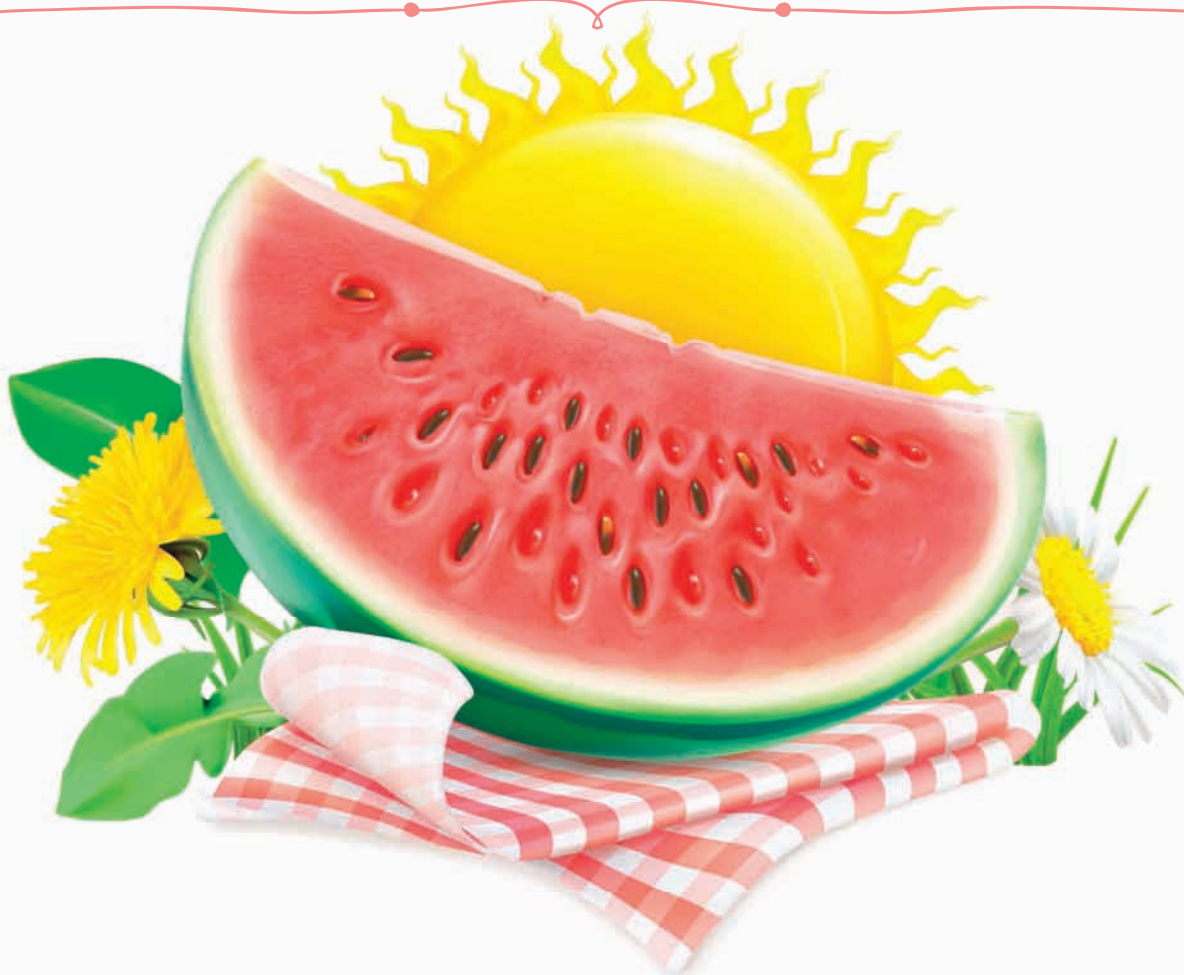


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LIVESTREAMING MASS:

Online Mass

Wherever you go this summer, we encourage you to attend Mass in person (for help, visit MASSTIMES.ORG). When it is not possible, please know that IHM Livestream will continue. Parishioners began to participate virtually in Mass by tuning in to the livestreams. While thankfully the Church is open to the public again, 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:** 8:00AM | 10:00AM | 12:00PM

Weekday: 6:45AM | 9:00AM

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

LEARNING THROUGH WORD ON FIRE:

Our parish provides our parishioners with complete access to Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire ENGAGE video library. These films and videos feature Bishop Barron, who has been hailed as "one of the Church's greatest messengers", and is the second most-followed Catholic in the world on social media (behind Pope Francis.)



These videos are available to any IHM Parishioner who is signed up for IHM's Flocknote messages. If you have Flocknote access, please go to ihmscarsdale.flocknote.com and use the blue login button. Once logged in, a big banner will appear with an orange button "Visit WoFDigital.org".

KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH FLOCKNOTE:

Last year, our weekly bulletin has been converted to an online version utilizing Flocknote. All bulletins are archived on the parish website. If you would like to begin receiving the Weekly Bulletin/Pastor Messages to your inbox:



Text IHMS to 84576 or Visit ihmscarsdale.flocknote.com



GIVING THROUGH WESHARE:

We are now at over 190 households making weekly or monthly online donations! Many others also use WeShare to make one-time Contributions. We are grateful to report that over the past year, over 500 Parishioners have contributed through WeShare. 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.



VISITING OUR PARISH WEBSITE: IHM-PARISH.ORG

We are constantly updating and refreshing our parish website! We have included updated 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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My dear friends,

As we prepare for the summer months of July and August and look forward to the Fall, I hope this printed bulletin will allow the opportunity to reflect on where we are as a parish and how we envision this September and beyond.

While there is always a good deal to be maintained in parish and family life, Pope Francis is always reminding us to be a Church on Mission. Our share in fostering that Mission of Jesus Christ's Grace and Salvation is founded on the fact that by Baptism we are beloved daughters and sons of God in Jesus Christ. This identity then gives us the ability to enter into relationship with the Father, the Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit through the daily union of prayer and the weekly Holy Communion of the Eucharist. Flowing from this identity and relationship is finally where we receive our mission - the particular good that God is asking of me this moment, this day, this week, this year and even this life as my vocation.

Saint Mother Teresa would formulate this dynamic differently: "The fruit of silence is prayer; the fruit of prayer is faith; the fruit of faith is love; the fruit of love is service; the fruit of service is peace." With the reopening of our Perpetual Adoration Chapel this September, I hope and pray it may be a good source of prayer, faith and inspiration for all sorts of charity.

This past season, our Parish Council under the leadership of Eileen Tobin, President, has been hard at work with various committees, particularly the Social Ministries Outreach Committee. Based on their thorough work with what Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is doing and has been involved in, I offer this reflection as an opportunity to invite new or deeper ways of service as the good Lord may be inspiring us in our hearts.

When people ask from time-to-time, what can I do to help, what comes to my mind are the Church's Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. They are the organic and ordinary way of God's grace transforming the world one person encountering another at a time. Their foundation is from Matthew's Gospel, chapter 25 verses 31 to 46, where Jesus' radically identifies himself with the least among us and lets us know what will separate the sheep from the goats on the Last Day when we stand before Him in Judgment.

So if we never had an opportunity to commit them to memory or have not considered them previously, here we go:



The Corporal Works of Mercy:

- To feed the hungry.*
- To give water to the thirsty.*
- To clothe the naked.*
- To shelter the homeless.*
- To visit the sick.*
- To visit the imprisoned, or ransom the captive.*
- To bury the dead.*

The Spiritual Works of Mercy:

- To instruct the ignorant.*
- To counsel the doubtful.*
- To admonish the sinner.*
- To bear wrongs patiently.*
- To forgive offenses willingly.*
- To comfort the afflicted.*
- To pray for the living and the dead.*

As we reflect on these time-tested opportunities to put our faith into action (as we see from the Letter of James 2:14-26), it is always good to start in our homes, our places of work, our schools and in our neighborhoods. Even still, perhaps the Lord is moving your heart to get more involved in a particular way with one of the ministries that IHM does or even to develop a response to an unmet local or more broad need. It may inspire a form of public service in some, but a service that does not seek to hide our beliefs from the world, rather one that seeks to live out being Members of Christ's Body the Church in such service.

When it comes to the Spiritual Works of Mercy, perhaps there is an ignorance of some part of the faith or of Scripture in us. Perhaps the Lord may be inviting us to deeper knowledge of the faith so that our love of Jesus and His brothers and sisters may deepen. We are blessed with wonderful online materials through Flocknotes from Formed (Saint Augustine Institute) and Engage (Word on Fire - Bishop Barron). I expect that the parish will also offer other in-person formation opportunities in the Fall, such as our Women's Formation Group had this past Spring. Such formation may set our hearts on fire with Jesus and make us more authentic witnesses seeking to bring the Light of Christ to others in charity. Perhaps it may lead some to become catechists in our Religious Education Program or others to join the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults to become a fully initiated Catholic.

This summer, as you reconnect with family, get away for relaxation and seek good recreation, please do not forget that our souls need a summer break, too. Consider an opportunity for refreshment and renewal in quiet and especially in the presence of our Lord. Who knows what Jesus may stir up in the depths of our hearts, opening our eyes to needs close to us or further away. It is a good opportunity to review our service of time, talent or treasure that enables us to take our part in the Mission of Jesus Christ for the Salvation of the World.

A blessed summer to all!



Immaculate Heart of Mary Religious Education

The purpose of the Religious Education Program is to assist parents in the sacred responsibility entrusted to them at their child's Baptism: to form and educate their children to become disciples of Jesus in the Catholic faith. An integral part of a true Catholic home life is the child's attendance at Mass every Sunday and on the Holy Days of Obligation. The Religious Education Program helps the child to understand, ever more deeply, the meaning of the Mass which the family regularly attends.

