

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Sunday, February 18, 2024

The First Sunday of Lent

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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, FEBRUARY 19, 2024

Rectory Office Closed—President's Day

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Mt 25:31-46

8:45 Albert Diop
By Geri Ruth-Diop

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15

8:45 Paul Calabrese
(Birthday Remembrance)
By Carmen Martinez

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32

8:45 Vinny Padovano
By Donna Slivoski

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024

1 Pt 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19

8:45 Frank Noll
By Donna Slivoski

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26

8:45 John P. Foley
By Tony & Mary Tesoriero

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48

8:45 People of Immaculate Heart of Mary
5:00 Edwin Romero
By Luz Chabaron
Bridget Schiano
By Schiano Family
Juan Vera Tello
By Ana Vera

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

8:45 John Foley
By Donna Slivoski
11:45 Monthly Mass Enrollment
4:30 Urdu Mass

IN MEMORIAL WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18, 2024



The candle at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Statue is being offered *In Thanksgiving* requested Anonymously.



The candle at the Sacred Heart Statue is being offered for in loving memory of *Juan Vera Tello* requested by Ana Vera.



The candle at the St. Anthony statue is being offered in loving memory of *Chris Rollo* requested by Rollo Family.



The candle at the St. Anne statue is being offered for *Special Intention* requested by Ruocco Family.



The candle at the St. Jude statue is being offered *In Thanksgiving* requested Anonymously.



The candle at the St. Padre Pio Statue is being offered for healing of *Sr. Mary Ann Ambrose* requested by Ruocco Family.



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



*The sick and the homebound
Immaculate Heart of Mary*

WEEK 1

Phool Manhori Chandra
Jorge Escalante
Mary Mooney
Thomas Mazingo
Maria Plasencia
Julie Ross

WEEK 2

Geri Bartolomeo
Brian Bohn
Jose Perez Cruz
Charlie Dorego
Laura Leach
Eileen O'Neill

WEEK 3

Vincenza Iuliano
Jerome Khokhar
Joseph Paloscio
Albi Ruocco
Geraldine Treyman
Anita Valentino
Tony Valentino



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



And our faithful departed loved ones





Dear Friends,

Grace and peace be with you.

As we approach February 19, 2024, a day marked by the celebration of President's Day, let us pray for the well-being, wisdom, knowledge, and protection of our current president and all the former presidents who have selflessly served our great nation. May God, in His infinite mercy, keep them in His hands and guard them. Happy President's Day to all!

I want to take this opportunity to share with you the ongoing efforts in our Annual Catholic Appeal. Our goal remains unchanged from last year, standing at \$43,224.00. This goal is based on our weekly collection assessments, and I request that each parish member consider participating in this appeal. It is essential to note that any amount over our goal comes back to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and is utilized judiciously for the upkeep of our church buildings. Your generosity significantly impacts the diocesan social programs and our parish. I express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your continued support and assistance.

We are excited to announce a Lenten Mission scheduled from March 9, 2024, to March 13, 2024. Father Greg Friedman O.F.M will lead and preach during this mission. I encourage you to share these dates with your family, friends, and neighbors so that they may join us in growing in their faith. Father Greg will share his reflections during both the morning Mass and the evening sessions. I will post more details in the future. Thank you for your participation!

During the upcoming Lenten season, we will hold Adoration every Monday from February 19, 2024, to March 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. I extend an open invitation to everyone to spend time in prayer and reflection with our Lord Jesus Christ. Kindly invite your family members, friends, and neighbors to join us on this journey as we walk with Jesus on the way to Calvary, anticipating the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

In expressing gratitude, I want to thank all our parishioners who joined us in celebrating the annual Mardi Gras event on February 10, 2024, at Brooklyn Charter School. Special thanks to John Mancuso and the Mardi Gras committee, as well as all the volunteers who worked diligently for the success of this event. May God bless each one of you abundantly!

Fr. Gill



**The Rectory Office will be closed, Monday, February 19th
in observance of President's Day.**



**United in Communion ~
United in Charity**

Parish Goal: \$43,224.00

**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 2024 Diocese of Brooklyn.
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Looking Ahead to the Days of Lent and Beyond

- ◆ Stations of the Cross takes place each Friday after the 8:45 a.m. Mass and at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Come spend an hour with the Lord. Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Monday, February 19th from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Our Lenten Mission starts Saturday, March 9, through Wednesday, March 13. Fr. Greg Friedman O.F.M will lead the Lenten mission. More details to come.

Note: There are no baptisms during the Season of Lent.



Eucharistic Adoration Come and spend An hour with the Lord

**IHM Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday, March 17, 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.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT “SOCKS FOR OUR SAVIOR”

“Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” ~ Mt 25:40

Our Confirmation Students will be collecting 300 pairs of cotton crew socks (men’s/women’s) to support the Brown Bagger’s Program at St. Savior’s Church. Once a month, this program hands out 100 lunches and 100 pairs of socks to the homeless. Socks will also be donated to CHIPS and Holding Hands Ministries Serving Sunset Park.

