

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 6, 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



In today's Gospel we see once again Jesus giving the power to bind and loose. This time it is not just to Peter as it was in the Gospel two weeks ago. This time it is to the community of believers. There is a communal, or ecclesial, dimension to our faith. It is not simply me and Jesus, but also us and Jesus.

Being members of the church today, of a particular parish community, helps us to live out that aspect of our faith by providing opportunity not only to pray together, as in our celebration of the Eucharist, but also to work together and to have fun together, and as St. Paul encourages us, to live out our love for our neighbor together.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

Scripture Reflection 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." - EZEKIEL 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.

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, 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

Monday, September 7th

- 9:00 am **Dr. Frank Pecoraro+** By Anna DiAgostini

Tuesday, September 8th

- 7:00 am **Maria Vella+** By Mary Clinton
 8:30 am **Jack Clark+** By his wife, Terry

Wednesday, September 9th

- 7:00 am **Margie Sweeney+** By Foley & Donnelly Families
 8:30 am **Ken M. Harris+** By Barbara Apgar

Thursday, September 10th

- 7:00 am **James Maguire+** By the Foley Family
 8:30 am **Cathy Mazza+** By Dan & Rosemary Kelly

Friday, September 11th

- 7:00 am **Mary Campion+** By Charlie & Geri Barcellona
 8:30 am **Victims and Their Families of September 11th**

Saturday, September 12th

- 7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Frank Tassielli+** By Jack & Vera Kresge
 5:00 pm **Francis Welsh+** By Paul Cassidy

Sunday, September 13th

- 8:00 am **Mathilda Presutti+** By the Mangin Family
 10:00 am **Frank Pecoraro+** By the Hennessy Family
 12:00 pm **Deceased Members of the Yohe Family+** By the Family



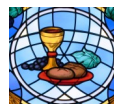
Remember those who have died:
Mary Claire Hahn+,
Robert Seery+

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.

The Altar Bread & Wine for the Week of September 6th:

For the Intentions of:
The Victims of September 11th and Their Families



Sanctuary Light: Week of September 6th:

The Sanctuary Light will burn for:

Ken M. Harris+
Requested by Barbara Apgar



Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of September 6th:
In Thanksgiving for my Grandparents:
Glen & Elizabeth Winsor
By Mary Beth Winsor

First Holy Communion

Virtual Jesus Day: Sat., Sept. 12th (9:30 - 11:00am)

If we had been able to meet in person, we would have gathered for an onsite Jesus Day which is a retreat program for First Communion children and their parents. It is usually a lovely morning filled with fun, prayer and learning. While Virtual Jesus Day will be a modified program conducted via Zoom, I believe it will capture many of the elements of a regular Jesus Day. I do encourage all families to participate, even those who have decided to wait until next spring for First Communion. The learning and preparation that will take place will support your child well regardless of when he or she is receiving First Communion.

Picking Up Materials for Virtual Jesus Day: Week of Sept. 2 - 11

There will be a packet of materials prepared for each family to use at Virtual Jesus Day. Please pick up your child's packet in the church building at the side door when you first enter the church property. The church door is open from 7am until 12noon. There is a chance these packets will be ready prior to Sept. 8th; if so, Janet Manfredonia will contact everyone to let them know. If you will have difficulty stopping by to pick up your child's packet, please ask a friend to help you, or please let us know and we will try to make other arrangements with you.

First Communion Banners

Back in March just prior to the pandemic restrictions, you may recall that we mailed home the First Communion workbooks and other materials. In that mailing there was a banner kit (from Oriental Trading). Please help your child assemble his/her banner prior to Virtual Jesus Day on Sept. 12th, and try to have it available that morning. If you cannot find your banner kit, please let me or Janet know and we can include an additional kit for you in the Jesus Day packet you will pick up during the week of Sept. 8th.

First Communion Kahoot!

At our Virtual Jesus Day on Sat., Sept. 12th, we will have a First Communion Kahoot game which will help review the topics contained in the First Communion workbooks (God's Gift: Eucharist). You may find it helpful for your child to take a look at the workbook and the review guide that was in the March mailing. I have attached a duplicate copy of the review guide for your convenience.

