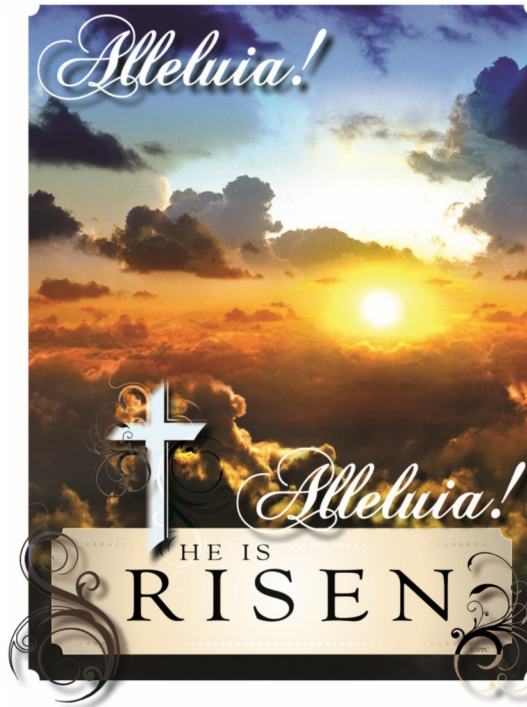


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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*Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 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](http://www.ihmparish.net).*

*Reconciliation is 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



To know and be in relationship with Jesus is to know and be in relationship with the Father (and the Holy Spirit). It is not about knowing of Jesus or about Jesus, but of knowing Him, and allowing ourselves to be open to that life giving relationship. Jesus says in the Gospel that when people see Him they see the Father. As the second person of the blessed Trinity He is God, and thus enables us to see the Father. He shows this through His words, actions and life. We too are called to be reflections of God in our daily lives, to show by our word, actions and lives the presence of God in our lives and in the world. We remind ourselves that we try to do this not only on an individual basis, but also as a community of faith and as a church. Let us pray this week for a growth in unity and holiness for ourselves and for all people that we may better build up the Kingdom of God in our midst.

Peace,  
Fr. Mike

### Scripture Reflection Fifth Sunday of Easter



*“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” 1 PETER 2:7*

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called “charisms” and they are used to build God’s kingdom on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember, no gift is too small or insignificant in God’s salvation plan

*The Altar Bread and Wine  
was donated for  
the week of May 10th:*



*For the intention of Joe Mulrooney+  
Requested by the Mulrooney Family*

### IHM Women’s Prayer Group Thursday, June 4th at 7:30 p.m.

Please Join Us for  
Our Virtual Prayer Gathering  
If you would like to participate, please email  
Tracey Foley at [tfoleyihm@gmail.com](mailto:tfoleyihm@gmail.com),  
so she can send you the link.



### IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group Virtual Meeting

Saturday, May 16 at 9:15 a.m.



The IHM Men's Scripture Study and Discussion Group has meetings “virtually” on ZOOM. All men of the parish (as well as neighboring parishes) are welcome. They discuss scripture for about an hour. Our next meeting is Saturday, May 16 at 9:15 a.m.

ZOOM is a user friendly video conference call that can be accessed through smartphones, PCs or tablets. You can also call into the meeting with a regular phone and participate without video. You should get the details (phone number to call, computer link, etc.) ahead of time, **so if you wish to participate please email David Diken at [dndiken@aol.com](mailto:dndiken@aol.com) for an invitation to the session.**

### 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*

Remember Our Sick



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|---------------------|------------------------|
| John Allen          | Juliann Junio          |
| Rose Badala         | Eileen Lynch           |
| Marion Barrett      | Maureen Lynch          |
| Larry Biunno        | Owen (Mike) McCabe     |
| Fran Boglioli       | Christine Morris       |
| James Brown         | Jim Morris             |
| Kevin Brown         | Jim McLean             |
| John Burkert        | June McManus           |
| John Byrne          | Bob McMillion          |
| Anna Cassella       | Margaret Mulrooney     |
| Paul Cassidy        | Timothy Murphy         |
| Matthew Cassio      | Charlie Plungis        |
| Donald Checchio     | Madeline Pravata       |
| Frank Chimento      | Diane Pricken          |
| 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           |
| Albert Fischer, Jr. | Carole Ventre          |
| Emily Fleming       | Daniel Ventura         |
| Mary Flynn          | Sr.Elizabeth Vermaelen |
| Anna Franke         | Stephen Voorhees       |
| Mary Graham         | Christy Ward           |
| Nicole Griffin      | Annie Whitehouse       |
| John Healing        | Norah Yokom            |

# Mass Intentions

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

### Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th

- 10:00 am **Jack Clark+** By his loving wife, Terry  
**Joseph P. D'Annunzio+** By Jack & Dorothy Foulks  
**James & Mildred Manfredonia+** By Janet & Emil Manfredonia  
**James Lissemore+** By Maureen Grossman & Family

### Monday, May 11th

- 8:30 am **Mother's Day Novena**  
**Tom Barth+** By Kathleen Ryan

### Tuesday, May 12th

- 8:30 am **Mother's Day Novena**  
**Paz Zulueta+** By the Altiveros Family

### Wednesday, May 13th

- 8:30 am **Mother's Day Novena**  
**Margaret Mulrooney** By Dan & Ro Kelly

### Thursday, May 14th

- 8:30 am **Mother's Day Novena**  
**Joe Mulrooney+** By Dan & Ro Kelly

### Friday, May 15th

- 8:30 am **Mother's Day Novena**  
**George Lowsky+** By the Ritter Family

### Saturday, May 16th

- 8:30 am **Mother's Day Novena**  
**Rosa Marcus+** By Rekha Kulkarni

### Sunday, May 17th

- 10:00 am **Mother's Day Novena**  
**Bart & Mary Zucosky+** By Chris & Amy Zucosky  
**James J. Grossman+** By his wife and family  
**For the People of IHM Parish**

