

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

1571 S. Martine Ave. Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Parish Number: 908 889-2100

Fax Number: 908 889-9477

MISSION STATEMENT

“We reach out to all through prayer and service, as we live our Catholic faith in Christ with Mary”



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Saturday: 5:30 PM (Anticipated Sunday Mass) **Sunday:** 7:45, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12:00 Noon

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): Sundays at 10:30 AM Mass

Weekdays: 7:00, 8:30 AM **Saturdays:** 7:00 & 8:30 AM **Morning Prayer:** 8:15 AM (Mon.-Sat.)

Holyday Masses: 7:00 AM, 12:00 Noon & 7:00 PM

Served By: *Rev. Msgr. Sean Cunneen, Pastor*

Rev. Antonio Kuizon, Associate Pastor

Rev. Frank Heinen, Weekend Assistant

Jeanne Fox, Religious Ed Director

Katie Wills, Music Minister

Matthew Butler, HS Youth Minister

Pam Streisel, Jr. High Youth Minister

Felicia S. Levine, Pastoral Associate for Adult Catechesis

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Parish Website: www.ihmparish.net

From the Pastor's Desk...



This week is Catholic Schools Week. It is typically celebrated in our schools with Masses, Open Houses and various celebrations of accomplishments. Catholic Schools Week celebrates education that goes beyond preparation for a secular life - it is an education that prepares students for a Christian life. It also celebrates the high standards of excellence and the quality of the education available in our schools.

What is Catholic Schools Week?

Catholic Schools Week is an annual national celebration of the important role that Catholic elementary and secondary schools across the country play in providing a values-added education for America's people. Catholic Schools are proud of their educational network that emphasizes intellectual, spiritual, moral, physical and social values in their students. This week is a key part of the yearlong National Marketing Campaign For Catholic Schools.

What is the theme for 2012?

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2012 is "Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service". The theme focuses on three priorities that make Catholic schools stand out from other educational institutions. Children are taught faith, not just the basics of Christianity but how to have a relationship with God. Academics, which in Catholic schools is held to very high standards, help each child reach his/her potential. Service, the giving of one's time and effort to help others, is taught both as an expression of faith and good citizenship.

Did you know that we co-sponsor our own Catholic elementary school?

St. Bartholomew Academy (SBA) located in Scotch Plains serves grades pre-K through 8. The school was founded in 1950 in response to a need to provide a Catholic education for the children of the newly established parish of St. Bartholomew the Apostle. In 1992 the school became co-sponsored by both Scotch Plains parishes. In 2009, St. Bernards & St. Stanilaus in Plainfield joined as a third sponsoring parish. St. Bart's Open House is Sunday, January 29 from 1-3 pm.

Take a look at our Catholic Schools. They are here for you and your children to take advantage of. - Fr. Sean



Take Note:



MASS INTENTIONS

The 2013 Book opened on TUESDAY, JANUARY 24.

We will continue to take Mass requests. There will be a limit of 2 Sunday Masses and 2 weekday Masses per person on opening day and for a short time afterward.

Please stop by the office 8 am - 8 pm weekdays, 9-5 on Saturdays, 8:30-12:30 on Sundays.

Thank you for your generosity!!

1/15/12 - \$13,798.83

1/22/12 - \$14,076.08

Christmas Collection to date: \$ 85,380.00

SFIC - \$2828.88

REMINDER: Please don't forget to include your parish envelope number on any check written to the parish, particularly families not using contribution envelopes.

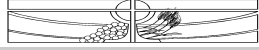
If you are tired of having to remember your envelopes ...Parish Pay is the way!

PARISH PAY: If you would like to begin using ParishPay you can do so by going to their web page www.paritypay.com. If you would like to use the phone to sign up, the number is 1-866-PARISH-1.

Did you know that IHM has a website?



We have been working to get the latest information to you. Visit www.ihmparish.net to keep up with all that is going on this our very active parish! Check out the calendar of events tab and if you miss a week of church, all of our bulletins are posted.


