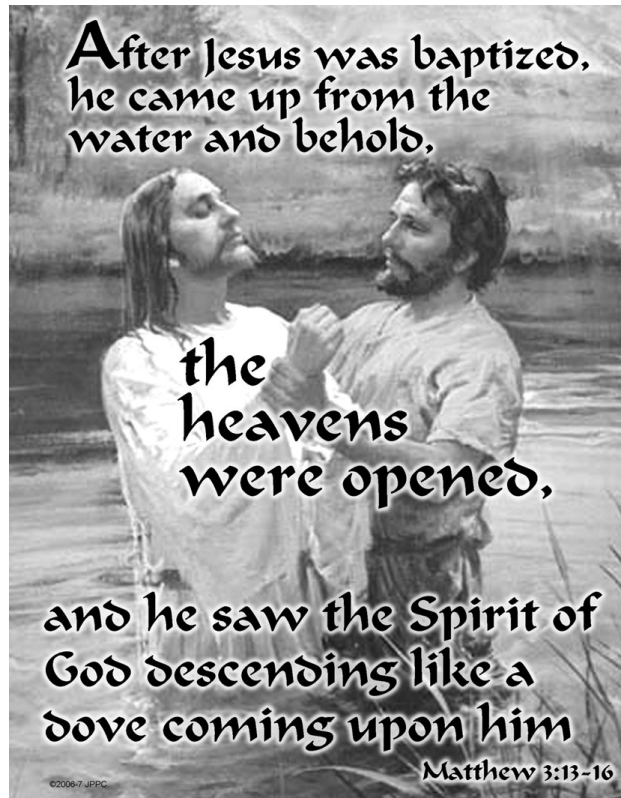


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Baptism of the Lord, January 10, 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 of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season in which we have been celebrating the Incarnation, God becoming man. Last week it was revealed that God's offer of salvation was universal, was to all people. Today's Gospel shows us that salvation comes through His Son, Jesus Christ, God made man. We are invited to enter more deeply into relationship with Christ. We are those who are thirsty and hungry and are invited to let the love of our Lord fill us. In responding to this invitation we are better able to recognize the love of Christ in our lives and also better able to share that same love with others. The scene in the Gospel comes at the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus, thus helping us make the transition into Ordinary (ordered not plain) time.

Peace,
Fr. Mike

Thank you!

We are so fortunate to have Mass livestreamed from IHM every day, either via Facebook or our website (www.ihmparish.net). We are so appreciative to our Media Ministry team who tirelessly bring the Mass into our homes, and to those who continue working on improving and streamlining the process....

- Rick Aiere and Russ Wills are the primary technical advisors of the "AV team" along with assistance from Zach Wills. We would literally be in the dark without them -- thank you!
- Geraldine Keogh was behind the camera non-stop for months.... now we have a fantastic team of volunteers to lighten the load -- many thanks to Geraldine, Olivia Aiere, Tricia Aiere, Chris Comprechio, MaryKate Schiller, Rich Fortunato, Bob Speth, Sally Davis, and Dave Diken.



Thank You for Decorating Our Church for Christmas!



We'd like to thank Chris Zucosky and the "Merry Men" AND WOMEN who have done an outstanding job of decorating both inside and outside for us yet again this Advent and Christmas season! Chris Zucosky, MaryKate Schiller, Mike Marino, Donnagh Ryan, Rich Fortunato, Pam Duthie, Billy Duthie, Rich Duthie, Joe Farrell and Charlie Mulrooney.

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 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

Monday, January 11th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Madeline Pravata+** By Marilyn & Gabriel Spera

Tuesday, January 12th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Edward & Evelyn Gottlick+** By Patricia Markey

Wednesday, January 13th

7:00 am **Dino Valez+** By Olive Valez
 8:30 am **Rose Faccone+** By Blum & Veglia Families

Thursday, January 14th

7:00 am **Jimmy Malfetti+** From Mom & Dad
 8:30 am **Robert Seery+** By Anne Gibbons

Friday, January 15th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Dorothy A. Bass+** By Donna Ayers

Saturday, January 16th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Robert Seery+** By Richard & Eileen Wagner
 5:00 pm **Frances Takacs+** By Barbara Apgar

Sunday, January 17th

8:00 am **Lillian M. Eilbacher** By the Family of Lillian Eilbacher
 10:00 am **Thomas Sharkey+** By Colm & Gerldine Keogh
 12:00 pm **Mary Marvosa+** By the Lundgren Family

Remember Our Sick



John Allen	John Heiling
Rose Badala	Juliann Junio
Larry Biunno	Eileen Lynch
Fran Boglioli	Maureen Lynch
Erin Brennan	Owen Mike McCabe
Samatha Bridge	June McManus
James Brown	Christine Morris
Kevin Brown	Jim Morris
John Burkert	Bob McMillion
Anna Cassella	Marlene Mosko
Paul Cassidy	Danielle Nabinger
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



Remember those who have died:
Joseph McLane+, Louis Grote+,
Michael Citrano+

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.

