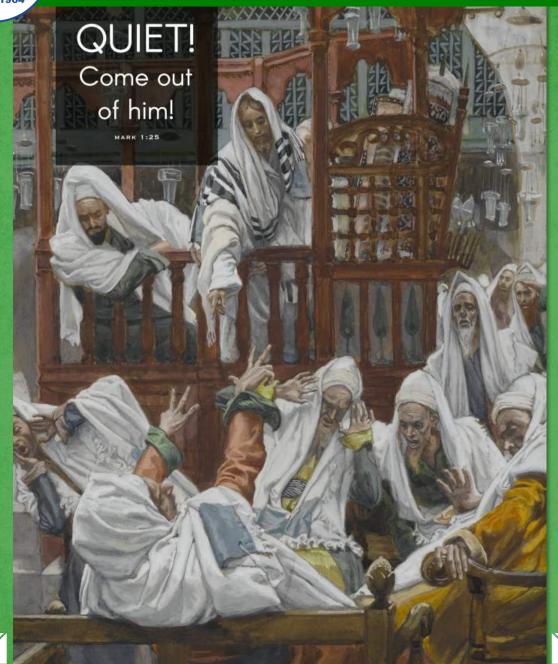


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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 28, 2024



Mission Statement: "We reach out to all through prayer and service, as we live our Catholic faith in Christ with Mary."



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A Note from Fr. Mike... QUIET! Come out of him!

While the reading from the Gospel of Mark and Paul's letter to the Corinthians are about two different things, Jesus' authority and Paul's discipleship, they both help us to grow in our ability to be disciples of Christ. First we must listen. Not simply hear, but listen to what God is teaching us and asking us. We must also remain focused on Christ.

We must make Christ the highest priority in our lives. Christ teaches with authority because he is authentic in his love for God and how to help others encounter and experience that same love. As disciples we too are called to be authentic in how we proclaim and live out the love of Christ in our lives so that others may encounter and experience that same love of God. Peace, Fr. Mike

The Eucharist in the **New Testament** and the Early Church **Eugene La Verdiere**

In this year of Revival in Eucharistic Spirituality we shall be reflecting on the very roots of our Eucharist, the source and summit of our spiritual life. How did Christians refer to the Eucharist before it had that name? How was the Eucharist celebrated at the very beginning? There is no better way to prepare for Easter than to contemplate the biblical foundation of the Eucharist. **Beginning on Zoom** February 20th, 2024 at

7:15PM. Please register at FrRob@IHMparish.net

Minister Assignments: February 3 - February 4			
Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
2/3 5:00pm	Kathy Mitchell	Janice Good Piga Dan Kelly Chris Haight	Fr. Rob
2/4 8:00am	Ed Sullivan	Jean Bagdonas Colm Keogh Rich Wagner (cup)	Fr. Rob
2/4 10:00am	Heba Fortunato	Connie Boruch (A) David Boruch (A) Eileen Wagner (A)	Fr. Vic Kennedy
2/4 12:00pm	Tracey Foley	Erlinda Fajardo Gil Fajardo	Fr. Rob

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Call or leave a message at the office (908)889-2100 or send an email to office@ihmparish.net

Religious Education:

faithformation@ihmparish.net

Baptisms:

Please call the office at (908) 889-2100

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 Nazareth Center office.

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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. Call (908) 889-2100.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 4:15 - 4:45 pm Arrangements can be made at any time for a private confession. Please call the office at (908) 889-2100

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Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Monday and Wednesday 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Closed Saturday. Sunday. Holy Days & Holidays For more information contact Kerby at: kpershay123@gmail.com | 908-406-0493

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Schedule for Mass & Worship (schedules are subject to change)

Saturday (Anticipated) 5:00 PM Sundays - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 noon Weekdays & Saturdays - 7:00 AM and 8:30 AM National Holidays - 9:00 AM Holy Days - 7:00 AM, 12:00 noon, 7:00 PM

Morning Prayer - Monday - Saturday at 8:15 AM Rosary: Monday - Saturday after 8:30 AM Mass Novena to the Miraculous Medal & St. Jude: Saturdays after 8:30 AM Mass

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15 - 4:45 PM

Mass Intenti	ons	For the week of January 28, 2024 - February 4, 2024
Saturday January 27	7:00 AM 8:30 AM 5:00 PM	Claudine Tariche+ from IHM Parish Kennedy Anne Horton+ from Nancy Schreck Sean Foley+ from Connie & David Boruch
Sunday January 28	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	For the People of IHM Parish Barbara Mastroianni+ from her mom Gilda DeCristofaro John Reilly+ from the Farrell & Reilly Families
Monday January 29	7:00 AM 8:30 AM	John Hennessy (living) Thank you from IHM Parish Joseph Brennan+ from Eileen & Rich Wagner
Tuesday January 30	7:00 AM 8:30 AM	MaryKate Schiller (living) Thank you from IHM Parish Tom Gonch+ from Christine Gonch
Wednesday January 31	7:00 AM 8:30 AM	Phyllis Manno (living) Thank you from IHM Parish Dr. Paul McCormac+ from IHM Parish
Thursday February 1	7:00 AM 8:30 AM	Rita Salamon+ from Mr & Mrs Walter Schwaneberg William McManus+ from Judy & Family
Friday February 2	7:00 AM 8:30 AM	Charles Kiley+ from IHM Parish In Thanksgiving from Betty & Tony Perfilio
Saturday February 3	7:00 AM 8:30 AM 5:00 PM	William "Bill" Scholz+ from IHM Parish Danny Kelly+ from Mom, Dad & Family For the People of IHM Parish
Sunday February 4	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Claudine Tariche+ from the IHM Parish Family Bob Swisher+ from Betty Swisher Patricia Ehrlich+ from the Foley Family

