

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Most Holy Trinity Sunday, June 7, 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



Each time we pray we begin our prayer “In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” In other words, we call upon God in our prayer, the Holy Trinity. One God, three distinct persons, in a relationship of mutual love. Not only is it love shared between Father, Son and Spirit, it is also a love shared with us, God’s children. We can thus experience the divine life in our own lives by sharing this love with one another. As we celebrate Trinity Sunday we remember that the communal love of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the model of the love we live out in our lives as individuals in relationship with one another as part of a community of faith.

Recent events and protests have renewed a call for peace and justice. True peace and justice (God’s peace and justice), I believe that this can only be achieved when we truly respect one another as children of God created in His image and likeness and thus recognizing the inherent dignity in each one of us. This is modeled by the communal love of Father, Son and Spirit. As much as humanly possible we try to live this divine love in our lives, and in doing so we live out and promote God’s peace and justice in our lives.

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 Most Holy Trinity Sunday



“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.” JOHN 3:16

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you “fit it in” when it’s convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally. Pray for a generous heart.

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

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, 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

Monday, June 8th

8:30 am **Veronidia J. Yabut+** By Robert & Paula Criscuolo
Donald Wagner+ By Richard & Eileen Wagner

Tuesday, June 9th

8:30 am **Rick Holt+** By the Hennessy Family
Young & Bielawski Family+ By Mary Young

Wednesday, June 10th

8:30 am **Irene McElroy+** By the Smith Family
Sydney (Harold) Brown+ By Denise D'Annunzio

Thursday, June 11th

8:30 am **Peggy Langford+** By Mary Smith
Diane Cecala+ By Janet Manfredonia
(1st Anniversary)

Friday, June 12th

8:30 am **Angelina N. Ugwuanya+** By Fr. Valentine Ugwuanya
(For the repose of her soul)
Ugo D'Andrea+ By the O'Connor Family

Saturday, June 13th

8:30 am **Lois Partington+** By Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Caramico
Edward Markey+ By Patricia Markey

Sunday, June 14th

10:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
Sydney (Harold) Brown+ By Viola D'Annunzio
Marie & John Dambrauskas+ By Barbara & Joe Mrozek
Joan Tuomey+ By Patricia Markey

Remember Our Sick

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
Samatha Bridge	Bob McMillion
James Brown	Danielle Nabinger
Kevin Brown	Charlie Plungis
John Burkert	Diane Pricken
Anna Cassella	Susan Rozborski
Paul Cassidy	Bernard Slaza
Matthew Cassio	Beverly Sopp
Frank Chimento	Ryder Francis Spillane
Colm Cosgrove	Paul Szeke
Edward Clark	Dino Velez
Joe Clarke	Carole Ventre
Ray Clark	Daniel Ventura
Dorothy D'Angelo	Sr.Elizabeth Vermaelen
Marie Farrell	Stephen Voorhees
Albert Fischer, Jr.	Christy Ward
Emily Fleming	
Mary Graham	
Nicole Griffin	

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 reinstated 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: Carol Henkels+, Flavio Grasso+, Timothy Murphy+, Barbara Perre+

Sanctuary Light: Week of June 7th:

*The Sanctuary Candle will burn for:
Pam Freuh+
Requested by Kathy Mitchell*





IHM's Summer Academy 2020 will be Virtual

Dear Parents,

Registration for Summer Academy Sessions 1 is closed as of June 5th. Session 2 registration 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 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.

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 Meeting on June 13 at 9:15 a.m.

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. Our next meeting is Saturday, June 13 at 9:15 a.m.

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.

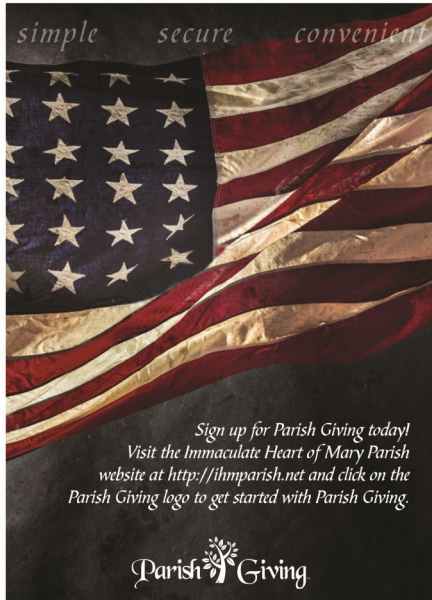
BOLD Youth Ministries

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

Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Pantry Needs Food and Money Donations
Next weekend is Food Pantry Sunday



In May the IHM Food Pantry served 131 families with 61 families who came twice. In total 192 orders were filled. We are seeing unprecedented requests for food at IHM. The line starts over 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.

We would like to thank everyone in the community who has donated food, money and time to the IHM Food Pantry.

Father's Day Novena Mass Cards



If you would like to honor your father, grandfather or someone special, Father's Day Novena Cards can be found in the bin in front of the Nazareth Center.

The Father's Day Novena will be prayed from Sunday, June 21st until Monday June 29th at the first Mass each morning.

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

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, June 7th

5 p.m. BOLD Youth Ministry Zoom Mtg.

Monday, June 8th.

Tuesday, June 9th

Wednesday, June 10th

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Food Pantry Distribution

Thursday, June 11th

Friday, June 12th

Saturday, June 13th

9:15 a.m. - Men's Scripture Zoom Meeting

Sunday, June 14th

10 a.m. - 12p.m. - Food Pantry Sunday
 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 donate 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 31, 2020

Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,960.78
Collection:	9,321.00
Parish Giving (includes TEXT to GIVE):	2,417.89
Surplus/(Deficit):	(221.89)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget	\$574,117.44
Actual	\$479,165.06
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$94,952.38)

Easter Collection to Date: \$48,663.48

Thank you for your generosity!