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 we 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 your child wait to receive Confirmation, you may choose to wait until next Easter season when he/she can be confirmed with the next group of Confirmation Candidates. Please let us know if you prefer 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. Mike
8:00 am	Keogh	Wagner Bagdonas	Fr. Rob
10:00 am	Fortunato	Carlino Zappo McCann	Fr. Valentine
12:00 pm	Briante	O'Connor Wagner	Fr. Rob

Rosary Altar Society:



Thank you everyone who attended the welcome back meeting either physically at the church or through Zoom. These are definitely different times.

The 2021 book of Flowers for the Blessed Mother was officially opened on September 1st. There is a form to send to Betty Perfilio at 37 Poplar Place, Fanwood, NJ 07023, which one can request up to 3 different weeks at \$20 each. If you don't have the form, please send the following information: the date, requested information and your phone number with the check. Thank you.

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

Our next meeting will be at St. Joseph Shrine, on October 6th from 9:30 to 3:30. Cost is \$35.00 for the retreat and a box lunch. Please call Eileen Wagner at 908-317-8554 to register or email her at Eilwagner45@gmail.com and send a check to Barbara Apgar by September 20. Thank you.

Reminder if you are an officer, a chairwoman of a standing committee or a chairwoman of a monthly program, mark your calendar for the next Board Meeting on September 22, 2020. The time and place will be announced later. Thank you.

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 October, all interested men of the parish are invited to join us.

Have a nice Summer!

**IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group
Virtual Meeting Saturday
September 12th at 9:15 am**

The next meeting of IHM's Men's Monthly Scripture Study and Discussion Group will take place "virtually" on Saturday, September 12th, 2020, at 9:15 am on ZOOM. All men of the parish (as well as neighboring parishes) are welcome. We will discuss Sunday's (9/13) scripture and then open the meeting up for discussion. The meeting will last about an hour.

ZOOM is a user friendly video conference call that can be accessed through smartphones, PCs or tablets.

You can also call into the meeting with a regular phone and participate without video.

You will need to get the details (phone number to call, computer link, etc.) ahead of time, **so if you wish to participate please email David Diken** at dndiken@aol.com for an invitation to the session.

**IHM Eucharistic Adoration
Now Open!**



Our new Adoration Chapel is open!

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.

**IHM Rosary Altar Society
"A Day of Renewal"**

**Tuesday, October 6, 2020
at the Shrine of St. Joseph**

1050 Long Hill Road
Stirling, New Jersey 07980

All Men and Women of the Parish
Are invited and welcome

Covid-19 Protocols will be followed

9:30 am Arrival Coffee, Tea & Goodies

9:45 am – Prayer, opening remarks and conference

11 am – Opportunity for Confession

12 noon – Boxed Lunch in Large Cafeteria

1 pm – Conference and free time for outdoors, gift shop or quiet time in the Chapel

2pm – Rosary

2:30 pm – Liturgy in the Chapel

Cost of the Day - \$35. Checks payable to:

IHM Rosary Altar Society & mail to Barbara Apgar at
427 LaGrande Ave., Fanwood, NJ 07023

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, September 6th

Monday, September 7th

Tuesday, September 8th

Wednesday, September 9th

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

Thursday, September 10th

7:30 pm - IHM Women's Prayer Group Zoom Meeting

Friday, September 11th

Saturday, September 12th

9:15 am - Men's Scripture & Discussion Group Zoom Meeting

9:30 am - Virtual Jesus Day

Sunday, September 13th

Food Pantry Sunday



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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.

Offertory Collection

August 30, 2020

Weekly Budget Need:	\$10,784.32
Collection:	6,548.00
Parish Giving: (includes TEXT to GIVE)	2,172.74
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,063.58)

Fiscal Year To Date:

Budget	\$97,058.88
Actual:	84,222.84
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$12,836.04)

*Next weekend there will be a 2nd Collection for Catholic University.

Thank you for your generosity!