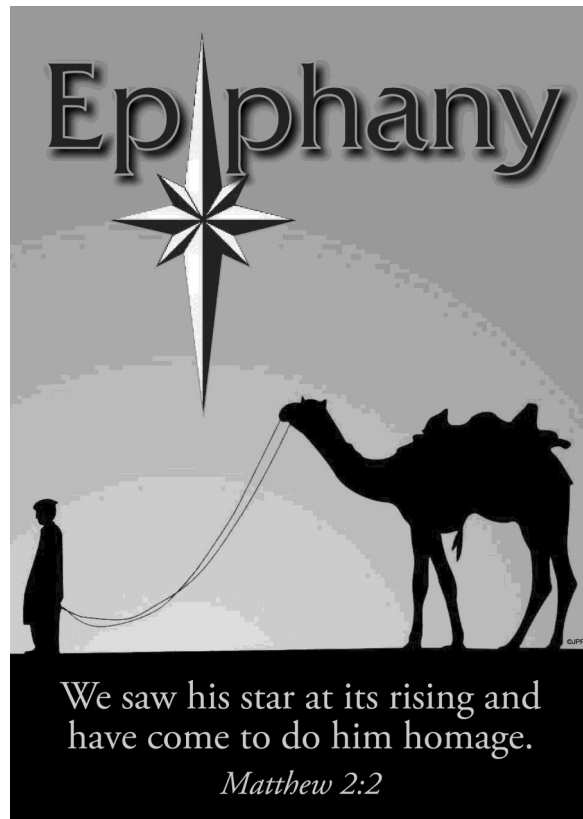


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Epiphany of the Lord, January 3, 2021



Immaculate Heart of Mary is now celebrating Mass in church on a limited basis, please see page 2 for details. Mass will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook & our website: www.ihmparish.net.

Reconciliation is now available on Saturdays from 4:15 – 4:45 p.m.. If you are in need of assistance or have questions please call or email the office. We are monitoring our phones & email and look forward to helping you in any way we can.

***The IHM Office is closed to the public until further notice.
The new Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is now open.***

***Served by: Rev. Michael G. Ward, K.H.S., Pastor
Rev. Valentine Ugwuanya, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Robert Kunze, Weekend Assistant
Deacon Jack Lynch***

***Katie Wills - Director of Music Ministry
Mary Clinton - Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation
Website: www.ihmparish.net***

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MISSION STATEMENT

“We reach out to all through prayer and service, as we live our Catholic faith in Christ with Mary”

Note from Fr. Mike



Our celebration today helps us to recognize the universality of God's love and salvation. Until this time the gentiles appeared to be excluded from God's plan. Isaiah indicates something greater when he says that the nations will walk by the light of Jerusalem who is rising up in joy and splendor. The word Epiphany means revelation, and we see a revelation of God's plan in the adoration of the Magi who begin to show us that God's plan of salvation is open to all. While Herod, the chief priests and scribes and all Jerusalem were worried, the gentile magi come to adore and be enlightened. As we begin a new year may we reflect the universality of God's love more in our lives.

Happy New year and peace,

Fr. Mike

New Year's Prayer

God, thank you for a New Year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Amen.

Thank you!

Thank you to the ministers, the live stream technicians and the Christmas decorators. You all helped make our Christmas services absolutely beautiful!

IHM Women's Prayer Group

The IHM Women's Prayer Group will meet virtually via Zoom on Thursday, January 7 at 7:30 pm. The theme of our gathering will be "Looking for Jesus in the Gifts of the Magi".

We hope you'll join us! If you new to the group and would like to participate, please email Tracey Foley at tefoleyihm@gmail.com so we can add you to our distribution list.



Lessons and Carols

Thank you to Katie Wills and the IHM choir for a wonderful concert. Thank you also to everyone who livestreamed Lessons and Carols. The music was truly beautiful.

Mass Update in Accordance with COVID-19 Guidelines

All Masses are now celebrated publicly in church with COVID 19 protocols. The 8:30 am daily Mass and the Sunday 10:00 am Mass will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook & on our website: www.ihmparish.net.

