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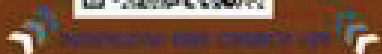
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APRIL 19, 2026

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APRIL 19, 2026  
MASS INTENTIONS



AT  
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH



I'M NEW!

Welcome to IHM parish!

We're happy to have you here. If you're new, don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 973-694-3400 to learn more about our Parish and register formally. Alternatively, you can fill out registration information online at [ihmwaynenj.org/im-new](http://ihmwaynenj.org/im-new).



Find our parish on social media @ihmwayne



## ONLINE GIVING

For your convenience, you can now use your Bank Account or Credit Card to manage your church giving. Go to [ihmwaynenj.org](http://ihmwaynenj.org) and click on "Your Gift" or scan with your phone QR code.



## HOW DO I GET A MASS CARD?

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A SINGLE MASS INTENTION DONATION IS \$20.00

PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR OTHER TYPES OF INTENTIONS

## PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for the souls of the departed members of the Parish.



## PRAYER FOR HEALING

Please remember the sick and homebound of our parish family in your prayers during this week:

**Ruth Semeraro, Adam Verchinski, Amanda Dippold and Carol Balinski**

When requested, names will be included on the "Prayers for the Sick" list for four weekends. Please let us know if you would like the name added again or if someone's name can be removed sooner.

SATURDAY – April 18  
5PM

+WILLIAM CROSBY  
HAPPY HEAVENLY  
BIRTHDAY – FROM  
BARBARA SELLIX  
+IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF RAQUEL GONZALEZ  
– FROM RACHEL RUF

SUNDAY – April 19  
8AM

+IRENE McMURDY –  
FROM THE FAMILY

10:30AM

-INTENTION FOR  
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

12:00PM

-CHIP MENZ SPEEDY  
RECOVERY – FROM  
KEVIN FREER

MONDAY – April 20  
8:30AM

-INTENTION FOR  
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TUESDAY – April 21  
8:30AM

-INTENTION FOR  
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

WEDNESDAY – April  
22  
8:30AM

-INTENTION FOR  
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

THURSDAY – April  
23  
8:30AM

-INTENTION FOR  
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FRIDAY – April 24  
8:30AM

-INTENTION FOR  
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SATURDAY – April 25  
5PM

+JOSEPHINE BONANNO  
– FROM PAT AND FRANK  
DE LORENZO

SUNDAY – April 26  
8AM

-INTENTION FOR  
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30AM

+MYRON POTASH –  
FROM CHILDREN

12:00PM

-INTENTION FOR  
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

April 19, 2026

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33 | 1 Pt 1:17-21 | Lk 24:13-35

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

If I lived at the time of Christ and caught Jesus' eyes while passing him in the streets, would I recognize him as the Messiah? You and I are made in the image and likeness of God. We are the adopted children of the Father. Would my soul be drawn to Christ as two magnets are drawn to one another? I believe that when we are in full and perfect communion with Christ, our entire being will be drawn to the Lord and instinctively rejoice in the glory of God. But on this earth - a world broken by sin - our eyes are clouded and we do not see clearly. In the Gospel today, as the pair of disciples encountered Christ, we read that "their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." Christ had preached and worked miracles and died in faithful obedience to the Father's will. He had been raised and was present again fully glorified. Yet, they could not see who it was before them in that moment. In our world today, it is easy to become blinded by sin and miss seeing Christ in our midst. But just as he walked the streets of Nazareth growing up and walked along the road to Emmaus after his resurrection, Christ continues to walk among us today.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When we look at the example of the disciples traveling to Emmaus, we see a blueprint for how we might improve our vision to see the Lord's presence more clearly. They listened carefully as Jesus reminded them of Scripture, they spoke to him and urged him to remain near to them, and they broke bread with him. After all of this, "their eyes were opened and they recognized him." We can also come to see Christ more clearly by encountering him in Scripture, by speaking to him in prayer, and by encountering him in the sacraments - particularly by regularly receiving the graces offered in confession and receiving the Eucharist. In doing this, we not only clear our own vision, but we align our thoughts and actions to be more like those of Christ, participating in the Father's mission to draw humanity back to himself.

### **WITNESS**

After the disciples recognized Christ, they returned to the others and "recounted what had taken place on the way." This suggests that when we encounter Christ, we are not meant to keep it to ourselves! This week, consider how you can humbly share with a friend or family member how you have encountered Christ.