Special Intentions for the week of January 28 - February 4, 2024

Sanctuary Light
For the intention of:
Ed Butler (living)
Thank you!

Requested by: IHM Parish

Altar Bread & Wine

For the intention of:

Maria Beardsley (living)

Thank you!

Requested by: IHM Parish

Flowers for the Blessed Mother

A heavenly birthday to: Irene Wanat+

> Requested by: Joy & Stash Wanat

Remember
Our Departed
Charles Kiley+
Dr. Paul McCormac+

Kindly keep our parishioner's family and friends, with health and other challenges, in your prayers

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Bereavement Support @ St. Bartholomew Church

If you have lost a loved one to death, we invite you to join us as we navigate this difficult journey. The group will meet on **Wednesdays from 7PM- 8:30PM** starting in April in the St. Bart's cafeteria. All are welcome to join. Please reach out to JoAnne at 908-889-7790 or Bernadette at 908-510- 0995, or contact Steven at: sserafin@stbartholomewchurch.org

The Rosary Altar Society Update

- ▼ There will be a Rosary Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 30 at 7PM @ Naz. Center.
- ♥ Join us for our ON-SITE MINI-RETREAT on Tuesday February 6th beginning with 8:30AM Mass, then the retreat discussion in the Nazareth Center at 9:00AM. Phyllis Manno will be hosting the discussion "Spiritual Freedom/Discipleship. Please contact Mary Anne Sopko 908-322-0279 to reserve your place. There is NO FEE for this wonderful half day of reflection.
- ♥ Our Annual SAN ALFONSO RETREAT is March 8-10, 2024. The Theme is "The Eucharist And The Hungers Of The Human Heart". The Cost is \$300 per person. A One Day Pass will be \$100. Please Contact Chris Haight 908-322-6462 for details. This is one of the most relaxing, and spiritually fulfilling events. Please consider attending.
- ♥ We welcome you to consider joining our wonderful Rosary Altar Society. For more information please contact Janice Good-Piga at 908-759-6729. Whether you can attend all or only some of our meetings and events, we know that you will find in very fulfilling. May your week ahead be a Blessed one filled with special surprises. Please remember to take a moment to breathe in the fresh, crisp air, and to thank God for all of the beautiful gifts that he showers upon us daily. Keep glancing out of your window for those precious cardinals! You remain in our daily thoughts and prayers. May your Blessings be countless! ♥ Janice





The next meeting of the Women's Prayer Group will be Thursday night February 1st, 2024 at 7:30PM on ZOOM. The topic will be "Rainbows and Covenants". Please contact Tracey at tefolevihm@gmail.com for more details. Prayer connects us all!



Join us for Lectio Divina: Reflection, Discussion & Quiet. We will be taking a break for the winter. But Prayer Group will return Thursday March 7 from 9:30 AM until 10:45 AM. Contact Phyllis at tman18912@comcast.net or call the office at 908-889-2100.



The next Men's Scripture & Discussion group meeting will be a LIVE session on Saturday morning February 10, 2024 at 7:30 AM in the church basement. Donuts & coffee will be served. Contact David at dndiken@aol.com for details.

THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY OF IHM INVITES YOU TO A RETREAT DAY OF PRAYER A MONASTIC WAY OF TENDING THE SOUL

GIVE YOURSELF THE GIFT OF SOME QUIET TIME TO COME AWAY WITH THE LORD TO REST. RENEW REFRESH AND RE-ENERGIZE YOURSELF AS WE JOURNEY TOGETHER TO GROW IN OUR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD, WE WILL REFLECT ON

SPIRITUAL FREEDOM & DISCERNMENT

BE LOVINGLY ATTENTIVE TO YOUR SOUL. NOURISHING. REFLECTING AND REDISCOVERING YOUR SACRED TRUTHS AS YOU ENFLESH THE WORD

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 , 2024

MASS - 8:30 AM in the Adoration Chapel COFFEE/TEA - 9:00 AM @ Nazareth Center RETREAT STARTS AT 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM @ Nazareth Center

Please call Mary Ann Sopko to sign-up

908-322-02

OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 908-889-2100 BEFORE JANUARY 31 st TO REGISTER, PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER AND FOR US TO PREPARE THE SUPPLIES NEEDED. THANK YOU.





