

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Priest in Residence

Rev. Francis Obu-Mends, CSSp

Retired Deacon

Deacon James D. Noble

Our School

Saint Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy
Ms. Stephanie-Ann Germann, Principal



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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, NOVEMBER 13, 2023

Rectory Office Closed

Wis 1:1-7 Lk 17:1-6

8:45 Frances & Salvatore Affe
By Cantone Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

Wis 2:23-3:9 Lk 17:7-10

8:45 Bill Platt
By Joan Caccamo & Marie SantaCroce

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023

Wis 6:1-11 Lk 17:11-19

8:45 Frank Cassone
By Paul & Gerri Cassone

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023

Wis 7:22b-8:1 Lk 17:20-25

8:45 Deacon Antonio J. Gonzalez
By Sr. Barbara & Sr. Anne

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023

Wis 13:1-9 Lk 17:26-37

8:45 Deacon Antonio J. Gonzalez
By Paul & Gerri Cassone

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Lk 18:1-8

8:45 Deacon Antonio J. Gonzalez
By Judy Morace
5:00 Emilie Celestin
By Family
Eveve Celestin
By Family
Willken Celestin
By Family
Joseph Johnson
By Donna Slivoski
Marijane Matula
By Linda Moran

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30

8:45 Patrick Collins
(Birthday Blessings - Living)
By Denise Collins
11:45 Monthly Mass Enrollment
4:30 Urdu Mass

IN MEMORIAL WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 2023



The Wine and Hosts are being offered in loving memory of **Deacon Antonio J. Gonzalez** requested by Ruocco Family.



The Sanctuary Lights are being offered in loving memory of **Joseph Montero** requested by Maureen Lindsay.



The Altar Candles are being offered in loving memory of **Marco Antonio Calle** requested by Claudia Calle.



The candle at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Statue is being offered in loving memory of **Marie Ryan** requested by Daughter, Ellen Ryan.



The candle at the St. Joseph Statue is being offered for a **Special Intention** requested by Deacon Jim & Mary Noble.



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 Mazingo	Laura Leach	Geraldine Treyman
Maria Plasencia	Eileen O'Neill	Anita Valentino
	Vincent Padovano	Tony Valentino



And our faithful departed loved ones





Dear Parishioners,

I hope you had a wonderful week. Last Saturday, His Excellency, the Most Rev. James Massa, Rector of Saint Joseph Seminary Dunwoodie, celebrated the 130th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving. I am very grateful to Bishop Massa for celebrating with us. The bishop’s homily was very informative, pastoral, and spiritual. I am very thankful to all our faithful parishioners who attended this special Mass. You are the true Church who keeps this corner of Brooklyn alive with open arms and the heart of our Blessed Mother Mary!

I want to thank everyone who made the mass and celebration special! Including our Deacons, Altar Servers, and Sacristy Staff. Special thanks to Donna Spoto, Rosa Rosas, Judy Morace, and John Mancuso. Most importantly, a big thank you to the parishioners who make our parish so unique and special.

Our 19th Annual Christmas Tree & Angel lighting will occur on December 9th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We are very grateful to our parishioners and faithful members of the Immaculate Heart of Mary community who memorialized or sponsored a tree, angel, light, or wreath. Thank you so much for illuminating Fort Hamilton Parkway! Your generosity brings the light of Christ to the neighborhood. You have until Monday, November 20th to sponsor a tree, angel, light, wreath, or poinsettia. Please visit the rectory, and thank you for your continued generosity.

Be sure to drop by the IHM Holiday Fair in the Brooklyn Prospect Gym this weekend from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

May you have a blessed week!

Fr. Gill



**Get Connected to IHM!
Register today and join the flock!
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!

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!



**United in Communion ~
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**Parish Goal: \$43,224.00
Pledged to Date: \$47,880.00
Paid to Date: \$46,859.00
Donors: 100**

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

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FAITH BOOK

32nd Sunday (A) November 12, 2023

Wisdom 6: 12-16; Ps 63;

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18;

Matthew 25: 1-13

From today's Gospel reading:

Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Reflection:

Our daily routine can be shattered by the unexpected and sudden demands life puts on us and our loved ones. Will we be ready to respond? It depends on how well we have tended to our "oil" supply.

So, we ask ourselves:

- What helps me "stay awake" and alert to God's entrance into my daily life?
- Is there a practice of prayer, or reflection, I can adopt to help me better respond to Christ each day?

~ Preacher Exchange, Jude Siciliano, OP ~



Immaculate Heart of Mary Sewing Group

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

The sewing group will not be meeting Monday, November 13th, 2023. The sewing group will meet Monday, November 20th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Marian Center. All are welcome!!!



Eucharistic Adoration Come and spend An hour with the Lord

IHM Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday, November 18, 2023
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.



Rosary Society Annual Sale



Join us on November 18th & 19th after all the weekend Masses in the church vestibule. Items include rosaries and other religious items, tasty baked goods, children's books, and Christmas decorations.

Thank you for supporting the Rosary Society and helping us grow!



