

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 16, 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



Today’s passage from Isaiah comes after the exile of the Jewish people and are returning to their intimate relationship with God. Isaiah suggests the possibility that this relationship will be open to all people, not just the chosen people of the covenant. Matthew in today’s Gospel reminds his Jewish Christian community of this fact as Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite women, who comes from a people not liked by the Jews.

It is a reminder to us that we are called to love all people, even when it is difficult, even when we do not want to, even when we disagree, even when we are persecuted, so that we may better reflect the love of God in our lives and in our world.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

Scripture Reflection
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.” - ROMANS 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

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 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

Monday, August 17th

- 7:00 am **Joseph P. D'Annunzio+** By Sean, Jill, Ryan and
 Katelyn Haggerty
 8:30 am **Pamela Suminski+** By her children
Scully & Kern Families By the family

Tuesday, August 18th

- 7:00 am **Maria Giovanna+** By Pina Scarpignato
 8:30 am **Joseph P. D'Annunzio+** By Viola D'Annunzio & Family
 (1 year anniversary)
Thomas Robert Bliss+ By Annette Palumbo &
 Charlie Plungis

Wednesday, August 19th

- 7:00 am **Maria C. Cunha+** By Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Soffer
 8:30 am **Catherine Sanguiliano+** By St. Bartholomew Prayer
 Shawl
Ugo D'Andrea+ By Fr. Mike

Thursday, August 20th

- 7:00 am **Maria Antonino+** By Pina Scarpignato
 8:30 am **Richard Dixon+** By the Lundgren Family
Thomas Moore+ By Janet & Emil Manfredonia

Friday, August 21st


- 7:00 am **Joann Ruf+** By Mary Clinton
 8:30 am **Robert Bergen Sr.+** By Mary Jane Bergen
Dolores O'Brien+ By Pat Booking

Saturday, August 22nd

- 7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Fred Chemidlin+** By Ray & Joan O'Donnell
 5:00 pm **William & Sue Broadt+** By the Hughes Family

Sunday, August 23rd


- 8:00 am **Frank Pecoraro+** By Rosary Altar Society
 10:00 am **Dorothy McCormack+** By the Lewis Family
 12:00 pm **Lillian Billotti+** By the Chimento Family



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

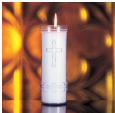
Hospital Privacy

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 

**For the week of August 16th:
 In Memory of the death of
 Robert J. Bergen, Sr. +
 Requested by Mary Jane Bergen
 'Holy Mary, Mother of God,
 Pray for us'**

Sanctuary Light: Week of August 16th:
The Sanctuary Light will burn for:
Joseph D'Annunzio+
Requested by Viola D'Annunzio & Family



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 22-23**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Zucosky	Staniec Torzewski Clark	Fr. Mike
8:00 am	Foulks	Foulks Wagner	Fr. Rob
10:00 am	Zappo	Carlino McCann Power	Fr. Mike
12:00 pm	Briante	Wagner McGuinness	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:



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

Unfortunately, the Rosary Altar Society cannot have the planned informational session after the Masses this weekend. Please take the trifold information paper home. Any questions please feel free to call Mary Jane Bergen.

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

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, August 16th

1:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Baptism

Monday, August 17th

Virtual Summer Academy

Tuesday, August 18th

Virtual Summer Academy

Wednesday, August 19th

Virtual Summer Academy

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

Thursday, August 20th

Virtual Summer Academy

Friday, August 21st

Virtual Summer Academy

Saturday, August 22nd

Sunday, August 23rd



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Offertory Collection

August 9, 2020

Weekly Budget Need:	\$10,784.32
Collection:	5,896.00
Parish Giving: (includes TEXT to GIVE)	4,755.58
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$132.74)

Fiscal Year To Date:

Budget	\$64,705.92
Actual:	58,849.87
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$5,856.05)

Thank you for your generosity!