

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Third 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

## Priest in Residence

Rev. Francis Obu-Mends, CSSp

## Retired Deacon

Deacon James D. Noble

## Our School

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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](http://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 18, 2023

*Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25*

8:45 Bob Gallant

By Donna Slivoski

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023

*Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25*

8:45 Deceased Members of Bosconi Families

By Vincenza Iuliano

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023

*Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38*

8:45 Deacon Antonio J. Gonzalez

By Deacon Jim & Mary Noble

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023

*Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45*

8:45 Deacon Antonio J. Gonzalez

By Donna Slivoski

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2023

*1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56*

8:45 Deacon Antonio J. Gonzalez

By Mary & Tony Tesoriero

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2023

*Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66*

8:45 Arthur J. Halbran

By Messineo Family

5:00 Catalina Feliciano

By Luz Chabran

Ciro Ferrandino

By Yolanda Ferrandino

Julia Ghigliotty

(Legal Resources Program)

By Evelyn Frank

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

*Christmas Eve—Rectory Closed*

*2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38*

8:45 People of Immaculate Heart of Mary

11:45 Monthly Mass Enrollment

5:00 Christmas Mass Remembrance

Midnight—Christmas Mass Remembrance

## IN MEMORIAL WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2023



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



The candle at the St. Joseph Statue is being offered in loving memory of *Giuseppe D'Agostino* requested by D'Agostino family.



The Candle at the Sacred Heart Statue is being offered for a *Special Intention* requested by Joyce Jones.



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 in loving memory of *Barbara Weber* requested by Joyce Jones & family.



The candle at the St. Padre Pio Statue is being offered for healing of *Joseph Paloscio* by Judy Carpenzano.



The candle at the Our Lady of Guadalupe picture is being offered for a *Special Intention* requested by Joyce Jones.



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



### *And our faithful departed loved ones*



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



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we are celebrating Gaudete Sunday. We light the Pink (Rose) candle, which symbolizes Joy as we anticipate the Miraculous Birth of Our Savior Jesus Christ. I hope this week brings you joy as we wait for the birth of Jesus. This time of year can be stressful as we prepare for Christmas, but we need to take a step back, understand the true meaning of Christmas, and reflect on the many blessings God showers on us.

Last Saturday, the Hispanic Community celebrated the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This Holy Mass was spirit-filled with lots of flowers and music offered to Our Lady. Seeing so many young families and children share in this celebration was wonderful. I am very grateful to Fr. Octavio Salinas, OFM, for taking the time to celebrate this special Mass. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make this celebration beautiful. You are a true face of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Last Saturday, we had our annual blessing of the angels, trees, and Nativity. Thank you to Fr. Francis Obu-Mends and Deacon John for filling in while I was under the weather. Thanks to all of you, Fort Hamilton Parkway is the brightest street in Brooklyn! I want to thank all the donors and faithful Immaculate Heart of Mary Church parishioners who sponsored our trees and angels. A big thank you to Chris Dono, the Boy Scouts, John Mancuso, Sr. Barbara Mackiewicz, Nancy Raimondo, Ceila Karganilla, Julia Ocasio, Isabella Vargas, Rosa Rosas, and Thomas Khallahan for all of their hard work.

On Monday, December 18th, the entire diocese will have a reconciliation Monday, and churches will be open for confession. You can go to any nearby church to participate in this beautiful sacrament of reconciliation. Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will have a confession in the morning from 9:30 am to 10:30 am and in the evening from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Priests will be available by appointment as well.

On Sunday, December 24th, Bishop James Massa will join us again and celebrate the Midnight Christmas Mass. I am grateful to His grace for taking time from his busy schedule to join us.

On Sunday, December 24th, the Rev. John Cush will celebrate Christmas Eve's 5:00 p.m. vigil Mass. I am looking forward to seeing you all at Christmas!

Have a blessed week, and remember what this season is truly about!

*Fr. Gill*



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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!



### 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.**

**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](http://www.ihm-brooklyn.org) then click on **Giving**

*As always, thank you for your continued support!*

*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.*


*Congratulations to the super 50/50 winners!*

*Mary Kate Tomasi*  
*Marjorie Klinker*  
*Angie Hemulgada*



## FAITH BOOK

*3rd Sunday of Advent (B)*

*December 17, 2023*

*Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; Luke 1: 46-54;*

*I Thess. 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28*

### From today's Gospel reading:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord. My spirit rejoices in God my Savior. God has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich God has sent away empty.

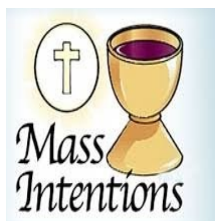
### Reflection:

Mary proclaims God's greatness – for though she is "lowly," the Spirit of God has come upon her for a special mission. She will give birth to the savior, but even before this happens, she is already responding to her call as she announces what God has done for her and will do for the poor who have turned to God for help. When the Spirit of God comes upon someone, like Isaiah and Mary, they cannot keep the news of God's goodness to themselves, they must go and proclaim it to others.

### So, we ask ourselves:

- How does my life proclaim the greatness of God?
- How can I share the goodness of God with others, especially the most needy

~ *Preacher Exchange, Jude Siciliano, OP* ~



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



## 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.



## *La Comunidad Hispana*

The next monthly Spanish Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary will be on Sunday, January 14th 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, 14 de enero, a las 1:30 p.m. con hospitalidad siguiendo.

***Todos son bienvenidos!***

# 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  
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 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 Olivieri Family  
 By Claudia Calle  
 By Wife, Eusebia Marquez  
 By Acquafredda Family  
 By Deacon Jim & Mary Noble  
 By Debbie Olivieri  
 By Debbie Olivieri  
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 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.**





**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.**



**St. Augustine said,  
“The one who sings prays twice!”**

Do you like to sing? Our church choir is always happy to welcome new members. Contact our Music Director, Connor Whelan, at [sacredmusicihm@gmail.com](mailto:sacredmusicihm@gmail.com) to find out how to get involved.

### **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!**

### **Advent Reconciliation Monday**

Confessions from 9:30 am – 10:30 am & 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
No Confessions on December 25 & January 1

#### 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



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