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# Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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*The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 23, 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 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  
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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



We often think of our relationship with Jesus as a personal and individual relationship. While there is a personal aspect to it, today's Gospel shows us that it is first a communal relationship, us and Jesus. Peter's profession of faith is made and the power of the keys is given not only to Peter (today's passage), but also to the community (see Matthew 18:18). Thus it is important to remember that our faith is a gift to all of us, not just individuals, and that Jesus has charged Peter, in union with the disciples, to protect and hand down this faith to future generations (through the Pope and bishops). It is this relationship with Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the Living God, that we as individuals and as a community of faith, that nourishes us to fulfill the will of God in our lives and build up his kingdom. This relationship that brings us hope, joy and peace each day, and supports us in sharing that hope, joy and peace, with the people we encounter, stranger and friend, in our daily lives.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

## Scripture Reflection 21st<sup>h</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - ROMANS 11:35*

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything - God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone's prayer.

### IHM Women's Prayer Group Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m.

The IHM Women's Prayer Group is returning after a summer hiatus with a virtual meeting on Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 pm. The theme of our kick-off will be "Re-new-al" RENEW ALL – and we'll consider the life of Mary as a devout Jewish woman. All women are welcome to join! If you would like to participate, please email Tracey Foley at [tefoleyihm@gmail.com](mailto:tefoleyihm@gmail.com), so she can send you the link if you would like to participate via Zoom.



### *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](http://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 is 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 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

## Monday, August 24th

- 7:00 am **Flavio J. Grasso+** By Tony & Betty Perfilio  
 8:30 am **Frank Pecoraro+** By Betty Swisher  
**Thomas J. Laucik+** By the Peeney Family

## Tuesday, August 25th

- 7:00 am **Arlene Marie Kacvinski+** By the Mooney Family  
 8:30 am **Bob Piga (living)** By Janice Good-Piga  
**Robert J. Curry+** By Patricia Markey

## Wednesday, August 26th

- 7:00 am **Flavio Grasso+** By Karen & Joe Schurtz  
 8:30 am **Frank Pecoraro+** By the Lundgren Family  
**Helen Sullivan+** By Alison & Dan Harris

## Thursday, August 27th

- 7:00 am **Timothy Mahoney+** By John & Tracey Foley  
 8:30 am **Gregory John Heller+** By Janice Good-Piga & Bob Piga  
**John E. Sewell+** By Patricia Markey

## Friday, August 28th

- 7:00 am **Glenn Grieco+** By the Varela Family  
 8:30 am **Michael Barilli.+** By Janice Good-Piga & Bob Piga  
**Joseph & Connie Staniec+** By the Staniec Family

## Saturday, August 29th

- 7:00 am **Flavio J. Grasso+** By Gabriella D'Andrea Carlino  
 8:30 am **For the People of IHM Parish**  
 5:00 pm **Marie & John Hennessy+** By the Hennessy Family

## Sunday, August 30th

- 8:00 am **John Hrynck+** By Betty & Tony Perfilio  
 10:00 am **Deceased Members of Ryan Family+** By Kathleen Ryan  
 12:00 pm **Brett DeFazio+** By the Mulrooney Family



**Remember those who have died:  
Mary Flynn**

### 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 23rd:  
In Memory of  
Henry C. & Rosemary Mazzucca+  
Requested by Hank & Pat  
Mazzucca**

### Sanctuary Light: Week of August 23rd:

**The Sanctuary Light will burn for:**

**Jake Cregg+**



**Requested by Lee Gillingham & the Bible Study Group**

### 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 29-30**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Mulrooney	Clark Staniec Good-Piga	Fr. Rob
8:00 am	Henkels	Bagdonas Wagner	Fr. Mike
10:00 am	McClellan	Perfilio Aman McCann	Fr. Valentine
12:00 pm	O'Connor	Kiley Wagner	Fr. Rob

**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:**



**GREAT NEWS!**

The First Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 1st at 5PM in the Church. We will follow all the Mass protocols (social distancing, wearing masks, and hand sanitizing). There will be no refreshments served.

Come and hear of the Society's updates, recitation of the Rosary and words of wisdom from Father Mike.

At the meeting, the forms for the request of Flowers for 2021 will be available at the doors.

Please mail your dues check of \$25.00 for 2020-2021 year to Barbara Apgar at 427 La Grande Ave, Fanwood, N.J. 07023. She will not be able to receive and record your check at the meeting.

The Directory, for those who have paid their dues in advance, will be available with their names on it outside of church.

Please call me at 908-753-2161 to reserve your spot in Church for the meeting. Thank you, MaryJane Bergen.

Remember, 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:**

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](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!

**GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!  
DONATIONS NEEDED DURING  
SUMMER ACADEMY!**

During Session #2 of Virtual Summer Academy, please try to help the following organizations by donating some of the needed items shown below. All donations should be placed on the carts outside the Nazareth Center by the due dates indicated.

**“Back Pack Challenge” for CASA**

(collected now through Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>)

- New Backpacks
- New school supplies
- Pencil pouch
- Notebooks
- #2 pencils & pens
- highlighters
- 12” Ruler
- colored pencils & sharpener
- gluesticks & school glue
- Crayons
- loose-leaf
- 5 “ blunt point scissors
- lunch bags
- erasers
- folders
- Binders
- Markers
- watercolor paint
- index cards
- Book socks
- tissues & hand-sanitizer

**Gray Friars:**

- Non-perishable food
- Coffee
- Toiletries (full or travel size)
- Notes of encouragement for homeless and needy-no names please.

**Elizabeth Coalition (sister organization to St. Joseph’s Social Service Center, Elizabeth NJ)  
Collection Mon., Aug. 17 – Wed., Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>**

New or “like new” fall clothes in sizes toddler through teen

- Gift cards to CVS or Shoprite
- Canned foods, cereal, pasta and rice

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Pantry:**

Collection is ongoing for non-perishable food items. Please bring your donations to the back doors of the church where the red bins are.

**Thank you!**

**Calendar of Events at IHM**

**Sunday, August 23rd**

**Monday, August 24th**

Virtual Summer Academy

**Tuesday, August 25th**

Virtual Summer Academy

**Wednesday, August 26th**

Virtual Summer Academy

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

**Thursday, August 27th**

Virtual Summer Academy

**Friday, August 28th**

Virtual Summer Academy

**Saturday, August 29th**

**Sunday, August 30th**



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**Offertory Collection**

**August 16, 2020**

Weekly Budget Need:	\$10,784.32
Collection:	6,082.00
Parish Giving: (includes TEXT to GIVE)	3,079.34
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,622.98)

**Fiscal Year To Date:**

Budget	\$75,490.24
Actual:	68,011.21
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$7,479.03)

*Thank you for your generosity!*