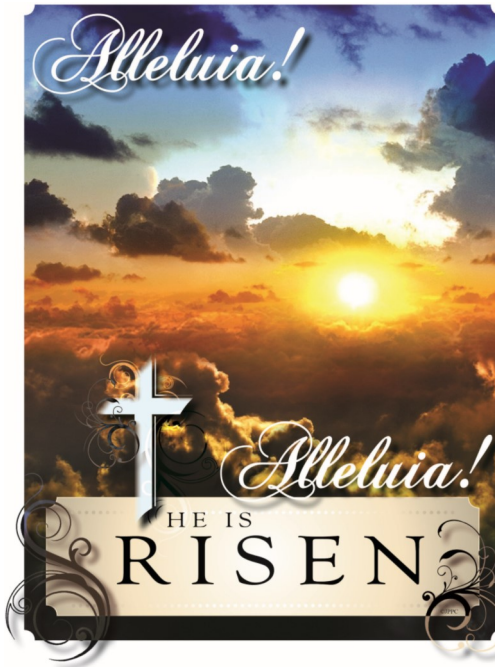


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 17, 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 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 will begin Phase 1 re-opening today, please see page 2 of this bulletin for details.

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



The Christian life is not an external observance of Christ’s commandments but an intense relationship of the individual AND community to the three Persons of the Trinity. The Spirit conveys the presence of the Son, who reveals the Father. But this intense personal relationship is not dissolved into mere emotion; it is concretely and soberly manifested in a life of obedience to Christ’s commandments. The departure of Jesus does not mean that He is now absent. It means His ever-renewed presence through the movement of the Spirit. Through the Spirit we are given the gifts necessary to manifest His presence not just in our lives as individuals, but as a community of faith as well.

Reopening the church - Phase 1

Good News. This Sunday, May 17, 2020, we will begin phase 1 of re-opening our church. Following strict guidelines of protection and social distancing people may now come to church for personal prayer. Please see the notices on the church doors and our website for specific guidelines that must be adhered to, as well as more details concerning the reopening of our church in the coming weeks or months.

Beginning Sunday May 17, 2020 the church will be open for private personal prayer according to the following schedule: Sunday 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. Monday-Saturday 8:00 am to 12 noon.

Please keep an eye on the bulletin, website and our social media pages for future updates.

Peace,
Fr. Mike

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,
so she can send you the link.



Scripture Reflection Sixth Sunday of Easter



“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God’s will, than for doing evil.” 1 PETER 3:17

The old line says, “If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans.” Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don’t get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, “Why me? I did everything right!” Here is the thing - adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

*The Altar Bread and Wine
was donated for
the week of May 17th:*



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

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*

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.

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

Monday, May 18th

8:30 am **Mother's Day Novena**
Fred Chemidlin+ By Betty Swisher

Tuesday, May 19th

8:30 am **Mary Slattery+** By John & Tracey Foley
Evelyn Schott+ By Anita & Steve Prato

Wednesday, May 20th

8:30 am **Elizabeth Barbieri+** By Charles & Geri Barcellona
Tom Barth+ By Rich & Heba Fortunato

The Ascension of the Lord, May 21st

8:30 am **Ugo D'Andrea+** By Beaumonte Family
Michael Fortunato+ By Rich Fortunato
Nevenka Kelez+ By the Chimento Family
The Deceased Members of the Brown & Curtin Families
By the Hennessy Family

Friday, May 22nd

8:30 am **Joan D'Andrea & the D'Andrea Family**
By the Carlino Family
Claire Burke+ By TE Foley

Saturday, May 23rd

8:30 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
Randy Gervais+ By Ray & Joan O'Donnell

Sunday, May 24th

10:00 am **Anne M. Kunze+** (1st Annivesary) By IHM Parish Staff
Jessica Czajkowski+ By the Chimento Family
Edward V. Ryan++ By Kathleen Ryan
James Lissemore+ By June & John Mooney

Remember Our Sick

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| Monina Abella | Juliann Junio |
| John Allen | Eileen Lynch |
| Rose Badala | Maureen Lynch |
| Marion Barrett | Owen (Mike) McCabe |
| Larry Biunno | Christine Morris |
| Fran Boglioli | Jim Morris |
| James Brown | Jim McLean |
| Kevin Brown | June McManus |
| John Burkert | Bob McMillion |
| John Byrne | Margaret Mulrooney |
| Anna Cassella | Timothy Murphy |
| Paul Cassidy | 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 | Dino Velez |
| 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 |

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:
Gregory Collantes+, Ryan Mee+, Niel Hoefling,
Sr. Irma Gazzillo+, Barbara Faccone+, Joseph Sweeney,
Arlene Marie Kacvinski+, Fr. James Carroll+, Karen Crane+

Sanctuary Light: Week of May 17th:

The Sanctuary Candle will burn for:
George Geiger+
Requested by the Cahill 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 will be Virtual

Dear Parents & Catechists,

In light of Governor Murphy's announcement to keep schools closed through the remainder of the year, and the feedback received from parents and catechists, Father Mike and I have decided that in the interest of safety, both sessions of Summer Academy 2020 will be "virtual."

