

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Second Sunday of Advent, December 8, 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 a 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



John the Baptist calls us to make straight the path of the Lord. In other words, he is challenging us to remove the obstacles in our lives so that the Lord may enter more fully into our lives. It forces us to ask ourselves what those obstacles are. The images of enemies resting peacefully with one another in the first reading from Isaiah and the Psalm response speaking of the reign of Justice and Peace help us in this challenge. Who do we consider our enemies, the outsiders in our lives, and how can we be at peace with them? How can we treat them justly and respectfully as God does? When we can answer these questions, but also live out the answers, we have become more prepared to welcome Jesus when he comes in glory and recognize his presence in our lives right now.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

Scripture Reflection The Second Sunday of Advent



“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire”

Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk? Our time, talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this holiday season?

The Christmas Giving Tree November 23rd – December 15th



Please take an angel from the Giving Tree in the front vestibule of the church. Purchase a new gift written on the angel you pick, and deliver to either the parish office or directly under the tree. Gifts **must** be brought in by **Sunday, December 15th** in order to be delivered by Christmas. Please attach the angel to the gift bag or wrapped present. Each angel goes to a specific charity:

- Green Angels - St. Joseph’s Parish in Hoboken
- Red Angels – Plainfield Action Services
- White Angels - Park Hotel Plainfield (Greatly needed!) ADULT
- Blue Angels - Group homes in Scotch Plains and Fanwood

Many times the gift you provide will be the only one that the person will receive.

Thank you for your generosity!

IHM Anointing Mass Saturday, December 14th at 11am All are Welcome

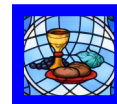
Anointing of the Sick is the Sacrament that helps unite those who are suffering with Jesus’ saving and healing power. Through this Sacrament, people receive forgiveness for their sins and comfort for their suffering. Please join us.



Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 22 at 6:30pm

Take time away from the hectic holiday season to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas while singing or listening to some of your favorite carols. Please join the IHM Adult Choir for “Lessons and Carols”! All are welcome.

Altar Bread and Wine Intentions



*The Altar Bread and Wine was donated
the week of December 8th:
For the intentions of
The Farrell Family*

Remember Our Sick



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 8th

7:45 am For the People of IHM Parish
 9:00 am John DiCrisofaro+ By his family
 10:30 am Mary & Stephen Sopko+ By the Sopko Family
 12:00 pm Isabel & Walter Lundgren+ By the Lundgren Family

Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, December 9th

7:00 am Mary Mihalik+ By the Sopko Family
 8:30 am Judith Fusillo+ By the Fusillo Family

Tuesday, December 10th

7:00 am Jasmine Pierre (living) By Jasmine
 8:30 am Paul Ehrlich+ By the Farrell Family

Wednesday, December 11th

7:00 am Ralph E. Monte+ By Mary Buchbinder & Family
 8:30 am Therese' Masse'+ By the Harvey Family

Thursday, December 12th

7:00 am Guy Lazur+ By Christine & Family
 8:30 am John E. Barth+ By Tom Barth

Friday, December 13th

7:00 am Felicia McLaughlin+ By Gail Petrone
 8:30 am Dominick Verdic+ By the Verdic Family

Saturday, December 14th

7:00 am John Williams By Marianne & Howard Green
 8:30 am Geri Smith+ By Al Smith
 5:30 pm James R. Kennedy+ By his family

Sunday, December 15th

7:45 am For the People of IHM Parish
 9:00 am Robert Scully+ By Beatrice Scully
 10:30 am Claire Rita Lewis+ By the Lewis Family
 12:00 pm Roy Savoca+ By Jean Savoca

Lee Achiron	Nicole Griffin
John Allen	Colleen Guidera
Eileen Arnold	John Heiling
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	Ryder Francis Spillane
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
Anna Franke	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: John Wilk+,
Emmanuel Bahena+

Sanctuary Light: Week of December 8th:

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week for:
For the intention of Robert O'Connor+



Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of December 8th:
In gratitude and thanksgiving to
our Blessed Mother
Requested by:
Peter and Marlene Mosko



BOLD Youth Ministry Christmas Party

Who: All High School Teens - Invite your friends! They don't even have to belong to the parish - all 9th - 12th grade are invited.

What: A party! Festive games, treats and prayer in anticipation of Christmas!

Where: Nazareth Center

When: Sunday, December 15 from 7 - 8:30pm

RSVP: TEXT Rachael at (908) 290-2893, but walk-ins and friends are ALWAYS welcome!

MINI SERVICE OPP:

Looking for teens to help out with **Name Tag Sunday** before all Masses December 14th & 15th. Details and sign up at boldym.com/ihmosp/events or email Rachael Flanagan at ihmosp@boldym.com.

Knights of Columbus March for Life Bus Trip to Washington January 24, 2020



Help save an unborn life and change yours! Bus leaves from IHM Church. Mass begins at 6am. Bus departs 6:45am, returns about 9pm. \$35 for adults, \$25 for students, includes sandwiches, drinks, snacks. Please RSVP by 12-13. Send check to Knights of Columbus, PO Box 302, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076. Please include names and phone numbers. Make credit card payments at mkt.om/kofc5730. For more details, call Mike Romanyshyn at 908-868-2625 or email mromanyshyn@gmail.com.

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 9 languages will be sung by the Cathedral Choir and accompanied by the great Cathedral organs and brass ensemble. Free-will donation. For more info call 973-484-2400 or visit www.cathedralbasilica.org.

