

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 23rd, 2022

*The People of God called to form the Christian Community of*  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**



*“Today this Scripture passage  
is fulfilled in your hearing.”*

**MISSION STATEMENT**

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

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Mass will continue to Live Stream  
 on Facebook and our website:  
[www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net)

## A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

Referring to an ancient promise of Isaiah, Jesus tells us that it is being fulfilled in their hearing. In other words, the promise of good news, freedom and healing that God has given through Isaiah are being fulfilled in Jesus. He is the one who brings freedom to those unjustly oppressed or imprisoned because of debt, healing to the blind and lame, and above all the good news of God's love for all people. The passage brings to mind the Jubilee Year in which debts were cancelled, slaves freed, the fields left to rest and the people returning to their homes, a year in which the people of Israel would make a concerted effort to return to their religious foundation.

Luke shows Jesus as the fulfillment of the Hebrew scriptures and of God's promise. We are called to continue fulfilling that promise by our words and works, bringing the Good News, healing and freedom to those in need. This also reminds us of the need to remain with or reconnect with our faith in Jesus and pay greater attention to our relationship with Him. The people were filled with Joy upon hearing the words of the book read by Ezra because these words related to them God's profound and great love for them. May we be filled with joy knowing and sharing God's love with one another.

**Peace, Fr. Mike**



**Introduction:** Given the reinstatement by the Bishops of New Jersey of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and the lessening of restrictions from the state, the following is provided as an update to the May 25 COVID-19 directives.

**STILL IN EFFECT:** Masks will no longer be required for fully vaccinated persons. If not fully vaccinated, persons are strongly encouraged to follow CDC guidance and wear a face mask in public settings. Masks are still required on public transit and in health care settings, prisons, child-care facilities and schools, among other places. People will no longer be required to socially distance indoors or outdoors, although unvaccinated persons should continue to maintain a safe distance from others. These directives apply to all indoor and outdoor events.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:** All ministries may return to full service – altar servers, lectors, ushers, greeters and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Masks are no longer required for all vaccinated ministers, including those distributing Communion (Priests, Deacons, and EMS). However, masks may be worn for those who prefer to wear one during the liturgy.

**COMMUNION:** While Communion on the tongue is now permitted, for the safety of the priests, ministers and other communicants, we encourage continued reception of communion in the hand. At this time, Communion from the cup should not be distributed to the assembly.

**SANITIZING:** The cleaning and sanitizing of churches and common spaces should be done regularly. It is not required after every liturgy.

**SIGN OF PEACE:** The invitation to share the Sign of Peace should continue. Parishioners could be reminded that it is not required to touch during the sign of peace.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Ushers may take up the collection at the proper time or baskets may be placed at the entrance of the church for the collection. (Beginning July 17, 2021)

**BAPTISMAL FONTS:** Baptismal fonts and holy water receptacles may be filled.

**MUSIC:** Vaccinated music ministers (cantors, choirs, etc.) do not require masks or shields. Music ministers who are not vaccinated should wear a mask. All musical instruments are permitted. Hymnals are now permitted.

**PARISH MEETINGS:** Parish meetings in person may resume. Those vaccinated are not required to wear masks for indoor meetings nor are they required to maintain social distancing. The same recommendations for Mass apply to those not vaccinated.

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:** The procession to present the gifts of bread and wine and the collection can be resumed. (Beginning July 17, 2021)

### Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Schedule for Mass & Worship (schedules are subject to change)

Saturday (Anticipated) 5:00 pm  
 Sundays - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon  
 Weekdays & Saturdays - 7:00 am and 8:30 am  
 National Holidays - 9:00 am  
 Holy Days - 7:00 am, 12:00 noon, 7:00 pm

Morning Prayer - Monday - Saturday at 8:15 am  
 Rosary: Monday - Saturday after 8:30 am  
 Mass  
 Novena to the Miraculous Medal & St. Jude:  
 Saturdays after 8:30 am  
 Mass  
 Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15 - 4:45 pm



