

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 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 began Phase 1 re-opening on May 17th, 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 feast of Pentecost began as a celebration of the grain harvest, which began at Passover. Later it became a feast of salvation history celebrating the giving of the Law at Sinai and the establishment of Israel as God’s people. These associations were carried over into the Christian feast that marked the conclusion of the Easter season. The harvest and the Law are replaced by the gift of the Spirit, and the first covenant is replaced by the new. The feast of the Law becomes the feast of the Spirit. It is a Spirit that fills us and gives us gifts not for ourselves, but to bring us together in mutual support and love for God and for one another, to love others as Jesus has loved us. It is that Spirit that empowered and enabled the Apostles to overcome their fear and anxiety to go out and proclaim the kerygma, the central tenet of our faith, that Jesus is the Christ, He has risen from the dead, He continues to be with us in the Holy Spirit, that we to may experience His victory over sin and death, and continue to proclaim the good news no matter what our situation. He continues to empower and enable us to proclaim the love of God to the ends of the earth.

Peace,
Fr. Mike

Re-opening the Church - Phase 1

Good News. We began 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 re-opening of our church in the coming weeks or months.

The church is now open for private personal prayer according to the following schedule: Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

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

**Scripture Reflection
Pentecost Sunday**



“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12:7

To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts in our gift back to God. By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered” and our lives truly reflect God’s light, love and mercy.

Mass Cards, Sanctuary Light & Bread & Wine Intentions:

If you need a Mass Card, Sanctuary Light or Bread & Wine Intention, please email : office@ihmparish.net. We can mail the card or arrange for a pick up.

**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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| Monina Abella | Juliann Junio |
| Rafael Abells | Eileen Lynch |
| John Allen | Maureen Lynch |
| Rose Badala | Owen (Mike) McCabe |
| Marion Barrett | Christine Morris |
| Larry Biunno | Jim Morris |
| Fran Boglioli | June McManus |
| James Brown | Bob McMillion |
| Kevin Brown | Timothy Murphy |
| John Burkert | Danielle Nabinger |
| Anna Cassella | Charlie Plungis |
| Paul Cassidy | Diane Pricken |
| Matthew Cassio | Susan Rozborski |
| Frank Chimento | Bernard Slaza |
| Colm Cosgrove | Beverly Sopp |
| Edward Clark | Ryder Francis Spillane |
| Joe Clarke | Paul Szeke |
| Ray Clark | Dino Velez |
| Dorothy D'Angelo | Carole Ventre |
| Marie Farrell | Daniel Ventura |
| Albert Fischer, Jr. | Sr.Elizabeth Vermaelen |
| Emily Fleming | Stephen Voorhees |
| Mary Graham | Christy Ward |
| Nicole Griffin | |
| John Healing | |

Mass Intentions

The Masses listed below will be livestreamed on Facebook & on our website: www.ihmparish.net. The church is 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.

Sunday, May 31st

- 10:00 am **Joan Tuomey+** By George & Joyce Bizink
For the People of IHM Parish
Leonard Ehrlich+ By the IHM Staff
Nicolina Vacca+ By Danny & Marisa Ferrara

Monday, June 1st

- 8:30 am **Rick Holt+** By Marion, Marc, Julianne & Steven Berger
Carol Cassidy+ By Paul Cassidy

Tuesday, June 2nd

- 8:30 am **Gwendoline Fennelly+** By Colm & Geraldine Keogh
Kenneth Blum Sr. + By Blum & Veglia Families

Wednesday, June 3rd

- 8:30 am **Ruth V. Schulte+** By the Lundgren Family
John Barth+ By Tom Barth

Thursday, June 4th

- 8:30 am **Michael Harrington+** By Colm & Geraldine Keogh
George Schmitt & By Mary Jane Bergen
Sister Jane Frances+

Friday, June 5th

- 8:30 am **Thomas Moore+** By Colm & Geraldine Keogh
Leo Peer+ By Denise Kostakos

Saturday, June 6th

- 8:30 am **Maria Donnet B. Razal+** By Family
Thomas Licata+ By the Lewis Family

Sunday, June 7th

- 10:00 am **Mary & Stephen Sopko+** By Mary Ann Sopko
Maria Bernardo+ By the Mastrocola Family
For the People of IHM Parish
Marcella James Castle+ By Bob & Betty Seery

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.