Remember the obligation to attend the Sunday Eucharist remains suspended until further notice. IHM will continue to livestream our Masses. In charity and love for our parishioners and clergy, please keep in mind the following protocols:

- *In accord with national, state and local health directives, those who show symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been exposed to an infected person are not permitted to enter the church for 14 days.*
- *Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue or who are 60 or older are strongly encouraged to avoid the risks posed by attendance at public celebrations of the Mass.*
- *Masks must be worn while in the church. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the church, please use it when entering and exiting.*
- *Our church has been sanitized and is cleaned on a regular basis.*

Space is limited as social distancing guidelines are still in place and must be followed. Reservations must be made to attend mass through our website or by calling the office at (908) 889-2100. Complete details can be found on our website: <https://ihmparish.net> as well as the link to sign up for specific masses. Stay healthy!

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 3rd

8:00 am **Thomas J. Sharkey+** By the Swenson Family
 10:00 am **Priests of IHM+** By Bernadette Dwyer
 12:00 pm **Robert Seery+** By Mary Graham

Monday, January 4th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Susan Bishop+** By Barbara Apgar

Tuesday, January 5th

7:00 am **Margaret Hudson+** By Colm & Gerladine Keogh
 8:30 am **Denis Sullivan+** By Mary Mahony

Wednesday, January 6th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Charles Doherty+** By Anne Gibbons

Thursday, January 7th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Eugenie Lucille Boese+** By Mary & Don Clinton

Friday, January 8th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Mary Cleave+** By Bernard Whalen

Saturday, January 9th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Nitsa Kyprianou+** By Janet Frazier
 5:00 pm **Rocco Antonio Bollaro+** By Gladys & Steve Sheppard

Sunday, January 10th

8:00 am **Karen Crane** By the Swenson Family
 10:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish+**
 12:00 pm **Flavio J. Grasso+** By Colm & Geraldine Keogh

The Altar Bread & Wine for the Week of January 3rd:



For the Intentions of the Foulks Family
 Requested by Mary Beth Cregg

Sanctuary Light: Week of January 3rd:



For the intentions of Susan Bishop+
 Requested by: Barbara Apgar

Remember Our Sick



John Allen	Juliann Junio
Rose Badala	Eileen Lynch
Larry Biunno	Maureen Lynch
Fran Boglioli	Owen Mike McCabe
Erin Brennan	June McManus
Samatha Bridge	Christine Morris
James Brown	Jim Morris
Kevin Brown	Bob McMillion
John Burkert	Marlene Mosko
Anna Cassella	Danielle Nabinger
Paul Cassidy	Hilda Pizza
Matthew Cassio	Charlie Plungis
Frank Chimento	Diane Pricken
Colm Cosgrove	Susan Rozborski
Edward Clark	Bernard Slaza
Joe Clarke	Beverly Sopp
Ray Clark	Ryder Francis Spillane
Dorothy D'Angelo	Paul Szecker
Marie Farrell	Carole Ventre
Albert Fischer, Jr.	Daniel Ventura
Emily Fleming	Sr.Elizabeth Vermaelen
Mary Foster	Stephen Voorhees
Nicole Griffin	Christy Ward
John Healing	



Remember those who have died:
Pat Dillon+

Hospital Privacy

Please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow hospitals/pastoral care offices to contact parishes. If you or a loved one are in the hospital and want a priest to visit, please call the IHM office at (908) 889-2100.

Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of January 3rd:

In Memory of the death of Helen Bergen+

Requested by Mary Jane Bergen



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Clergy and Staff of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. May God bless you and your families.

A Year End Charitable Giving Tip...

If you are 70 1/2 or older and need to make required minimum distributions (RMD) from you IRA, you can do so without the distribution being taxed. This can be accomplished by making the RMD directly to a charitable organization.

Please call the office at (908) 889-2100 for additional details.

IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group Virtual Meeting Saturday January 9th at 9:15AM

The next meeting of IHM's men's scripture study and discussion group will take place "virtually" on Saturday, January 9, 2021, at 9:15 am on ZOOM. All men of the parish (as well as neighboring parishes) are welcome. We will discuss Sunday's (the 10th) scripture and then open the meeting up for discussion. The meeting will last about an hour.

ZOOM is a user friendly video conference call that can be accessed through smartphones, PCs or tablets. You can also call into the meeting with a regular phone and participate without video.

You will need to get the details (phone number to call, computer link, etc.) ahead of time, so if you wish to participate please email David Diken at dndiken@aol.com for an invitation to the session.

The IHM Giving Tree

Thank you to all parishioners who Generously donated gifts to our Giving Tree! May God bless you.



**Scripture Reflection
The Epiphany**



*"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."
Matthew 2:11*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow. Each of us is called to open our gifts before Jesus, offering Him what He needs. If you have trouble with this idea, keep one of the Magi from your Nativity set on your desk all year as a reminder to bring your gifts to Jesus.