Mass		INTENTIONS
Sunday <u>January 29</u>		
7:45 AM	Cormick Caulfield, Jr. +	By Patrick & Mary Beth Boyle
9:00 AM	Meyn & Szekeres Families	By the Meyn Family
10:30 AM	Thomas Gonch +	By Chris, Bill & Susie Gonch
12:00 PM	Debbie Coughlan +	By the Coughlan Family
Monday <u>January 30</u>		
7:00 AM	Mary Rossi +	By John & Kathy Pandratz
8:30 AM	Albert W. Minnick +	By Grace & John Majka And Ruth Crilly
Tuesday <u>January 31</u>		
7:00 AM	Michael Dissinger +	By Mr. & Mrs. Frank Varela
8:30 AM	James Kennedy+	By Maddie Gilligan
Wednesday <u>February 1</u>		
7:00 AM	Maggie Boss +	By Lucille & Ed McGann
8:30 AM	Anna Marie McCauley +	By the Carlino Family
Thursday <u>February 2</u>		
7:00 AM	Jean Danielle +	By Mr. & Mrs. William Dobbs
8:30 AM	Americo Pace +	By Wife, Marge Pace
Friday <u>February 3</u>		
7:00 AM	Terry McNamara +	By Bernie & Pat Beck
8:30 AM	Mary Ann Fortunato +	By Rich & Eileen Wagner
Saturday <u>February 4</u>		
7:00 AM	Marianne Kerian +	By Joseph Kaminski
8:30 AM	Katherine Connors +	By Chris Gonch
5:30 PM	For the People	
Sunday <u>February 5</u>		
7:45 AM	Michael Colageo +	By Pricilla & Howard Zawadski
9:00 AM	Bill Brown +	By Arlene Meyn
10:30 AM	Thomas Walter +	By Caroline & John Ponterio
12:00 PM	Magdalen Boss +	By Bob & Betty Seery



Carl Stoffers, Jennifer Torlucci, Brian Seifert, Eileen Kreeger, Robert Zeck, Fr. Wilfred Yeo, Gregory Collantes, Jean Hilton Albert Fischer, Jr., Mary Hughes Renato Razal, Rosario Razal, Hilda Pizza, Larry Biunno, Alexandra Kondaris, Stephen Urban, Pauline Johnson, Eileen Parrelli, Theresa Pesserl, Roda Diego, Kathy Nelson Curialle, Erin Brennan, Palma Veninata, Paule Katz, Ralph Croat, Kaitlyn Fitzgerald, Connie S., Joseph Fitzgerald, James J. Dowdell, Paul & Carol Cassidy, John Larkin, Douglas Wraith, Geraldine Smith, Colleen Guidera, Kohl Angelo, Alma Lopez, John Brown, Rose E. and all those who are seriously ill.

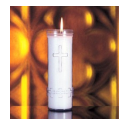
Please note: The hospital does not call to advise us if a parishioner is a patient. The only way we have of knowing is if a family member calls to advise us. We only place the name on the sick list if a family member requests it.

When a person has recuperated please call to advise us so that their name can be removed.

 Remember Those who Have Died
 Katherine Monaco (mother of Linda Vaughn)
 Frances Kazor Janusz (mother of Maureen Pecoraro)

Sanctuary Light

Week of January 29
The Sanctuary Light
will burn this week for:



Robert Zeck +
By Tony & Betty Perfilio

**Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers
Week of Jan 29/Jan 30**

**Senior Housing - CLOW - M Beardley/C Walker
Ashbrook - 1/29/12 E Dougherty, E Sullivan, E Whitehorne**

Sat-Sun	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers		Altar Servers
5:30 pm	Mulrooney	P Hennessy B Hughes D Kelly K Mitchell	J O'Donnell	C Trower M Hansen M Duthie M Miller
7:45 am	Winsor	B Perfilio K Pershay P Regal B Scully		C Sullivan P Dill
9:00 am	LoBrace	M Dobbs B Donaleski K Schwaneberg R Wagner		B/B Root G Starosa S Banasiak
10:30 am	Ponterio	M Feury S M Schiller L Staniec R Valera	P Fischer J Ponterio L Rodriguez C Valera	B McGowan B Weiss M Carrascoso B McNamara
12:00 noon	Gardella	G Palomares R Razal R Razal R Regencia		M Fazzino M Ryan J Veglia

Mt. St. Mary House of Prayer - Watchung

1651 U.S. Highway 22 Watchung, NJ 07069
Registration required for all programs.
Phone: (908) 753-2091

SEEKING GOD THROUGH CINEMA

Watch and discuss movies with a message:
Of Gods and Men - Wed., Feb 8 - 9:30 am-12:30 pm

BE MY VALENTINE!

