

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Sunday, December 31, 2023

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Parish Staff

Very Rev. Ilyas Gill, Pastor
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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, JANUARY 1, 2024

*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
Rectory Office Closed*

Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
10:00 People of Immaculate Heart of Mary
4:30 Urdu Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023

Rectory Office Closed

1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28
8:45 Lamberto Ocampo
By Ocampo Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023

1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34
8:45 Jorge A. Castillo Lepe
By Donna Spoto

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023

1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42
8:45 Joseph A. Collins
(4th Anniversary)
By Patrick & Denise Collins

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023

1 Jn 3:11-21 Jn 1:43-51
8:45 Michael Mooney
By Mary & Tony Tesoriero

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2023

1 Jn 5:5-13 Mk 1:7-11
8:45 Catalina Hemulgada
By Angie Hemulgada
5:00 Michael Baker
By Joe Przybyski
Deacon Antonio Gonzalez
By John & Dona Foley
Violaine M. Mehu
By Jennifer Soto
Monte Pitta
By Family
Frank Ricardo, Jr.
By Debra Concilio

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12
8:45 Joseph Johnson
By Nicoletta Hamburger
11:45 Monthly Mass Enrollment
5:00 Urdu Mass

IN MEMORIAL WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2023



The Wine & Hosts are being offered in loving memory of *Geraldine & James P. Ruth* requested by Geri Ruth-Diop.



The candle at the St. Joseph Statue is being offered in loving memory of *Deceased Members of Rivera Family* requested by Benny Rivera.



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. Padre Pio Statue is being offered in loving memory of *Lenny Charles* requested by Joyce Jones & Family.



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

WEEK 2
Andrew Bartolomeo
Phool Manhuri Chandra
Jorge Escalante
Mary Mooney
Thomas Mazingo
Maria Plasencia

WEEK 3
Gerri Bartolomeo
Brian Bohn
Jose Perez Cruz
Charlie Dorego
Laura Leach
Eileen O'Neill



And our faithful departed loved ones





Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year!

A New Year always brings glad tidings of hopes, expectations, prosperity, happiness, and reconciliation. Moreover, we make new resolutions or decisions to strengthen our spiritual and moral lives and relationships. I hope 2024 allows us to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to everyone seeking peace of mind and heart in their life, family, workplace, neighborhood, community, and world.

Let's resolve this year to promote more respect, grow in understanding, and practice dignity and cooperation among the people of God around the globe, countries, and communities. God bless you all!

On January 1st, we also celebrate the solemnity of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God. She is the mother of the universal Church and all the priests and religious. She is a role model to many mothers. Those who follow the footsteps of her humility, keep everything in their hearts and no gossip, and remain at the service of others. May the life of Mother Mary inspire many of us to stay faithful to God and his work and responsibilities.

Next weekend, January 6/7, 2024, we are celebrating the feast of "The Epiphany of the Lord," which takes us to understand that Jesus is the universal King who has a mission to bring Peace, Harmony, Love, and Unity to every nation and every individual, regardless their religion and creed are practicing. We, the followers of Jesus Christ, have a bigger responsibility to share the gospel values with every human being.

Fr. Gill



The rectory office will be closed from Sunday, December 31st, 2023 through Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024.

The rectory will reopen on Wednesday, January 3rd at 9:00 a.m.



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



New Year's Eve 2023 and New Year's Day 2024 Mass Schedule

*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**

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.




*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.

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!



**Get Connected to IHM!
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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!

FAITH BOOK

Feast of the Holy Family (B)

December 31, 2023

Gen. 15: 1-6; 21:1-3; Psalm 105;

Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2: 22-40

From today's Gospel reading:

There was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. There was a prophetess, Anna. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer.

Reflection:

Simeon and Anna were vigilant in prayer and watching – waiting for God to enter their lives. They were wide awake and receptive to something new and unexpected. God is there in surprising ways for those with open minds and hearts. Like Simeon and Anna, those who have put their hope in God will recognize the messiah when at last the Christ does come.

So, we ask ourselves:

- For what revelation from God am I waiting?
- Where and how am I waiting?
- What will be the sign that will tell me God has visited me in my waiting?

~ Preacher Exchange, Jude Siciliano, OP ~



Rosary Society News



The next Rosary Society meeting will be on Sunday, January 7th. The rosary will be prayed in church immediately following the 8:45 a.m. Mass.

Following the rosary, members will move to the Marian Center for their business meeting and fellowship. All are welcome!!



Respect Life Ministry News

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 on January 4th, 2024. All are welcome!



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 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!!!

The next meeting will be Monday, January 8th, 2024.

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
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 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!!



Feast Day Celebration of Santo Niño

Join the Filipino Community
in Prayer and Celebration!
Saturday, January 13th
9:00 a.m. Mass.

Ordinarily, we celebrate the Fiesta of Santo Niño in the Philippines on the third Sunday of January. In Cebu, people come from all over to celebrate the Simulog. The celebration of the Santo Niño has a special significance in Cebu because of its historical background. This celebration marks the birth of Christianity in the Philippines.

The original statue of Santo Niño was given in April 1521 by the Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan as a baptismal gift to Queen Juana (Hara Amihan, wife of native chieftain Humabon) upon her conversion to Christianity. It was a statue similar to the Infant Jesus of Prague.

The Filipino Community of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Family would like to invite you to their celebration of the Feast Day of Santo Niño on Saturday, January 13, 2024 with a Mass at 9:00 a.m.



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