**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
*Please remember the needs of our parish ministry when making your weekly offering. Thank you for all you do to enable the Gospel to touch the lives of God's people.*

**COLLECTION: April 12th, 2026**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**Church: \$3722 Online: \$2113 Total: \$ 5835**

*Each week, our parish must collect \$8,000 to meet essential monthly expenses, including utilities, insurance, and staff salaries. This support is not optional—it is necessary for keeping our parish open and functioning.*

*If you are unable to attend Mass in person, please do not let your weekly support lapse. We urgently ask you to continue your offertory by using Parish Giving online or by mailing your weekly contribution directly to the parish office. Every week matters, and every gift makes a difference. Your timely and consistent support is vital to sustaining the life and mission of our parish. Thank you for responding generously and promptly to this need.*

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

Lector Scheduling

**Robert Barwick**

[rbarwick@barwickgroup.com](mailto:rbarwick@barwickgroup.com)

April 18-19      Saturday 5PM  
                          Sunday 8AM  
                          10:30AM  
                          12PM

Bob Kluck  
 Bill O'Brien  
 Maureen Machado  
 Phyllis Duke

April 25-26      Saturday 5PM  
                          Sunday 8AM  
                          10:30AM  
                          12PM

Ann Marie Barwick  
 Linda Nardone  
 David O'Brien  
 Phyllis Duke

**EM SCHEDULES**

EM Scheduling

**Monica Voinov**

[mvoinov@optonline.net](mailto:mvoinov@optonline.net)



The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is in need of volunteers with a variety of skills. You can usually schedule your volunteer commitments at your own convenience. Right now, we're looking for help with religious education teachers and assistants, ushers, lectors, eucharistic ministers, choir members, and people who can contribute specific skills in graphic arts, event planning, and building and construction. If you're interested in volunteering, give the parish office a call at 973-694-3400.



**Offering intention for Mass**  
 (Mass Card? What is it?)

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**DIFFERENT TYPES OF MASS INTENTIONS**

**Singular Mass \$20**

If you would like a Mass said for a deceased person, for a special need or occasion, or in thanksgiving, we are honored to pray with you for your intention.

**Novena Mass Series \$130**

This series includes nine Masses celebrated consecutively. A Novena is an act of religious devotion originating in ancient Christianity, often consisting of private or public prayers repeated for nine successive days, hoping to obtain special intercessory graces.

**Gregorian Mass Series \$450**

The Gregorian series of Masses are celebrated over 30 consecutive days. **The Masses must be offered ONLY for one deceased person.** As you can appreciate, we need extra time to arrange these Masses.

