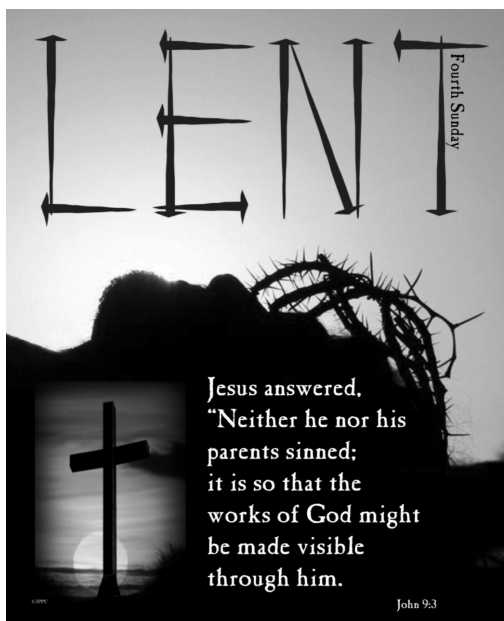


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

1571 S. Martine Ave. Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 Phone: (908) 889-2100 FAX: (908) 889-9477 EMAIL: office@ihmparish.net

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 22, 2020



“While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” (John 9)

The directive from Cardinal Tobin in light of what he calls “the rapidly changing landscape in dealing with the coronavirus: Until further notice, public celebration of both Sunday Mass and daily Mass is suspended. This decision comes after exhaustive discussion and with an especially heavy heart.” Sunday Mass will be livestreamed at 10 a.m. on Facebook & later posted on our website: www.ihmparish.net Daily Mass will be livestreamed at 8:30 a.m. on Facebook. Livestreamed Mass times maybe subject to change. Reconciliation: Please call the office for a private confession. The Immaculate Heart of Mary Office & Eucharistic Adoration Chapel are closed until further notice.

***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***

Like us on Facebook: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Notes from Fr. Mike



Perhaps blindness takes on a new meaning for us this year. It is certainly a time of uncertainty and confusion as we grapple with the changes in our lives due to the Coronavirus outbreak and the limitations placed on us and our lives. Our routines have been drastically altered. The people, things and activities we once took for granted have new meaning. Even our Eucharistic Fast on Sundays leads us to a greater yearning for Christ in our lives. We are seeing our lives and our world in a different way! While this is a serious and even tragic turn of events, unprecedented in our lives, it is also a time in which we can look for ways in which we live our faith and our discipleship that we previously did not think of. Some could be ways that are temporary, others with more permanence. Certainly the celebration of the Eucharist will always have the highest priority in our relationship with Christ and with one another, it is the “Source and Summit” of our worship. But we are also learning new ways of relating to Christ and to one another through this time. In a sense we see with clearer vision, or less blindness, the value of Christ in our lives, the value of faith, and see more clearly the need to live out that faith in our relationships. Let us continue to pray for one another, to help one another, to love one another, that this may be a time in which we realize more profoundly the love of Christ in our lives and work more diligently for the coming of His Kingdom.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

During this current health environment. IHM Parish would like to reach out to support our neighbors in need of an extra set of hands for help.

Our Seniors and Immune Compromised Neighbors are at the highest risk levels. As a result grocery shopping & medicine pick-up have been more difficult. Please join us in helping our community to stay healthy and become a buddy volunteer during this Lenten Season.

Call the office at (908) 889-2100 or email: office@ihmparish.net if you want to be a buddy or know someone in need.

Scripture Reflection The Fourth Sunday of Lent



“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.”

JOHN 4:13

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.



IHM Women’s Prayer Group



The Prayer Group meetings are cancelled until further notice due to the health crisis.

Archdiocese of Newark 2020 Lenten Regulations



1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. Fridays of the year outside of Lent are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

3. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **1st Sunday of Lent, March 1 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 7, 2020.**

*Canon 920 §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion once a year.*