The Service project will run from Ash Wednesday, February 14th through Friday, March 22nd. If you would like to help our students reach their goal, please drop NEW pairs of adult cotton crew socks in the bin by the baptismal font or they can be dropped off at the rectory.

Thank you for the support!



**Saint Vincent de Paul
Clothing Truck
Sunday, February 25, 2024
8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

The truck will be parked in front of the church. Please bring your gently used clothing donations on this date and time only. Please do not drop off donations prior to this date and time as we have no place to store the items and they will unfortunately be discarded.

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The penitential and grace-filled Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14, 2024. It is a time of hope-filled renewal as the Church journeys towards Easter. In order to assist the faithful of the Diocese of Brooklyn, our Bishop, the Most Reverend Robert Brennan wishes to draw attention to the following:

Abstinence: All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting: All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions during the day. Coffee, tea and juice are permitted at any time.

Easter Duty: After they have been fully initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled in the Easter Season unless, for a good reason, it is fulfilled at another time. By special permission, in the USA, the period for fulfilling this precept is extended to include the period from the 1st Sunday of Lent (February 18 until Pentecost (May 19).

Easter Vigil: Sunset in Brooklyn on March 30, 2024 (Holy Saturday) will be at 7:19 pm. The Easter Vigil could begin at 7:30 pm or later and must end before dawn on Easter Sunday (March 31).

Also to be noted:

The “Alleluia” is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil. Musical instruments are to be used during Lent and the Paschal Triduum only to give necessary support to the singing.

The Church should not be decorated with flowers during Lent. An exception is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph which is celebrated on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. (The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is celebrated on Monday, April 8, 2024 this year.)

The practice of covering crosses and images in the church may be observed from Sunday, March 17. Crosses remain covered until the Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday and other images until the Easter Vigil.

Funeral Masses are not permitted during the Paschal Triduum. Funeral Rites carried out during those days make use of a Liturgy of the Word with a Rite of Farewell.

The obligation to observe, as a whole or substantially, the penitential days specified by the Church is a serious one. Days of penance are not merely individual exercises but rather ones observed by the whole Church as the Body of Christ.

The faithful are urged to celebrate the sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance frequently during Lent as well as reading the Word of God, praying the Stations of the Cross, praying before the Blessed Sacrament and performing acts of charity especially to the poor.

Pastors and parents are responsible for teaching young people, who are not bound by the above regulations, an authentic sense of penance.

All other Fridays of the year remain days of penance. The Bishops of the USA have recommended that abstinence from meat remain a penitential practice for those days but another practice of voluntary self-denial, personal penance, or charity is also encouraged.

In prayerful communion with the candidates and catechumens, let us accompany the Lord on His way to the cross and the empty tomb. May this time of Lent unite us all more closely to the Lord in His death and His Resurrection!

Monsignor Steven Aguggia
Chancellor and Vicar for Canonical Affairs

Immaculate Heart of Mary February 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

Miguel Marquez Davila

Deacon Antonio J. Gonzalez

Joseph Johnson

Sr. MaryAnn Ambrose (For Healing)

Thanking God for all blessings

Good Health for Residents of

Palm Garden NH

By Diane Summers Devanney

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By Diane Summers Devanney

By Diane Summers Devanney

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By Diane Summers Devanney

By Diane Summers Devanney

By Wife, Eusebia Marquez

By Acquafredda Family

By Christine Olivieri & Khristopher Grimm

By Ruocco Family

By Ruocco Family

By Ruocco Family



Immaculate Heart of Mary Sewing Group

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



2023 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like a statement of your 2023
church contributions please call the rectory at
718-871-1310, Ext 2.



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
Spring Extravaganza

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Brooklyn Prospect Charter School

3002 Fort Hamilton Parkway

Cost: \$50.00 (Table of 10 - \$475.00)

Includes: Small Ticket Pack, Cold Food, Water, Soda, and Desserts

Tickets Available in the Rectory beginning on February 5, 2024

*Seating is limited

**Baskets, Raffles, Super
50/50, Money Games,**

and more!

Pre-Sale Ticket Packs

Regular Pack: \$40.00 (\$60.00 Value)

Super Pack: \$100.00 (\$130.00 Value)

Donations of New Items are needed!

Call John for more info or to donate at 718-871-1310



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Women's Retreat

Friday, March 8th – Sunday, March 10th, 2024

Theme: The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Heart

The 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.

If you are interested, please register online at: <https://www.sanalfonso retreats.org/2024-events>. The cost is \$300. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required to secure a seat. For more information, please email Marybeth Keenley at mkeenley@juno.com or, call St. Alphonso's Retreat House directly at (732) 222-2731 Ext 140.



Rosary Society News



We are excited to announce that Fr. Gill will speak on "Spiritual Healing" at the next Rosary Society Meeting, Sunday, March 3rd. This is sure to be a thought provoking and inspirational discussion. We will meet in the Marian center after the Rosary is prayed in Church following the 8:45am Mass. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.



Please join us, all are welcome!



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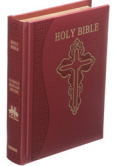
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