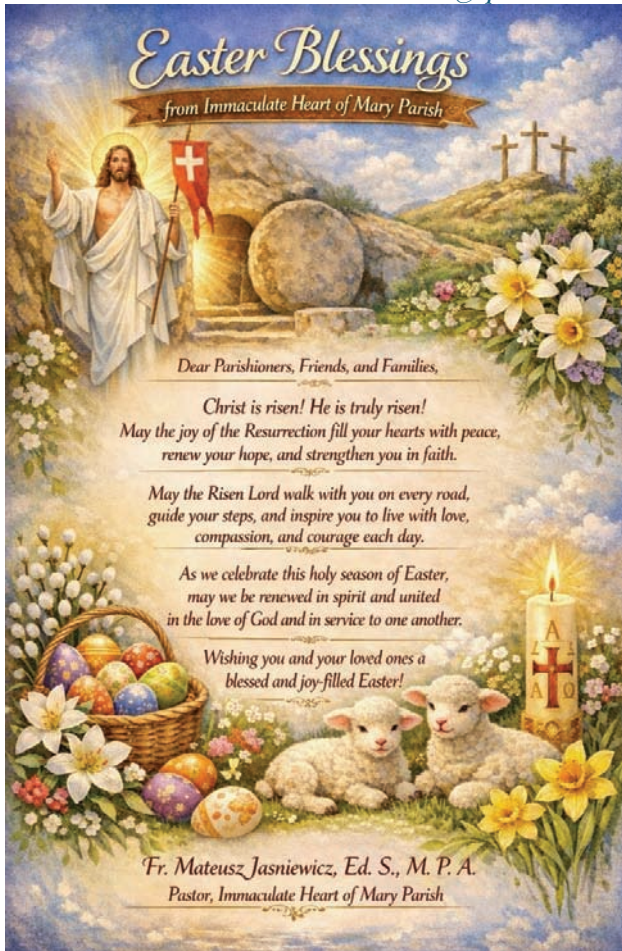
**GREGORIAN MASS SERIES**

Gregorian Masses are a series of Holy Masses traditionally offered on 30 consecutive days as soon as possible after a person's death. They are offered for one individual soul. The custom of offering Gregorian Masses for a particular soul recognizes that few people are immediately ready for heaven after death, and that, through the infinite intercessory power of Christ's sacrifice, made present in Holy Mass, a soul can be continually perfected in grace and enabled to enter finally into the union with the Most Holy Trinity – our God, Who is Love Itself.

Gregorian Masses take their name from Saint Gregory the Great, who was sovereign Pontiff from 590 to 604. St. Gregory the Great contributed to the spread of the pious practice of having these Masses celebrated for the deliverance of the souls from purgatory. In his Dialogues, he tells us that he had Masses on thirty consecutive days offered for the repose of the soul of Justus, a monk who had died in the convent of St. Andrew in Rome. At the end of the thirtieth Mass, the deceased appeared to one of his fellow monks and announced that he had been delivered from the flames of Purgatory.

**HOW DO I GET A MASS CARD OR MASS INTENTION?**

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## STEBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, JULY 17 - SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

Franciscan University, Steubenville, OH

For all current 8<sup>th</sup> Graders & High School Teens

Join BOLD for three days filled with amazing speakers, opportunities for worship, Adoration and Confession, and enjoy fellowship with thousands of other teens who share the same Catholic faith!



The total cost of the trip is \$540. \$370 is due at registration. The remaining \$170 helps covers coach bus transportation and is to be raised through parish support or group fundraising efforts in coordination with your youth minister.

Scan QR code for more details and to register! Questions? Please contact Lisa Valentino at [ihm@boldym.com](mailto:ihm@boldym.com) or text/call (973) 988-3428



## Summer Mission Trip with Catholic Heart Workcamp

**CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND**

**SUNDAY, JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY, JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**ALL CURRENT 8<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

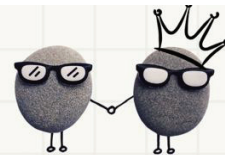
Join BOLD and Catholic HEART Workcamp for a week of service, friendship, spiritual growth, and memories that will last a lifetime! After an amazing week last summer, we're excited to return to Cumberland to do even more good work, spread more joy, and make another unforgettable impact.

Cost: \$875 total (\$50 automatic scholarship available). Includes \$200 deposit, \$275 second payment, and \$400 fundraising portion.



Scan QR code for more details and to register! Questions? Contact Lisa Valentino at [ihm@boldym.com](mailto:ihm@boldym.com) or 973-988-3428

## Friends Rock.



Not all friendships are solid... but the real ones are. Join us for a fun night of games, snacks, and real talk about what real friendship actually looks like.

**High School Teens**

**Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> | 7:00-8:30 PM**

**IHM School Library**

Bring a friend, or come find one!

\$5 for snacks • RSVP at [boldym.com/ihm/events](http://boldym.com/ihm/events)



Questions about BOLD? Contact Lisa Valentino at [ihm@boldym.com](mailto:ihm@boldym.com) or 973-988-3428



SUMMER CAMP



## MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE CAMP

Join us for the ultimate camp experience!  
Service | Faith | Friends | Fun



**Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

All Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> graders fro

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and Holy Spirit Church

Hosted at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Camp Fee: \$195 per camper (\$135 for each additional sibling)

uServe Camp will bring campers to local service sites in the morning, then return to parish property for lunch and a variety of fun and faith-based activities in the afternoon. It is sure to be a great way to spend a week, and will help our community, too!



Register at [boldym.com/HSP/uServe](http://boldym.com/HSP/uServe)

Questions about the uServe Camp? Are you a parent who would like to help during the week?