La Comunidad Hispana

The next monthly Spanish Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary will be on Sunday, November 12th at 1:30 p.m. with hospitality following Mass.

All are welcome!



La proxima misa en español en el Inmaculado Corazón de María será el domingo, 12 de Noviembre, a las 1:30 p.m. con hospitalidad siguiendo.

Todos son bienvenidos!



The Rectory Office will be closed
Saturday November 11th &
Monday, November 13th, 2023
for Veterans Day.



*Our October 50/50
Winner:
Diane DeBernardo*

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**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A TABLE AT THE FAIR, PLEASE
CONTACT JOHN MANCUSO @ 718-871-1310.**



**Immaculate Heart of Mary
19th Annual
Christmas Tree &
Angel Lighting
December 9, 2023**

Help us illuminate our small corner of Brooklyn once again by memorializing or honoring a loved one with a tree, angel, wreath, poinsettia, or a light on our tree of lights. This really is a beautiful way for our community to remind everyone that Jesus is the light of the world!

Brochures with information about the event are being mailed to parishioners.

Completed forms should be returned to the rectory by November 20th.

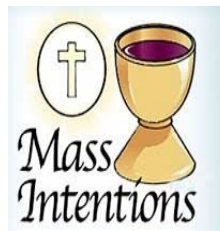


For more information, contact the rectory office at 718-871-1310 ext 2.

IHM SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE

Our Fall Super 50/50 Raffle is underway. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

Tickets were mailed to registered parishioners. Additional tickets can be purchased in the rectory office. Drawing to be held at Tree & Angel Lighting on Saturday, December 9, 2023.



**The Daily Mass Book
for 2024 is now open
for Mass intentions
for the entire year.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary November 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

Marco Antonio Calle

Miguel Marquez Davila

Deacon Antonio J. Gonzalez

Deacon Antonio J. Gonzalez

John Hammel

John Hammel

Joseph Johnson

Michael Mooney

Ellen Mary Murphy

Filippo & Linda Perillo

Residents of Palm Gardens NH

Thanking God for all blessings

By Diane Summers Devanney

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By Diane Summers Devanney

By Diane Summers Devanney

By Diane Summers Devanney

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By Claudia Calle

By Wife, Eusebia Marquez

By Debbie Olivieri & Family

By Acquafredda Family

By Marguerite Cronin

By Deacon Jim & Mary Noble

By Marguerite Cronin

By Acquafredda Family

By Family

By Angelo Cangro

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.**





Office of the Bishop

Diocese of Brooklyn

310 Prospect Park West
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November 3, 2023

To the Clergy, Staffs and the Faithful parishioners of Brooklyn and Queens,

Recently, I met with our Vicar General, Regional Vicars, local Deans and priests during our annual Priest Convocation in Douglaston. During this gathering, we discussed important issues that we will need to address in the near future, like new models of parish life, possible collaborations among parishes regarding Religious Education and other ministries, as well as assessing the current Mass schedules at all our parishes.

Allow me to share with you some statistics that were shared with the priests:

- In 2017, Mass attendance in our Diocese was reported at an average of 205,502 people per weekend. In 2022, the average was reported at 124,031. Due to demographic changes as well as the overall national trend of fewer Catholics attending Sunday Mass regularly, we see a decrease of nearly 40 percent in Mass attendance in our diocese in the last 5 years. This decline in Mass attendance means that we have in many parishes throughout the diocese large capacity churches with a significantly reduced Mass size.
- Due to a high number of priest retirements and deaths in recent years, there are fewer priests serving in our 175 parishes.
- In our diocese Mass is celebrated in 14 different languages on a weekly basis and in 26 languages monthly. This unique pastoral challenge in combination with the reduced number of clergy with bi-lingual skills further complicates the ability to best serve our parishes with specific language needs.

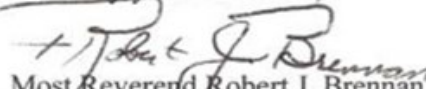
There is no simple solution to these issues. In many of our parishes it is evident that we do not need so many separate Masses to accommodate the number of parishioners in attendance at Sunday Eucharist each week. We are asking pastors and administrators throughout the diocese in Brooklyn and Queens, in consultation with their pastoral councils, to review and evaluate their Mass schedules. In many parishes, the number of Masses celebrated each weekend could be reduced by at least one or maybe more Masses, depending on the number of people attending and the capacity of each church.

Additionally, your pastor in coordination with your Regional Vicar and local Dean, are beginning discussions at the deanery level concerning possible collaborations among neighboring parishes regarding Religious Education programs and other ministries, that could possibly lead to formal parish partnerships.

I ask for your openness and cooperation with these possible changes. Not every parish will be affected, but most will go through some sort of adjustment, in order to be able to most effectively serve the current needs of the People of God in our great Diocese.

Be assured of my prayers for each of you, and may I humbly ask for your prayers, especially for our pastors and administrators, and all those who will be part of these discussions taking place throughout our parishes and deaneries.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Brooklyn

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