

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 28, 2020



Immaculate Heart of Mary is now celebrating Mass in church on a limited basis, please see page 2 for details. Mass will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook & our website: www.ihmparish.net.

Reconciliation is now available on Saturdays from 4:15 – 4:45 p.m.. 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 is closed until further notice.
The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel has an anticipated opening date of July 15th.*

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



Jesus calls us to take up our cross, to lose our lives for His sake. One of the paradoxes of our faith is that when we give of ourselves we actually find more of ourselves in Christ. The more we place others needs and lives before our own (in good and healthy ways) the more we realize our potential as daughters and sons of God, the better we understand the love of God in our own lives. In giving to one another we give to Christ. His model of servant leadership helps us understand the gift of His sacrificial love and how we can grow when we follow him. In the understanding of St. Paul, we are baptized into Christ's death so that we can rise with him into newness of life. This newness frees us to be filled with the Holy Spirit as we move forward in faith and discipleship.

Peace, Fr. Mike

Mass Update

Daily 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Masses are now being celebrated in church.

The 8:30 a.m. daily Mass and the Sunday 10:00 am Mass will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook & on our website: www.ihmparish.net.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00, 10:00 am and 12:00 noon will now be held in the church with a reservation due to capacity restrictions. The Sunday 10:00 a.m. will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook and our website as well.

The 12 noon "Summer Academy Masses" have been combined with the 8:30 a.m. Mass due to COVID-19. These Masses will have music and be livestreamed.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It is with great joy I can inform you that we are celebrating the Eucharist together "live". We are now able to celebrate our daily Eucharist at 7 am and 8:30 am. The 8:30 mass will continue to be live-streamed. On June 20-21, 2020 we celebrated Sunday Mass (Sat. at 5:00 pm, Sun. at 8 am, 10 am and Noon) publicly in our church.

In charity and love for our parishioners and clergy, please keep in mind the following necessary protocols. In accord with national, state and local health directives, those who show symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been exposed to an infected person are not permitted to enter the church for 14 days. Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue or who are 60 or older are strongly encouraged to avoid the risks posed by attendance at public celebrations of the Mass.

Masks must be worn while in the church.

Hand sanitizer is available throughout the church. Please use it when entering and exiting.

Please follow the directions of the ushers who will guide you to available seating.

Our church has been sanitized and is cleaned on a regular basis.

Remember the obligation to attend the Sunday Eucharist remains suspended until further notice. IHM will continue to livestream our Masses.

Space will be limited as social distancing guidelines are still in place and must be followed. Reservations must be made to attend mass through our website or by calling the office at (908) 889-2100. Complete details can be found on our website: <https://ihmparish.net> as well as the link to sign up for specific masses.

We look forward to seeing you. Welcome Back!

Fr. Mike, Fr. Valentine, Fr. Rob and Deacon Jack.

Remember Our Sick



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| John Allen | Nicole Griffin |
| Rose Badala | John Heiling |
| Marion Barrett | Juliann Junio |
| Larry Biunno | Eileen Lynch |
| Fran Boglioli | Maureen Lynch |
| Samatha Bridge | Owen (Mike) |
| James Brown | McCabe |
| Kevin Brown | Christine Morris |
| John Burkert | Jim Morris |
| Anna Cassella | June McManus |
| Paul Cassidy | Bob McMillion |
| Matthew Cassio | Danielle Nabinger |
| Frank Chimento | Charlie Plungis |
| MaryClaire Colomb | Diane Pricken |
| Colm Cosgrove | Susan Rozborski |
| Edward Clark | Bernard Slaza |
| Joe Clarke | Beverly Sopp |
| Ray Clark | Ryder Francis |
| Dorothy D'Angelo | Spillane |
| Marie Farrell | Paul Szeker |
| Albert Fischer, Jr. | Carole Ventre |
| Emily Fleming | Daniel Ventura |

Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 28th

- 8:00 am **Father's Day Novena**
Christopher O'Neil+ By Vivian O'Neil
- 10:00 am **Janet & Emil Manfredonia - 60th Wedding Anniversary**
 By the Family
- 12:00 pm **Carol & Charles Kiley - 50th Wedding Anniversary**
 By D'Ambrosia & Kiley Family

Monday, June 29th

- 7:00 am **Father's Day Novena**
- 8:30 am **Mary & Raymond Kriete+** By Virginia Leone
For the People of IHM Parish

Tuesday, June 30th

- 7:00 am **Jack Zaback+** By Whalen Family
- 8:30 am **Thomas Wagner+** By Mom & Dad
Lawrence & Rosalynd Ermilio+ By the Staniec Family

Wednesday, July 1st

- 7:00 am **Al Stefnagle+** By Elaine, Carol Ann & Larry
- 8:30 am **Brenda Angela Newman+** By Charles & Geri Barcellona
William Matheus+ By Denise Klockner

Thursday, July 2nd

- 7:00 am **Maripat Brennan+** By Anne & Christopher
- 8:30 am **Lindsay Bendon+** By Charles & Geri Barcellona
Faith Mary Rembish+ By Geri & Ron Rembish

Friday, July 3rd

- 7:00 am **Fr. Paul J. Lehman+** By the Razal Family
- 8:30 am **Carmella Criscitiello+** By Dorian DiPace

Saturday, July 4th

- 9:00 am **David Montagna+** By Denise D'Annunzio Klockner
- 5:00 pm **Ann & Alexander Tango+** By Leporiere Family

Sunday, July 5th

- 8:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
- 10:00 am **Rose & Charles Mannino+** By Dolores & Judy Rust
- 12:00 pm **Thomas Farrell+** By the Farrell Family



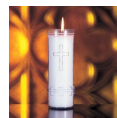
Remember those who have died:
Thomas Fitzsimmons+,
Fernando (Dino) Velez+,
Michael D'Amato+

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.

