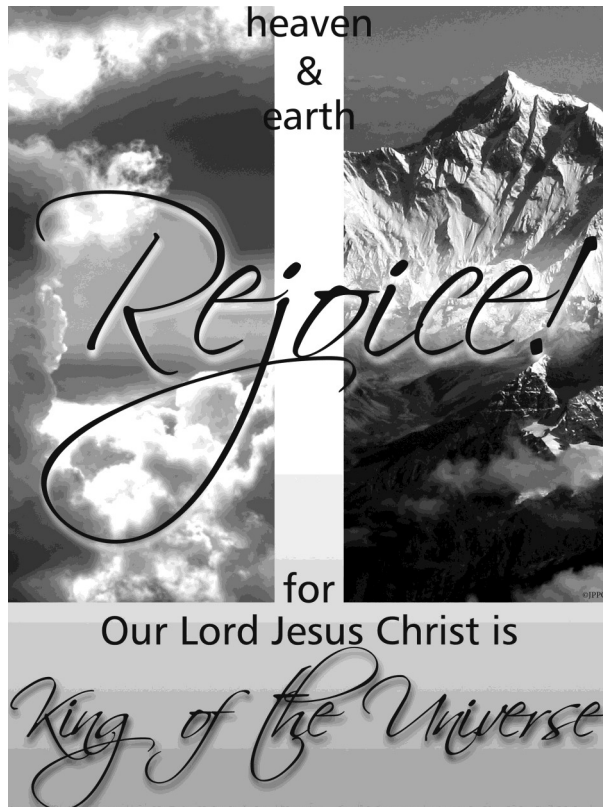


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, November 24, 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

Reconciliation: Saturdays: 4:45-5:15 pm. Please call the office for private confession.

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 road to Christ’s Kingship was through the cross. It is a road of sacrifice and suffering, not of comfort and wealth. Our Gospel today makes this clear. It is a reminder to each of us that to fulfill our baptismal call to participate in the mission of Christ means that we must also die to ourselves. Then we can rise to new life in the service of God and neighbor, and so enter into the Glory of God’s Kingdom. The two criminals crucified with Jesus are, in a sense, invited into a relationship with Jesus, into the reality of the cross. One denies that invitation, thinking only of himself, that Jesus could save his life. The other takes up the invitation by seeking a closer and more profound relationship with Christ in His kingdom. We are always given the same invitation. Do we choose the closer more profound and saving relationship with Christ or do we think only of what He can do for us at the moment?

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 7th, at 7:30 am, with future meetings scheduled for the second Saturday of each month.

Scripture Reflection Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe



“...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light”
Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can’t do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire “things”. Try putting God first in all things instead. Ask Him how He wants you to use your gifts.

All Souls Remembrance Candles and Photos

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.

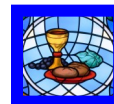
Did you remember your loved one’s candle? If not, it is in the Nazareth Center ready for you.

IHM Women’s Prayer Group Thursday, December 5th from 7:30 - 9pm

Please Join Us
For Our December Prayer Gathering
In Celebration of
The Immaculate Conception of Mary!
Meeting in the Church Basement
Refreshments will be Served



Altar Bread and Wine Intentions



*The Altar Bread and Wine was donated
the week of November 24th:*

*For the intentions of
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish*

Remember Our Sick



Mass Intentions

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. Valentine

Monday, November 25th

7:00 am **Aidan Golden+** By the Burke Family
 8:30 am **Herminia Salvacion+** By the Carlino Family

Tuesday, November 26th

7:00 am **Gary Luciano+** By Bob & Helen Piasecki
 8:30 am **Thomas Yarcheski+** By Jack & Vera Kresge

Wednesday, November 27th

7:00 am **Joan Sierchio+** By the Varela Family
 8:30 am **Therese Masse'+** By Mark & Xin Zeck

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28th

9:00 am **Kathy Streeter+** By Betty Swisher

Friday, November 29th

7:00 am **Philip E. Doyle+** By Marion, Marc, Julianne,
 Kevin, Steven & Elise
 8:30 am **George Sumiski+** By Arlene Suminski

