

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 31, 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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Follow us on Instagram: [ihmparish_sp](https://www.instagram.com/ihmparish_sp)***

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



While the reading from the Gospel of Mark and Paul's letter to the Corinthians are about two different things, Jesus' authority and Paul's discipleship, they both help us to grow in our ability to be disciples of Christ. First, we must listen. Not simply hear, but listen to what God is teaching us and asking us. We must also remain focused on Christ. We must make Christ the highest priority in our lives. In doing so we not only allow God to guide and help us, but we are also able to be a reflection of God's love for others. One of the paradoxes of our relationship with Christ is that it does not take away from or deplete our energy for the other important relationships in our lives, rather it enhances them and allows them to become deeper and more profound because they become more rooted in the love of God. Thus we become better spouses, siblings, parents, children, colleagues and friends because of our love for Christ.

Peace,
Fr. Mike

Spiritual Reflection 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then pray for things instead of worrying about them.



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 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

Sunday, February 1st

7:00 am **Henry Rozborski+** By the Zelonis Family
 Happy Birthday
 8:30 am **William McManus+** By his Family

Tuesday, February 2nd

7:00 am For the People of IHM Parish
 8:30 am **Living & Deceased Members of the Wills Family**
 By Katie Wills

Wednesday, February 3rd

7:00 am **Margaret Hudson+** By Scott Keogh
 8:30 am **Danny Kelly+** By Mom & Dad

Thursday, February 4th

7:00 am For the People of IHM Parish
 8:30 am **Patricia Ehrlich+** By the Foley Family

Friday, February 5th

7:00 am For the People of IHM Parish
 8:30 am For the People of IHM Parish

Saturday, February 6th

7:00 am For the People of IHM Parish
 8:30 am **Anna Bird+** By William & Dolores Coulter
 5:00 pm **George, Mary & Georgina Good+** By Janice Good-Piga
 & Bob Piga

Sunday, February 7th

8:00 am **Michael Citrano+** By Carol & Peter Womack
 10:00 am **Lenore Achiron+** By the D'Agostino Family
 12:00 pm **Sylvia Keogh+** By Colm & Geraldine Keogh

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	Bob McMillion
Kevin Brown	Marlene Mosko
John Burkert	Danielle Nabinger
Anna Cassella	Hilda Pizza
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
John Healing	



Remember those who have died:
Bessie Sullivan+, Carol Bergen+,
Bella Pershay+, Andrew Kacvinski+

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 31st:



For the Intentions of
 The People of IHM Parish

Sanctuary Light: Week of January 31st:



For the intention of
 Marion Barrett+
 Requested by the D'Agostino Family

Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of January 31st:
Immaculate Heart of Mary,
Bless the United States of America
Requested by Mary Beth Winsor



**ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY
TUITION ANGEL CHALLENGE
“Earn Your Wings”**

Sometimes we forget how blessed we are to provide a Catholic education for our children and grandchildren. Sometimes we fail to see there may be other families who want the same but due to turbulent times and economic challenges, they are unable.

For this reason the St. Bartholomew Academy Advisory Board Tuition Angel Program is offering a *unique challenge*. **A small group of Archangels has pledged to match dollar for dollar all donations up to a total sum of \$50,000 from now until the end of Catholic Schools Week, February 5, 2021.** They believe that no family or child who desires a Catholic education should be denied the opportunity, especially those within our own community.

How blessed we are to have a Middle States Accredited academy offering the highest quality learning experience right here at St. Bartholomew. When our students leave SBA, they are well prepared for high school. They are prepared academically and spiritually. St. Bartholomew Academy does make a difference in a child's life!

Do you have a child or grandchild who has benefited from a Catholic education? Do you know someone who has? Do you see the importance of an academic education that affirms the Catholic Faith in our children, the future generation?

Please consider participating in our **challenge**. Remember your donation will be matched dollar for dollar by our Archangels. A gift of \$100 becomes \$200, \$1,000 becomes \$2,000.

To earn your **Angel Wings**, please visit us at the SBA website for more information: stbacademy.org

All donations are tax deductible.



**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 31st 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**

The IHM Women's Prayer Group will meet virtually via Zoom on Thursday, February 4 at 7:30 pm. The theme of our gathering will be "Reflections on the Our Father and Hail Mary," and we'll discuss HOW to pray (not WHAT to pray). 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. All women are welcome!



**Minister Assignments
Weekend of February 6-7**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Zucosky	Good-Piga Staniec Clark	Fr. Rob
8:00 am	Keogh	Wagner Coquia	Fr. Valentine
10:00 am	Fortunato	Carlino Deacon Jack McCann	Fr. Rob
12:00 pm	O'Connor	Kiley 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 an new account.

Rosary Altar Society:

It's finally here! This Tuesday, February 2nd, we will have our first Zoom mini-retreat.

On Monday, anyone who has registered will receive the Zoom information. Then on Tuesday, I ask you to please start entering the Zoom at 9:15am, so that we can start promptly at 9:30am. I hope everyone has picked up their materials for the retreat or has obtained the PDF. I want to thank Phyllis Manno for doing this retreat during these difficult times. And again a thank you goes out to Father Mike for his time and patience on these events. If anyone wishes to join us, please contact me immediately at 908-753-2161 or email mjgbergen@verizon.net. Thank you.

As we are approaching Lent (February 17th), I hope that you are thinking of ways to have a blessed Lent. IHM is providing many ways for you to accomplish this. But you can always say the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary. Remember "Abandon yourself into the arms of Mary. She will take care of you." and "Never tire of praying...it is what is essential." St. Padre Pio.

Reminder that the Adoration Chapel is open and Jesus is waiting for you to visit with Him. For the code call Erin Miller, Betty Swisher or me. We are still 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 24th

Weekly Budget Need:	\$10,784.32
Collection:	5,510.00
Parish Giving (includes text to give)	2,006.71
Surplus/(Deficit):	(3,267.61)
Fiscal Year to Date:	
Budget	\$323,529.60
Actual	286,149.86
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$37,379.74)

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.

With my Prayers,

Fr. Rob



Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, January 31st

5:00 pm - BOLD Youth Ministry Zoom Mtg.

Monday, February 1st

Tuesday, February 2nd

8:30 am - Rosary Mini Retreat on Zoom

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

Wednesday, February 3rd

9:30 am - Centering Prayer Meeting

10 am - 12 pm -Food Pantry Distribution

Thursday, February 4th

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

Friday, February 5th

Saturday, February 6th

Sunday, February 7th

11:00 am - Bible Basics Zoom Class

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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: _____