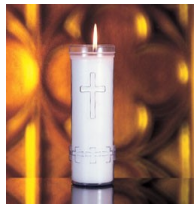
# Mass Intentions

For the week of January 23rd - January 30th, 2022

|                                       |          |   |                                  |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---|----------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b><br><b>January 22</b>  | 7:00 am  | Mazza Family+                             | By Mr & Mrs Vincent A Ranelli    |
|                                       | 8:30 am  | Fr. Robert Patterson+                     | By The Lewis Family              |
|                                       | 5:00 pm  | Marta Rosa Perez+                         | By Marlene Kalaigian             |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>January 23</b>    | 8:00 am  | For the People                            | By The Parish                    |
|                                       | 10:00 am | Kathy Moulton+                            | By Barbara Apgar                 |
|                                       | 12:00 pm | Deceased members of the Piasecki Family+  | By Helen & Bob Piasecki          |
| <b>Monday</b><br><b>January 24</b>    | 7:00 am  | Ed Clancy+                                | By Evelyn Dougherty              |
|                                       | 8:30 am  | George Brummer+                           | By Mary Kate & Kevin Schiller    |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><b>January 25</b>   | 7:00 am  | Sandra Boyle+                             | By The Chimento Family           |
|                                       | 8:30 am  | James R Kennedy+                          | By Kerry Caspersen               |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><b>January 26</b> | 7:00 am  | Marie DeVito+                             | By Evelyn Dougherty              |
|                                       | 8:30 am  | Jeremiah O'Neil+                          | By Vivian O'Neil                 |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><b>January 27</b>  | 7:00 am  | Angela Kiriakou+                          | By Bernie Beck                   |
|                                       | 8:30 am  | Howard & Marion Franciscus+               | By Bob & Kate Franciscus         |
| <b>Friday</b><br><b>January 28</b>    | 7:00 am  | Matteo Maniscalco+                        | By The Chimento Family           |
|                                       | 8:30 am  | John M Reilly+                            | By The Reilly & Farrell Families |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><b>January 29</b>  | 7:00 am  | Thomas MacStoker+                         | By Al Smith                      |
|                                       | 8:30 am  | Loretta Masterson+                        | By Donna & Stephen D'Annunzio    |
|                                       | 5:00 pm  | Norma Spurno+                             | By Charles & Geri Barcellona     |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>January 30</b>    | 8:00 am  | For the People                            | By The Parish                    |
|                                       | 10:00 am | Marlene Buckman+                          | By Tracey & John Foley           |
|                                       | 12:00 pm | Deceased members of the Werthwein Family+ | By Helen & Bob Piasecki          |

| <i>Remember Our Sick</i> | John Burkert     | Albert Fischer, Jr. | Gus Long         | Marlene Mosko     | Ryder Francis    |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| John Allen               | Mary Calabrese   | Phillis Fischer     | Eileen Lynch     | Hilda Pizza       | Spillane         |
| Rose Badala              | Anna Cassella    | Emily Fleming       | Maureen Lynch    | Diane Pricken     | Paul Szeker      |
| George Becker            | Paul Cassidy     | Mary Foster         | William Maines   | Marisol Rodriguez | Phyllis Szeker   |
| Larry Biunno             | Matthew Cassio   | Nicole Griffin      | Jim Malfetti     | Susan Rozborski   | Carole Ventre    |
| Fran Boglioli            | Frank Chimento   | Kathleen Herron     | Bill Malone      | Dolores Rust      | Daniel Ventura   |
| Erin Brennan             | Edward Clark     | Juliann Junio       | Owen Mike McCabe | Diana Scariati    | Sr. Elizabeth    |
| Samantha Bridge          | William Consovoy | Marie Keller        | June McManus     | Elisa Silversey   | Vermaelen        |
| James Brown              | Colm Cosgrove    | Anna Koch           | Christine Morris | Bernard Slaza     | Stephen Voorhees |
| Kevin Brown              | Ray Clark        | Jillian Lapidus     | Thomas Moore     | Beverly Sopp      | Christy Ward     |