The Altar Bread & Wine for the Week of January 10th:



In Memory of Marge Malone+
 Requested by Mary Beth Cregg

Sanctuary Light: Week of January 10th:



For the intentions of Rose Faccone+
 Requested by: Blum & Veglia Families

Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of January 10th:

For the intentions of:

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The cold winds of January and the harsh weather are strong reminders that our voyage in life is not smooth and comfortable at all times. There are many who do not have the resources to meet the demands of daily living. Catholic Charities is the lifesaver for many such people. Please consider bringing your unwanted clothing, linens and small appliances to our donation bin. Thank you. Any questions or comments, please contact Maria at 973-596-3985.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Drive 2021



Sunday, January 10th 9am – 12noon

Please bring non-perishable food items, full sized toiletries, paper towels, toilet paper and soap.

“NO CONTACT DROP OFF”

Tables will be set up outside in the rear church parking lot. Teens with masks will be there to assist you. Feel free to “pull up” pop your truck and they will empty it out on to the tables.

Questions can be texted to Geraldine 908 405-1224 or Benjamin at 908 917-7028.

Spiritual Reflection
Baptism of the Lord



“And a voice came from the heavens, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’” - Mark 1:11

Through our baptism, we too, are daughters and sons of God. We are disciples of Jesus. As true disciples we are called to actively participate in our Catholic faith, not just be mere bystanders. This means working in collaboration with the Holy Spirit and discerning how we are being asked to use our gifts. Using our gifts for the benefit of others and not just for our own interests and comfort.



Martin Luther King Day of Service
Monday, January 18, 2021

The Scotch Plains/Fanwood Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service is embraced by our community every year. IHM has been directly involved each year as a site for service and organizer of various projects, with several of our parishioners serving in key leadership roles for the day itself.

This year, creativity has been required to continue Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy of service during the pandemic. IHM will be conducting a particular outreach to senior citizens by delivering hot lunches to seniors in the Scotch Plains Fanwood community. Your help is needed in these areas: 1) to deliver meals; and 2) to write greeting cards of friendship and encouragement that will be included with each lunch.

A flyer will be forthcoming from our parish leadership with complete details but, in the meantime, please visit the MLK Day of Service sign-up page to learn more and to consider if you and your family will be able to help.

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of January 16-17th**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Good-Piga	Staniec Torzewski Clark	Fr. Rob
8:00 am	Brennan	Banasiak Bagdonas	Fr. Valentine
10:00 am	McClellan	Deacon Jack Schiller McCann	Fr. Rob
12:00 pm	Kiley	O'Connor McGuinness	Fr. Mike

**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 Holiday Season.

I do hope that you give yourself this year the gift of visiting the Adoration Chapel. Please contact Erin Miller for more information.

Since we cannot meet for our annual January luncheon, I am suggesting that we get together on Zoom on January 12th at noon for reciting the Rosary. Bring your own lunch! Please call me at 908-753-2161 or email me at mjgbergen@verizon.net if you are interested so I can send you the zoom link. ("Where the Rosary is recited there will be days of peace and tranquility." St John Bosco)

To all members of the Rosary Executive Board which includes the officers, all chairwomen of the standing committees and the monthly meetings, there will be a Board Meeting on January 19th, at noon in the Nazareth Center Meeting room. Covid-19 protocols will be followed. You must RSVP to me by Monday January 11th since there is limited space and restrictions may change our location.

"A world at prayer is a world at peace." Father Patrick Peyton. That's why we are praying for you, our parish and the world. Thank you and stay safe!

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

Offertory Collection

December 27th

Weekly Budget Need: \$10,784.32
 Collection: 6,854.40
 Parish Giving (includes text to give) 2,417.81
 Surplus/(Deficit): (1,512.11)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget \$280,392.32
 Actual 247,804.95
 Surplus (Deficit) (\$32,587.37)

January 3rd

Weekly Budget Need: \$10,784.32
 Collection: 7,758.00
 Parish Giving (includes text to give) 3,649.35
 Surplus/(Deficit): 623.03

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget \$291,176.64
 Actual 259,212.30
 Surplus (Deficit) (\$31,964.34)

Christmas Collection to Date: \$52,091.50

Thank you for your generosity!

A Note from Fr. Rob

I am having a workshop on the Interior Castle of St. Teresa of Avila. The book “*The Interior Castle Study Edition*” is available at Amazon on Kindle or as a book at www.icspublications.org.

The Zoom Spiritual Study meeting will begin Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:15 pm and last until 8:30pm. It will continue to be on Tuesday evenings.

PLEASE, EVEN IF YOU HAVE NOTIFIED ME OR THE OFFICE, SIGN UP AT MY NEW EMAIL ACCOUNT:

FRROB@IHMPARISH.ORG

This way I can have you in my system for the Zoom Meeting. Any questions, please email me.

1st Assignment for Reflection: General Introductions, Prologue, Chapter 1 - 1st Dwelling Place up to page 18.

With my Prayers,

Fr. Rob



Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, January 10th

9am—12pm - IHM No Contact Food Drive Drop-off

11 am - Bible Basics Zoom Meeting

Monday, January 11th

Tuesday, January 12th

12:00 pm - Rosary Altar Society Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, January 13th

9:30 am—Centering Prayer Meeting
 Food Pantry Distribution

Thursday, January 14th

Friday, January 15th

Saturday, January 16th

Sunday, January 17th

For more information please visit www.ihmparish.net



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**Are you new to IHM 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 with the parish.

____ I am interested in volunteering for a ministry.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____