Remember Our Sick



- | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Lee Achiron | Nicole Griffin |
| John Allen | Colleen Guidera |
| Eileen Arnold | John Heiling |
| Rose Badala | Juliann Junio |
| Marion Barrett | Janet Kanelos |
| Larry Biunno | Eileen Lynch |
| Thomas | Maureen Lynch |
| Bodenberd | Christine Morris |
| Fran Boglioli | Jim McLean |
| James Brown | June McManus |
| Kevin Brown | Bob McMillion |
| John Burkert | Timothy Murphy |
| John Byrne | Charlie Plungis |
| Anna Cassella | Hilda Pizza |
| Matthew Cassio | Madeline Pravata |
| Donald Checchio | Diane Pricken |
| Frank Chimento | Cheryl Reid |
| Colm Cosgrove | Joel Rivera |
| Edward Clark | Susan Rozborski |
| Joe Clarke | Jeannie Schroeder |
| Ray Clark | Bernard Slaza |
| Elle Crofton | Beverly Sopp |
| Enrique Curbelo | Ryder Francis Spillane |
| Dorothy D'Angelo | Paul Szeker |
| Denise Donnelly | Samuel Testa |
| Barbara Faccone | Carole Ventre |
| Albert Fischer, Jr. | Daniel Ventura |
| Emily Fleming | Sr.Elizabeth Vermaelen |
| Mary Flynn | Stephen Voorhees |
| Anna Franke | Christy Ward |

Mass Intentions

**Sunday Mass will be livestreamed at 10 a.m. on Facebook & later posted on our website: www.ihnparish.net.
Daily Mass will be livestreamed at 8:30 a.m. on Facebook.
Livestreamed Mass times maybe subject to change.**

Sunday, March 22nd

- 8:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 10:00 am **Tom Dwyer+** By the Dwyer Family
 12:00 pm **Margaret & Patrick Cuddihy+** By Eileen Guidi

Monday, March 23rd

- 7:00 am **Madeline Carbonaro+** By the Chimento Family
 8:30 am **Nina Martone+** By the Berger Family

Tuesday, March 24th

- 7:00 am **George F. Geiger+** By the Keogh Family
 8:30 am **Roseanne DeGregorio (living)** By Patricia Markey

Wednesday, March 25th

- 7:00 am **Patricia A. Morrison+** By the Muscus Family
 8:30 am **Carol Cassidy+** By Paul Cassidy

Thursday, March 26th

- 7:00 am **Romula Lioanag+** By Lioanag Family
 8:30 am **Jeremiah O'Neil+** By Vivian O'Neil
 7:00 pm **Lenten Confessions**

Friday, March 27th

- 7:00 am **Joseph Duddy+** By Eleanor Duddy & Family
 8:30 am **Gerard McShane+** By Karen Schwaneberg
 12:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, March 28th

- 7:00 am **Jadwiga Karelus+** By Janet Frasier
 8:30 am **For the people of IHM Parish**
 5:00 pm **Rose Lichtenwalner+** By Patricia & James Feeley

Sunday, March 29th

- 8:00 am **Carrie O'Donnell+** By Raymond & Joan O'Donnell
 10:00 am **Frank Pecoraro+** By Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Spera
 12:00 pm **Tommy Farrell+** By Terry Clark

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.



Remember those who have died:

Sanctuary Light: Week of March 22nd:
The Sanctuary Candle will burn for:

For the intention of Frank Panarese+
Requested by the Cirigliano Family



Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of March 22nd:

In loving remembrance of
Mildred Mrozek+

Requested by :
Barbara & Joe Mrozek

IHM's Summer Academy 2020



Registration is now open.

Session Dates:

First Session: June 29TH through July 10
(No classes on July 3RD)

Second Session: August 17TH through August 28TH.

Families of Faith - mid-September through the following April.

IHM Religious Education registration for Summer Academy and for Families of Faith began on March 17th. All families who registered for either session of Summer Academy or for the Families of Faith program last year should have received an email from Parish Giving, the company that oversees the registration procedures, with registration information.

New families to the programs or the parish should access the IHM website and choose the menu for Faith Formation for Children. Once the information called for on the site is filled in and submitted, they too will receive an email from Parish Giving with instructions on how to complete registration.

Parish Giving maintains a help desk from 9:00-4:00 pm daily and will help with any registration issues you may encounter.

Phone number is 866-307-7140.

If you have any further questions, please email the Faith Formation office at Faithformation@ihmparish.net or call the Nazareth Center at 908-889-2100.

Fees: \$175 for first child, \$275 for two or more children

**BOLD Youth Ministries
Top of the Morning to You**



The St. Patty's Day Party is postponed due to the health crisis.

Looking for some things to do while you are home? Go through your old clothes and put together a bag to donate to the needy.

.....
Service Trip to Pittsburgh, PA is July 19-24
Check your email for registration information.

**Easter Basket Collection
First Communion Families Assembling
Easter Baskets for Needy Children**

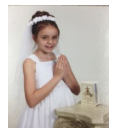


This program is cancelled due to the health crisis. All donated items will still be delivered to St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth, the Gray Friars in Newark as well as the IHM Food Pantry.

