

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Sunday, November 26, 2023

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Parish Staff

Very Rev. Ilyas Gill, Pastor
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Rev. Francis Obu-Mends, CSSp

Retired Deacon

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, NOVEMBER 27, 2023

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4

8:45 Deceased Members of D'Urso Families
By Vincenza Iuliano

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023

Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11

8:45 Luigi Carpenzano
By Wife, Judy Carpenzano

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2023

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19

8:45 Virginia Cantirno
By Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023

Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22

8:45 Debbie Logan
By Donna Slivoski

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023

Dn 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33

8:45 Marie Ryan
By Daughter, Ellen Ryan

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

Dn 7:15-27 Lk 21:34-36

8:45 Deacon Antonio J. Gonzalez
By Donna Spoto
5:00 Evelyn Bellettiere
By William Bellettiere
Sylvia Martines
By Reyes Family
Shamoon Persaud
By Joanna & Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

1st Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37

8:45 Living & Deceased Members of
IHM Rosary Society
By IHM Rosary Society
11:45 Monthly Mass Enrollment
4:30 Urdu Mass

IN MEMORIAL WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2023



The Wine and Hosts are being offered for healing of **Christopher & Eileen Slattery** requested by Denise Collins & Family.



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 for a **Special Intention** requested Anonymously.



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



The candle at the St. Anthony statue is being offered in loving memory of **William Ryan, Sr.** requested by Daughter, Ellen Ryan.



The candle at the St. Anne statue is being offered **In Thanksgiving** requested by Nancy Cardinale.



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
Gerri Bartolomeo
Brian Bohn
Jose Perez Cruz
Charlie Dorego
Laura Leach
Eileen O'Neill
Vincent Padovano

WEEK 2
Vincenza Iuliano
Jerome Khokhar
Joseph Paloscio
Albi Ruocco
Geraldine Treyman
Anita Valentino
Tony Valentino

WEEK 3
Andrew Bartolomeo
Phool Manhuri Chandra
Jorge Escalante
Mary Mooney
Thomas Mazingo
Maria Plasencia



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



And our faithful departed loved ones





Dear Parishioners,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Let us keep up the spirit of giving throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. So many people are in need; if we can, we should lend them a helping hand. As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, let us share his light with others so that we may guide those in need to him just as the star guided the shepherds and magi to Jesus.

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and conclude our liturgical year. Next Sunday, December 3, we begin a new liturgical year on the First Sunday of Advent and prepare to celebrate the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas). These four weeks allow us to pray and meditate to prepare our hearts for the magical birth of Jesus Christ.

Lastly, you may have read the letter from the Most Rev. Robert Brennan, Bishop of the Brooklyn Diocese. If we want our parish to stay independent, we must be at Mass on Sundays, Holy Days, and for the weekday Masses. We must encourage our family, friends, and neighbors to return to church. We are each called to spread and live the Gospel and lead others to Christ. I am grateful for you and all you do for Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

May God bless you and your family. Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Gill



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Register today and join the flock!
Go to www.flocknote.com/ihm
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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!

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www.ihm-brooklyn.org then click on **Giving**

As always, thank you for your continued support!



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Parish Goal: \$43,224.00
Pledged to Date: \$48,080.00
Paid to Date: \$47,059.00
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

Christ the King (A)

November 26, 2023

Ez. 34: 11-12, 15-17; Ps. 23;

1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28; Matthew 25: 31-46

From today's Gospel reading:

Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least sisters and brothers of mine, you did for me.

Reflection:

With the gospel-inspired eyes we focus our gaze on the King in whose dominion we are subjects. Today's gospel tells us what priorities the King's servants are to have and how we are to live – feeding the hungry, giving water to the thirsty, welcoming strangers, clothing the naked, caring for the sick and visiting prisoners.

So, we ask ourselves:

- In what needy person did I see Christ in disguise recently?

~ *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.

Meets Mondays 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, December 16, 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 News



On Sunday, December 3rd immediately following the 8:45 A.M. Mass the Rosary Society will resume its monthly meetings. The rosary will be prayed in church, followed by fellowship and refreshments in the Marian Center.

The Rosary Society is open to everyone.

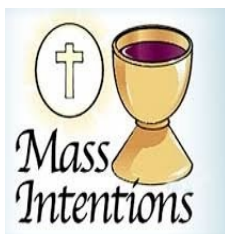
Respect Life Ministry News



Respect Life Ministry Meeting

The Respect Life Ministry meets on the 1st Thursday of each month in the Marian Center at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be December 7th.

All our welcome!!



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

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
2805 Fort Hamilton Parkway,
Brooklyn, NY 11218

Mass and Celebration for the

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 12:00 Noon
Followed by hospitality in the Brooklyn
Prospect Charter School Commons.



La Comunidad Hispana Del Inmaculado Corazon de Maria, invita cordialmente a todos los feligrase a la celebracion de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, la patrona de las Américas. Esta Misa tendra lugar en sábado, 9 de diciembre de 2023 a 12:00 (mediodía), en el Inmaculado Corazon de Maria Iglesias, ubicada en 2805 Fort Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn, Nueva York, 11218. Misa sera oficiada por el Padre Octavio Salinas y el Padre Francis en español.



The Hispanic Community of the Immaculate Heart of Mary cordially invites all parishioners to the celebration of our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron saint of the Americas. This Mass will take place on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at 12:00 (noon), in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, located at 2805 Fort Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, 11218. Mass will be officiated by Rev. Octavio Salinas & Rev. Francis in Spanish.



**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.

More information will follow in the next bulletin.



La Comunidad Hispana

The next monthly Spanish Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary will be on Sunday, December 10th 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, 10 de Diciembre, a las 1:30 p.m. con hospitalidad siguiendo.

Todos son bienvenidos!

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

By Diane Summers Devanney

By Diane Summers Devanney

By Diane Summers Devanney

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By Diane Summers Devanney

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
Brooklyn, New York 11215

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.

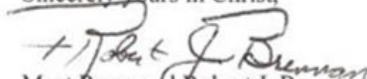
There is no simple solution to these issues. In many of our parishes it is evident that we do not need so many separate Masses to accommodate the number of parishioners in attendance at Sunday Eucharist each week. We are asking pastors and administrators throughout the diocese in Brooklyn and Queens, 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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