## Special Intentions for the week of January 23rd - January 30th



**Sanctuary Light**  
For the intention of:  
**Kay Sullivan+**  
Requested by  
The D'Agostino Family



**The Altar Bread & Wine**  
For the celebration of:  
**The Entire IHM Family**  
Requested by  
The Parish



**Flowers for the Blessed Mother**  
For the intention of:  
**Sr. Anne Stephen Hajducek OP**  
**Happy 105th Birthday (living)**  
Requested by  
Mary Anne Sopko

## Remember Our Departed



Paul Mack  
Laura Mataset



**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 IHM Women's Prayer Group will meet via Zoom on Thursday, February 3rd at 7:30PM. Our theme will be "Shine the Light". All women are welcome to join! Please email Tracey Foley at [tefoleyihm@gmail.com](mailto:tefoleyihm@gmail.com) if you want to join. Prayer connects us all!



Men's Scripture & Discussion Group "virtual" meeting is Saturday, January 29 at 9:00am on ZOOM. "Live" session on Saturday, February 12 at 7:30am in the church basement. (Donuts & Coffee served) Contact [dndiken@aol.com](mailto:dndiken@aol.com) for more info.



**Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina  
Thursday mornings at 9:30 am on Zoom**

Centering Prayer is a Contemplative method of Prayer, also known as The Prayer of the Heart or The Prayer of Quiet. It helps you to deepen your Personal Relationship with the Lord. It consists of Lectio Divina, Reflection, Sharing and Meditation. You LISTEN to the Stirrings of the Holy Spirit deep within your Heart and Soul. Words do not matter as much as the SPIRIT in which you pray them. This is a way of LISTENING and DISCERNING with the "EYES OF YOUR HEART"

**"BE STILL AND KNOW, I AM GOD"**

Experience this method of Prayer. We meet on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am on Zoom. Please call Phyllis at 908-264-7456 for information and the Zoom link.

DO OTHER ASPECTS OF YOUR LIFE..  
FAMILY, HEALTH, FINANCES, EDUCATION  
LEAVE VERY LITTLE TIME TO DEDICATE  
TO YOUR RELATIONSHIP  
WITH GOD?



SAVE THE DATE  
March 11+ March 12

**MEN'S  
CORNERSTONE  
RETREAT 2022**

Registration is now open at [www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net)

**Families of Faith | Family Service Project**  
Sun. January 23: canceled due to covid surge



**Families of Faith | February Gathering**  
Sun. February 6: 8:45 - 9:30am on Zoom

**8th Grade Confirmation Preparation 2022**  
Mon. February 7: Session 4 | 7 - 8:30 pm

**9th Grade Confirmation Preparation 2022**  
Sat. February 12: Pre-Lent Gathering | 4:30 - 7:30 pm

**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday February 13, 2022**  
Bus Trip to Cathedral | Bus leaves IHM Parking Lot 11:00am



*Incredible day at IHM for SPF MLK Day of service! We were able to send out 152 boxed lunches to seniors all over town. A big thank you to all the people that donated so generously to our pantry today. A crazy amount of food! Boy Scout Troop 33 did a fantastic job receiving and sorting the donations. They worked hard keeping up with the super amount of pet food, treats, blankets and towels that were donated today as part of the Betty White Challenge. The generosity from our local community is overwhelming! Thanks and Blessings to all!*

**WEEKLY PEARL OF WISDOM**



"For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money, and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of him who has it." Ecclesiastes 7:12

**The IHM Food Pantry Needs Donations!**



Items needed include non-perishable food items, personal toiletry items and baby products. Please bring your donations to the back of the church. Place the items in the red bins near the backdoors. You may also drop donations off at the Nazareth Center. For a list of acceptable items visit [ihmparish.net/food-pantry](http://ihmparish.net/food-pantry).





