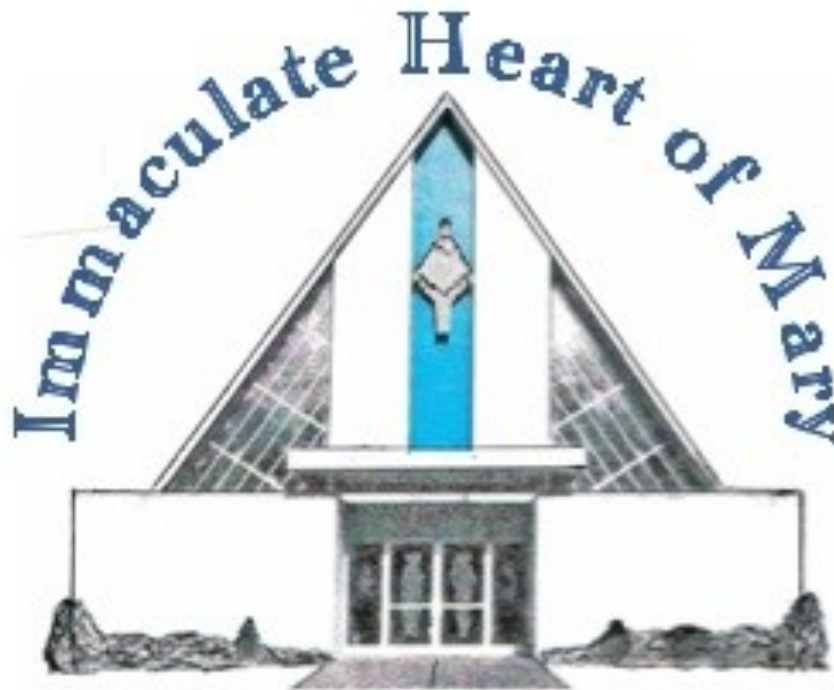


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 24, 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



In the Story of Jonah and the city of Nineveh we are reminded not just of God's boundless mercy, but also of His unconditional love and unlimited goodness. We compare this with Jonah's fear of preaching repentance and jealousy of God's mercy for the Ninevites and ask ourselves: When have I acted more like Jonah? When have I reflected God's love and mercy in my relationships? Jesus continually invites us to love as God love. Perhaps we can look for new opportunities to do just that during the week. Like the apostles we are called and sent. Called to build up the kingdom of God in our hearts. Sent to proclaim the Kingdom to others. Called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and sent to bring his mercy and love to others.

Peace, Fr. Mike

Spiritual Reflection 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."
- Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.



DIVE INTO YOUR FAITH THIS LENT!

Join our five part Zoom speaker series from 7 - 8:30 pm each Tuesday of Lent. We will kick off on:

February 23rd - What is Catholicism?

Dr. Jeffrey Morrow is Professor of Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University. He will help us explore the gift of our Catholic faith; a convert to Catholicism, he brings a wonderful perspective on this gift.

March 2nd – Faith & Science: Truth Cannot Contradict Truth

Dr. Stacy Trasancos is Executive Director of the St. Philip Institute of Catechesis and Evangelization for the Diocese of Tyler and a teaching fellow for the Word on Fire Institute. Initially trained as a scientist, she will reveal the harmony of faith and science.

There will be 5 different speakers in all. Please see our website www.ihmparish.net for the full list of speakers and more information about the program. There is no cost, but registration is required.

Questions: Email maryclinton@ihmparish.net or engagingdisciples@ihmparish.net or contact IHM Nazareth Center Office @ 908-889-2100.

Mass 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 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

Sunday, January 25th

7:00 am **Margaret Hudson+** By Mark & Rebecca Keogh
 8:30 am **James R. Kennedy+** By Michael Caspersen

Tuesday, January 26th

7:00 am **Carol Busso+** By Carolyn Fahrman
 8:30 am **Jeremiah O'Neil+** By Vivian O'Neil

Wednesday, January 27th

7:00 am **Marge Malone+** By Bernie Beck
 8:30 am **Eugenie Lucille Boese+** By Mary & Don Clinton

Thursday, January 28th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **John Reilly+** By his Family

Friday, January 29th

7:00 am **Joseph Boberschmidt+** By Bernie Beck
 8:30 am **Jeff Colgan (living)** By Janice Good-Piga & Bob Piga

Saturday, January 30th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 5:00 pm **Helen Sullivan+** By Mary Mahoney

Sunday, January 31st

8:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 10:00 am **Dennis R. Surbrug+** By Betty & Tony Perfilio
 12:00 pm **Nancy Gardner Manto+** By Barbara Mrozek

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+, Bess Sullivan+

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 24th:



For the Intentions of
Lillian Eilbacher+
 Requested by the family of Lillian Eilbacher



Sanctuary Light: Week of January 24th:

For the intention of
Marge Malone+
 Requested by Mary Graham

Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of January 24th:

In Memory of
The Will & Stanton Families
 Requested by Mary Beth Cregg



Catholic Schools week starts next Sunday, January 31st. It is a weeklong celebration of Catholic education and the impact it has on students and families. As we celebrate this week we asked a few parents and alumni to share why they chose St. Bartholomew Academy.

