

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Second 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 26, 2024

Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38

8:45 Gasperino Cambria
By Carol Segarra

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12

8:45 Cliff Mulqueen
By Carol & Jacob Segarra

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28

8:45 Hiram Segarra
(Birthday Remembrance)
By Carol & Jacob Segarra

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31

8:45 John Foley
By IHM Filipino Community

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

8:45 Gary Klopff
By Donna Slivoski

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

8:45 Joe SantaCroce
(Birthday Remembrance)
By Marie SantaCroce & Sons
5:00 In Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life
By Marius Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42

8:45 Living & Deceased Members of
IHM Rosary Society
By IHM Rosary Society
11:45 Monthly Mass Enrollment
4:30 Healing mass (English)

IN MEMORIAL WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 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 a *Special Intention* requested by Joyce Jones.



The candle at the St. Anthony statue is being offered in loving memory of *Hiram Segarra* requested by Joyce Jones.



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 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

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

WEEK 2

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

WEEK 3

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



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



And our faithful departed loved ones

John Paul Argenziano





Dear Parishioners,

As we embrace the significance of Black History Month, we recognize that we are all children of God. This month provides an opportunity for education and reflection, urging us to respect and work together for justice. Let us remember and honor the black leaders and heroes who tirelessly worked for equal opportunities for all Americans. In our collective journey, may we continue to build the kingdom of God as good stewards, promoting harmony and equality in this broken world.

This year, we welcome three catechumens and two candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism at the Easter Vigil. Last Sunday, we celebrated the Rite of Sending, sending three adult catechumens for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion with Bishop Brennan. This Sunday, the second Sunday of Lent, will be dedicated to the Penitential Rite of scrutiny for the candidates, completing the Sacrament of Communion and Confirmation. This penitential rite also prepares them for the sacrament of penance. On Sunday, they will have a Rite of Conversion at Immaculate Heart of Mary, presented to Bishop James Massa at the 3:00 P.M. service. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their spiritual journey.

On Sunday, March 3, 2024, there will be a healing mass in English at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 4:30 p.m. This mass is dedicated to remembering your loved ones who suffer from illness and sickness, asking Jesus, the healer, to bring healing to all. You are most welcome to attend this mass and bring Jesus' peace and healing into your homes and workplaces.

We also want to remind you of the Annual Catholic Appeal, which has a goal of \$43,224.00, the same as last year. Your contributions to this appeal directly impact the upkeep of our church buildings and support diocesan social programs. We kindly request that each parish member consider being a part of this appeal, knowing that any funds exceeding the goal return to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Your generosity is truly appreciated and makes a significant difference in the lives of those in need.

May our community continue to grow in faith, love, and unity.

Fr. Gill

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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**. This takes you to the ACA webpage; click on

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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 26th 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.

Lenten Mission

Saturday, March 9 - Wednesday, March 13

Father Greg Friedman, OFM, is a Franciscan priest from the southwestern U.S. He is an author, has worked in radio and video, and served as a pastor. He has been a Franciscan for over 50 years and enjoys presenting retreats and leading pilgrims to the Holy Land and Italy. His weekly reflections on the Sunday readings can be found at the U.S. Bishops' website, www.usccb.org. For our Lenten parish mission Father Greg will offer a three-night reflection on our lives as Catholics: **Monday:** Who is Jesus in our Lives? **Tuesday:** How Can we Grow in Prayer? **Wednesday:** Who are we as a Parish Community? Each evening will include a time for prayer together. Father Greg will also speak on the weekend before the mission at all Sunday Masses and will preside at our weekday Masses Monday through Wednesday.



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
Spring Extravaganza



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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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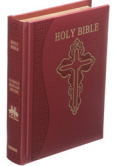
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