## Minister Assignments - January 29 - 30

| Saturday /Sunday | Lectors           | Extra-Ordinary Ministers              | Presider |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| 5:00pm           | Kathy Mitchell    | - Janice Good Piga<br>- Chris Zucosky | Fr. Mike |
| 8:00am           | Karen Schwaneberg | - Bob Speth<br>- Rich Wagner          | Fr. Rob  |
| 10:00am          | Heba Fortunato    | - Deacon Jack<br>- Jason McCann       | Fr. Mike |
| 12:00pm          | Edwin Hernandez   | - Jean Naugle<br>- Eileen Wagner      | Fr. Rob  |



### Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 9:00pm  
Saturday - 9:00am - 2:00pm  
Closed on Sundays, Holy Days & Holidays

For more information contact Erin Miller at:  
erins310@gmail.com | 908-531-0128

### IHM PARISH INFORMATION

► **IHM Office is closed to the public until further notice...**

**Mass Intention Reservations:** Call or leave a message at the office (908)889-2100 or email [office@ihmparish.net](mailto:office@ihmparish.net)

**Religious Education:** [faithformation@ihmparish.net](mailto:faithformation@ihmparish.net)

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

**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 Nazareth Center 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

**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 at (908) 889-2100

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

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## Rosary Altar Society News

The first quote is from Venerable Fulton Sheen, *"Prayer begins by talking to God, but it ends by listening to Him. In the face of Absolute Truth, Silence is the soul's language."*

1. Open to all parishioners is our Mini Retreat. It will be on Zoom on **February 1** from **9:30 to 11:30am**. The topic is Forgiveness. Who doesn't need to be forgiven or to forgive? Please call Kathy Mitchell (908-322-9410) to register with your name, phone number and email for the Zoom link by January 29th. Outside the Nazareth Center by January 24th in an envelope labeled "Mini Retreat" will be a reflection sheet to aid you in the retreat. Please take one! Our presenter is Phyllis Manno.

2. Please pray for the success of the Men's Corner Stone. Remember how important the corner stone is in the structure of a building! Without it the building will not stand!

3. All up to date paid Rosarians should have received a letter with a postcard by now from Dorothy Foulks. We are asking for your voice in nominations for the 2022-24 term of officers to guide our organization during this time. Pray with the Holy Spirit to guide you. Please make sure that your postcard is in the mail by **February 10, 2022**. If there is more than one nominee for a position, you will receive a ballot later that month. Thank you.

4. It's not too late to volunteer to help with the washing and ironing of our Altar linens. REMEMBER WE THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY. So please help by calling Betty Perfilio at 908-889-4868 or texting Erin Miller at 908-531-0128.

5. Please come and visit Our Lord at the IHM Adoration Chapel. There are still some critical openings where there is no one with Our Lord. Please check your schedule and call Erin Miller at 908-531-0128. REMEMBER WHAT HE DID FOR US!

The final quote is also from Venerable Fulton Sheen, *"There are three rules of dealing with all those who come to us. 1. Kindness, 2. Kindness, 3. Kindness."*

We are still praying for you, our parish, and the world!  
Thank you. God Bless, and a Healthy New Year!  
MaryJane

### Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Word Search

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W | R | B | L | E | S | S | E | D | L |
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| T | G | S | U | N | I | T | Y | R | H |

