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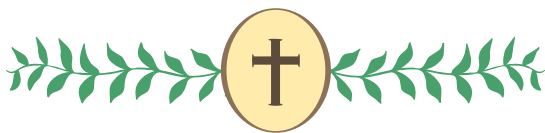
December 9, 2018

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Mission Statement

The Parish of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a Roman Catholic Community of Faith and Tradition centered in Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We seek to grow in holiness by gathering to worship God as we celebrate the Eucharist, as we witness to the Gospel, and as we serve the spiritual and material needs of our neighbors. We invite all our members to be active participants in every aspect of parish life. We welcome all to join our parish community by becoming registered parishioners.



Served By

Rev. Thomas A. Lynch ----- Pastor
Rev. Gerard F. Rafferty, S.S.L. ----- Parochial Vicar
Rev. Rayappa Reddy Thumma ----- Parochial Vicar
Robert J. diTargiani ----- Deacon (Retired)

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Nicholas De Giorgio ----- Primary Coord. Rel. Education
Nancy Vericker ----- Coord. High School Religion
Teresa Sopot ----- Principal
Diane Slater ----- School Secretary
Dr. Laurie Adamo-Ricigliano ----- Director of Music

- Welcome to all -

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday ----- 8:00, 9:00 am & 5:30 pm (*Vigil Mass*)
Sunday ----- 7:30, 9:00 (*Family Mass*), 10:30 am (*Choir*) & 12:00 noon
Monday to Friday ----- 6:45 & 9:00 am
Holy Days ----- Vigil, 5:30 pm
Feast ----- 6:45, 9:00 am, 12:00 noon & 7:00 pm

Parish Library Hours

Sunday: 9:30 am - 1:30 pm / **Wednesday:** 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism: Twice a month on the first and third Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm. Initial interview three weeks previous, please call for an appointment. Baptism conferences every first Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.

Confessions: Saturday: After the 8:00 & 9:00 am Masses & 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Anytime, Parish House on request.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples should call to set up an appointment to come to the Parish House at least six months before the wedding to arrange time, banns, and Pre-Cana Conferences.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the Parish House anytime.

Devotions: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady's Chapel (day and night) Monday after 6:45 am Mass to Friday 7:00 pm. Rosary recited after 9:00 am Mass every day. Miraculous Medal Novena, Mondays after 9:00 am Mass. Divine Mercy Chaplet, Fridays after 9:00 am Mass.

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



SUNDAY, December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Sal Iorio
 9:00 am Chrisitopher J. Murphy
 10:30 am Mary & Margaret Roche
 12:00 pm Marie & James Gondiosa



MONDAY, December 10, 2018

6:45 am Kevin Healy
 9:00 am Lisa Troiani Graziano

TUESDAY, December 11, 2018

St. Damasus I, Pope

6:45 am Antonietta Silvano
 9:00 am Peg Briody

WEDNESDAY, December 12, 2018

Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:45 am Frances & Robert Delany
 9:00 am Carmine Gizzo



THURSDAY, December 13, 2018

St. Lucy

6:45 am Denis & Joan Mulcahy & Family (living)
 9:00 am Dr. Ludovit Sevcik

FRIDAY, December 14, 2018

St. John of the Cross

6:45 am Josephine & Domenico Pezzella
 9:00 am Mario Bonavita

SATURDAY, December 15, 2018

8:00 am Frank & Elizabeth Rocco
 9:00 am The Queenan & Driscoll Familes
 5:30 pm Pietro Callara

SUNDAY, December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 am The People of Immaculate Heart of Mary
 9:00 am Anthony & Julia Tagliamonte
 10:30 am Dr. Ludovit Sevcik
 12:00 pm Louis Pierini



Bulletin Deadline Submissions: Tues at 12 noon
Parish Email Address: w534@archny.org

CHURCH SUPPORT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

Contributions	\$ 14,386.00
WeShare (12-02-18)	2,941.00
Restoration & Repair	7,822.00

Adult Attendance: 1,230

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

Contributions	\$ 17,568.00
WeShare (12-03-17)	2,974.00
Restoration & Repair	8,119.00

Adult Attendance: 1,420

The Second Collection this weekend is the Annual Appeal for the Retired Religious, retired Catholic sisters and brothers whose hard work, prayers, and sacrifices helped build our Catholic schools, hospitals, and charitable agencies. These dedicated women and men gave their lives in extraordinary and exemplary service to the archdiocese, and now, as they move into their senior years, we are able to offer them in return our love and support through this annual collection that helps to provide for their needs. Please do whatever you can to assist our retired religious.

