



# *Peace*

*I leave with you;  
my peace I give you.  
I do not give to you  
as the world gives.*

*Do not let your  
hearts be troubled  
and do not be afraid.*

– John 14:27

# *Merry Christmas*

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If you are interested in setting up an online recurring donation, there is no better time. For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between November 1 and December 31, 2021, WeShare will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 for our Church. To be eligible for the matching gift, it must be set up for two or more weeks, and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021.

Please call the rectory if you would like help in setting this up. It can be done quickly over the phone! Please note, when you become a recurring donor, not only does it allow us to fund essential ministries that so many in our community rely on and helps us appropriately budget our needs for the future.

### ***LIVESTREAMING MASS:***

Wherever you go, we encourage you to attend Mass in person (for help, visit [MASSTIMES.ORG](http://MASSTIMES.ORG)). When it is not possible, please know that IHM Livestream will continue. Masses and Prayer Services in the Church continue to be livestreamed for those who are unable to join in person. Most Masses are recorded and can be viewed on the IHM website for 90 days following live broadcast. Special Events can be downloaded. *See the IHM website for more information.*



#### ***As a reminder: our Mass Times are as follows:***

**Saturday:** 8:30AM | 5:30PM Vigil — **Sunday:** 7:30AM | 9:00AM | 10:30AM | 12:00PM

**Weekday:** 6:45AM | 9:00AM

*Holy Day Mass times may vary. Please check the Weekly Bulletin or Flocknote.*

#### ***Confession Times:***

**Saturday:** 8:00AM to 8:25AM on 1st Saturday | 9:00AM after every Saturday 8:30AM Mass | 4:00PM to 5:00PM | Anytime by request

### ***KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH FLOCKNOTE:***

Our weekly bulletin has been converted to an online version utilizing Flocknote. All bulletins are archived on the parish website. Please contact the Rectory if you need help signing up! If you would like to begin receiving the Weekly Bulletin/Pastor Messages to your inbox:



Text IHMS to 84576 or Visit [ihmscarsdale.flocknote.com](http://ihmscarsdale.flocknote.com)



### ***VISITING OUR PARISH WEBSITE: IHM-PARISH.ORG***

We are constantly updating and refreshing our parish website! Our website includes information on the Sacraments, Ministries, Religious Education at IHM & more! If you have any questions, feedback or if there is anything you would like to see on our website, click ***Website Feedback*** at the top of the homepage.

***IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY AT 914.723.0276***



*Monsignor Luke M. Sweeney*

## ***FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK***

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*Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
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My dear friends,

A Blessed and Merry Christmas to all of you! Regardless of the Christmas Mass you attend, most always you will hear the Readings taken from the Mass During the Night with the birth of Jesus and Mary wrapping Him in swaddling clothes (cf. Luke 2:1-14).

To round out the beautiful Mystery of our Faith in Jesus' Nativity, know that there are other Readings for your prayerful consideration:

- ◇ Matthew 1:1-25 of Jesus' Genealogy to Abraham and the Mystery of Jesus' Incarnation from St. Joseph's perspective (from the Christmas Vigil Mass)
- ◇ Luke 2:15-20 of the Shepherds coming to know about this Birth and their visit to the Baby Jesus (from the Christmas Mass at Dawn)
- ◇ John 1:1-18 has a spiritual reading of the Coming of Jesus and our participation in the grace He offers. (from the Mass of Christmas Day)

It is incredible to realize that this is my second Christmas with you at IHM. May we all experience more deeply the fact that God Saves us and brings us Joy and Hope in the Birth of His only begotten Son.

Sitting through six Christmas Pageants these past few weeks presented by the School and the Religious Education Program helped me appreciate that Christmas is meant to be reenacted and lived in our lives. To see your children throw themselves into their various parts helped me enter into the beauty of God's design over 2000 years ago and how the Lord manifests His Providence in our own lives now.

As we receive Holy Communion, with hearts and souls properly prepared and disposed, may we be conscious that the same Jesus is welcomed into our lives as Blessed Mary received the Word in trust, as Joseph received Jesus and took him as his own Son, as the Shepherds allowed the Glorious and Joyful announcement to fill their hearts with wonder, and as the Magi, who recognized clues in the created universe, were drawn from afar to Adore this newborn King!

