

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 9, 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 to the public until further notice.
The new Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is now open.*

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
Website: www.ihmparish.net

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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



As Peter begins to walk on the water he is full of faith, his enthusiasm for Jesus and his growing trust allow him to do what before was impossible. However, his faith is shaken and he begins to sink. It is then that he realizes the need to completely trust in Jesus, and that it is only in Jesus that he can do anything.

How often do we proclaim our faith, yet continue to try and live our lives on our own, without the helping hand of Jesus? Like Peter, we must realize that only in Jesus and with Jesus can we do anything. Then we grow in trust for our Lord, grow in our ability as disciples and missionaries to bring His presence and Good News into our world today.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

Scripture Reflection 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“He said, “Come”. Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.” - MATTHEW 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He’s doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say “yes” to Jesus, we feel the power of His presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

IHM Eucharistic Adoration Now Open!



Our new Adoration Chapel is open! Be present with the Lord, while praying, contemplating and listening in the serene silence and the intimate lighting of our new Chapel. Please consider signing up for Adoration.

Adorers needed Mon-Fri 9am - 9pm, Sat. 9am - 2pm.

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

Mass Update in Accordance with COVID-19 Guidelines

Our daily 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Masses are now being celebrated publicly 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 are now held in the church with a reservation due to capacity restrictions. Remember the obligation to attend the Sunday Eucharist remains suspended until further notice. IHM will continue to livestream our Masses.

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.***

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. Stay healthy!

Remember Our Sick



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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 9th

- 8:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 10:00 am **Gary Aquilla & Eugene & Dolores Billeci+**
 By the Devine Family
 12:00 pm **Joseph Guidi+** By Eileen Guidi

Monday, August 10th

- 7:00 am **Irene McElroy** By Elaine & Matt Cladek
 8:30 am **John R. Stephanik Jr.+** By the Lundgren Family

Tuesday, August 11th

- 7:00 am **Maria Basalia+** By Pina Scarpignato
 8:30 am **Susan Wagner+** By Mom and Dad

Wednesday, August 12th

- 7:00 am **Elaine Sadowski+** By the Boyle Family
 8:30 am **Ann Stallone+** By Charles Barcellona

Thursday, August 13th

- 7:00 am **Maria Cecilia+** By Pina Scarpignato
 8:30 am **Danny Kelly+** By Mom & Dad

Friday, August 14th

- 7:00 am **Maria Raseta+** By Pina Scarpignato
 8:30 am **John Matthew Platt+** By Marilyn Espinoza

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15th (NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.)

- 7:00 am **Dolores O'Brien+** By Kevin Savacool & Sarah Smyth
 8:30 am **Barbara Loreti+** By Fr. Rob Kunze
 5:00 pm **Sister Margaret Murphy+** By the Lewis Family

Sunday, August 16th

- 8:00 am **James R. Kennedy+** By Alice Van Anda
 10:00 am **Frank Pecoraro+** By Anita & Steve Prato
 12:00 pm **Adele & John Stephanik+** By the Lundgren Family



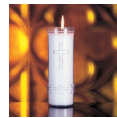
Remember those who have died:
Sue Bishop+, Joan Jennings+,
William Stelzer+

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.

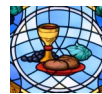
Sanctuary Light: Week of August 9th:

The Sanctuary Light will burn for:
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Castelli+
60th Wedding Anniversary
Requested by Janet & Emil Manfredonia



The Altar Bread & Wine for the Week of August 9th:

For the Intention of:
The People of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish



Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of August 9th:
In Memory of
Andrew Finer+

Requested by the Young Family
'Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us'

First Holy Communion Dates

We have dates for First Holy Communion Masses and preliminary plans. We are still dealing with restrictions due to the coronavirus, and these restrictions will come into play at the First Communion Masses. As you also realize, as our local communities including our parish continue to respond to the changing impact of the pandemic, even these plans could change in upcoming weeks. In any event, we move forward in peace and confidence and hope in the Lord!

Save the date - Virtual Jesus Day: Sat., Sept. 12th; 9:30am - 11am via Zoom Conference (details to follow)...In a fun format, parents and children will review, practice and enjoy getting ready to celebrate First Communion.

Dates/times of the First Communion Masses: (use the Sign-Up Link emailed to you to choose a Mass)

- Sat., Sept. 19th @ 9:30am and 11:30am
- Sun., Sept. 20th @ 10am
- Sat., Sept. 26th @ 9:30am and 11:30am
- Sun., Sept. 27th @ 10am

Guidelines for First Communion Masses:

- Saturday Masses will have a limit of 10 families per Mass.
- Sunday Masses will have a limit of 5 families per Mass.
- Each Mass will have a limit of 5 family members from the same household including your First Communicant(s). (Please note: family members who have traveled out of New Jersey to a travel advisory state should meet the 14 day self quarantine requirement prior to attending the First Communion Mass.)
- All Masses will be livestreamed and recorded. All Covid-19 protocols will be followed including wearing of face masks and social distancing. We understand that some families may not feel comfortable returning to a public space in September, even for First Communion. If you prefer to have your child wait to receive First Communion, you may choose to wait until next Easter season when he or she can receive with the next group of First Communicants. Please let us know if you prefer to do this.

Please contact Mary Clinton or Janet Manfredonia with any questions you may have. We welcome your questions and comments.

Please keep our efforts in your prayers as we do our very best to help keep you, your children and families safe during First Communion Masses.