### 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:*

- Eileen Arnold+, Gregory Collantes+, Elizabeth Wilner+,  
 Ryan Mee+, Rose Yashay+, Niel Hoefling, Sr. Irma Gazzillo+,  
 Barbara Faccone+, Joseph Sweeney,  
 Arlene Marie Kacvinski+, Fr. James Carroll+*

### Sanctuary Light: Week of May 10th:

*The Sanctuary Candle will burn for:*

*The Deceased Memebers of Wood & Verdic Family  
 Requested by the Verdic Family*



### **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**

Dear Parents & Catechists & SA volunteers,

Father Mike and I had hoped to have a decision by now on whether we will be having an onsite Summer Academy or a "virtual" Summer Academy this Summer.

With things still unsettled and unknown due to the coronavirus, we must defer the decision until mid-May, when we expect to learn more from both the state of NJ and our archdiocese on the guidelines for opening up houses of worship and schools. Please note that whatever decision is made, it will apply to both sessions of Summer Academy. This means that should we need to have a "virtual" Summer Academy for session #1 (June 29 - July 2)), we will also have "virtual" Summer Academy for session #2 (August 17 - 28).

One very important piece of input is needed right now from you. Even if the state of New Jersey and the Archdiocese clear the way for opening the parish in time for session #1 in June, we need to know if you would be comfortable sending your children or volunteering at the session.

Parents & catechists: please complete the survey that was emailed to you.

Many thanks for your cooperation and patience as we try to navigate the best course prudently and safely.

Peace & Easter Blessings,

Mary



**Spiritual Communion Prayer:**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to YOU.

Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

**BOLD Youth Ministries**

Teens, would you like to join our weekly zoom call? We have a call every Sunday at 5pm. If you would like to participate, please call or text Rachel Flanagan at (908) 280-2893.

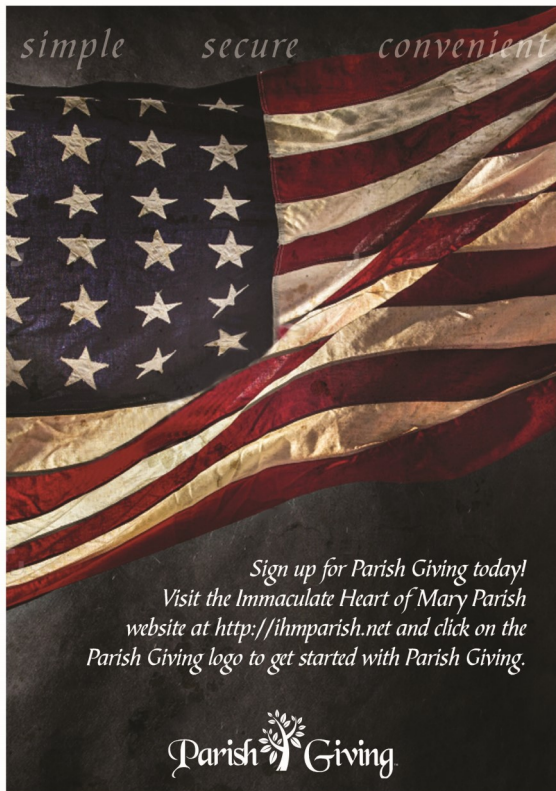
Live stream the Mass! IHM Daily Mass will be livestreamed on Facebook at 8:30 a.m. and available later on our website: [www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net).

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



The Catholic Charities donation bin is temporarily closed due to the health crisis.

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 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.

**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.



**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 in the red bins.

Items most needed are paper products, canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, syrup and instant potatoes. Thank you.

**Calendar of Events at IHM**

**Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th**

Food Pantry Sunday  
5 p.m. BOLD Youth Ministry Zoom Mtg.

**Monday, May 11th**

**Tuesday, May 12th**

**Wednesday, May 13th**

11 a.m. - Food Pantry Distribution

**Thursday, May 14th**

**Friday, May 15th**

**Saturday, May 16th**

9:15 a.m. - Men's Scripture & Discussion Zoom Mtg.

**Sunday, May 17th**

Food Pantry Sunday  
5 p.m. BOLD Youth Ministry Zoom Mtg.



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**Mother's Day Novena**



If you would like to honor your mother, grandmother or someone special, Mother's Day Novena Cards can be found in front of the Nazareth Center in the bin. The Novena will be prayed from May 10 - May 18.

Please take the card and return the donation envelope to the mailbox in front of the Nazareth Center.



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If so, please choose Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scotch Plains through your AmazonSmile account. There is no cost to you and Amazon will donate a portion of the sale to IHM.

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**Offertory Collection**

**May 3, 2020**

Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,960.78
Collection:	6,686.00
Parish Giving (includes TEXT to GIVE):	2,597.35
Surplus/(Deficit):	(2,677.43)

**Fiscal Year to Date:**

Budget	\$526,274.32
Actual	\$441,557.40
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$84,716.92)

**Easter Collection to Date:** \$48,093.48

*Thank you for your generosity!*