A blessed Christmas Eve, Day, Octave and Season to you!

Welcome to all our visitors to our parish community. *To stay informed visit [www.IHM-parish.org](http://www.IHM-parish.org).* Registrations are accepted online for new parishioners.

*Welcome!*

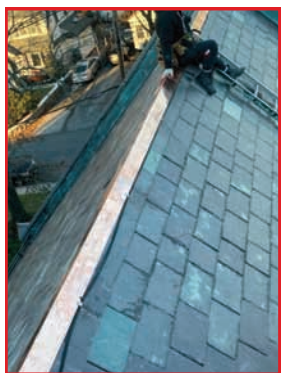
## HIGH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

For more than three decades the IHM High School of Religion (HSOR) has offered a vibrant faith building and fun community for students in grades 9-12. **The HSOR meets every Wednesday evening from 7:30pm-9:00pm.** Students have described HSOR as: *"A night out in the middle of the week."* HSOR program offerings include: *Prayer & Pizza, interesting discussions on faith, Game Nights, Faith in Film, service projects, the Annual Tee Shirt Design and Giveaway, Mass as a community, a Christmas party, open gym, Scavenger Hunt and guest speakers.*

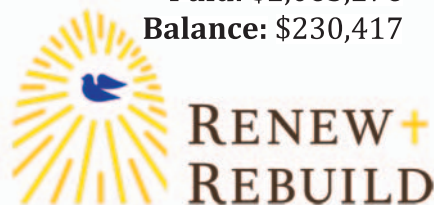
*please  
join us*

HSOR students recently participated in a Christmas Service Event that featured Mass, a community breakfast and caroling with the retired Sisters of the Archdiocese of New York. Students are welcome to join at any time of the year! If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Vericker at [HSOR@ihmscarsdale.org](mailto:HSOR@ihmscarsdale.org).

## RENEW + REBUILD UPDATE



**Goal:** \$1,774,500  
**Pledged:** \$2,372,913  
**Paid:** \$2,063,276  
**Balance:** \$230,417



For the past several months, you have seen the Church and Rectory blanketed with scaffolding and a roaming Cherry Picker reaching all the places inaccessible with ladders. This work is necessary to make our Church sound, especially to rectify current and potential leaks and avoid future problems. The work on the building and the windows is now completed and the roof work is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. Of course, there is a punch list of additional items that are being addressed.

As of December 10th, we had replaced 700 tiles on the church roof with many more to be replaced. Cracks, especially around the Church and Rectory windows, have been repaired and new coating has been completed. We are finally able to look at our beautiful Rose windows without seeing the dripping water damage.

The lower Church windows will be replaced with new energy efficient windows to provide a more comfortable environment for school and parish activities. Currently our architect and construction companies are vetting several vendors to provide custom made units that will meet the unique shape and the ventilation requirements for public use.

While homeowners are familiar with long-term, major exterior maintenance costs, exterior results do not provide the excitement that comes from updating the interior of our homes. And so it will be with our Church. After we have the final costs of the necessary external repairs, we will address the internal areas that were identified in the initial Renew + Rebuild specifications, namely "interior painting and flooring." At that time, we can consider upgrading some materials and better utilize certain spaces.

The monthly Restoration + Repair collection will continue to provide ongoing short-term maintenance and reduce long-term costs. We have received a formal audit that projects the costs, equipment and areas that will require maintenance for the next 5, 10 and 15 years. Thank you for your support in making this all happen!

Consider inquiring about a Matching Gift from your employer! If you have any questions, please contact the R+R office at 646-794-2008 or email [RenewRebuild@archny.org](mailto:RenewRebuild@archny.org).

*Monsignor Sweeney*



FROM THE DESK OF  
 PRINCIPAL TRACY KEELIN  
 Immaculate Heart of Mary Scarsdale, NY



Dear Friends,

There is something so special about the Immaculate Heart of Mary School during the Christmas season! From the moment we light the first Advent candle, to the last minute before Christmas break, the school is filled with hope, peace, joy and love.