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. Flowers will be re-instated the weekend of June 13, 2020. The 2021 book will open officially on September 1, 2020. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us.



*Remember those who have died: **Thelma Lee Keiser+** and **Abraham Navia+***

Sanctuary Light: Week of May 31st:

*The Sanctuary Candle will burn for:
Kenneth Blum Sr.+
 Requested by the **Blum & Veglia Families***





Important Information

IHM's Summer Academy 2020 will be Virtual

Dear Parents,

Registration for Summer Academy Sessions 1 and 2 is ongoing. If your child attended Summer Academy in the past, you should have received a "welcoming" email from Parish Giving on or about March 17th. If you no longer have the email, let Janet Manfredonia know (janet@ihmparish.net) and she will have Parish Giving re-send the email to you since it includes the registration login/link information. If you have any difficulty registering, Parish Giving maintains a Help Desk and will assist you with any problem. Their phone number is 866-307-7140. They are very accommodating.

If you are new to the parish, please use the IHM website under Faith Formation for children for registration directions. Using information you provide on the website, Parish Giving will contact you to complete registration.

Please read the information below on how Summer Academy (both sessions) will be conducted this year:

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 10 (no class July 3) 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.

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,
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 June 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.

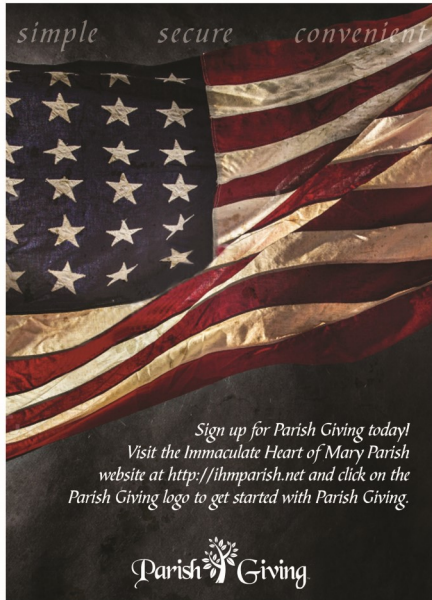
BOLD Youth Ministries

Teens, would you like to join our weekly zoom call? We have a call every Sunday. 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 an new account.

Rosary Altar Society:



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

The Flowers for the Blessed Mother will be re-instated for the weekend of June 13, 2020. The 2021 book will open officially on September 1, 2020 at the September Welcome Back Meeting, hopefully!

The Rosary Society's slate of officers for 2020-2022 are: President-Mary Jane Bergen; 1st Vice President-Janice Good-Piga; 2nd Vice President-Therese Clark; Secretary-Barbara Mrozek; Treasurer-Barbara Apgar and Director-MaryBeth Cregg. If anyone wishes to make a nomination, please contact Chris Haight at (908) 322-6462 or email chrishaight@verizon.net by June 21st.

Please keep them in your prayers, as 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. When we can meet again, 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 40 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.

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 tefoleyihm@gmail.com, so she can send you the link.



Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, May 31st

7:30 p.m. - BOLD Youth Ministry Pentecost Zoom Mtg.

Monday, June 1st.

Tuesday, June 2nd

Wednesday, June 3rd

10 a.m. - Food Pantry Distribution

Thursday, June 4th

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

Friday, June 5th

Saturday, June 6th

Sunday, June 7th

5 p.m. BOLD Youth Ministry Zoom Mtg.



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The Catholic Charities donation bin is open again! Would you be willing to clean out your closets and share any unwanted items to our bin?

We are so thankful for your generosity. Catholic Charities continues to reach out to the most vulnerable in our society. Stay safe and healthy!

Offertory Collection

May 24, 2020

Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,960.78
Collection:	4,710.00
Parish Giving (includes TEXT to GIVE):	3,068.29
Surplus/(Deficit):	(4,182.66)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget	\$562,156.66
Actual	\$467,426.17
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$94,730.49)

Easter Collection to Date:	\$48,663.48
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Thank you for your generosity!