Retreat for Married Couples - Nurture and celebrate the gift of love. Includes supper, prayer, sharing and Mass; Mon - Feb 13, 6:00-9:00 p.m. (\$60/couple)

Personal Retreat Day - Sacred Time, Sacred Space

A personal, quiet day to enjoy God's presence. Day begins with communal prayer. Feb 15, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm (\$20). Bring a bag lunch.

**Religious Education Classes
Fall/Winter Session**

Tuesdays: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Sundays: 8:45 am - 10:15 am

Baptisms: Please call the office.
Prep: Feb 5 Baptisms: Feb 19

Adoration Chapel:

Open: Weekdays: 9 am - 10 pm;
Saturdays: 9 am - 2 pm
Chapel Closed: Jan 16; Feb 20; Apr 5 & 6;
May 28; Jul 4; Sept 3; Oct 8; Nov 6;
Nov 22 & 23; Dec 24/25 & 31

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 are available on the website www.ihmparish.net or stop by the office in the Nazareth Center. (8 am - 8 pm)

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, call 908 889-2100 at any time.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 5:00-5:30 pm; Sundays: 10:00-10:30 am; Arrangements can be made at any time for private confession. Please call the office.

Interparochial School

St. Bartholomew's Academy 322-4265

Website: www.ihmparish.net

Celebrate!!!



Religious Education**CCD - Upcoming Class Schedule**

Sundays: February 5, 12 & 26

Tuesdays: February 7, 14 & 28

Sacrament Prep Schedule:Confirmation Year One: **Feb 13** 7-8:30 pmConfirmation Year Two: **Feb 11**, Class 4 - 5:15pm
then Mass at 5:30 pm.**Feb 23** (Thurs 7-8:30 pm)First Reconciliation: **Feb 4** - Class 4 -5:15/MassFirst Communion: **Feb 12** - 10:30 Mass/Class
from 11:45 - 1:00 pm**Upcoming Dates:**Ash Wednesday: Feb 22 - All Religious Ed classes
are invited to 4:00 pm Mass

Family Stations: Every Friday during Lent at 4 pm

**Check the website: www.ihmparish.net Click on the
Religious Ed tab for all schedules. Mrs. Fox can be
reached on 908 889-2102 x23 or Alice can be reached
on x21 or use email ihmreled@aol.com****Academy in Action: St. Bartholomew Academy**

Mrs. Levin's 8th grade students learned in religion class that an icon is a sacred image that offers us a window into Heaven. The students researched famous Black Americans and determined how their lives invite us all to pray that we may follow their path to Heaven. The lives and works for people such as Nelson Mandela, Thurgood Marshall, Mae Jemison, Oprah Winfrey, Maya Angelou, Frederick Douglas and Ben Carson are lives and works to aspire to.

In other class news, the 8th grade students are very pleased and honored to have Fr. Frank Rose, from St. Stanislaus-St. Bernards as their weekly guest lecturer for class with a focus on Catholic morality. They look forward to his talks and have had some excellent discussions.

The 8th grade is also responsible for creating the Academy's yearbook each year. The yearbook staff has begun the process of picture taking, organizing electronic images, writing the "class will:", "imagine if" and "remember when" sections. The editors will use an online program to create this year's book.

Youth Group News

The Jr. High group meets twice per month in the Nazareth Center Meeting Room. Pam Streisel is our Jr. High Group leader. In addition to bimonthly meetings, events include the Thanksgiving Pie sale, the Internet safety presentation, ice skating and some joint events with the High School group. Join us for a meeting.

Junior. High: (For 7th & 8th graders)

Call Pam at 732-396-9038

Email: 4gypsees@comcast.net**Reg. Meetings: 7 pm (1st & 3rd Thursdays)****Join us for the Lifenet Presentation: January 30****Next regular meetings: February 2 & 16**

Thank you to all who supported our MLK Day of Service Project. It was a great success. The items went to Raphael's Life House in Elizabeth.

The High School Youth Group has moved to Sunday nights at 6:30 pm in the Youth Room!

