  
10:30 am Gloria Host+ By the Gelling Family  
12:00 pm Ignatius Ugwuanya+ By Fr. Val

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

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: Thomas Barth+,  
Gloria Marcketta+

Sanctuary Light: Week of November 17th:

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week for:  
For the intention of Rose & Ted Schaffernoth+  
Requested by Alice Schaffernoth



Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of November 17th  
Thanksgiving for Family &  
Friends

Requested by Barbara Apgar

**HIGH SCHOOL TEENS:**

**“Boxes of Joy”  
Service Youth Ministry Night**

Put together Christmas Gifts for Children in Developing Countries!

**Who:** High School Teens for packing party, but ALL are welcome to DONATE!

**What:** BOLD Youth Ministry Night-Boxes of Joy Packing Party

**When:** Sunday, November 24 from 7-8:30pm

**Where:** IHM Nazareth Center

**Why:** To spread the love of Jesus this Christmas!

**How:** Sign up to donate items and to attend at [boldym.com/ihmisp/events](http://boldym.com/ihmisp/events)

**Teen Bus Trip to NYC**

**Who:** All High School Teens

**When:** Friday, December 6

**Depart:** 4:15 SHARP on the bus

**Return:** Between 11-11:30pm

**What:** We will visit St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Tree at Rockefeller Center and have a full sit down dinner at Tony DiNapoli’s in Time Square!

**Why:** For a fun whirlwind trip with friends in the city!

Permission form/payment due November 26

**How:** Download permission form at [boldym/ihmisp/forms](http://boldym/ihmisp/forms)

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There will also be a meeting on Sunday, December 15 at 7-8:30pm. All High School teens are welcome.

**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.

**The IHM Food Pantry is Now Accepting Turkey Donations**



Would you like to help someone have a turkey dinner on Thanksgiving? The IHM Food Pantry gives all our food pantry recipients a turkey with all the fixings. Donations can be brought to the Nazareth Center. Thank you.



**Learning to Live Their Faith**

Second grade at the Academy is the year students receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Both sacraments are part of the sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church, they help us become fuller members of the community. This is something that is not always easy to learn in theory, so Mrs. Dencker, the Academy second grade teacher, gives the students opportunities to live out the lessons of each sacraments - becoming closer to God in the Eucharist, and forgiveness.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is an innovative program, that has been integrated school wide, that supports these lessons. After morning prayers, Mrs. Dencker has her students gather in a circle, give each other a respectful handshake and discusses various virtues, such as kindness, respect, compassion and empathy. The goal of SEL is to teach the students self-management, relationship building, cooperation, and conflict resolution. The classroom also has a small box, labeled Tokens of Appreciation. On a slip of paper, students are invited to write out “Today I’m saying thank you to” and fill in who and why. Mrs. Dencker reads all the tokens of appreciation each Friday. It is a thoughtful way to end the school week. Both of these activities foster a sense of community and a closer relationship with the Lord.

Students are also learning that in order to be truly part of a community they must give back. Each week, Mrs. Dencker chooses two 2nd grade mystery readers who pick a book and read it to the 1st grade. This mystery reader program enables the first graders to emulate the behavior of their older peers.

The students are learning about forgiveness through the Ten Commandments. The class recently reviewed why it’s important to follow rules and then created a paper tablet replica they displayed in their classroom. They will learn the consequences of breaking a rule and the importance of forgiveness as they continue to prepare for Reconciliation. We ask that you keep the students in your prayers as they embark on their faith journey.



**Minister Assignments  
Weekend of November 23-24**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:30 pm	Good-Piga	Clark Kelly Schaffernoth Haight* Apgar	Fr. Valentine
7:45 am	Manno	Regal Keogh Fahrman Foulks	Fr. Mike
9:00 am	Foley	(N) Dougherty (N) Dill (N) Perfilio Coquia Wagner	Fr. Mike
10:30 am	Smith	(S) Swisher DiBella* Alexandre* Zucosky Naugle Aman (cup) Allegra (cup)	Fr. Valentine
12:00pm	Kiley	Palomares Lundgren McGuinness Fajardo* Fajardo*	Fr. Rob

**Rosary Altar Society:**



A special thank you to Lesley Aman and her sister Katie for their direction and help with our lovely black and pearl necklaces. We also thank Barbara Apgar and Barbara Mrozek for their planning and decorating. It was a fun afternoon.

Please join us for our Annual Christmas Party on Dec.3rd at 7 pm in the church basement. Spend an evening with Rosarians, family, friends and neighbors as we kick off this wonderful Christmas season. We start with Mass, followed by food, music and desserts. Tickets are \$10 a person and your check to Barbara Apgar at 427 LaGrande Ave. Fanwood, NJ 07023 is your reservation. Please reserve your spot by November 25th.

Also, mark your calendars for Jan.7th with a snow-date of January 14th. This is our annual luncheon which helps us beat any January blahs. This year our luncheon will be at The Stage House, right here in Scotch Plains. More information to follow shortly.

Remember to see a Rosarian before or after Mass to buy your beautiful commemorative Christmas ornament. Each ornament is \$5 or 4 ornaments for \$15. They make a great gift!

**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*  
*\*The Nazareth Center Office is open Sundays when Faith Formation classes are taking place.*

**Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer**  
 Route 22; Watchung, NJ  
[mshmhope@mshmhope.org](mailto:mshmhope@mshmhope.org)

**The Compassion Connection**  
 Tue., Nov. 19, 7-9 pm (\$20-\$30 or what you can give)  
 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.  
 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.

**“Answered Prayers”-  
 An Advent Evening of Recollection**  
 Wed., Dec. 4, 5:30 -9 pm (\$50-\$60 or what you can give)  
 The Gospel of John proclaims “... the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (Jn 1:14).  
 Come and ponder this revelation and discover how God answers prayers. A light supper is included.  
 Presenter: Jim Choma  
*VP For Catholic Mission & Chief Development Officer at Saint Peter’s Healthcare System*

 **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 \$43,140 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 17th**  
 8:45am - Families of Faith Gathering  
 11:30am - Prayer Shawl Meeting  
 1:30pm - Sacrament of Baptism

**Monday, November 18th**

**Tuesday, November 19th**

**Wednesday, November 20th**  
 11am - Food Pantry Open

**Thursday, November 21st**

**Friday, November 22nd**

**Saturday, November 23rd**

**Sunday, November 24th**  
 8:45am - 1st Reconciliation Parent/Child Prep Class  
 7pm - IHM Youth Ministry Meeting

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

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**Offertory Collection**

**November 10, 2019**

Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,960.78
Collection:	\$9,376.00
Parish Giving:	\$3,429.05
Surplus/(Deficit):	\$844.27

**Fiscal Year to Date:**

Budget	\$239,215.60
Actual	\$205,333.89
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$33,881.71)

**Sharing God’s Blessings:**  
 Pledged to date: \$43,140.00 (60% of goal)  
 Goal: \$71,902.00

***Thank you for your generosity!***