Most gifts will bring you a deep sense of joy on many levels – joy from the actual item you received and joy in knowing that someone thought about you. Catholic Charities reaches out to those who may not receive one gift and may have no one to think about them. Help Catholic Charities by contributing to the clothing bin located on our property. Thank you.

Are you a young man considering priesthood?

The "Newark Priest" exists to help encourage Christians to participate in the active discernment of their specific calling to love others. Whether you are discerning a call to the priesthood or trying to help someone else discern their call, we are here for you. Please call us at 973 313-6190 and or visit www.newarkpriest.com.



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**Minister Assignments
Weekend of January 9-10th**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Clark	Good-Piga Zucosky Torzewsky	Fr. Mike
8:00 am	Keogh	Gibbons Dill	Fr. Mike
10:00 am	Davis	Deacon Jack Diken Carlino	Fr. Valentine
12:00 pm	O'Connor	McGuinness Sullivan	Fr. Rob

**A New Giving Option to Support Our Parish
TEXT-TO-GIVE 908-224-3545**

Text a dollar amount to (908) 224-3545; you will then be directed on how to proceed through your existing Parish Giving account or setting up a new account.

Rosary Altar Society:



We hope you all had a wonderful, peaceful and blessed Christmas Day, but remember it's not just a day but a season. So we hope it continues for you!

We do wish you a very Happy, Healthy, and Blessed New Year!

Thank you all for your generosity to the Missionaries of Charity. We collected a total of \$1420! Thank you.

Unfortunately, we have to postpone our annual January luncheon due to Covid-19, the winter weather, and rising coronavirus numbers. However, look out for a future date in the 2021 spring!

"Where the Rosary is recited there will be days of peace and tranquility." St John Bosco

Why not start a new habit in 2021 and visit the Adoration Chapel?

"A world at prayer is a world at peace." Father Patrick Peyton. That is why we are praying for you,

Parish Information

Religious Education Classes

Questions? Faithformation@ihmparish.net

Baptisms: Please call the office at (908) 889-2100.

Adoration Chapel:

The new Adoration Chapel is open. Contact Betty Swisher at 908 889-2100 for details. Chapel closed on Holy Days & Holidays.

Marriage:

Appointments should be made at least one year in advance. Contact the priest about a date and Pre-Cana information.

New Parishioners:

Registration forms available at www.ihmparish.net or in the office.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound:

Please notify the parish office of those who are sick or homebound, in hospitals or are unable to worship. For urgent calls, contact 908 889-2100 at any time.

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:

Religious education for adults who are either not Baptized or who are Catholic, but have not received all of their sacraments and would like to be Confirmed or receive Communion. We have flexible hours. Call 908 889-2100. All are welcome.

Reconciliation: Saturdays: 4:15-4:45 pm

Arrangements can be made at any time for private confession. Please call the office.

Parish Schools:

St. Bartholomew Academy (908) 322-4265
Union Catholic Regional High School (908) 889-1600.

Website: www.ihmparish.net



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Bible Basics for Beginners

Six Sundays via Zoom

**Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan 10,
Feb. 7, March 7, April 25
11am - 12 noon**



Check your email for signup link.

Presented by Immaculate Heart of Mary

Instructor: Allan Wright



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Offertory Collection

December 20th

Weekly Budget Need:	\$10,784.32
Collection:	4,643.00
Parish Giving (includes text to give)	3,922.56
Surplus/(Deficit):	(2,218.76)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget	\$269,608.68
Actual	238,532.74
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$31,075.26)

Thank you for your generosity!



Calendar of Events at IHM



Sunday January 3rd

Monday, January 4th

Tuesday, January 5th

Wednesday, January 6th

9:30 am—Centering Prayer Meeting
Food Pantry Distribution

Thursday, January 7th

7:30 pm - Women's Prayer Group Zoom Mtg

Friday, January 8th

Saturday, January 9th

9:15 am - Men's Scripture Discussion Zoom Mtg

Sunday, January 10th

11 am - Bible Basics Zoom Meeting

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Are you new to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish? Has your contact information changed?

Are you interested in joining the parish? Would you like to receive our emails?
If yes, please fill out this form and send it to the IHM office.



I am new to IHM and/or I would like to register.

I would like to receive information regarding Faith Formation.

I am interested in volunteering for a ministry.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____