

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19, 2020



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.”

Immaculate Heart of Mary Masses will be livestreamed on Facebook & our website: www.ihmparish.net.

Reconciliation suspended unless extreme emergency. 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 & Eucharistic Adoration Chapel are closed until further notice. The Church building is also closed.

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

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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”

Notes from Fr. Mike



In today’s Gospel we see the risen Christ entering once more into the lives of His disciples, despite locked doors, locked minds and locked hearts. Each of us in some way or another has closed our minds and hearts to Christ at one time or another. But we know that God’s mercy and love are so much greater. Christ still invites us each and every day into a profound and intimate relationship with him, and we have simply to look at the lives of the apostles after their encounters with the risen Christ to know what possibilities are opened to us if we respond to the invitation of Christ to let him transform our lives.

Peace,
Fr. Mike

Scripture Reflection Divine Mercy Sunday



“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’”

John 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships with God and each other. A simple note or phone call goes a long way.



*The Altar Bread and Wine
the week of April 19th:
For the intentions of IHM Parish*

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

During the current health environment IHM Parish would like to reach out to support our neighbors in need of 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 difficult time.

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

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.*

Divine Mercy Sunday April 19, 2020 at 3 p.m.



**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th:
The Divine Mercy Novena will culminate
this Sunday at 3:00 p.m.
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Prayer & Divine Mercy Chaplet.
This service will be livestreamed.**

Remember Our Sick



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

Mass Intentions

The Masses listed below will be livestreamed on Facebook & on our website: www.ihmparish.net. The church building must remain closed due to the Covid-19 health crisis.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th

- 10:00 am **Frank & Wanda Bielanski+** By Mary Young
Joseph Sumanski+ By Anita & Steve Prato
James R. Kennedy+ By Alice Van Anda
Harold C. Knox+ By Arlene Knox
- 3:00 pm **Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet**

Monday, April, 20th

- 8:30 am **Carmela M. Piscitelli+** By the Nizner Family
Guarna Family By Antoinette Guarna

Tuesday, April 21st

- 8:30 am **Ernest Tiangco+** By the Tiangco Family
Bill Kiley+ By Betty Swisher

Wednesday, April 22nd

- 8:30 am **Willis Hough+** By Verizon Friends
Henry Rozborski+ By the Zelonis Family
 (1st Anniversary)

Thursday, April 23rd

- 8:30 am **Patricia Catanese+** By Lew Corno & Family
Robert Reddin+ By Ed & Maggie & Family

Friday, April 24th

- 8:30 am **Dolores O'Brien+** By Rose Badala, Marion & Marc
 Berger & Joan & Ray O'Donnell
Rita & Russell Wagner+ By Rich & Eileen Wagner

Saturday, April 25th

- 8:30 am **Paul Szeker+** By the Bonaccolto Family
Antolin Videl+ By Glo-Ann Lee

Sunday, April 26th

- 10:00 am **Joseph Guidi+** By Eileen Guidi
Anne Kunze+ By the Keogh Family
For the People of IHM Parish
Richard T. Cimino+ By John Gibson & Family

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: Robert B. Davie+, Fr. Frank Heinen+, Carol Rizzo+

Sanctuary Light: Week of April 19th:

*The Sanctuary Candle will burn for:
For the intention of Robert Reddin+
Requested by Ed & Maggie Dombrowski*



Flowers for the Blessed Mother



April & May 2020 flower orders have been canceled with Ponzio's Florist. They will be transferred to April & May 2021. The 2021 book will open officially on September 1, 2020. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us.

Important Information
IHM's Summer Academy 2020
A Note from Mary Clinton:



Dear Parents,

There are so many unknowns right now. Everything, everywhere is up in the air with regard to all programs in light of the coronavirus restrictions. I hope that you and your families are doing okay, it is a difficult time for sure. I ask you to please not delay in registering your child(ren) for the Summer Academy session you were planning to have him/her attend, or our Families of Faith program.

Here's why:

-- **Our Summer Academy sessions will take place no matter what!** If we cannot meet on site at the parish, we will have "virtual" sessions during the same time frames. (Session #1 - June 29 - July 10; Session #2 - Aug. 17 - 28). But, we need to take care to order and prepare sufficient supplies and identify sufficient catechists and volunteers, and we need to know the numbers of children to plan effectively.

-- Families who are planning to register for our school year family model, **Families of Faith** program should also register now. This program has been well received by the families who participated this year. Should the corona virus restrictions continue into the fall (heaven forbid!), this program will run remotely as well and we will need time to plan effectively for the number of families who will participate.

It should be noted that any family who would like to participate in both Summer Academy and Families of Faith would be welcome, and would only pay one fee for both with an additional book fee of \$20/child. There was an email attached our Family Handbook so you can take a look at the description of the program.

A note about registration fees:

Please note that the registration fee is the same amount whether you choose Summer Academy or Families of Faith. (This year: \$175 for one/ \$275 for two or more, and these can be waived in case of financial hardship.) In the past 5 years we have never set individual fees for different programs as the costs for all religious ed programs exceed the actual costs of the programs themselves (materials, salaries, utilities, etc.) with the balance being subsidized by the Sunday collection. This is why it is so important that we contribute to the weekly IHM collection if we are financially able, even during the coronavirus. We can mail it in or use our Parish Giving accounts. The Sunday collection is the financial life blood needed to keep the parish running. So, even with the suspension of Sunday worship during the coronavirus, the parish still has to pay its bills to keep the lights on just as we need to do at our homes! If you continue to be financially able during this coronavirus situation, please support your parish with your weekly Sunday donations.

