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# Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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*The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 13, 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  
Website: [www.ihmparish.net](http://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



Seeking forgiveness and offering forgiveness seem to go hand in hand, but how often have we acted like the servant in the Gospel. We have asked the Lord’s forgiveness in prayer or in confession, then we find ourselves in that awkward position of not being willing to forgive someone else of the same or lesser transgression. Or perhaps we begin to realize that a grudge we are holding, or attitude we have needs to be let go of so that we can move forward.

Forgiveness and reconciliation help us to be free. Free to love as God does. Free to be who God calls us to be as His daughters and sons. I think the words of St. Paul help us in this endeavor. When we realize that we ultimately live and die for the Lord, it helps us see the bigger picture of the Kingdom in the small and ordinary aspects of our lives and enables us to love and forgive and accept as God does for us.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

### Scripture Reflection 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



*“For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.” – ROMANS 14:8*

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to the live the life that He intended for you.

### Back to School Prayer

Dear God, with a new school year upon us, we pray for our students, that You would ease their anxiety about going back to school amidst the pandemic. We pray for safety for those returning to in-person classes, and for the needed technology, self-discipline, and adult oversight for those learning online. We pray that every child has enough to eat, a supportive network of friends and family, and perseverance to face every challenge with Your strength. Amen

### 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          | 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

- 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

Monday, September 14th

- 7:00 am **Jake Cregg+** By Betty Swisher  
 8:30 am **Carmela M. Piscitelli+** By the Lewis Family

Tuesday, September 15th

- 7:00 am **Jake Cregg+** By Barbara & William Apgar  
 8:30 am **Florence Broderick+** By Janice Good-Piga & Bob Piga

Wednesday, September 16th

- 7:00 am **Eileen Arnold+** By the Foley Family  
 8:30 am **Jack Brown+** By his family

Thursday, September 17th

- 7:00 am **Bob Kay+** By the Ciullo Family  
 8:30 am **Shirley A. Markey+** By Pat Markey & Family

Friday, September 18th

- 7:00 am **Judith Vargas+** By the Varela Family  
 8:30 am **Margherita DeGregorio+** By Pat Markey & Family

Saturday, September 19th

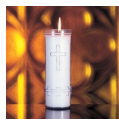
- 7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**  
 8:30 am **John Dombrauskas+** By the Foulks Family  
 5:00 pm **Natalie & Henry Rozborski+** By the Zelonis Family  
 (70th Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, September 20th

- 8:00 am **Deceased Members of MacDonald Family**  
 By Kathleen Ryan  
 10:00 am **Dominick Verdic Sr.+** By the Verdic Family  
 12:00 pm **Anna & Stephen Hajducek+** By Mary Ann Sopko

The Altar Bread & Wine for the Week of September 13th:

For the Intentions of:  
**Jack Brown+**  
 Requested by his Family



Sanctuary Light: Week of September 13th:

The Sanctuary Light will burn for:

**Natalie & Henry Rozborski+**  
 Happy Anniversary - 70 Years! And Blessings for Susan  
 By the Zelonis Family



**Remember those who have died:**  
**Robert Seery+,**  
**Mary Marvosa+**

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 September 13th:**  
**In Thanksgiving for our**  
**Mother Mary and St. Jude**  
 Requested by:  
**Betty and Tony Perfilio**

## First Holy Communion



Dear Parents,

The Archdiocese has made a small increase to the number of people who may attend Masses, and so we are able to make a slight increase in the number of attendees.

For Saturday Morning First Communions only: In addition to the 5 family members from the same household (including the First Communicant(s) who may sit in the family's reserved pew, Saturday morning First Communion families may invite four additional attendees to their First Communion Mass. However, the additional people who attend will need to be seated in the side unreserved sections of the church to allow for social distancing, and the additional people must meet the Covid-19 requirements including wearing of facemasks and the 14-day self quarantine if they are visiting from NJ travel advisory states. You can check the current travel advisory states by clicking on the link that was sent by email.

We are relying on and trusting that families will comply with the guidelines. This will help ensure everyone's safety, as well as help to maintain joyful and peaceful celebrations of First Communion. A Sign Up Genius Link will be sent shortly to Saturday morning families should they wish to invite four additional family members to attend their child's First Communion. (Sunday morning families will have the opportunity to use the regular parish Sign-Up Genius that is sent prior to each weekend to indicate additional attendees. Any family who has not been receiving these emails should contact the Nazareth Center at 908-889-2100 or at [office@ihmparish.net](mailto:office@ihmparish.net) to make sure your email address in the general parish email system.) Thank you for your help and cooperation as we prepare for our long awaited celebrations of First Communion!

Peace & blessings,

Mary

## 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 19-20**

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

**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](mailto: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](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 October, all interested men of the parish are invited to join us.

Have a nice Summer!

**HM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group  
Virtual Meetings Saturday**

The IHM's Men's Monthly Scripture Study and Discussion Group takes place “virtually” one Saturday a month on ZOOM. All men of the parish (as well as neighboring parishes) are welcome. We will discuss Sunday scriptures 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 13th**

Food Pantry Sunday

**Monday, September 14th**

**Tuesday, September 15th**

**Wednesday, September 16th**

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

**Thursday, September 17th**

**Friday, September 18th**

**Saturday, September 19th**

9:30 am - First Holy Communion

11:30 am - First Holy Communion

**Sunday, September 20th**

1:30 pm - Sacrament of Baptism



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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**

**September 6, 2020**

Weekly Budget Need:	\$10,784.32
Collection:	6,474.00
Parish Giving: (includes TEXT to GIVE)	3,843.43
Surplus/(Deficit)	(466.89)

**Fiscal Year To Date:**

Budget	\$107,843.20
Actual:	94,230.27
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$13,612.93)

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

***Thank you for your generosity!***