Look for clues in the *Breaking Bread 2022* book page 64

| <b>Collection Report</b>                    |  | <b>January 16, 2022</b> |
|---|--|-------------------------|
| Weekly Budget Need:                         |  | \$11,300.00             |
| Collection:                                 |  | 4,717.00                |
| Parish Giving:                              |  | 4,129.69                |
| Surplus/(Deficit)                           |  | (2,453.31)              |
| <b><u>Fiscal Year to Date:</u></b>          |  |                         |
| Budget                                      |  | \$327,700.00            |
| Actual:                                     |  | \$298,906.56            |
| Surplus/(Deficit)                           |  | (28,793.44)             |
| <b><u>Rolling 4 Week Averages:</u></b>      |  |                         |
| Average Collection:                         |  | \$8,986.16              |
| Average Surplus/(Deficit)                   |  | (2,313.84)              |
| <b><u>Christmas Collection to Date:</u></b> |  |                         |
| Budget:                                     |  | \$57,378.16             |
|   |  | \$60,000.00             |

**Charitable Contribution Forms for 2021**

There are several different ways to receive charitable contribution forms for tax purposes from IHM:

- **Collection Envelopes:** If you are using envelopes for your Sunday collection contribution, you should receive a form in the mail from our envelope company later this month if you contributed \$100 or more in 2021.
- **Capital Campaign:** Any cash or check contribution to our "Praise for the Past...Building for the Future" campaign will be acknowledged by a letter from IHM later this month.
- **Parish Giving:** You will be able to print a contribution history activity form for all electronic fund transfer contributions through Parish Giving by visiting your account at [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org)

Contact Tracey Foley at 908-889-2100 if you need help.



A Special Virtual Speaker Session  
**Monday January 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm**  
 Dr. Christopher Kaczor, Professor of Philosophy, Loyola Marymount University will talk about - **The Seven Big Myths About the Catholic Church**

- Internet access is needed for Zoom
  - No cost, but registration is required
  - Register at [www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net)
- Contact the office at 908-889-2100 or [engagingdisciples@ihmparish.net](mailto:engagingdisciples@ihmparish.net)

**SHOW YOUR GLOW TNL**  
 Join us for a Glow In the Dark Karaoke Night!

**Sunday 1/23, 7-8:30PM**  
 Nazareth Center

**WEAR WHITE**  
 and maybe you'll win a PRIZE

**Become Our Lord's Disciple**  
 and learn what it means to SHINE.

Text Rachael Flanagan to let her know you're coming!  
**908-280-2893**

NOTE: Make sure to wear your mask!  
 If you aren't feeling well or have been exposed to covid - stay home & we'll see you next time!



**BOLD Youth Ministry Annual Ski Trip**  
**February 5th - 6th, 2022**

**Blue Mountain | Palmerton, PA**

All teens in grades 9-12 are invited! Hotel & travel is included. Contact Rachael Flanagan at [ihmsp@boldym.com](mailto:ihmsp@boldym.com) or call/text 908-280-2893

| <b>IHM EVENT CALENDER</b>   |                                       |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday January 23</b>    |                                       |
| 7:00 pm                     | BOLD Night (Glow in the Dark Karaoke) |
| <b>Monday January 24</b>    |                                       |
| 7:00 pm                     | Dr. Christopher Kaczor Zoom           |
| 7:15 pm                     | St. John of the Cross Zoom            |
| <b>Tuesday January 25</b>   |                                       |
| 7:30 pm                     | Alpha                                 |
| <b>Wednesday January 26</b> |                                       |
| 10:00 am                    | Food Pantry                           |
| 8:00 pm                     | Choir Practice                        |
| <b>Thursday January 27</b>  |                                       |
| 9:30 am                     | Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Zoom   |
| 7:30 pm                     | Synod Listening Session               |
| <b>Friday January 28</b>    |                                       |
| <b>Saturday January 29</b>  |                                       |
| 9:00 am                     | Men's Scripture & Discussion Zoom     |
| 9:30 am                     | Finance Council Meeting               |
| <b>Sunday January 30</b>    |                                       |
| 7:00 pm                     | BOLD College Care Package Night       |



**Want to donate but don't have any cash on hand?**

Parish Giving is fast, safe & secure. Scan the QR code with your smart phone or tablet. This code will link you directly to our Parish Giving website. No sign-up required. Just click the "Pay Now" button. Thank you for your continued support to our community!