Crockpot Christmas Campaign Help St. Bart's Raise 120 Crockpots



Valley Brook Village housing development in Lyons, New Jersey provides fully furnished housing to veterans. Crockpots are any easy way to make a home cooked meal. You can drop off new or gently used crockpots at St. Bartholomew's Rectory. For more info please contact Elaine Coupe at 908 322-5192 x141.



Literature in Middle School

Middle school literature is a great deal more than reading books. For students in grades 6 through 8, literature is a subject that refines comprehension skills, builds vocabulary, teaches how to make inferences and apply it to writing, and lets students discover a broader understanding of the world around them. Mrs. Patricia Delaney, who teaches literature for 6th and 8th grades, and Mrs. Angela Kobliska, who teaches 7th grade, challenge the students and teach them the tools needed to be successful.

Close reading is a fundamental tool used by the students to help them to understand a text better. It is a thoughtful, critical analysis of a document that focuses on details or patterns. Students learn to develop a precise understanding of the authors' form, meaning, and theme. They practice these skills by using a summary chart, annotating, and highlighting critical pieces of a text. The 7th grade students put their close reading into practice by answering a writing prompt, "Why do scientists study the ocean?" To answer this, each student had to read three different excerpts, two non-fiction excerpts, one fiction excerpt from 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, and one piece of artwork. They used their close reading skills to extract information, make inferences, and apply it to their writing. This critical tool will allow the students to read more complex texts.

Learning new vocabulary can sometimes be a tedious task. To make it more interesting, the students have the opportunity during their reading labs to work on their writing and incorporate their vocabulary words. They can use Choice Boards, where students are given the option to write a riddle, poem, or letter; or to create a crossword puzzle or artwork. They can also work on their Chromebooks, do activities on Newsula.com, play vocabulary games online, or create personal vocabulary games.

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of December 14 - 15**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:30 pm	Cassidy	Apgar Haight Good-Piga Torzewski* Speth*	Fr. Valentine
7:45 am	Keogh	Manno Bergen Bagdonas Dill	Fr. Mike
9:00 am	McCallion	Prato Carlino Banasiak Wagner* Manfredonia*	Fr. Mike
10:30 am	Schiller	Zucosky* Allegra Aiere (S) Swisher Cregg (cup) Zappo (cup)	Fr. Rob
12:00pm	Hernandez	McGuinness Kiley Sullivan Sapienza* Sapienza*	Fr Valentine

Rosary Altar Society:



To beat the January “Blahs“ our January Winter Luncheon is planned for Jan.7th with a snow date of Jan.14th will be right here in Scotch Plains at the Stage House. All men and women of the parish are invited to this wonderful luncheon. We will have a choice of three seasonal courses: appetizer, entree and dessert. Your \$40 check will reserve your place. Please send to Barbara Apgar at the above address by Dec.15th and include your phone number in case we have to utilize our snow date.

During Advent, the beautiful, blue commemorative Christmas ornament will be available to purchase before and after Mass. Each ornament is \$5 or 4 for \$15. They make a very nice Christmas present.

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, January 5th after the 8:00am Mass in the church basement. All interested men of the parish are invited to join us for 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 December 8 & 15 from 8:30-11:30am
 Closed December 22, 24, 25, 26, 29, 31 and Jan. 1
 The Nazareth Center Office is open Sundays when Faith Formation classes are taking place.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Christmas Schedule 2019



Confessions:
 Monday, December 16 from 7:00-8:00pm – Confessions at Immaculate Heart of Mary
 Saturday, December 21 at 2:00-4:00 pm – Confessions at St. Bartholomew's Church with IHM
 Monday, December 23 from 7:00-8:00pm – Confessions at Immaculate Heart of Mary
Mass of Anointing:
 Saturday, December 14th at 11am
Christmas Mass Schedule:
Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24th
 Children's Pageant: 3:30pm
 Masses: 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 10:30pm
Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25th
 9:00am, 10:30am & 12:00 Noon
New Year's Schedule
New Year's Eve: Tuesday, December 31st
 Anticipated Mass: 5:30pm
New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1, 2020
 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

New Mass Schedule for 2020



The Mass schedule 2020 will be effective starting January 1, 2020.
 The weekend Masses will be as follows:
Saturday: 7:00 am & 8:30 am (daily Mass), 5:00 pm (Anticipated)
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00am & 12:00 noon

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, December 8th
 Food Pantry Sunday
 8am - 2pm - St. Bart's Blood Drive
 8:45am - Families of Faith Gathering

Monday, December 9th
 7pm - 8th Grade Confirmation Prep Class

Tuesday, December 10th
 7pm - Rosary Altar Society Executive Bd. Mtg.

Wednesday, December 11th
 11am - Food Pantry Open

Thursday, December 12th


Friday, December 13th

Saturday, December 14th
 11:00am - Anointing Mass
 5pm - 9th Grade Confirmation Prep Class

Sunday, December 15th
 Advent Social Sunday - Fellowship after Masses
 8:45am - Families of Faith Gathering
 10:30am - 8th Grade Rite of Sponsors
 11:30am - Prayer Shawl Meeting
 7pm - IHM Youth Group Christmas Party

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Offertory Collection

November 24, 2019

Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,960.78
Collection:	\$7,917.00
Parish Giving:	\$1,477.45
Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$2,566.33)

December 1, 2019

Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,960.78
Collection:	\$8,790.00
Parish Giving:	\$1,462.35
Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$2,708.43)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget	\$275,097.94
Actual	\$235,557.08
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$39,540.86)

Sharing God's Blessings:
 Pledged to date: \$43,695.00 (60.77% of goal)
 Goal: \$71,902.00

Thank you for your generosity!