Saturday, November 30th

7:00 am **Jackie Bischoff+** By the Chimento Family
 8:30 am **Antonio Inacio+** By Rose Geissler
 5:30 pm **Jack Clark+** By his wife Terry

Sunday, December 1st

7:45 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 9:00 am **Guy Lazur+** By Debbie Richmond
 10:30 am **Rose & Charles Mannino+** By Dolores & Judy Rust
 12:00 pm **Marc Fusillo+** By Betty Swisher

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

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+**,
Ed Gore+, **Gloria Marcketta+**

Sanctuary Light: Week of November 24th:

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week for:
 For the intention of **Jeanne Walsh+**
 Requested by her family



Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of November 24th

In memory of:
Mary & Thomas Browne+
 Requested by the Hennessy Family

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

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

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

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.



We would like to say Thank You and Congratulations! Thank you to Richard Shea, SBA class of 1969, for the donation of a TV that will be utilized in PreK-4.



Thank you to the parents and students for donating food to the Harvest of Hope Food Drive.



Congratulations to SBA JV Lady Eagles for winning the CYO Volleyball Championships!



**The Elizabeth Coalition
to House the Homeless
Cordially Invites You to Their**

**“Annual Christmas Boutique Event”
Friday, December 6th
St Michael’s Hall**

899 East Jersey Street, Elizabeth, NJ
9am - 12pm, Volunteers needed for set up
3-7pm Volunteers needed for managing stations
and clean-up

For more information call
Carina Grajales
(908) 355-2060 x203

Or email cgrajales@theelizabethcoalition.org

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of November 30-December 1**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:30 pm	Clark	Good-Piga Zucosky Cassidy Kelly* Speth*	Fr. Valentine
7:45 am	Foulks	Regal Bergen Keogh Dill	Fr. Mike
9:00 am	Gardella	Banaskiak Power Carlino Manfredonia* Prato	Fr. Valentine
10:30 am	Davis	(S) Swisher Aman Cregg Zappo Fischer Schiller (cup) Fortunato (cup)*	Fr. Mike
12:00pm	Briante	Sullivan Sapienza Sapienza McGuinness Kiley	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.

Next weekend, 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

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

Website: 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 24 from 8:30-11:30am**

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

REMINDER:

The IHM Trip to New York City to see:

“COME FROM AWAY”

Friday, November 29, 2019

Bus departs at 9:30am from IHM

Questions: Contact Janice Good-Piga at 908 759-6729

**Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer
Route 22; Watchung, NJ; smhope@msmhope.org
“Answered Prayers”- An Advent Evening of
Recollection**

Wed., Dec. 4, 5:30 -9 pm (\$50 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.

**Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Office for Music Ministry
89 Ridge Street, Newark, NJ 07104**

Candlelight Carol Sing - The 49th annual Candlelight Carol Sing will be at the Cathedral Basilica on Wed., December 11th & Thursday, December 12th at 8pm (2 performances). Doors open at 7pm both nights. Christmas music in nine languages will be sung by the Cathedral Choir with the assembly and will be accompanied by the great Cathedral organs and brass ensemble. Free-will donation. For more info call 973-484-2400 or visit www.cathedralbasilica.org.



The Clergy and Staff of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church wish you a Happy Thanksgiving. God bless you and your families.

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, November 24th

8:45am - 1st Reconciliation Parent/Child Prep Class
7pm - IHM Youth Ministry Meeting

Monday, November 25th

Tuesday, November 26th

Wednesday, November 27th

11am - Food Pantry Open

Thanksgiving Day, November 28th

9am - One Daily Mass

Friday, November 29th

9:30am - NYC Bus Trip - “Come From Away”

Saturday, November 30th

Sunday, December 1st

8:30am - Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast
1pm - Baptism Preparation Class

For more info visit: www.ihmparish.net



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Offertory Collection

November 17, 2019

Weekly Budget Need: \$11,960.78
Collection: \$8,140.00
Parish Giving: \$2,436.39
Surplus/(Deficit): (\$1,396.39)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget \$251,176.60
Actual \$215,910.28
Surplus/ (Deficit) (\$35,278.10)

Sharing God’s Blessings:

Pledged to date: \$43,140.00 (60% of goal)
Goal: \$71,902.00

Thank you for your generosity!