Please reach out to Lisa Valentino at [ihm@boldym.com](mailto:ihm@boldym.com) or text/call 973-988-3428



# From the Pastor's Desk

## Third Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday



There are moments in life when we keep moving, but our hearts feel heavy. We go to work, answer messages, prepare meals, pay bills, show up where we are supposed to be, and yet something inside us feels disappointed, confused, or tired. Outwardly, life continues.

Inwardly, we may feel like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

That Gospel is one of the most beautiful resurrection stories in all of Scripture. Two disciples are walking away from Jerusalem. They are not running with joy. They are leaving with sadness. Their hopes had been shattered. They even say it plainly: "We were hoping..." That is such a human sentence. We were hoping the marriage would improve. We were hoping the test results would be better. We were hoping the child would return to the faith. We were hoping the problem at home, at work, or in our heart would finally pass. And then Jesus comes near.

That is the heart of this Sunday. The Risen Lord comes near even when he is not recognized. He walks with them before they understand. He listens before he explains. He stays with them in their confusion before he opens their eyes. That should give us great comfort. God does not wait for us to have perfect faith, perfect clarity, or perfect peace before he comes close. He meets us on the road, in the middle of disappointment, and begins there.

The first reading from Acts shows Peter standing up and speaking boldly about the Resurrection. This is the same Peter who once faltered, denied, and failed. Now he speaks with conviction because he has encountered the Risen Christ. That is what Easter does. It changes frightened disciples into courageous witnesses. ()

The Gospel shows us how that change often begins. It does not always begin with fireworks. Sometimes it begins with a quiet walk, an honest conversation, and a heart that slowly starts to burn again. Jesus opens the Scriptures for the disciples and then makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. That pattern still shapes our lives as Catholics. We meet him in the Word. We meet him in the Eucharist. We meet him in the gathered community of faith.

How many times have we come to Mass carrying burdens and distractions, only to leave with a little more strength, a little more hope, a little more light? Not every problem disappears at once. Emmaus did not erase the cross. But it changed the disciples. They no longer walked as people defeated by Good Friday. They returned as people transformed by Easter.

That is an important message for us. Many people today are not openly angry with God. They are simply tired. Tired from bad news. Tired from uncertainty. Tired from carrying private worries that few others see. This Gospel reminds us that faith is not pretending everything is easy. Faith is allowing Jesus to walk with us until we begin to see again.

The responsorial psalm gives us the beautiful refrain: "Lord, you will show us the path of life." Not just the path of survival. Not just the path of getting through another week. The path of life. Real life. Easter life. The kind of life that knows sorrow is real, but not final. The kind of life that still has room for trust.

Saint Peter, in the second reading, reminds us that we were ransomed not with silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. In other words, our lives are not cheap in the eyes of God. We are not forgotten. We are not accidental. We are not abandoned to our disappointments. Christ has paid too great a price for us to believe that our lives have no meaning. Our faith and our hope are in God.

This week, the Church also celebrates the Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist, on Saturday. Saint Mark is a fitting companion for this Sunday because the disciples at Emmaus do not keep their experience to themselves. Once they recognize the Lord, they return to Jerusalem and tell others. That is what evangelization is at its core. It is not marketing. It is not pressure. It is not showing off. It is simply telling others, with sincerity, "The Lord is truly risen, and he has met me on the way."

Perhaps that is the question for each of us this week:

Where is Jesus already walking beside me, even if I have not fully recognized him yet?

Maybe he is there in a conversation that gave you strength.

Maybe he is there in a Scripture passage that stayed with you.

Maybe he is there in the quiet peace you felt after Communion.

Maybe he is there in the person who encouraged you just when you needed it.

Maybe he is there even in a painful season, gently leading you toward a deeper trust.

The Emmaus story teaches us that Easter faith is often born in ordinary places: on a road, around a table, in a conversation, in a simple act of hospitality. The disciples said to Jesus, "Stay with us." That is a beautiful prayer for every one of us. Stay with us, Lord, when our hearts are troubled.

Stay with us when we do not understand. Stay with us when hope feels weak. Stay with us until our eyes are opened. And he does.

He stays in his Word.

He stays in the Eucharist.

He stays in his Church.

He stays in the quiet work of grace within the heart.

May this Easter season renew in us the courage to believe that the Risen Christ is nearer than we think. And may our hearts burn again with faith, hope, and love.

