

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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*The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 12, 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](http://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



In conjunction with our first reading from Isaiah today the parable of the sower shows us that our hope in the coming of God's Kingdom is not a false or useless hope. It will come about in its fullness, and the harvest will be abundant. It will come about not because we are in control, but because it is God's will. The seed has been scattered generously, and despite the obstacles it will grow and bring an abundant harvest. As disciples of Christ we are called to cooperate with the coming of the Kingdom by responding to the abundant love that God has shown us already. By active participation in the life of faith we allow Jesus to engage us as disciples in the home, the workplace, amongst family, friends and acquaintances. We are also called to respond in our parish and in the wider church. Our faith should not limit us in our endeavors to live out God's love, but rather encourages us to find ways each day of sharing that love. It is then that we help build up the Kingdom of God here and now.

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](http://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.*

*For more details, see Fr. Mike's letter below.*

*Stay healthy.*

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.

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) McCabe |
| James Brown         | Christine Morris   |
| Kevin Brown         | Jim Morris         |
| John Burkert        | June McManus       |
| Anna Cassella       | Bob McMillion      |
| Paul Cassidy        | Danielle Nabinger  |
| Matthew Cassio      | Charlie Plungis    |
| Frank Chimento      | 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, July 12th

- 8:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**  
 10:00 am **James Kennedy+** By his family  
 12:00 pm **Mary Gorski+** By Arlene Knox

## Monday, July 13th

- 7:00 am **Philip Duddy+** By his Family  
 8:30 am **John Hrynyk+** By Ed & Maggie Dombrowski

## Tuesday, July 14th

- 7:00 am **Moira A. O'Keefe+** By the Chimento Family  
 8:30 am **Georgina Mae Good+** By Janice Good-Piga & Bob Piga

## Wednesday, July 15th

- 7:00 am **Ronni Caruso (living)** By your IHM Friends  
 8:30 am **Nneka Sylvia Miriam Onwuzuligbo+** By Bob & Betty Seery

## Thursday, July 16th

- 7:00 am **Lourdes Tiangco+** By Lioanag Family  
 8:30 am **Audrey Waldron+** By Mary Young

## Friday, July 17th

- 7:00 am **Sally Hobbs+** By the Parenti Family  
 8:30 am **Magdalena Becker+** By Ed & Lucille McGann

## Saturday, July 18th

- 7:00 am **Antimo Guardscione+** By the Mulrooney Family  
 8:30 pm **Albert Belfiglio+** By Lucille Cornacchia & Family  
 5:00 pm **Thomas Perry+** By the Bell Family

## Sunday, July 19th

- 8:00 am **Helen McLane+** By McLane & Tricoche Family  
 10:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish+**  
 12:00 pm **Lourdes Zeik+** By Mary Jane Isola



*Remember those who have died:*

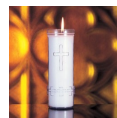
*Mary Clare Columb+*

### 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.

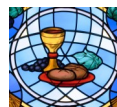
### Sanctuary Light: Week of July 12th:

*The Sanctuary Light will burn for:  
Sally Hobbs+  
Requested by the Parenti Family*



### The Altar Bread & Wine for the Week of July 12th:

*For the Intentions of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish*



### **Flowers for the Blessed Mother**



*In Memory of:  
Veronidia J. Yabut*

*Requested by:  
Dorothy & Jack Foulks*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us.*

**Scripture Reflection**  
**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." - MATTHEW 13:22*

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

**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 or Erin Miller (908) 531-0128 (voicemail, text) or email at erins310@gmail.com.



**2021 Mass Book Opening**

Immaculate Heart of Mary has opened the 2021 Mass Book. Due to COVID-19 social distancing restrictions we changed our process. **The office remains closed to the public due to Governor Murphy's COVID-19 restrictions. Staff will not be available to take mass requests over the phone or in person. Please fill out the attached form and drop it off with a \$10 (per mass) donation in the black mailbox in front of the Nazareth Center. You can also mail it to:**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**  
**1571 S. Martine Avenue**  
**Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076**

Please be patient with us. We will process the masses in order of receipt, and we will do our best to fulfill your requests. We will call you with any questions and to confirm your order. There will be a limit of 4 masses per person. Please indicate if you need an actual card, we will arrange for you to pick up the cards in front of the Nazareth Center. Thank you for your patience during this difficult time. Our Mass schedule is as follows:

**Saturday (Anticipated): 5 p.m.**  
**Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 noon**  
**Weekdays and Saturdays: 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.**

You may also purchase a Sanctuary Candle or Altar Bread and Wine for the week at a cost of \$20. We do have a few weeks left in 2020 for these intentions as well. Order forms can be printed from our website. Just click the "2021 Mass Book Request form" button on our home page.

**IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion**  
**Virtual Meeting Saturday**



The IHM's Men's monthly scripture Study and Discussion Group 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 18-19**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Clark	Good-Piga Zucosky Torzewski	Fr. Mike
8:00 am	McCallion	Dill Bagdonas	Fr. Rob
10:00 am	Foley	Carlino McCann Perfilio	Fr. Mike
12:00 pm	Kiley	Sapienza Sapienza	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 an 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 Society this past year was able to donate to the IHM's Chapel fund and the Food Pantry. This was the result of your generosity of supporting our events and the Rosary dues. That being said please send your dues check of \$25.00 for 2020-2021 to Barbara Apgar at 427 LaGrande Ave, Fanwood, NJ 07023. Thank you, for your help.

We are praying for you, our parish and the world.

**Parish Information**

**Religious Education Classes**

Questions? [Faithformation@ihmparish.net](mailto: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](http://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](http://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!



**Are you new to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish?**

Are you interested in joining the parish? Has your contact information changed? If yes, please fill out this form and put it in the collection or send it to the IHM office.

I am new to IHM and/or I would like to register.

I would like to receive information regarding Faith Formation.

I am interested in volunteering for a ministry.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Calendar of Events at IHM**

**Sunday, July 12th**

Food Pantry Sunday

**Monday, July 13th**

**Tuesday, July 14th**

**Wednesday, July 15th**

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

**Thursday, July 16th**

**Friday, July 17th**

**Saturday, July 18th**

**Sunday, July 19th**

1:30 p.m. - Baptisms



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



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.



**Offertory Collection**

**June 28, 2020**

Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,960.78
Collection:	4,563.00
Parish Giving (includes TEXT to GIVE):	2,549.71
Surplus/(Deficit):	(4,848.07)

**Fiscal Year to Date:**

Budget	\$621,960.56
Actual	\$519,818.52
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$102,142.04)

***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.