

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, December 29, 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"

Notes from Fr. Mike



The family has been called the “Domestic Church”. Often it is where we first learn of God, and of Jesus, of Faith and of love. In the Sacrament of Baptism for infants the parents are told that they are the first teachers of their child in the ways of faith.

Our celebration today of the Holy Family reminds us that Jesus’ familial relationship with Mary and Joseph is an example for all of us. Our faith is lived out first in the context of our family. For this reason the church tries very hard to promote family values, this helps us to grow in love for our parents and our children so that we can bring this love into the world.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

**Scripture Reflection
The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph**



*“Wives be subordinate to your husbands...Husbands, love your wives...Children, obey your parents in everything...Fathers, do not provoke your children.”
Colossians 3:18-21*

Pope Francis said that families, through their life of prayer and love, become “schools of true human growth.” Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, Our Father, does for us.

Children’s Christmas Pageant



Thank you to all the children that participated in the Christmas Eve Pageant. Thank you also to Sally Davis who coordinated this wonderful event. You all did a terrific job.

**St Bartholomew and Immaculate Heart of Mary
Men’s Reception – January 15th**

All men of the Parishes are invited to a reception at Darby Road in Scotch Plains on Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00 pm. Join fellow parishioners to kickoff 2020, sharing appetizers, beverages and friendship. You can also learn about some of the ministry opportunities available, including the Cornerstone XII team’s plans for the upcoming retreat.

Any questions call Michael Caramico at 908-418-7202 or Brendan McNamara at 908-251-2245.

Altar Bread and Wine Intentions



The Altar Bread and Wine was donated the week of December 29th:

*For the intentions of Donald Reeves Sr.
Requested by his family*

Are you new to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish?

Are you interested in joining the parish? Has your contact information changed? If yes, please fill out this form and put it in the collection or send it to the IHM office.

- I am new to IHM and/or I would like to register.
- I would like to receive information regarding Faith Formation.
- I am interested in volunteering for a ministry.

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Remember Our Sick



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 29th

7:45 am Susan Krutis+ By Teresa Krutis
9:00 am For the People of IHM Parish
10:30 am Josephine Verdic+ By the Verdic Family
12:00 pm Edward & Jean Winsor+ By Mary Beth Winsor

Monday, December 30th

7:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Renato R. Razal & Family By the Family
(Thanksgiving Anniversary)
8:30 am Jane Keane+ By Jack & Vera Kresge

New Year's Eve, December 31st

7:00 am John DiAgostini+ By Salvatore & Sarah
Olivito
8:30 am Giovanna Richici+ By Annette Palumbo
5:30pm Josephine Di Fronzo+ By Denise Klockner

New Year's Day, January 1st

8:00 am Mary Theresa Hughes+ By Ron Katims
10:00 am Marie Arlese+ By Mary Spaeth
12:00 pm Peter Fulchiron+ By Doreen Mondì

Thursday, January 2nd

7:00 am Lawrence Prybylski+ By Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Yarcheski
8:30 am Marcelino Altveras+ By the StaRosa Family

Friday, January 3rd

7:00 am Elaine Mulcany+ By Patricia & James Feeley
8:30 am Helen Bergen+ By Mary Jane Bergen

Saturday, January 4th

7:00 am Maria Kurzy Szyn By Chris Gonch
8:30 am Dolores O'Brien+ By Janice Good-Piga &
Bob Piga
5:00 pm Kathryn Hildorf+ By Bob & Betty Seery

Sunday, January 5th

8:00 am For the People of IHM Parish
10:00 am Helen Roskowsky+ By Al Smith
12:00 pm Edward & Evelyn Gottlick+ By Patricia Markey

Lee Achiron Colleen Guidera
John Allen John Heiling
Eileen Arnold Janet Kanelos
Rose Badala Eileen Lynch
Larry Biunno Maureen Lynch
Thomas Bodenberd Christine Morris
Fran Boglioli Jim McLean
James Brown June McManus
Kevin Brown Bob McMillion
John Burkert Thomas Moore
John Byrne Timothy Murphy
Anna Cassella Charlie Plungis
Matthew Cassio Hilda Pizza
Donald Checchio Madeline Pravata
Frank Chimento Diane Pricken
Colm Cosgrove Cheryl Reid
Edward Clark Joel Rivera
Joe Clarke Susan Rozborski
Ray Clark Jeannie Schroeder
Elle Crofton Bernard Slaza
Enrique Curbelo Beverly Sopp
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
Nicole Griffin 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: Krystyna Midura+

Sanctuary Light: Week of December 29th:

The Sanctuary Candle will burn for:

For the intention of Josephine Di Fronzo+
Requested by Denise Klockner



Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of December 29th:

In memory of
Aida Reinoso+
Love,
The Sandiford Family

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year



These are the words of a Christmas song that is most familiar to us, however, for some individuals and families this is a time of sadness, frustration, and deep anxiety. Catholic Charities has always been a beacon of hope in these situations. Please help us to continue the mission by contributing all forms of used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, and children's books. Thank you.