### Reflection Questions for the Week:

1. In what area of my life do I feel like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, disappointed or confused?
2. How is Jesus trying to walk with me and speak to me in this season?
3. Do I come to Mass expecting to meet the Lord in his Word and in the breaking of the bread?
4. What would it mean for me to become a more joyful witness to the Resurrection this week?

### Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, stay with us. Walk beside us in our struggles, open our minds to your Word, and open our eyes to your presence in the Eucharist. When our hearts grow tired, renew them with Easter hope. Help us to recognize you, trust you, and witness to you with courage and joy. Amen.

*Fr. Matt*





AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

Embark on an extraordinary 10-day pilgrimage to Poland, exploring historic cities, breathtaking landscapes, and sacred sites while immersing yourself in rich cultural experiences. This journey is open to everyone, and while Mass will be available for those who wish to attend, it is entirely optional. Our guides will ensure that all participants, regardless of religious background, feel welcome and accommodated.



**SPECIAL OFFER** \$4299 PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY ROOM

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## Poland Pilgrimage & Heritage Journey

10 Days | Gdańsk – Warsaw – Częstochowa – Kraków – Zakopane

Day 1 – Newark: Depart the United States on your overnight flight to Gdańsk, Poland.

Day 2 – Gdańsk: Upon arrival, you will be met by your representative and transferred to your hotel. Flights should arrive in the afternoon. The remainder of the day is free for you to relax or explore on your own. In the evening, join your Tour Manager and fellow travelers for dinner.

Day 3 – Gdańsk / Sopot / Gdynia: After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of Gdańsk, including the history of Lech Wałęsa, Solidarity activist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate. Walk along the "Royal Way" and see the 17th-century Golden Gate, the Neptune Fountain in front of Artus Court, and the Main Town Hall, dating back to the 14th and 15th centuries. Visit St. Mary's Church, the largest Gothic church in Poland. Continue to Sopot for a walk along the longest wooden pier in Europe. Then travel to Gdynia, where the harbor is home to several historic ships open to the public. Highlights include the destroyer Błyskawica, a national treasure and the only remaining ship built before World War II, and the Dar Pomorza, a preserved Polish sailing frigate. Return to your hotel in Gdańsk.

Day 4 – Malbork / Warsaw: Depart for Malbork to visit the Castle of the Teutonic Knights, a massive Gothic fortress built in the 13th and 14th centuries and recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This impressive complex consists of three castles surrounded by separate defensive walls and is considered one of the finest examples of medieval architecture in Europe. After your visit, continue to Warsaw, the capital and largest city of Poland.

Day 5 – Warsaw: Steeped in history, Warsaw is one of the most significant cities in Europe. Enjoy a full-day guided tour, beginning with a walk along the Royal Way to the beautifully restored Old Town and Market Square. Pass St. John's Cathedral and visit the Royal Castle, rebuilt after World War II and restored to its original splendor. Once the residence of Polish kings and the seat of Parliament, it now houses a museum. Continue to the Warsaw Rising Museum, where modern multimedia exhibits bring the events of the 1944 uprising to life. Later, explore Łazienki Park, with its lakes, gardens, palaces, and the famous monument to Frédéric Chopin. The evening is free to explore Warsaw at your own pace.

Day 6 – Częstochowa / Kraków: After breakfast, depart for Kraków. Along the way, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and visit the Monastery of Jasna Góra in Częstochowa, one of the most important Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world. Here, you will see the revered icon of Our Lady of Częstochowa, known as the Black Madonna, long believed to hold special spiritual significance. Continue to Kraków and check into your hotel. The evening is at leisure.

Day 7 – Kraków

Kraków, the former capital of Poland and the city of St. John Paul II, is one of the best-preserved historic cities in Europe. Begin a walking tour through the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the Main Market Square, the largest medieval square in Europe, and Cloth Hall, one of the world's oldest shopping centers. See St. Mary's Basilica, where the traditional trumpet call is played daily. Continue to Wawel Hill to visit Wawel Castle and Wawel Cathedral, the coronation site of Polish kings. View the Sigismund Bell and enjoy panoramic views of the city. In the afternoon, visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore its underground chambers, salt sculptures, a subterranean lake, and the remarkable Chapel of St. Kinga, carved entirely from salt.