Men's Cornerstone Retreat March 8-9, 2024 @ St. Bartholomew Parish www.stbartholomewchurch.org /mens-cornerstone





A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire

Out of Order Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Pt. 4 Wisdom When I hear the word wisdom, I immediately think of King Solomon. We may think back to an account of the king being approached by God in a dream. A question was posed, "what gift do you wish from me Solomon?" Most other worldly rulers may have asked for riches and fame.

but Solomon requests the wisdom to judge what is important, meaningful, and purposeful to appropriately lead the people entrusted to him.

The discussion might also lead us to a few figures that are overtly or covertly people of faith, Aristotle, Socrates, St. Thomas Aquinas, or even Abraham Lincoln. These people through age, experience, or even supernatural gift could cut through frivolity and even self interest to find the true and beautiful, the path of wisdom.

Have you ever heard the phrase "wise beyond their years". A great example of this statement is Blessed Carlo Acutis. A young man who loved sport, and video games but loved the Lord, specifically in the Eucharist, more than all else. He even created a website about miracles that you can still visit today, MIRACOLI EUCARISTICI - Mostra Internazionale Ideata e Realizzata da Carlo Acutis e Nicola Gori.

You may even have a young person in your life who works to employ this gift in their lives today. So let us all pray for a deeper connection with the gift of wisdom, and the Holy Spirit that grants this gift. God Bless and have a wonderful week!

Families of Faith Upcoming Events

- Sunday February 4 @ 8:45AM 11:00AM
 Families of Faith February Gathering
- Sunday February 4 @ 9:30AM 10:30AM
 Family Choir Practice
- Monday February 12 @ 7:00PM 8:30PM Confirmation [Year 1] Prep Session 4
- Sunday February 25 @ 8:45AM 10:00AM Lenten Family Gathering/ Easter Basket Drive
- Monday February 26 @ 7:00PM 8:30PM Confirmation [Year 2] Prep Session 3
- Sunday March 3 @ 8:45AM 12:15PM
 First Communion Families Morning of Reflection
 - Saturday March 9 @ 11:00AM 6:00PM Confirmation [Year 2] Retreat
- Sunday March 10 Following 10:00AM Mass Family Easter Basket Assembly



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Christmas Collection to Date: \$62,986.56 Budget: \$65,000

Charitable Contribution Forms for 2023

There are several ways to receive tax forms from IHM:
• <u>Collection Envelopes</u>: If you are using envelopes for your
Sunday collection contribution, you should receive a form in the
mail from our envelope company later this month if you
contributed \$100 or more in 2023.

 <u>Parish Giving</u>: You will be able to print a contribution history activity form for all electronic fund transfer contributions through Parish Giving by visiting your account at <u>www.parishgiving.org</u>. If you have any further questions, contact Tracey at 908-889-2100 or <u>tefoleyihm@gmail.com</u>



The 2024 Annual Appeal has begun! You should have received an invitation in the mail from Cardinal Tobin to consider making a financial sacrifice to support this year's Annual Appeal. We are grateful for your generosity and we rely on it because it helps support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. If we reach this goal in cash by June 30th, our Parish is eligible for a rebate, which comes back to our Parish! Please consider taking a step with us on this Stewardship journey by responding to Cardinal Tobin's invitation to support the Appeal. You can make a gift using the envelopes which will be available on February 3-4. Or you can also make a gift online through our Parish Giving Link on our website or by going directly to www.rcan.org/sharing

Please help us update our Parishioner Contact information! Scan the code on the right and fill out the form. Thank you!



IHM SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday January 28

9:00AM - Pancake Breakfast (Open until 12:00PM) 11:30AM - St. Bartholomew Academy Open House 7:00PM - [Youth Group] Parallel Universe Night

Monday January 29

7:00PM - Alpha Team Training @ Nazareth Center

Tuesday January 30

11:30AM - Rosary Altar Board Meeting

6:30PM - Knights of Columbus Degree Ceremony @ Chapel

Wednesday January 31

10:00AM - Food Pantry (Open until 11:30AM)

7:00PM - Adult Choir Practice

Thursday February 1

7:30PM - Women's Prayer Group ZOOM

Friday February 2: Candlemas

Saturday February 3

ALL DAY - Saturday Basketball

Sunday February 4

8:45AM - Families of Faith February Gathering

9:00AM - Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast

9:30AM - Family Choir Practice



San Alfonso 2024 Women's Weekend Retreat March 8-10, 2024

Theme: The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Heart This retreat will offer you an opportunity to get in touch with the hungers within your own heart and how an encounter with the living Christ through prayer, scripture, community and most importantly the Eucharist satisfies those hungers. The cost for the weekend retreat is \$300 per person. Contact Chris Haight for more information: chrishaight@verizon.net or call the parish office at 908-889-2100 for assistance. You can also register online at www.sanalfonsoretreats.org

TOMICS by Tom Gould

Luke 10:29









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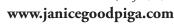














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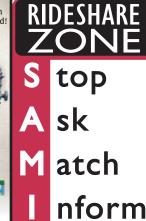
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