Thank you for your help at this time to assist us in being ready for whatever comes our way this summer. Email me any questions/input you have at maryclinton@ihmparish.net. May God bless you and your family, friends and neighbors, and our Blessed Mother wrap you in her mantle of love and protection.

Peace & blessings, Mary

Faith Formation Zoom Classes

Although, we cannot meet in person, the Faith Formation Gatherings will be done via Zoom. We are very grateful to Rachael Flanagan, our youth minister, for taking the lead on working remotely.

May God bless us during this difficult time. May the Holy Spirit fill us with fight and hope, fortitude and peace!

Faith Formation Zoom Meetings:

- Tues., April 14th @ 7pm (Summer Acad. Brainstorming Meeting)
- Sun., April 19th @ 8:30am (Families of Faith April AFF Meeting)
- Sun., April 19th @ 11am (First Communion Preparation)
- Mon., April 20th @ 6:30pm & 7:30pm (8th gr Confirmation Prep)
- Sat., April 25th @ 4:30pm & 5:30pm (9th gr Confirmation Prep)
- Sun., April 26th @ 8:30am (Families of Faith Final Gathering of the Year)

BOLD Youth Ministries

. Looking for some things to do while you are home?

Live stream the Mass! IHM Daily Mass will be livestreamed on Facebook at 8:30 a.m. and available later on our website: www.ihmparish.net.

Go through your old clothes and put together a bag to donate to the needy.

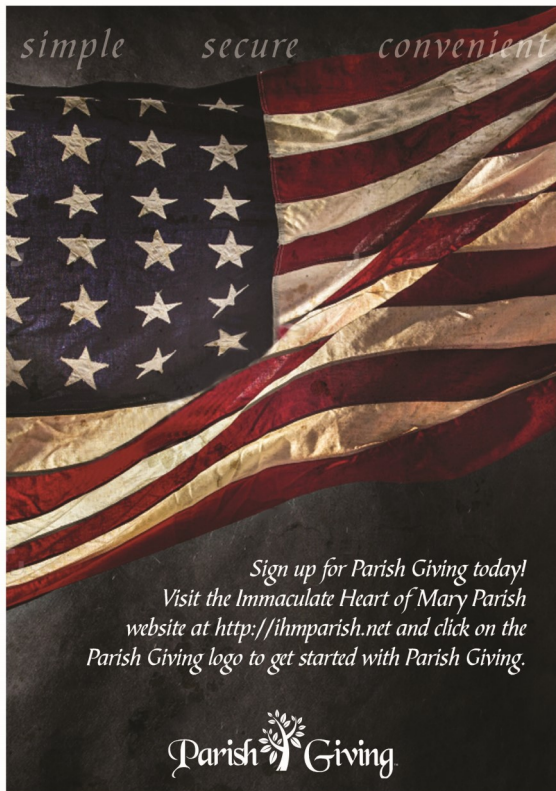
Service Trip to Pittsburgh, PA is July 19-24

Check your email for registration information.



Sentinel Management has just informed us that due to the Coronavirus and out of an abundance of caution, the Catholic Charities donation bin will be closed. It will be emptied and wrapped in plastic.

This is a temporary measure and we ask you to save all items for when we are operating again. We are so thankful for your generosity. Catholic Charities continues to reach out to the most vulnerable in our society. We pray for the safety of all throughout the world and ask for God's strength as we confront this invisible enemy. Stay safe and healthy!



**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:

Flowers for the Blessed Mother: April & May 2020 flower orders have been canceled with Ponzio's Florist. They will be transferred to April & May 2021. The 2021 book will open officially on September 1, 2020. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us.

All Rosary Altar Society events are currently suspended including our Communion Mass and Breakfast at Shackamaxon Country Club, which we will reschedule. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for updates.

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

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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.**

**The Church building and Adoration Chapel
are closed until further notice.**



Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Pantry



During this difficult time the IHM Food Pantry is still distributing food. If you would like to make a non-perishable food or money donation you may drop it off behind the church on Wednesdays between 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon. Thank you.

Calendar of Events at IHM

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th

- 8:30 a.m. - Families of Faith Zoom Meeting
- 11 a.m. - First Communion Zoom Meeting
- 3 p.m. - Divine Mercy Novena livestream

Monday, April 20th

- 6:30 p.m. - 8th Grade Confirmation Zoom Mtg
- 7:30 p.m.. - 8th Grade Confirmation Zoom Mtg

Tuesday, April 21st

Wednesday, April 22nd

- 11 a.m. - Food Pantry Collection & Distribution

Thursday, April 23rd

Friday, April 24th

Saturday, April 25th

- 4:30 p.m.. - 9th Grade Confirmation Zoom Mtg
- 5:30 p.m.. - 9th Grade Confirmation Zoom Mtg

Sunday, April 26th

- 8:30 a.m. - Families of Faith Zoom Mtg



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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

April 5, 2020 - Palm Sunday

Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,960.78
Collection:	8,909.00
Parish Giving (includes TEXT to GIVE):	3,355.57
Surplus/(Deficit):	303.79

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget	\$490,391.98
Actual	\$416,419.80
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$73,972.18)

Easter Collection to Date: \$35, 527.90

Shining the Light of Christ Annual Appeal:

\$23,850.00
Goal: \$75,445.00 (31.61% of goal)