We have good news! The entire registration process for the 2021-2022 IHM Religious Education Program, including credit card payment, is now Online! We have added pages to the Church website, www.ihm-parish.org/religious-education, including an online calendar, and we have begun to send out updates using Flocknote.

Religious Ed. Office:
Phone: 914-723-7593, Fax: 914-723-7209
ihmsor@ihmscarsdale.org
ihm-parish.org/religious-education

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Parish Council has been continuing our monthly meetings via Zoom this year, with the hope of being able to meet in person starting in September. The Council has representatives from various committees and ministries throughout the Parish including the Parish School, School of Religion, Ushers, Knights of Columbus, Right to Life Society, CYO organizations, and the College Evening Group as well as the Parish Council initiatives of One Community and Social Ministry Outreach Committees. Members have offered insight, updates, and feedback on much of the good work currently being done throughout the Parish as well as future projects still in planning stages. Although this year has been uniquely challenging with the pandemic and remote meetings, the Council is proud of the work we have begun this year and looks forward to continuing to contribute to our Parish life in a meaningful



and positive way in 2021-22. We would also like to thank Msgr. Sweeney for a wonderful first year together.

IHM ONE COMMUNITY

The IHM One Community Committee seeks to enhance and strengthen our Parish faith community by coordinating events and activities amongst the Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Religious Education Program, and various Parish organizations and ministries. The Committee will foster relationships within our communities; welcoming, supporting, and engaging parishioners and guests through faith and friendship with an "all are welcome" atmosphere.

On May 23rd, IHM came together to celebrate the Month of Mary by planting flowers and enjoying music. The success of the event was from generous contributions especially from the Bulfamante Family and Galloway's Bakery. **Check the Weekly Bulletin for upcoming events!**





FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL TRACY KEELIN

Immaculate Heart of Mary Scarsdale, NY



Dear Friends,

What a year it has been! I write this 4 days before our 8th grade graduation. As I sit and reflect on how far we have come this year, it not only amazes me, it makes me extremely proud. Proud to be the Principal of a school with educators like ours - who stepped up to the plate not knowing what this would look like. Every day they taught our students everything they needed to know and more, and did it by sometimes thinking outside the box on how to reach them. For this I am beyond grateful. I am proud to be the Principal of a school with 200 plus students, ranging from ages 3-12, who have a deep desire to learn. They come to school with a smile on their face daily and constantly exude the school spirit and love for IHM. I am proud to be the Principal of a school with such supportive parents. You believe in us every day and know we have your children as our number one priority.

HERE'S TO THE END OF 2021 SCHOOL YEAR!



This year was like no other and we persevered. Our 8th graders were all accepted to their high school choices and received merit scholarships. Our enrollment is higher than it has been in years and it continues to grow. We have much to celebrate and know it is all because of the support of everyone involved in the Immaculate Heart of Mary School.

I wish you all a safe, healthy and happy summer. I look forward to seeing you all in September!

God Bless.

HAVE A GREAT
Summer

With Prayer and Gratitude,

Tracy Keelin

Principal



Welcome to all our visitors to our parish community. *To stay informed visit www.IHM-parish.org.* Registrations are accepted online for new parishioners. For those who would like to become Catholic or complete their Sacraments of Initiation, the process is called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and it will begin again this Fall.



PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration will return to IHM this September. More information will follow.



RENEW + REBUILD UPDATE

Goal: \$1,774,500
Pledged: \$2,372,813
Paid: \$1,998,473
Balance: \$374,399



Implementing phase one of the Renew + Rebuild repairs is underway. It addresses church and rectory roof repairs, window repairs and replacement, exterior masonry repairs as well as the complete replacement of the lower church windows.

The Architect's project drawings were submitted for bid and the contractor has been selected. All required documentation and information have been submitted to the NY Archdiocese for review and approval at Easter. What previously had taken a month for approval, is now taking up to six months.

The Contractor will mobilize as soon as the NY Archdiocese approval is granted, and a schedule will be issued.

The R + R Committee is currently looking ahead to the planning and funding of Phase 2 which will include painting and flooring of the church interior.

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.

Monsignor Sweeney

IHM COLLEGE GROUP

IHM's College Group provides college-aged students the opportunity to connect with one another through discussion and prayer. The group meets every other Thursday in the Church from 7:30-8:30pm. Upcoming dates are July 8th & July 22nd.

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.

If you are interested in joining us or would like more information please contact Daniella Ashman at dasher0509@gmail.com.



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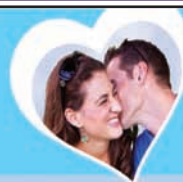
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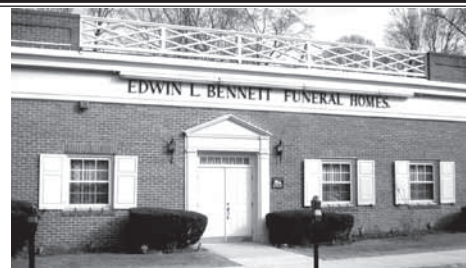
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