Please take the time to read the advertisements on the bulletin, and please patronize those businesses that support our parish. Let them know that they are appreciated!!

Winter Weather Protocol: We wish to remind our adorers that if the weather is bad, & you are concerned about traveling, please know that we expect you to use your judgment & do not expect you to take any chances – be safe and stay home

Please Remember in Your Prayers:
The Sick of the Parish:

Louis Ranucci	Kevin Keane
Mary-Carol Miller	Peter J. Farrell
Maria Lombardi	Laura Hernandez
Alicia Glennon	Teresa Marron
Eileen Cunningham	
Deacon Robert J. di Targiani	





From the Pastor's Desk

Anybody feeling spiritually dry?

A regular ongoing struggle that comes our way often is a sense of desolation, dryness, perhaps even lukewarm-ness. When going through these kinds of experience, it is often easy to blame ourselves, and certainly we can be the cause. But it is never as simple as that. Blaming ourselves hardly helps us move through feelings of desolation and spiritual dryness. Rather, it is better to step back and see all that is going on in our lives. St. Ignatius of Loyola has a rather direct explanation for those experiences of desolation in our lives. (My words are in parenthesis):

The principle reasons why we suffer from desolation are three:

- ♦ **The first is because we have been tepid and slothful or negligent in our exercises of piety, and so through our own fault spiritual consolation has been taken away from us** (I can see his point here pretty clearly. Often, it is when attention to prayer diminishes, or my not stepping up to sacrifice for another in some way, or my not taking time throughout the day to stop and pray the Angelus or the Rosary...definitely true!).
- ♦ **The second reason is because God wishes to try us, to see how much we are worth, and how much we will advance in his service and praise when left without the generous reward of consolations and favors.** (Hmmm? So this is God's doing? You know, I think too many of us look for that heartfelt consolation, that warm fuzzy feeling, that great sense of peace before everything else and that is all quite natural. But are we really maturing in our spirituality? Does it have to always be about me? Are my emotions the be all and end all? St Teresa of Kolkata advises us never to trust our emotions, because they will eventually let us down. She should know. One of her latest biographies speaks about her suffering so much darkness and spiritual dryness throughout most of her life. It so hard to believe when you look at any photograph of her and that beautiful smile!)
- ♦ **The third reason is because God wishes to give us a true knowledge and understanding of ourselves** so that we may have an intimate perception of the fact that it is not within our power to acquire and attain great devotion, intense love, tears or other spiritual consolation; but that all this is the gift and grace of God our Lord. (I suppose the one word to describe this insight of St. Ignatius is "humility" I often think of my biblical friend Job where he is given the worst advice from his friends who were blaming him for his sad, awful state of affairs. He allows his anger to get the best of him and dares to talk to God "to his face" and make his case before God. When God speaks, Job humbly acknowledges: "Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know." Job, like all of us, have no claim on God but rather all is grace and all comes from God.)

So my friends, if you are going through a dry spell spiritually, not having the same consolations you used to have, check out the words of St. Ignatius; it indeed could be our fault which would be easy to fix. **But it also can serve a greater purpose, namely, to fall deeper and deeper in love with God.**



2018 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE
IHM PARISH

CHRISTMAS EVE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00PM—MASS

6:00PM—FAMILY MASS

9:00PM—MASS WITH ADULT CHOIR

12:00AM—MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:30AM

10:30AM

12:00PM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
(A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)



MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

5:30PM VIGIL MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019

9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 NOON



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

RECONCILIATION MONDAY—DECEMBER 17

4:00-8:00PM

SATURDAY—DECEMBER 22

4:00-5:00PM



PLEASE NOTE:

ADORATION WILL BE SUSPENDED AT 7:00PM ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14th, FOR A THREE WEEK PERIOD, AND WILL RESUME ON MONDAY, JAN. 7th, at 7:15 AM

SOCIAL MINISTRY
GIVING TREE

*Please take a gift tag, purchase a **NEW GIFT** and return it unwrapped under the Giving Tree by Sunday, December 9th.*

Volunteers Needed

We will be sorting Giving Tree items in the Rectory on **Monday, December 10th, and December 17th after the 9:00AM Mass. Much help is needed!**

IHM CHRISTMAS FAIR

Come one, Come all!

Join us for great Holiday fun for the whole family on **Friday, December 14th from 8:45am to 3:00pm in the Lower Church.**

There will be games, bake sale, food, shopping, great raffle prizes, 50/50 raffle & face painting.