Day 8 – Auschwitz / Kazimierz

Today, visit the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum. Between 1940 and 1945, more than one million people perished at this Nazi concentration camp. Preserved as a memorial and UNESCO World Heritage Site, it stands as a powerful reminder of the Holocaust. The visit includes the original camp grounds, the Death Wall, memorials, barracks, and a documentary film about the camp's liberation. In the afternoon, explore the Kazimierz district, the historic center of Jewish life in Kraków. Visit Szeroka Street, known from Schindler's List, as well as historic synagogues, including the Remuh Synagogue and cemetery, and the Eagle Pharmacy. In the evening, gather for a farewell dinner.

Day 9 – Zakopane

Enjoy a scenic full-day excursion to Zakopane, located in the Tatra Mountains and known for its distinctive wooden architecture and highland culture. Visit the village of Chochołów, famous for its traditional wooden houses, and taste oscypek, a regional smoked sheep cheese, in a local shepherd's hut. A traditional highlander lunch will be served before returning to Kraków.

Day 10 – Kraków / Newark

This morning, transfer to Kraków Airport for your return flight home. Your journey comes to an end, but the memories of Poland's history, faith, and beauty will remain with you.

### WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- Round-trip airfare (Economy Class)
- All airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- First-class hotels (prices based on double occupancy)
- Land and air transportation/transfers as per itinerary
- Two meals per day (breakfast & dinner), sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary.
- Daily Masses
- Professional guides
- Medical Insurance that covers you for the duration of your trip.

### UPGRADES

Flight upgrades are limited. Please indicate your interest by checking box on the registration form.

### THE TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Passport and Visa Expenses: Passports or any additional documents that may be required. Passports must be valid after 6 months of the return date.
- Personal Items: Laundry, other beverages (wines, liquors, mineral water, tea, coffee, etc.) and food that are not on the menus of your included meal package, and any additional luggage.
- Non-Itinerary Fees: Any sightseeing, other services, or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in the itinerary.
- Cancellation Protection Plan: We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance upon registration.
- Lunch: The meal plan offers two meals per day: Breakfast & Dinner. You are responsible for lunch or any meals not specified in the program's itinerary.
- Tips: The recommended amounts of tips per person are \$7.00 – \$10.00 per day for guide and priest, \$5.00 – \$7.00 per day for driver(s), and \$1.00 – \$2.00 per day for hotels.

### BOOKING CONDITIONS

A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$500 per person is required when booking. Each reservation will be processed with a deposit. Full payment is due June 28, 2026. Late registrations received after the deadline (June 28, 2026) require an additional \$100 (subject to availability). If payment is not made in full 30 days before departure, your payments are non-refundable.

**YOU MAY USE ANY MAJOR CREDIT CARD TO PAY YOUR DEPOSIT AND THE ENTIRE TRIP (3.5% IS ADDED TO EACH CC TRANSACTION).**



# ACTIVE PARISHIONER

## The Importance of Registration in Parish Community

Registration is the formal process through which we become part of a parish community. Many individuals assume that simply attending a specific parish automatically grants them membership.

However, true membership involves signing up and officially enrolling in the parish. It goes beyond merely completing forms; registration signifies a commitment to a community and a means of participating in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of the parish.

Committing to a parish is similar to dedicating oneself to a family, sports team, school, or community organization. Just as you expect the parish to provide Masses, Sacraments, education programs, and ministries, the parish also relies on your support and involvement in its mission, encouraging you to be an active member.

An active parishioner is someone who has received or is preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

An active parishioner is someone who regularly attends Mass at IHM Church and actively participates in the sacramental programs for Penance, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Parents seeking a Catholic Faith Formation and Education for their children ensure that their family attends Mass consistently every Sunday.

An active parishioner gives of themselves by donating TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE to the ministries of the parish and or to the volunteer organizations that support the parish. We are to share in the responsibilities that keep our Parish alive in a vibrant way.

An active parishioner is a good financial steward of the church. As a parishioner, it is important to understand that giving financially to support the parish is a vital and key component to active parishioner status.

At times young adults who have moved away for years think they are still registered under their parents. Or sometimes previously registered parishioners join another parish, or are inactive for a long period of time, but assume they are still registered here. When they want to come back to receive a sacrament, such as baptism or marriage, or perhaps enroll a child in the religious education program, they find that they are no longer registered here and must begin the process over.

