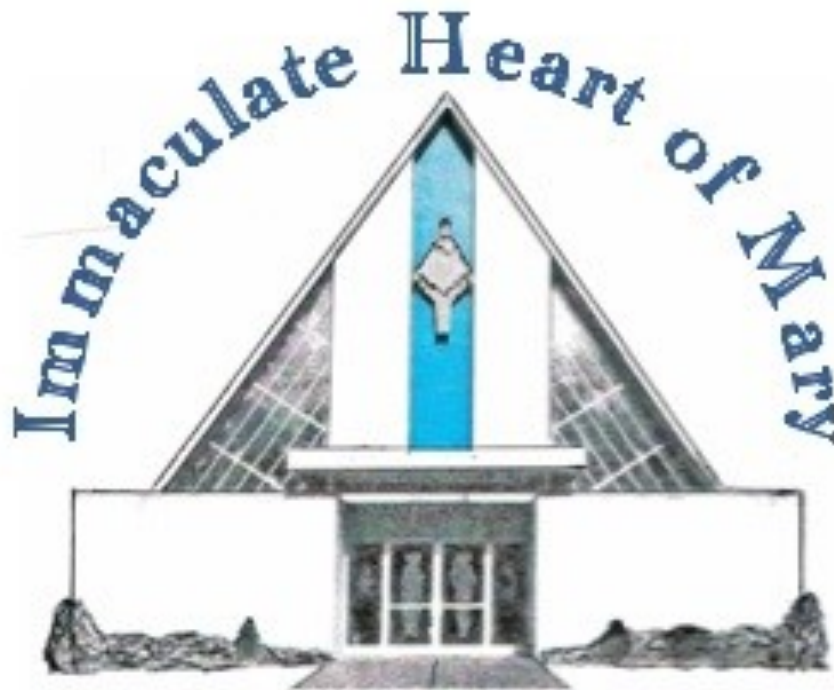


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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*The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 17, 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](http://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](http://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



Jesus invites the disciples of John to come and see, to enter into a deeper relationship with Him, to discover for themselves the mystery of God's love. Jesus invites each of us as well to come and see, to enter more deeply into an intimate and loving relationship with Him. He calls us to discover and discern His love and call in our lives. Sometimes, like Samuel, it takes time and perseverance to more fully comprehend what God's will is and in what ways he calls us to serve Him and His people. Each of us is invited into deeper discipleship and a more profound relationship with God, a relationship in which we learn to work with Christ in the building up of His kingdom in our hearts and the hearts of others.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

### Thank you!

#### Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Drive 2021

Last weekend the following young men of the parish and SPF Lacrosse team and their friends sponsored and worked at an IHM food drive:

Benjamin Root, Jack Burke, Jake Monroy, Jonathan Rembish, Damon Schumann, Omar Casimiro, Lucas Regan, Andrew Levenson, Thomas Ricci, Jack Pares, Robert Lerner

We truly appreciate their efforts and dedication to our Food Pantry. The IHM Food Pantry has seen unprecedented need during the pandemic.



### 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](http://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 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

## Martin Luther King Day, January 18th

9:00 am **Conor Keogh+** By Colm & Gerldine Keogh

## Tuesday, January 19th

7:00 am **Michael Keane+** By Christine & Thomas St. John  
 8:30 am **Marion Barrett+** By the Rosary Altar Society

## Wednesday, January 20th

7:00 am **John Foley (living)** By the Foley Family  
 8:30 am **Ann Marie Bonner+** By Eileen & Rich Wagner

## Thursday, January 21st

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**  
 8:30 am **Sr. Anne Stephen Hajducek, O.P.+** By the Sopko Family (104th Birthday)

## Friday, January 22nd

7:00 am **Margaret Hudson+** By Lindsay Smith & Family  
 8:30 am **John Heiling (living)** By Bernie Beck

## Saturday, January 23rd

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**  
 8:30 am **Leroy Pershay+** By Lee & Joe Fantini  
 5:00 pm **Robert Seery+** By Rosary Altar Society

## Sunday, January 24th

8:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**  
 10:00 am **Father Robert Patterson+** By the Lewis Family  
 12:00 pm **John Reilly+** By his 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	Bob McMillion
John Burkert	Marlene Mosko
Anna Cassella	Danielle Nabinger
Paul Cassidy	Charlie Plungis
Matthew Cassio	Diane Pricken
Frank Chimento	Jack Pricken
Colm Cosgrove	Susan Rozborski
Edward Clark	Bernard Slaza
Ray Clark	Beverly Sopp
Dorothy D'Angelo	Ryder Francis Spillane
Marie Farrell	Paul Szeker
Albert Fischer, Jr.	Carole Ventre
Emily Fleming	Daniel Ventura
John Foley	Sr.Elizabeth Vermaelen
Mary Foster	Stephen Voorhees
Nicole Griffin	Christy Ward



**Remember those who have died:**  
**Halina Hascek+**

## 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 17th:



**For the Intention of Jack & Chris Haight's  
 50th Anniversary  
 Requested by Chris Haight**



## Sanctuary Light: Week of January 17th:

**For the intention of  
 Enrique A. Maseda+  
 Requested by Joe & Karen Schurtz**

## Flowers for the Blessed Mother



**For the week of January 17th:**

**In loving memory of  
 Frances Takacs+**

**Requested by Barbara Apgar**



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**Spiritual Reflection**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 17, 2021**



*“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” - John 1:38*

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

**Checking in with Second Grade**



The mid-point of the school year is an excellent time to see the progress of our second graders. At this point, the students have adjusted to the more rigorous learning environment they initially encountered in first grade. They are guided through these challenges by their teacher, Mrs. Christine Dencker.