**Centering Prayer
"Be Still, Know, I am God"**

This program is postponed due to the health crisis. Please call Phyllis Manno at 908-264-7456 or Mary Jane Bergen at 908-753-2161 for more information.

**Wanted: New or Used Communion
Dresses & Suits**



Thank you to everyone who contributed to this collection. Your generosity is appreciated.

Catholic School Matters



Postponement of Casino Night and SBA 5K


In light of the growing Coronavirus concern, public health guidelines, and restrictions that are being implemented statewide, we are postponing both Casino Night and the SBA 5K.

Casino Night has been rescheduled to October 2, 2020, 7-11 pm, at the Italian American Club, Scotch Plains. If you require a refund for Casino Night, please contact Fabrizia Rotondo at Fabriziarotondo@gmail.com.

The SBA 5K will be Saturday, September 12 at 9 am. If you are registered for the 5k and can make the new date, your registration will rollover. If you require a refund for the 5K contact Maureen at sba5k@stbacademy.org.

If you can't make one of the events and would like to consider your registration a donation to the school, we greatly appreciate that!

simple secure convenient



*Sign up for Parish Giving today!
Visit the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
website at <http://ihmparish.net> and click on the
Parish Giving logo to get started with Parish Giving.*

Parish Giving

Rosary Altar Society:



All Rosary Altar Society events are currently suspended. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for updates.

We hope to have our May 17th our Rosary Altar Society's Communion Mass and Breakfast. We start with Mass at 10 a.m. followed with breakfast at Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains. The cost of this event is \$45. Please send your check to Barbara Apgar at 427 LaGrande Ave.; Fanwood, NJ 07023. What a fine way to end our year! Hope you can attend.

We are praying for you, our parish and the world.

Parish Information

Religious Education Classes

Questions? Faithformation@ihmparish.net

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

Adoration Chapel:

Temporarily located in the Nazareth Center. See page 6 for new hours. Chapel closed on Holy Days and Holidays. Please note, if SPF schools are closed due to bad weather, the chapel will be closed.

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



**Like us on Facebook at:
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**



**Follow us on Instagram at:
ihmparish_sp**

IHM Holy Name Society



Meetings are currently suspended, please keep an eye on the bulletin for updates. All interested men of the parish are invited to join us for breakfast. We serve eggs, sausage, crumb cake and coffee at every meeting.



**The Nazareth Center is closed until further notice.
We are checking our email:
office @ihmparish.net.**

**Please call the office at (908) 889-2100 if you have
any questions.**

Adoration Chapel is closed until further notice.

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, March 22nd

Monday, March 23rd

Tuesday, March 24th

Wednesday, March 25th

11 a.m.. - Food Pantry

Thursday, March 26th

Friday, March 27th

Saturday, March 28th

Sunday, March 29th



Like us on Facebook at:
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



Follow us on Instagram at:
ihmparish_sp

Stations of the Cross

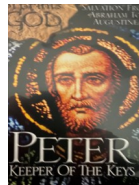
Stations of the cross are cancelled due to the health crisis. Please continue to pray at home.



**IHM Bible Study
Please join us as we study
“Peter – Keeper of the Keys”**

This class maybe be rescheduled after the health crisis subsides.

Questions? Please contact Eileen Wagner at (908) 317-8554 or email eilwagner45@gmail.com.



Attention All Gardeners!



More daylight, warmer weather and Spring! Time to start our food pantry Garden. Your help will be needed to till, weed and amend the soil. Keep an eye on the bulletin for our start date. If you can help contact Emil at (908) 591-3384 or Kathy at (908) 322-9410.

Charitable Contribution Forms for 2019

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 will receive a form in the mail from our envelope company, provided you have contributed \$100 or more in 2019.
- * **Capital Campaign:** Any cash or check contributions to our "Praise for the Past... Building for the Future" Capital Campaign will be acknowledged by a letter from IHM being mailed later this month.
- * **Parish Giving:** You can print a contribution history activity form for all electronic fund transfer contributions through Parish Giving by visiting your account at www.parishgiving.org. Contact Tracey in the office if you need assistance.

Offertory Collection

March 15, 2020

Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,960.78
Collection:	2,121.00
Parish Giving:	2,508.59
Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$7,331.19)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget	\$454,509.64
Actual	\$393,201.63
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$61,308.01)

**Shining the Light of Christ Annual Appeal: \$23,350.00
Goal: \$75,445.00 (29.96% of goal)**

Thank you for your generosity!