

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Parish Staff

Very Rev. Ilyas Gill, Pastor
Deacon John M. Cantirino
Mr. John M. Mancuso, Youth Minister/Development Manager
Mr. Connor M. Whelan, Music Director
Ms. Laisha Morales, Director of Faith Formation
Ms. Rosa Rosas, Administrative Assistant

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Deacon James D. Noble

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Schedule of Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 PM
Sunday - 8:45 AM & 11:45 AM & 4:30 PM (Urdu)
Weekdays - 8:45 AM

Confessions

Saturday - 4:00PM. By appointment for all other times.

Devotions

Miraculous Medal Novena, Mondays following the 8:45 AM Mass.
St. Anthony Novena, Tuesdays following the 8:45 AM Mass.
Recitation of the Rosary following weekday morning Mass.
Eucharistic Adoration, every third Saturday of the month from 3:30PM-4:30PM

Baptism

Parents should call the rectory to make an appointment. Please note that there are no baptisms during the season of Lent.

Marriage

Please call the rectory to schedule an appointment with a member of the Parish Staff. Marriage arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the intended wedding date. In addition, please log on to www.pre-cana.org for complete information about marriage preparation in the Diocese.

Parish Registration

All are welcomed and invited to register at the Parish Office and participate in our parish.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

To see a particular Staff Member, please call for an appointment.



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

With confidence that the Immaculate Heart of Mary will guide us, our parish is:

- A faith community proclaiming the Word of God as preached by Jesus Christ
- Strengthened by the Eucharist and striving to live in faith, hope and charity
- A loving family that works collaboratively to establish and develop ministries that address the diverse needs of our community

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish welcomes all who wish to join us in our journey of faith.

East 4th Street Entrance





ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Rectory Office Closed

Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

8:45 Christmas Mass Remembrance

11:45 Christmas Mass Remembrance

4:30 Urdu Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023

Rectory Office Closed

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22

8:45 Joseph Johnson

By Sr. Barbara & Sr. Anne

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2023

1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

8:45 Michael Mooney

By Sr. Barbara & Sr. Anne

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2023

1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Mt 2:13-18

8:45 Frank Ortiz

By Ben Masullo

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2023

1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35

8:45 Raymond Hall

By Mary & Tony Tesoriero

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023

1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40

8:45 Simon Luis Rodriguez

By Marivel Rodriguez

5:00 Catalina Feliciano

By Maria Rivera

Joanna Persuad

By Richard Cunningham

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph Feast Day

Rectory Office Closed

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 LK 2:22-40

8:45 Cassandra & Gracius Family

(For Blessings)

By Cassandra Gracius

11:45 Monthly Mass Enrollment

5:00 William Roller

By Wife, Joan Roller

IN MEMORIAL WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2023



The Wine & Hosts are being offered in loving memory of *Deceased Members of Bradshaw & Charles Family* requested by Joyce Jones



The sanctuary lights are being offered in loving memory of *Edmund Charles* requested by Joyce Jones & Family.



The Altar Candles are being offered in loving memory of *Albert Diop* requested by Geri Ruth-Diop.



The candle at the St. Joseph Statue is being offered in loving memory of *John Gonzalez* requested by Family.



The candle at the St. Anthony statue is being offered in loving memory of *Simon Rodriguez* requested by Marivel Rodriguez.



The red rose at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Statue is being offered in loving memory of *Pasquale Perrotta* requested by his family.



Please remember our men and women serving throughout the world in the US Military in your prayer.



*The sick and the homebound
Immaculate Heart of Mary*

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
Andrew Bartolomeo	Gerri Bartolomeo	Vincenza Iuliano
Phool Manhori Chandra	Brian Bohn	Jerome Khokhar
Jorge Escalante	Jose Perez Cruz	Joseph Paloscio
Mary Mooney	Charlie Dorego	Albi Ruocco
Thomas Mozingo	Laura Leach	Geraldine Treyman
Maria Plasencia	Eileen O'Neill	Anita Valentino
		Tony Valentino



And our faithful departed loved ones

*Vincent Padovano
Ada Magno
Jacques Charlot*





Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! I want to extend warm greetings to you on behalf of me and my staff. May the blessings of Christmas fill your hearts with love, peace, and the spirit of giving.