Faith formation in second grade builds upon what the students learned about the love of God in Kindergarten and Pre-K, but in a more nuanced way. The students learn that they each have a conscience and that the choices they make affect their relationship with God and others. As the students prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the students did some role-playing demonstrating the difference between an accident and deliberate act. They also learned how to apologize and how to accept an apology. These lessons are designed to encourage them to see the importance of forgiveness and enter into a closer relationship with God. These lessons will help the students continue their prep for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Recently, animals were a cross-curricular theme. In science, the students learned how to classify animals and then studied various animal habitats. They created a diorama of an animal’s habitat and will present the facts they learned about their animal with the class. In STEM, the students learned how binoculars worked, made their own and then engaged in a bird watching activity. Finally, as a remote Wednesday activity, the students enjoyed answering a Mystery Science question: “Why do Frogs Ribbit?” and learned why and how animals make various sounds.

Do you have a child in grades PK-3 to 8<sup>th</sup> grade? Are you interested in finding a school that is faith filled, safe, and academically challenging? We invite you to our Open House, Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 (by appointment only) or contact our Admissions staff at

[admissions@stbacadme.org](mailto:admissions@stbacadme.org)



**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.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to deliver meals and write greeting cards of friendship and encouragement that will be included with each lunch.

Please see our website for more information.

**Minister Assignments  
Weekend of January 23—24**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Mulrooney	Good-Piga Clark Zucosky	Fr. Valentine
8:00 am	Banasiak	Gibbons Wagner	Fr. Rob
10:00 am	Wills	Deacon Jack McCann Schiller	Fr. Mike
12:00 pm	Briante	Kiley Wagner	Fr. Valentine

**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:**

I want to thank everyone who participated in our Zoom January luncheon. I know that those who joined us enjoyed the togetherness in the recitation of the Rosary. We still hope to actually meet in late Spring for our annual “January Luncheon” (no snow date).

Reminder to all members of the Rosary Executive Board which includes the officers, all chairwomen of the standing committees and the monthly meetings, that there will be a Board Meeting on January 19th at noon in the Nazareth Center Meeting room. All Covid-19 protocols will be followed. If you haven’t RSVP to me please do so.

On February 2nd, we will host our Mimi Retreat on Zoom. The retreat will start at 9:30am and end at 11:30am We will cover three of the Stations of the Cross.(# 2 Jesus takes up His Cross, # 5 Simon helps Jesus, and # 6 Veronica wipes Jesus ‘ face). There are materials you will need before the retreat. So please register with me either by phone (908-753-2161) or email [mjgbergen@verizon.net](mailto:mjgbergen@verizon.net) by January 25. By February 1st I will send you the link. What better way to prepare for Lent! Thank you.

“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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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**

<u><b>Offertory Collection</b></u>	
<b>January 10th</b>	
Weekly Budget Need:	\$10,784.32
Collection:	5,628.00
Parish Giving (includes text to give)	5,480.61
Surplus/(Deficit):	324.29
<b>Fiscal Year to Date:</b>	
Budget	\$301,960.96
Actual	270,320.91
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$31,640.05)
Christmas Collection to Date:	\$56,133.30
<b><i>Thank you for your generosity!</i></b>	

**Attention 7th Grade Families  
Cardinal Tobin's Essay & Video Contest**

This is an excellent opportunity for our 7th Graders and their families to reflect on the importance of the priesthood and the abundance of good that the vocations brings to the world. The Archdiocese of Newark invites you to write essays which answer the following two questions:

*What is the Roman Catholic Priesthood?*

*How is it a force for good in the world?*

There is a \$2,000 prize! Please check your email for more details on this contest.

**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](http://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.NET

**Note: There was an error in last weekend's bulletin, Fr. Rob's email ends in .net (not .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 17th**

**Monday, January 18th**

MLK Day of Service Senior Lunch Delivery  
Sponsored by IHM

**Tuesday, January 19th**

12:00 pm - Rosary Altar Society Board Meeting  
7:15 pm - St. Teresa Spiritual Study on Zoom

**Wednesday, January 20th**

9:30 am - Centering Prayer Meeting  
10 am - 12 pm - Food Pantry Distribution

**Thursday, January 21st**

**Friday, January 22nd**

**Saturday, January 23rd**

**Sunday, January 24th**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_