The HS Youth Group was formed in 2008 and last year graduated 8 seniors. Matt Butler is our High School Youth Minister and the group is looking to add new members. In addition to weekly meetings, the group plans bi-monthly events including Laser Tag, a Trip to Catholic Underground in NYC (Feb 4), Movies with a Message and some retreat opportunities.

Join us for a meeting to see what we are about.**The group meets in the Nazareth Center Youth Room.****High School : (For Grades 9-12)**Email Matt at: mihmyouthgroup@aol.com

Call Matt: 551-358-2467; Facebook; IhmMatt

Meetings have moved to Sunday evenings...**Join us! Jan 29 at 6:30 pm****Lifenet Presentation****January 30 (7 pm - Church Basement)**

Speakers from Lifenet will be joining us for a presentation called "Helping Teens make Healthy Choices." This talk is intended for children (12 & over) and adults. It will give the support they need as they try to instill the values of chastity on the home front. Children will be in one room, parents in another.

Please plan to join us and bring a friend!



Adult Faith**Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)**

Do you know someone who would like to explore the Catholic faith? Have you been baptized in the faith but have yet to complete the initiation sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation as an adult? The RCIA process helps to answer these and other questions of faith. Our RCIA team is comprised of trained parishioners who will help you or your loved one along the journey, with Scripture sharing on Sundays and adult catechetical lessons once a week during the week in the evenings.

There will be three Inquiry Sessions for those seeking to find out more about the RCIA process. These sessions will be held three Monday evenings – February 6, 13 and 27 at 7 pm in the Nazareth Center Lounge. Attendance at all three sessions is requested. To assist in our planning process, please RSVP to Felicia Levine at 889-2100 x22.

Upcoming RCIA events:

On Sunday, February 26, our catechumen, Nadia Samman, along with her sponsor, family and members of the RCIA team, will join with other catechumens throughout the Archdiocese of Newark, to celebrate the Rite of Election at the Cathedral Basilica in Newark. At this special mass, catechumens become the “elect” who will become fully initiated in the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil this year. Please keep her in your prayers.

Our four candidates, Christy Acevedo, Nicolette Ambrosio, and Alyssa and Dahlia Fioretti, will be receiving Confirmation on May 12, 2012 here at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please pray for them as they continue their preparation.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Next meeting - Sunday, February 26 after the 10:30 Mass. All are welcome. Our donations of hats, scarves and mittens were so well received by the Woodbridge Developmental Center that they have requested men’s scarves from our group. If anyone would like to make a scarf to donate or would like to donate new, acrylic yarn in dark colors for the project, please contact Felicia.



Calendar of Events:

**Sunday, January 29**

8:30 am - Holy Name Society
8:45 am - CCD
10:10 am - Bible Sharing
10:30 am CLOW
6:30 pm - HS Youth Group

Monday, January 30

4:00 pm - Teen RCIA
7:00 pm - Lifenet Presentation
7:30 pm - RCIA

Tuesday, January 31

9:00 am - Tuesday Coffee
4:00 pm - CCD
7:30 pm - Adult Altar Server Meeting

Wednesday, February 1

11:00 am - Food Pantry Open
12:00 pm - Book Study Group
6:45 pm - Choir
7:30 pm - CLOW Meeting

Thursday, February 2

9:30 am - Thursday Prayer Group
7:00 pm - Jr. High Youth Group

Friday, February 3

No Events

Saturday, February 4

9:00 am - Making Music/Praying Twice
4:00 pm - First Reconciliation Class/Mass

Sunday, February 5

8:45 am - CCD
10:10 am - Bible Sharing
10:30 am - CLOW
1:30 pm - Baptismal Prep
6:30 pm - HS Youth Group Meeting

The Shrine of St. Joseph Invites you to an Evening of Music called: **“Pop on the Hill”**

The Shrine invites everyone to a performance by the Tattered Prophets on **Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 7:00 - 10:00 pm;** Cost is \$25 per person. The Tattered Prophets are a group of musicians from the Shrine who volunteer their time and talent to raise funds for various charities. Come & Enjoy a fun filled evening. All funds benefit the Shrine: Contact Catherine Bush on (908) 647-0208

Come, Follow Me!
Archdiocese of Newark
Catholic Men’s Conference
March 10, 2012

For info, call 973-497-4545 or register online
At www.rcan.org/menscommission

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