

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Sunday, June 14, 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



What does it mean to have life? Certainly we are living bodies, but is that life? In the gospel Jesus calls us to life in abundance. To have life in abundance means that we allow Jesus into our lives and to answer His call to love and service. Each of us has been called to be a disciple of Christ and to preach the Good News of God’s love to all whom we meet. The best way for us to do this is by putting Christ first in all that we do, for it is only in Christ that we can hope to be successful and have life. When we do things without Christ there still seems to be something missing, an emptiness that will not go away. To do things in Christ means to fulfill His call to love in any, and all, endeavors of our lives. When we allow Christ to reign in our hearts it does not take away from anything else in our life, rather it enhances and makes more profound all of our other relationships and endeavors. Through His body and blood we are nourished and sustained for this continuing endeavor, and we receive and experience life in abundance.

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.

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.

Scripture Reflection



Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.” 1 CORINTHIANS 10:17

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God’s kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other’s relationship with God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our roadmap to Heaven. Let’s help each other get there!

The Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is Saturday, June 20th.

Please pray at home the prayer below to our Patron Saint.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Novena Prayer



O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer.

As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son.

Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially ...(special intention).

We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer.

We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting.

*Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with **God forever.***

Amen.

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 |
| 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 | |

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. and Monday-Saturday 8:00 am to 12 noon.

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

Monday, June 15th

8:30 am **Rick Holt+** By Colm & Geraldine Keogh
Edward Daniel Winsor+ By Mary Beth Winsor

Tuesday, June 16th

8:30 am **Mary Cunniffe+** By the Keogh Family
Dec'd Members of the Valera Family By Cecilia Valera

Wednesday, June 17th

8:30 am **Frank Pecoraro+** By Penelope Jabido
Adele Albanese+ By Anne & Mike Goetz & Family

Thursday, June 18th

8:30 am **Frank Chimento & Family (living)** By your IHM friends
Adele Albanese+ By Joan O'Donnell & YMCA Enhance Fitness Class

Friday, June 19th

8:30 am **Michael Weldon+** By Pauline Mustacciolo
In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart By MaryBeth Winsor

Saturday, June 20th

8:30 am **Fr. John F. Kennedy+** By the Razal Family
The McAteer Family+ By the Family

Father's Day, Sunday, June 21st

10:00 am **Father's Day Novena**
Joan Tuomey+ By her sister, Peggy & Bill Barry
Joseph & Anna Eisenbel+ By Joan
John Cassidy+ By Paul Cassidy
Michael D'Amrosio+ By Carol Kiley

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



In Thanksgiving for Friends and Family

Requested by The Kelly Family

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us.



Remember those who have died: **Jake Cregg+, Patricia Tirell+, Carol Henkels+, Flavio Grasso+, Timothy Murphy+, and Barbara Perre+**

Sanctuary Light: Week of June 14th:

The Sanctuary Candle will burn for: **Theresa Decesare+**

Requested by the **D'Agostino Family**





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



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.



Blessing of Graduates

Let us unite our hearts in prayer and entrust to the hands of the Lord those who will be graduating this year.

May God who began this good work in you carry it through to completion, enabling you to use your talents to the fullest.

May God give you the grace to make wise choices and to be faithful to your commitments, always confident in the support of those who love you.

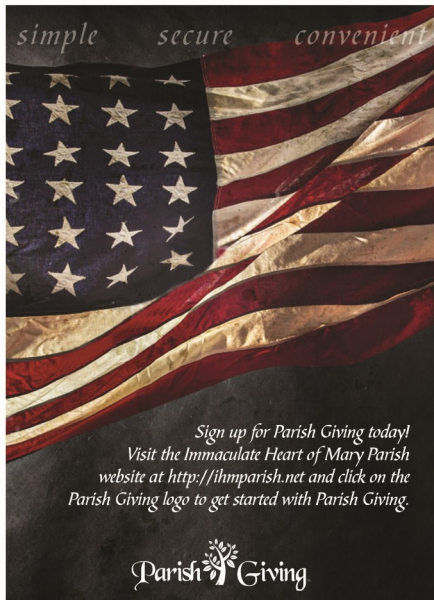
May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you will live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you will work for justice, equality, and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and change their pain into joy.

May God bless you with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world, so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.

May your integrity be a gift to the world and may the Spirit of God be with you always.



**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 This 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.

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, June 14th

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Food Pantry Sunday
5 p.m. BOLD Youth Ministry Zoom Mtg.

Monday, June 15th.

Tuesday, June 16th

7 p.m. - Summer Academy Catechists & Volunteer Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, June 17th

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Food Pantry Distribution
7 p.m. - Parent Orientation for Virtual Zoom Academy Session #1

Thursday, June 18th

7 p.m. - 8th Grade Discipleship Academy Orientation

Friday, June 19th

Saturday, June 20th

Feast Day of Immaculate Heart of Mary

Father's Day, Sunday, June 21st

Father's Day Novena Starts
5 p.m. BOLD Youth Ministry Zoom Mtg.



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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.

Offertory Collection

June 7, 2020

Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,960.78
Collection:	10,155.00
Parish Giving (includes TEXT to GIVE):	4,957.55
Surplus/(Deficit):	3,151.77

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget	\$586,078.22
Actual	\$494,277.61
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$91,800.61)

Thank you for your generosity!