In this season of hope and renewal, let us come together as a parish family to reflect on the profound message of Christmas. The birth of Jesus reminds us of the boundless love of God for humanity and the promise of salvation that comes through His Son.

Amidst the festivities and the exchange of gifts, let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas – a time to share love, kindness, and compassion. As a community, may we reach out to those in need, embodying the spirit of generosity that defines the Christmas season.

Our Christmas celebrations at Immaculate Heart of Mary are filled with meaningful worship, joyful fellowship, and opportunities to deepen our faith. I encourage everyone to participate in the various events and ministries that we have here, allowing us to come together in unity and prayer.

Let us also take a moment to express our gratitude for the countless blessings we have received throughout the year. As a community, we have faced challenges and triumphs; through it all, our faith has remained a source of strength and inspiration.

I want to thank each parish member for your dedication, support, and contributions. A special thanks goes out to all who worked so hard to make our parish so beautiful for Christmas. Your commitment to our church's mission has positively impacted the lives of many, and I am truly grateful for your continued involvement. For those of you that haven't been around much, come home! You are missed; the parish needs you and the many gifts that God has given you.

I would also like to thank Bishop Massa and Fr. Cush for celebrating Christmas with us.

On December 31st, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. Let us remember our own families so that they may imitate the example of the Holy Family who remained faithful to God and fulfilled God's plan in their lives, and through their intercession, we pray that God may transform us. Let the New Year bring Peace, Joy, Unity, and Harmony to all.

May the joy of Christmas be a light that guides us through the coming year and may the love of Christ shine brightly in our hearts and actions. I wish you and your loved ones a blessed and Merry Christmas.

Fr. Gill



United in **Communion** ~
United in **Charity**

Parish Goal: \$43,224.00
Pledged to Date: \$48,080.00
Paid to Date: \$47,559.00
Donors: 101

Please be as generous as you can when asked to participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal.



It's Easy to Donate Online
Go to our parish website:
www.ihm-brooklyn.org

Scroll down to Announcements on main page, click on **Annual Catholic Appeal 2023 Diocese of Brooklyn**. This takes you to the ACA webpage; click on

Donate

Christmas 2023 * New Year's 2023 Mass Schedule*



*December 24, 2023

8:45 am, 11:45 am,
5:00 pm Vigil Mass
Midnight Mass

December 25, 2023

*8:45 am & 11:45 am
4:30 pm Urdu Mass

*December 31, 2023

8:45 am, 11:45 am,
5:00 pm Vigil Mass

January 1, 2024

*10:00 am
4:30 pm Urdu Mass

***All Masses Livestreamed**



Fr. Cush will be celebrating mass on Sunday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m.



Bishop James Massa will be celebrating the Christmas Midnight mass on December 24th.

The kindness and generosity of so many have allowed us to decorate the church interior and grounds beautifully.

Please pray for the intentions of our donors and benefactors.



The rectory office will be closed from Saturday, December 23rd, 2023 through Tuesday December 26th, 2023.

The rectory will reopen on Wednesday, December 27th at 9:00 a.m.

FAITH BOOK

4th Sunday of Advent (B)
December 24, 2023

2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a,16; Ps 89;
Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38

From today's Gospel reading:

The angel said to Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you for nothing will be impossible for God."

Reflection:

Through our Baptism and Confirmation, we too have been overshadowed by the Spirit and now we look for ways to let the Spirit be active through our lives as we serve the Lord. When we come up against obstacles and discouragement in our mission we will hear an echo of today's gospel, "For nothing is impossible for God."

So, we ask ourselves:

- What do I need to do to say "Yes" to God in my life?
- Do I trust that God will help me do what feels impossible on my own?

~ *Preacher Exchange, Jude Siciliano, OP* ~



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Go to www.flocknote.com/ihm
or Text: ihm to 84576

Once at the site, click on "Register" to establish your account and create your password. Then you can join 'lists' that represent parish ministries and groups at IHM. This is how we communicate news and changes!