This year, as we continue to follow protocols from the Department of Health and the Archdiocese related to COVID, we are also beginning to see the return of events and day to day activities that were absent last year. It is with hope that we continue in this direction so IHM can once again fully open its doors to everyone.

The peace that fills the building during this time is also overwhelming. Students working together, but adhering to guidelines and the peace we find ourselves in when we all gather for Church as a school community every First Friday and for Holy Days of Obligation. The 8th graders are at peace with their high school choices, and are ready for their next steps. The Class of 2022 have applied to Fordham, The Ursuline School, Iona Prep, Maria Regina, Kennedy Catholic Prep and Dominican Academy.



The joy of hearing the students in the building everyday reminds me that we have come so far during this uncertain time. Our students have continued to grow and learn, using different online platforms, as well as the school purchasing newer, updated books. Teachers adapted to last year's environment and used different materials, and again, online platforms and continue to use them this year. Everyone learned how to be resilient and flexible in the face of the unknown. With the joyfulness, there is so much pride.

Our school community has grown closer together. The love the Administrators, faculty, staff and students alike have for IHM is like no other. When in the building, you not only see the love, but you feel it. The students' love for learning and the teachers love for teaching is what makes IHM the special place to be a part of.

On behalf of the Faculty and Staff, I wish all of you a Merry Christmas. May 2022 continue to be filled with hope, peace, joy and love for our school community and the families within it.



*Tracy Keelin*  
 Principal



## 2020 ANNUAL CARDINAL'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Special thanks to all of our donors for helping us meet our goal this year!



**Goal:** \$198,000  
**Pledged:** \$213,212  
**Paid:** \$212,085  
**Participants:** 332  
**Percent of goal:** 108%

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### MIDNIGHT RUN UPDATE

The parish's Midnight Run ministry survived two floods and a pandemic to support hundreds of our homeless brothers and sisters on the streets of NYC in 2021. Despite the challenges of this time we had more runs this year than any year in the history of our group. Longtime team members and a few 'newbies' adapted and created a strong team of dedicated volunteers.

As we head into 2022 we will look to replenish our stock by asking for continued donations of men's pants, sneakers, hoodies and backpacks. We have also had great success supplying personal items like toiletries and underwear through the generous donation of Amazon gift cards to [IHMMidnightrun@gmail.com](mailto:IHMMidnightrun@gmail.com) and hope that the generosity of donors old and new will sustain us in 2022. Want to join us for a night of fun, laughs and charity in NYC? We are in need of drivers to supplement our current team.



We want to thank all of our wonderful families for their support and cooperation in the last 3 months. It isn't an easy time, but because of you, we are doing great! Thank you! On behalf of the Religious Ed. Office, Staff, and Faculty, we want to wish you, our families and our parish family the peace, happiness and joy that is so much a part of this Advent and Christmas season. May it be a time of rest, reflection and joy. We wish you all a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, safe New Year. Classes will resume again on Wednesday, January 5th and Monday, January 10th.

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### IHM COLLEGE GROUP

IHM's College Group provides college-aged students the opportunity to connect with one another through discussion & prayer.

Examples of past discussion topics include ways to stay active in our faith during school semesters and how we can defend our faith in a society that normalizes a disconnect from religion. We enjoyed a trip to the Cloisters this past summer and look forward to future trips and work with social ministry. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact either Daniella Ashman or David Pereira at [IHMchurch@ihmscarsdale.org](mailto:IHMchurch@ihmscarsdale.org).



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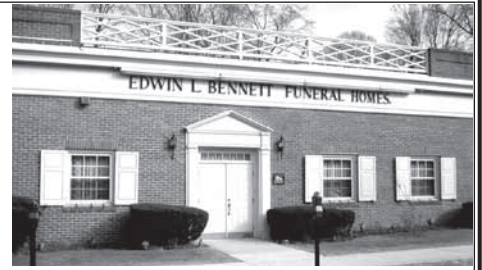
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