Do You Shop on Amazon.com?

If so, please choose Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scotch Plains through your AmazonSmile account. There is no cost to you and Amazon will donate a portion of the sale to IHM. Just go to **smile.amazon.com**, search for Immaculate Heart of Mary Scotch Plains and then click on "select".

A Year End Charitable Giving Tip...

If you are 70 1/2 or older and need to make required minimum distributions (RMD) from you IRA, you can do so without the distribution being taxed. This can be accomplished by making the RMD directly to a charitable organization.

Please call the office at (908) 889-2100 for additional details.

**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 12-16. 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.

Men's Scripture & Discussion Group



Reminder: Men's Scripture & Discussion Group will meet Saturday, January 11th at 7:30am in the church basement.
ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!

NEW DATE FOR TEEN NYC TRIP:

**IHM Teen Bus Trip to NYC
Friday, January 3, 2020**

Departure at 4:15pm sharp from IHM
Returning between 11 - 11:30pm
Visiting St. Patrick's Cathedral
\$75 each for bus and dinner
Check must accompany registration
Tickets are 1st come, 1st Serve
RSVP by December 23
908 889-2100

Youth Group Ski Trip January 21- February 2
Check your email for more details...



On Friday, December 6th, students gathered for the First Friday Mass. After mass the 2019-2020 Student Council was Inducted was announced.

**STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS
2019 - 2020**

- PRESIDENT - A.J. Kwiatkowski
- VICE PRESIDENT - Cassidy Renosa
- PUBLICITY CHAIR - Chris LaLande
- SOCIAL CONCERNS CHAI - Sofiya Piede
- SPIRITUALITY CHAIR - Lola Martinson
- ENVIRONMENTAL CHAIR - Mia Mortarulo
- SECRETARY - Robert Constant
- 5th GRADE REP. - Quinnton Battiste

On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff of St. Bartholomew Academy we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of January 4-5**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Mulrooney A	Haight* Haight* Good-Piga Kelly* Cassidy	Fr. Mike
8:00 am	Foulks	Gibbons* Bergen Wagner Conforti	Fr. Rob
10:00 am	McClellan	Staniec (S) Fischer Cregg Carlino Fortunato Diken (cup)* Prato (cup) *	Fr. Rob
12:00 pm	Kiley	Sullivan Wagner Sapienza Sapienza McGuinness	Fr. Mike

Rosary Altar Society:



If you haven't made plans to attend our January 7th Winter Luncheon, we hope you will do so now. We will meet at the Stagehouse Restaurant in Scotch Plains at noon. This will be a time to enjoy each other's company as well as some delicious food. We will have a choice of appetizer, entree and dessert. In case of inclement weather the snow date is January 14th.

Everyone in the parish is invited so bring a friend, a husband, or a relative. Reserve your seat by sending a \$40 check to Barbara Apgar at 427 LaGrande Ave., Fanwood, NJ 07023. Hope to see you there.

Have a wonderful, healthy and happy new year!

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

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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: Closed December 29, 31 and January 1**

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

Immaculate Heart of Mary Christmas Schedule 2019



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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

A Sight to Behold

Students from Union Catholic High School marching across Martine Avenue carrying 35 tubs of Thanksgiving food along with 35 turkeys! The students collected the food for a month. This endeavor was indeed a Corporal Work of Mercy. It is always so gratifying and heartwarming to see these enthusiastic, caring and thoughtful young people giving their time and talent to help others. They are our future.

Thank you to Union Catholic students and faculty for your generosity to our food pantry, our neighbors in Plainfield and a nearby women's shelter. It is our hope that IHM and UC can collaborate on many future projects.

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, December 29th

Office Closed

Monday, December 30th

7pm - Advent Confessions

Tuesday, December 31st

Office Closed

Wednesday, January 1st

NEW 2020 MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS

11am - Food Pantry Closed

Office Closed

Thursday, January 2nd

Office Closed

Friday, January 3rd

Office Closes at 4pm

Saturday, January 4th

4:30pm - 9th Grade Confirmation Prep Class

Sunday, January 5th

8:15am - Families of Faith Gathering

9am - Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast

1pm—Baptism Prep Class



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Offertory Collection

December 15, 2019

Weekly Budget Need: \$11,960.78

Collection: \$9,132.00

Parish Giving: \$2,471.61

Surplus/(Deficit): (\$357.17)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget \$299,019.50

Actual \$261,106.65

Surplus/ (Deficit) (\$37,912.85)

Sharing God's Blessings:

Pledged to date: \$44,495.00 (61.88% of goal)

Goal: \$71,902.00

Thank you for your generosity!