THE 2023 IHM GIVING TREE



The 2023 IHM Giving Tree will be placed in the church vestibules starting the 1st weekend of Advent, December 2nd and 3rd. This year we will be supporting the IHM Food Pantry. Gift Cards to Food Town or Windsor Farms would be appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to health concerns, we cannot accept perishable items, including fresh fruit or vegetables

If you have any questions, please contact Gerri Cassone, Food Pantry Coordinator, at 718-887-5366.



Immaculate Heart of Mary Sewing Group

The name of the IHM Cancer Guild has been changed to the Sewing Group.

Meets Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the Marian Center. All are welcome!!!

WeShare



This service allows you to make your weekly or monthly donation to Immaculate Heart of Mary directly from your credit/debit card or bank account. For more information or to set-up an account, visit our website: www.ihm-brooklyn.org then click on **Giving**

As always, thank you for your continued support!

Immaculate Heart of Mary December Mass Enrollment

In Loving Memory of

*Andrew D'Agostino
 Glenn D'Agostino
 Katherine D'Agostino
 Mary D'Agostino
 Paul D'Agostino
 Phil D'Agostino
 "Big" Phil D'Agostino
 Robin D'Agostino
 Rose D'Agostino
 Salvatore D'Agostino
 Violet D'Agostino
 Rose D'Agostino Casulli
 Ray Casulli
 Marie Casaretti
 Marco Antonio Calle
 Miguel Marquez Davila
 Deacon Antonio J. Gonzalez
 Joseph Grillo
 John Hammel
 Joseph Johnson
 Michael Mooney
 Michael Mooney
 Ellen Mary Murphy
 Filippo & Linda Perillo
 Chris Rollo
 Georgina Ruocco
 Residents of Palm Gardens NH
 Thanking God for all blessings*

*By Diane Summers Devanney
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 By Claudia Calle
 By Wife, Eusebia Marquez
 By Acquafredda Family
 By Deacon Jim & Mary Noble
 By Debbie Olivieri
 By Debbie Olivieri
 By Acquafredda Family
 By Deacon Jim & Mary Noble
 By Family
 By Angelo Cangro
 By Rollo Family
 By Ruocco Family
 By Ruocco Family
 By Ruocco Family*



Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Group

Meets Tuesdays from 3:30 pm - 5:00 p.m. in the Marian Center. All are welcome!

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP & VOLUNTEER

"When I was hungry, you gave me to eat." (Mt. 25)

Our pantry is in need of non-perishable items such as: cereals, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, fruits, and soups, tuna fish, crackers, non-refrigerated milk (ex. Parmalat), etc.

Our Parish pledged to #WalkwithFrancis—donating to the Food Pantry is a good way to walk.



Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



Saturday, February 10, 2024

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Brooklyn Prospect Charter School Gym
3002 Fort Hamilton Parkway



\$30.00- Adult
\$15.00 - Kids Under 16



Hot Buffet, DJ, Entertainment, Games,
Raffles, Door Prizes, 50/50, and More!

Purchase your tickets by Monday, February 5th.

For more information, call the rectory at 718-871-1310

No tickets will be sold at the door!!



*Eucharistic Adoration
Come and spend
An hour with the Lord*

IHM Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday, January 20, 2024
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm in the church.

“When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now.” ~ Mother Teresa of Calcutta

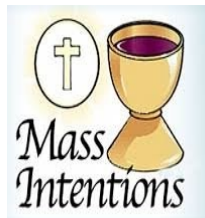
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm in the church.

IHM MONTHLY 50/50 DRAWING

Join our monthly 50/50 drawing.
You will find the 50/50 envelope in your quarterly envelope packets. All you need to do is put \$10 in the envelope and drop it in the collection basket at Mass.



If you are not registered for envelopes or if you want additional chances to win, you can pick up spare envelopes in the vestibule of the church or at the rectory. The winner is drawn the 1st of each month. Good Luck!



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