

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 30, 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
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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



Last week Peter made his profession of faith, that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Jesus taught Peter, and us, that that profession of faith has consequences. In following Jesus we must deny ourselves and take up our cross. Peter needed to learn what it meant to be a disciple and leader of the community, how to be a rock of foundation (last week's Gospel) versus a stumbling block or obstacle (today's Gospel). We too must learn to allow Jesus to lead us and teach us to be a foundation for others and not an obstacle or stumbling block to ourselves or others. This means that we must always put God and others first in our lives, that we must proclaim our faith in word and action despite the hardship that we might encounter. It is not an easy thing to do, yet it can be done, and Jesus not only gives us Himself in the Eucharist to nourish, strengthen, and encourage us, He also gives us the examples and prayers of the prophets (Jeremiah in the first reading today) and saints to help us on our pilgrim way.

Peace,
Fr. Mike

Scripture Reflection 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” - MATTHEW 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi once said, *“Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.”* We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

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, 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.

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

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, August 31st

- 7:00 am **Arlene Kacvinski+** By Claudine DeSiato
 8:30 am **Dr. Frank Pecoraro+** By Mary Ann, Will, Danielle and Danica

Tuesday, September 1st

- 7:00 am **Flavio Grasso+** By Paul & Janet Bernhard
 8:30 am **James Cojanis+** By Patricia Markey

Wednesday, September 2nd

- 7:00 am **Sunil Marcus+** By Rekha Kulkarni
 8:30 am **Thomas Frankovic+** By Terry Clark

Thursday, September 3rd

- 7:00 am **Lourdes Tiangco+** By Lioanag Family
 8:30 am **Daniel Klockner+** By Denise D'Annunzio-Klockner

Friday, September 4th

- 7:00 am **Neil Louis Hoefling+** By Lynn F. Hernandez
 8:30 am **Rose & John Faccone+** By Blum & Veglia Families

Saturday, September 5th

- 7:00 am **Mary & George Good+** By Janice Good-Piga & Bob Piga
 8:30 am **Robert Bergen Sr.+** By Mary Jane Bergen
 5:00 pm **Bart Zucosky+** By Chris & Amy Zucosky

Sunday, September 6th

- 8:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 10:00 am **Clara Cassidy+** By Paul Cassidy
 12:00 pm **Lori Theiss+** By the Lundgren Family

The Altar Bread & Wine for the Week of August 30th:

For the Intention of:
Frank Pecoraro

Requested by Maureen & Daughters Melissa & Kimberly



Sanctuary Light: Week of August 30th:

The Sanctuary Light will burn for:
Rose & Johan Faccone+

Requested by Blum & Veglia Families



Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of August 30th:
In Memory of
Marie & John Hennessy+

Requested by the
Hennessy 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 September 5-6**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Mulrooney	Clark Zucosky Good-Piga	Fr. Valentine
8:00 am	Keogh	Wagner Bagdonas	Fr. Valentine
10:00 am	Fortunato	Carlino Zappo McCann	Fr. Rob
12:00 pm	Briante	O'Connor Wagner	Fr. Mike

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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

Baptisms: Please call the office at (908) 889-2100.

Adoration Chapel:

The new Adoration Chapel is now open, see page 6 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!

**GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
DONATIONS COLLECTED FOR
SUMMER ACADEMY!**

Thank you to all of the families that generously donated to the "Back Pack Challenge" for CASA, The Gray Friars, Elizabeth Coalition and the Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Pantry.

You truly made a difference!

**IHM Eucharistic Adoration
Now Open!**



Our new Adoration Chapel opened this past week. 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.

Are you new to IHM Parish?

Are you interested in joining the parish? Has your contact information changed? If yes, please fill out this form and 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: _____

Email: _____

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, August 30th

Monday, August 31st

Tuesday, September 1st

5 p.m. - Rosary Altar Society Welcome Back Meeting in Church

Wednesday, September 2nd

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

Thursday, September 3rd

Friday, September 4th

Saturday, September 5th

Sunday, September 6th



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Offertory Collection

August 23, 2020

Weekly Budget Need:	\$10,784.32
Collection:	4,640.00
Parish Giving: (includes TEXT to GIVE)	2,850.89
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,293.83)

Fiscal Year To Date:

Budget	\$86,274.56
Actual:	75,502.10
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$10,772.46)

Thank you for your generosity!