We will run two distinct sessions during the originally scheduled time frames: Session #1 from June 29 - July 2 and Session #2 from August 17 - 28. BOTH sessions will be virtual. Although we are saddened not to be able to meet in person, it is our hope that the plans we are working on for virtual Summer Academy 2020 will allow us to offer an experience that is educational, engaging and fun, too! When our plans are finalized, I will send an email with the particulars to both parents and catechists.

Depending on how the summer shapes up, we will leave the door open for the possibility of having onsite family Masses and/or family service projects in the evenings during the August session. All parish families will be invited to participate in the evening Masses and/or service projects if we are permitted to gather in person later in the summer.

Any parents who have already registered their children for Summer Academy but wish to switch to a different session may do so. Please contact Janet Manfredonia (janet@ihmparish.net) for instructions on how to switch to a different session.

Please contact me (maryclinton@ihmparish.net) with any questions you may have.

With prayers for safety and good health-

Peace & Easter blessings,

Mary



IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group Virtual Meetings

The IHM Men's Scripture Study and Discussion Group has meetings "virtually" on ZOOM. All men are welcome. We discuss scripture for about an hour. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for our next meeting date and time.

ZOOM is a user friendly video conference call that can be accessed with smartphones, PCs or tablets. You can 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 email David Diken at dndiken@aol.com for an invitation to the session.**



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.



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

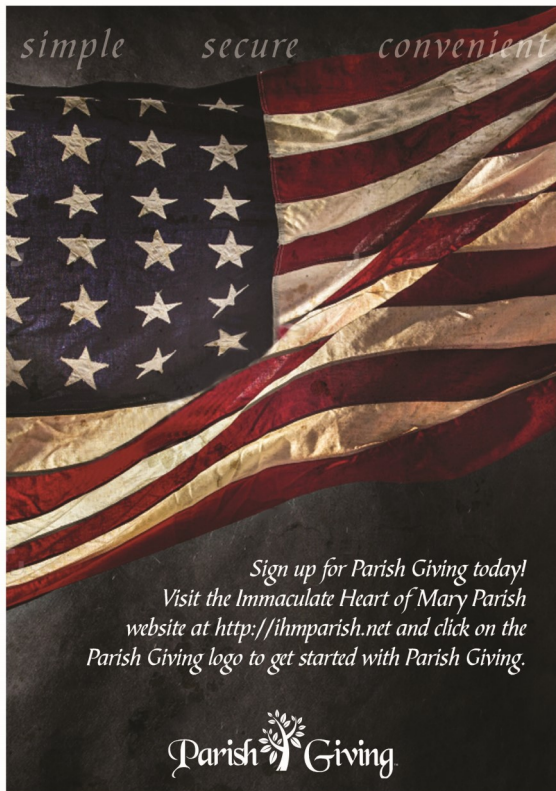
This is a temporary measure and we ask you to save all items for when we are operating again. We are so thankful for your generosity. Catholic Charities continues to reach out to the most vulnerable in our society. Stay safe and healthy!

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.

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



**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 closed due to health crisis. 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.

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 Needs Food and Money Donations



We are seeing unprecedented requests for food at IHM. The line starts an hour before the food bank opens. 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.

A huge thank you to the Rosary Altar Society who generously donated Shoprite gift cards to our food pantry. We would like to thank everyone in the community who has donated food, money and time to the IHM Food Pantry.



Do You Shop on Amazon.com?

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.

Just go to smile.amazon.com, search for Immaculate Heart of Mary Scotch Plains and then click on "select".

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, May 17th

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

Monday, May 18th

Tuesday, May 19th

Wednesday, May 20th

10 a.m. - Food Pantry Distribution

Thursday, May 21st

7 p.m. - 7th Grade Parent/Child Confirmation Zoom Meeting

Friday, May 22nd

Saturday, May 23rd

Sunday, May 24th

5 p.m. BOLD Youth Ministry Zoom Mtg.



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Mother's Day Novena



The Mother's Day Novena started on May 10 and will be prayed until May 18. If you wish to participate in the novena it is prayed after the 8:30 a.m. mass.

Offertory Collection

May 10, 2020

Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,960.78
Collection:	5,115.00
Parish Giving (includes TEXT to GIVE):	5,019.36
Surplus/(Deficit):	(1,826.42)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget	\$538,235.10
Actual	\$451,691.76
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$86,543.34)

Easter Collection to Date: \$48,613.34

Thank you for your generosity!