“My family has been part of St. Bartholomew Academy for over fourteen years. We chose Saint Bart’s for its diversity, integrity, and moral values. I am very pleased with the quality of the academic curriculum that the academy has provided my daughters.” - Wendy & Joseph Barretto

“Choosing St. Bartholomew Academy was a no brainier for our family. Education is so important but also the reinforcement of respect, values, and how to carry yourself in the real world is something the Academy focuses on. As an alumni, I want my children to have the same bond with their teachers and friends and I still do today! We love our St. Bart’s community.” - Dominick & Fabrizia Cerimele Rotondo '96,

“St. Bartholomew Academy allows students to grow personally, spiritually, and academically. St. Bartholomew’s provides guidance and structure to help students work beyond their potential and feel good about their accomplishments. As parents, we chose SBA for our daughters because of the small class environment, supportive and understanding teachers and staff, and the all-around close knit foundation. St. Bart’s encourages both girls to strive to be the best they can be while building a solid foundation for their academic future.” - Kelly and Tom Kroeger

“One thing I loved about St. Bart’s was the close family like environment that made me feel comfortable and not afraid to be myself. For example, I decided to participate in forensics which I most likely wouldn't have done if I didn't feel so comfortable.” – Victoria Pitonzo, '18 Junior, Mount St. Mary’s Academy

“The middle school at St. Bart’s helped me with my organizational skills and how to manage my time. I have about an hour commute to high school each day so knowing how to stay on task is important for me.” Brian Christman, '19, Sophomore, St. Peter’s Prep.

If you are interested in learning more about St. Bartholomew Academy please join us for our Open House on Sunday, January 31st at 1:30 pm. Please see the Academy website to make your appointment, www.stbacademy.org



**Join BOLD this Sunday!
Life is Better with Friends - Bring them!**

Friends are always welcome!

WHO: All High School Teens

WHAT: BOLD Youth Ministry

WHEN: Sunday, January 24th from 5—6pm

WHERE: Zoom

Text Rachael to RSVP: (908) 280-2893



Union Catholic has emerged as one of the premier, unique and innovative Catholic High Schools in NJ. We have a 100% college acceptance rate, a culture of service that nurtures future leaders, an innovative tablet program, classes that are offered on six different learning levels to foster our students' individual needs and so much more

For more information please visit our website: www.unioncatholic.org or call 908-889-1600.

**Women’s Prayer Group
Zoom Meeting
Thursday February 4, 2021 @ 7:30 pm**

Please email tefoleyihm@gmail.com to be added to the distribution list.
All women are welcome!

Martin Luther King Day of Service



Thank you to everyone who volunteered to deliver meals and write greeting cards of friendship. Our community’s senior citizens were so happy to receive their lunches.

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of January 30-31**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Mitchell	Torzewsky Clark Zucosky	Fr. Mike
8:00 am	Henkels	Dill Bagdonas	Fr. Mike
10:00 am	Schiller	Deacon Jack Carlino Diken	Fr. Valentine
12:00 pm	Foley	Sullivan O'Connor	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:

A special thanks to Father Mike for his continued support both in technology and his assistance in providing us with ways to keep our society up and running during Covid-19.

On February 2nd, we will host our Annual Mini Retreat on Zoom. The retreat will start at 9:30am sharp, and end at 11:30am. We will be covering three of the Stations of the Cross. (#2 Jesus takes up His Cross, #5 Simon helps Jesus, and #6 Veronica wipes Jesus' face). The materials that you will need before the retreat are available outside the Nazareth Center in the box labeled Rosary Mini Retreat—February 2nd. Please come and take a folder once you have registered with me either by phone (908)753-2161 or email at mjgbergen@verizon.net by January 25. What better way to prepare for Lent! Thank you.

Reminder that the Adoration Chapel is open and Jesus is waiting for you to stop by and visit Him in the New Year! For the code call Erin Miller, Betty Swisher or me.

“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

January 17th

Weekly Budget Need:	\$10,784.32
Collection:	4,532.00
Parish Giving (includes text to give)	3,780.24
Surplus/(Deficit):	(2,472.08)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget	\$312,745.28
Actual	278,633.15
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$34,112.13)

Christmas Collection to Date: \$57,324.79

Thank you for your generosity!

**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.

The Zoom Spiritual Study meetings began Tuesday, January 19th. It will continue to be on Tuesday evenings from 7:15—8:30 pm.

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 24th

5 pm—BOLD Youth Group Zoom Meeting

Monday, January 25th

Tuesday, January 26th

7:15 pm - St. Teresa Spiritual Study on Zoom

Wednesday, January 27th

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

Thursday, January 28th

Friday, January 29th

Saturday, January 30th

Sunday, January 31st

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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: _____