Confirmation Dates

We are happy to announce that we have dates for Confirmation Masses and preliminary plans.

We are still dealing with restrictions due to the coronavirus, and these restrictions will come into play at the Confirmation Masses. As our community and our parish continue to respond to the pandemic, even these plans I share with you today could change in upcoming weeks. In any event, we move forward in peace and confidence and hope in the Lord!

Due to the pandemic circumstances, Cardinal Tobin has given the authority to all pastors to confirm the young people in their parishes. Therefore, Father Mike will be the presider for the Sacrament of Confirmation at IHM this year at each of the Masses shown below.

Dates/times of Confirmation Masses: (use the Sign-Up Link that was sent to you via email to choose a Confirmation Mass)

- Sat., Oct. 10th @ 9:30am and 11:30am
- Sun., Oct., 11th @ 10am
- Sat., Oct. 17th @ 9:30am and 11:30am
- Sun., Oct. 18th @ 10am

Virtual Zoom Practices:

- Fri., Oct. 9th @ 6:30 - 7:30pm
- Fri., Oct. 16th @ 6:30 - 7:30pm

Basic Guidelines for Confirmation Masses:

- Saturday Confirmation Masses will have a limit of 10 candidates per Mass.
- Sunday Confirmation Masses will have a limit of 5 candidates per Mass.
- Each Mass will have a limit of 5 family members from the same household including the Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor. It is highly recommended that a parent stand in as a proxy for the Sponsor if the Sponsor is not a member of the Candidate's household. (Note: family members who have traveled out of New Jersey to a travel advisory state should meet the 14 day self quarantine requirement prior to attending the Confirmation Mass; sponsors who would be traveling to NJ from a travel advisory state need to meet the 14 day quarantine requirement as well, prior to the date of Confirmation.)
- All Masses will be livestreamed and recorded. All Covid-19 protocols will be followed including wearing of face masks and social distancing.

We understand some families may not feel comfortable returning to a public space in October, even for Confirmation. If you prefer to have your child wait to receive Confirmation, you may choose to wait until next Easter season when he or she can be confirmed with the next group of Confirmation Candidates. Please let us know if you prefer to do this. Contact Mary Clinton or Janet Manfredonia with any questions.

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of August 15-16**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Clark	Good-Piga Zucosky Torzewski	Fr. Valentine
8:00 am	Brennan	Dill Bagdonas	Fr. Valentine
10:00 am	Davis	Zappo Aman Perfilio	Fr. Rob
12:00 pm	Kiley	McGuinness Sullivan	Fr. Mike

**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:



Events are currently suspended. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for updates.

Reminder to all officers, standing committee chairs and monthly program chairs that on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 5 p.m. on the patio of 53 Highlander Drive, Scotch Plains there will be a Board Meeting. If you can, please bring a folding chair.

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

Reminder please send your dues check of \$25.00 for 2020-2021 year to Barbara Apgar at 427 La Grande Ave, Fanwood, N.J. 07023. Thank you, for your help.

Please leave a message on my phone, 908-753-2161, if you have internet capability to attend a possible Zoom meeting. This may be an option if we can't meet in person. Thank you, Mary Jane Bergen.

Remember 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:

The new Adoration Chapel is now open, see page 2 for details. 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!

Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Pantry



On behalf of the families that are served by the IHM food pantry and the volunteers that help distribute the food, I would like to extend a profound and heartfelt thank you to all in our community and beyond who have donated food and funds to help us serve our neighbors in need. The past few months have been a great example of Christian discipleship and community support as we continue to help our brothers and sisters in need. You can see by the information below that that need has grown because of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. We have been able to continue to serve because of your generosity. Thank you also to the volunteers who continue to come each week to sort and distribute the food for our neighbors in need. **THANK YOU !!!! THANK YOU!!!! THANK YOU!!!!**

IHM Food Pantry

SUMMARY of 2020

- Jan 2020
Total people 251, Families 59
- Feb 2020
Total people 236, Families 60
- March 2020
Total people 179, Families 47
- April 2020
Total people 312, Families 67
- May 2020
Total people 531, Families 131
- June 2020
Total people 614, Families 144
- July 2020
Total people 443, Families 131
- New Families: 153

**Summer Academy Session 2
Zoom Orientation for Parents
Orientation: Wed., Aug. 12th @ 7pm**

Parents whose children are registered for Session #2 will participate in an orientation via Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent early in the day on August 12th. This meeting will be recorded and made available for anyone who is unable to join the live meeting. 8th graders who are registered for Discipleship Academy should attend the orientation along with their parents.

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, August 9th

Monday, August 10th

Tuesday, August 11th

5p.m. - Rosary Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 12th

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Food Pantry Distribution
7 p.m. - Zoom Orientation for Summer Academy

Thursday, August 13th

Friday, August 14th

Saturday, August 15th

Sunday, August 16th

1:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Baptism



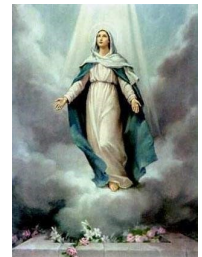
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**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday, August 15th**

This year the Assumption is
NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.



Offertory Collection

August 3, 2020

Weekly Budget Need:	\$10,784.32
Collection:	7,580.00
Parish Giving: (includes TEXT to GIVE)	1,859.31
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,345.06)

Fiscal Year To Date:

Budget	\$53,921.06
Actual:	48,198.29
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$5,723.31)

Thank you for your generosity!