**To fully enjoy the various services provided at IHM Church, parishioners who wish to serve as godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, as well as those looking to enter into Holy Matrimony or obtain a Letter of Recommendation, must first be confirmed as "active members" of the parish.**



### An Active Member:

- ✓ Is properly registered on the parish rolls, with all contact information kept current.
- ✓ All payment transactions to accounts in the name of the Company
- ✓ Participates in parish activities/ministries whenever possible
- ✓ Consistently uses the parish envelope system or online giving portal for donations to support the parish ministries and other social and ministerial services.

**To begin the process of registration or update exiting parish records  
ONLINE: [How to Register Page - ihmwaynenj.org/im-new](http://ihmwaynenj.org/im-new)  
IN-PERSON: Please visit the parish office to fill out a registration form.**

# Reading the Scriptures

In today's Gospel reading two disciples were walking together and thinking sadly about how Jesus had just been tortured and killed. Then Jesus started walking with them- but they didn't recognize Him. He explained to them what the Scriptures had said about Him suffering and dying. He helped them to understand what God's plan had been.



Every time we go to Mass we hear about Jesus in the Gospel reading. But we don't need to wait until Mass to learn about Jesus. You can read the Bible every day. God wants us to know Him better so we can love Him more. And the more we love Him the happier we will be.

Do you have a children's Bible? Maybe your Mom or Dad can read to you from the big Bible a little every morning or night. Reading saint stories also helps us to know God through His friends. Try to read or listen to some of the Bible or the life of a saint every day!



Answer to puzzle on front: In the Breaking of the Bread.  
Top- 4, 1 middle- 2, 6 bottom- 3, 5.  
Answer to picture puzzle inside:

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# The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Easter  
April 19th, 2026



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The disciples on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize Jesus at first. How did they recognize Him eventually? Use the code to find out!

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## Saint Mark April 25

**SAINT MARK WAS A FOLLOWER OF JESUS, ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT ONE OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES.**

*Jesus is preaching - let's go listen!*

**HE WAS LIKELY ONE OF THE SEVENTY DISCIPLES THAT JESUS SENT AHEAD TO PREPARE FOR HIM.**

*Go to the towns and villages...*

**AFTER JESUS WENT INTO HEAVEN MARK TRAVELED WITH SAINT PAUL.**

*Thanks for coming! How are the others?*

**MARK ALSO SPOKE A LOT WITH SAINT PETER.**

*Jesus took John, James and me...*

**MARK WROTE THE LIFE OF JESUS SO THAT PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE WOULD BE ABLE TO READ ABOUT HIM.**

*Tie him up and we'll drag him through the streets.*

**SAINT MARK WENT TO ALEXANDRIA WHERE HE BECAME THEIR FIRST BISHOP. HE DIED AS A MARTYR FOR JESUS IN THE YEAR 68.**

**SAINT MARK KNEW THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT JESUS, SO HE WROTE HIS STORY, OR GOSPEL. DO YOU EVER READ BIBLE STORIES? DO YOU PAY ATTENTION TO THE GOSPEL READING AT CHURCH? TRY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JESUS SO YOU CAN BE MORE LIKE HIM!**

## Picture Puzzle: The Road to Emmaus

How well do you know the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus? Figure out the order of the pictures and put the appropriate numbers in the corners.

*This is my Body...*

*I can't believe it - Jesus is dead!*

*Didn't you know...*

*We saw Jesus!*

*Won't you come in?*

*It's Jesus!*



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For additional information, please call the parish office at (973)694-3400.

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We lovingly share what we are and what we have with all people on our journey together, strengthening our Christian way of life.

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Sunday 8:00, 10:30 am\*, 12:00 noon,  
\*Sunday 10:30 am Mass is live-streamed  
Daily Mass: Monday- Friday 8:30 am  
Mass on Holy Days: 8:30 am, 7:00 pm

**CELEBRATION OF THE RECONCILIATION**

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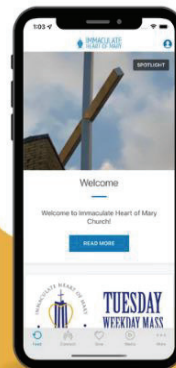
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