For further information, please contact IHM School at (914) 723-5608



Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

cordially invites you

to the installation of Reverend Thomas A. Lynch

as our twelfth Pastor

by the Most Reverend Gerald T. Walsh

Sunday, December 16, 2018 at the 12pm Mass

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

8 Carman Road

Scarsdale, New York

Reception to follow in the Immaculate Heart of Mary School Auditorium

SAVE THE DATE

- ⇒ We will have a mini parish mission beginning with all of the Masses on this weekend **December 8th & 9th**, and then the next two evenings, **December 10th and 11th at 7:00 PM.** Our director will be Fr. Luke Leighton, CFR. The theme of the mission will be **"Days of Healing for the Restoration of Hope."** Fr. Luke is a member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Among his many responsibilities in serving the poor in the South Bronx, he is also chaplain at Cardinal Spellman High School. He would often help out at my former parish. We are in for a real treat!
- ⇒ **IHM Christmas Caroling - December 15th** immediately following 5:30 Mass -201 Boulevard, Scarsdale, NY 10583
- ⇒ The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday, December 17th at 7:30pm** in the Dunne Room, Parish House.
- ⇒ All are Welcome for Coffee and Donuts after the 9:00AM Mass on Sundays. Please join us on **Sun. Dec. 9 & Sun. Dec. 17.**



IHM Library News

- ◇ Visit the IHM Parish Library Loft to find a number of books and DVDs on the Early Church, the subject of Fr. Lynch's current lecture series
- ◇ Bring the children to a Christmas Book Reading in the Lower Church after the **9:00am Mass on Sun, Dec. 16th**. Borrow some children's Christmas books to read over the holidays. Also visit the Library Loft to see a display of Nativities from around the World

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS**

Please use the envelope provided in your envelope packets for donations for our Christmas flowers. Your donation can be made in memory of a deceased loved one. Please print clearly. Additional envelopes are available at the doors of the Church or Rectory & should be returned **before Dec. 24th**.

BREAD TABLE

Next Bread Table December 16th. Please see our new page <https://ihm-parish.org/bread-table>

Little Sisters of the Poor — Bronx, NY

Dear Fr. Lynch,

Thank you for welcoming the Little Sisters of the Poor to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church to accept donations for our mission of caring for the elderly poor. Your kindness, hospitality and warm welcome were greatly appreciated.

The parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish were once again very generous to us. The total amount of the donations received at the door of the church amounted to \$8,142 & it will be used for the care of the Residents.

The Little Sisters and our Residents remember you and the parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in our prayers. May God bless you and keep you in His loving care. Thank you again & Merry Christmas!

**Sincerely,
Sr Jane Isp**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

- * **Wednesday, December 12th and Monday, December 17th** are our last classes before Christmas break. There will be NO Religion Classes on Mondays, December 24th and 31st, and Wednesdays, December 19th and 26th and January 2nd. Regular classes will resume on Monday, January 7th.
- * Now that winter is very close, if we have bad weather and have to cancel class, it will be announced on WHUD 100.7 on your FM dial, WVOX 1460 on your AM dial, as well as channel 12 News. We ask that you do not call the School or Rectory for this information; the message on the answering machine will be changed as well. Thank you for your cooperation.

IHM ADULT & CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Won't you consider giving the gift of your voice to the Lord? IHM has an Adult and a Children's Choir. Please see the Director of Music or visit our music page to learn more: <https://ihm-parish.org/music>

**CALLING ALL CHILDREN!****THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT IS COMING!**

The IHM Parish Christmas Pageant will be held during the 6 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. We will have a rehearsal on Sunday, December 23rd following the noon Mass in the Church. Anyone who wishes to participate in the pageant is asked to contact Dani LeStrange at 914-713-4043, or danilestrange@optonline.net.

MIDNIGHT RUN GIFT CARDS

Midnight Run Gift Cards can be purchased through the rectory, by contacting ihmmidnightrun@gmail.com, or on our website: <https://ihm-parish.org/midnight-run>. God Bless





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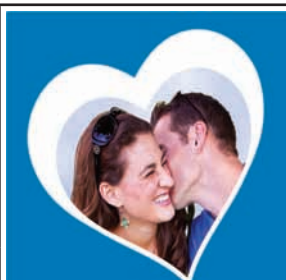
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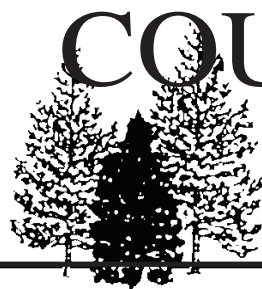
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