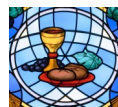
Sanctuary Light: Week of June 28th:

The Sanctuary Light will burn for:
Joseph Butt+
Requested by Karen & Joe Schurtz



Altar Bread and Wine: Week of June 28th:

The Altar Bread and Wine:
Ellen Collett+
Requested by the Mulrooney Family



Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the Armstrong and O'Donnell Families

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
 Pray for us.

Scripture Reflection



Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

“whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.”

MATTHEW 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said, “The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness.” “Comfort” puts me first. “Picking up your cross and following Jesus” puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!



Dear Parents, Students and Catechists,

We are looking forward to the start of Session #1 on Mon., June 29th with our theme "Go, Make a Difference!"

Summary of Important Points:

- You will receive a Zoom Link each morning by 8am. (8th gr Discipleship Academy will receive a separate additional link for their 9:30am daily meeting.)
- Our morning Zoom meeting will start at 8:30am each morning.
- The Zoom meeting will include: 8:30 Parish Mass; Daily Announcements; Music Room and the Daily Challenge.
- Families who cannot join the daily Zoom meeting will be able to view the recording later in the day.
- Grade level catechists may reach out to you to provide support and guidance.
- As you and/or your children complete the online chapter reviews for our Finding God grade level workbooks (Grades 1 - 7), email the results to yourself and also to our office at faithformation@ihmparish.net.
- The grade level Kahoot tournaments will take place on the last day, Fri., July 10th at scheduled times throughout the morning. There will also be a "Music Sing Off" during the morning Zoom meeting that day (details to follow). Content for the Kahoot tournaments will come from the grade level workbooks and the morning meetings. The winners of each grade level will receive a gift certificate to a local business as well as have a donation made in his/her name to the IHM Food Pantry. (Thank you to the parents who are providing the gift certificates & food pantry donations!)

If you have any questions, please contact me or Janet Manfredonia via email, we will be glad to hear from you. (Please note we will not be in the office during Summer Academy, so email is the best way to contact us.)

God bless you and your families!

Peace,

Mary

IHM Eucharistic Adoration



Our new Adoration Chapel is opening soon... The pandemic has been a heavy trial for all of us. Let's thank God that our Churches and Adoration Chapels are opening. Come and feel Jesus' love present in the Holy Eucharist and allow Him to heal and renew your soul.

Adoration is the practice of adoring or worshipping the Holy Eucharist in which the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ is present. It's an opportunity to slow down and be present with the Lord, while praying, contemplating and listening in the serene silence and the intimate lighting of our new Chapel. Be generous with your time and sign up for Adoration.

Adorers are needed Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Please contact: Betty Swisher (908) 889-4123
Erin Miller (908) 531-0128 (voicemail, text) or email at erins310@gmail.com.

IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Virtual Meeting Saturday



The IHM's Men's monthly scripture Study and Discussion Group had their last meeting for this Summer on Saturday, June 27th on ZOOM. They will take a break for July & August and resume in September. All men of the parish (as well as neighboring parishes) are welcome.

Keep an eye on the bulletin in late August for details on when these meetings will resume.

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of July 4-5**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Mulrooney	Clark Zucosky Good-Piga	Fr. Rob
8:00 am	Foulks	Wagner Bagdonas	Fr. Valentine
10:00 am	Wills	Perfilio Prato McCann	Fr. Rob
12:00 pm	Briante	O'Connor Wagner	Fr. Valentine

**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:



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

The 2021 book of Flowers for the Blessed Mother will open officially on September 1, 2020 at the September Welcome Back Meeting, hopefully!

The Rosary Society's congratulates the 2020-2022 officers: 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

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 meet again in September, all interested men of the parish are invited to join us.

Have a nice Summer!



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

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, June, 28th

Monday, June 29th

8:30 a.m. - Virtual Summer Academy Session 1

Tuesday, June 30th

8:30 a.m. - Virtual Summer Academy Session 1

Wednesday, July 1st

8:30 a.m. - Virtual Summer Academy Session 1

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

Thursday, July 2nd

8:30 a.m. - Virtual Summer Academy Session 1

Friday, July 3rd

No Virtual Summer Academy

Saturday, July 4th

Sunday, July 5th



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***Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Pantry
Needs Food and Money Donations***



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.

Thank you to everyone in the community who has donated food, money & time to the IHM Food Pantry.

**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.

Offertory Collection

June 21, 2020

Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,960.78
Collection:	7,699.00
Parish Giving (includes TEXT to GIVE):	2,829.50
Surplus/(Deficit):	(1,462.28)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget	\$609,999.78
Actual	\$512,705.81
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$97,293.97)

Thank you for your generosity!



Christ freed us from sin. Patriots fought for our freedom. There are those who cannot enjoy freedom from poverty. Why not celebrate your freedom by an act of kindness? One way to do this is by donating your unwanted used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, toys and children's books to our Catholic Charities bin.