

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 20, 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”

Note from Fr. Mike



If we were to receive from God what we truly deserve, we would all be poor and desperate. Fortunately God is extremely generous and gives His grace to all, the good and the bad, the hard working and the lazy, the early and the late, the proud and the humble, the holy and the sinful. Today's Gospel calls us to recognize God's generosity in our lives and be thankful, it calls us to recognize God's generosity in the lives of others and to rejoice with them and for them, and it calls us to respond to the grace of God by lives of holiness, generosity and love.

Peace, Fr. Mike

Scripture Reflection 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"So the last will be first and the first last".

MATTHEW 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

Catechetical Sunday

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The 2020 Catechetical Sunday theme is taken from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, "I Received from the Lord what I also Handed on to You." This theme focuses on the essential work of catechesis, which is an invitation to a whole new life given by Christ Himself. (Bishop Robert Barron)

This theme reminds us of the importance of handing on our faith to future generations. On the parish level this is done through our Faith Formation programs. Today we give thanks to all of our volunteers who take time out of their busy lives to help nurture the faith of our young people (and more experienced parishioners as well). This time of pandemic has also helped us better appreciate and experience the catechesis that happens in our homes or "Domestic Churches" as parents live out in new ways the call of passing on their faith to their children. While handing on our faith is the work of the whole community, of every disciple, Catechetical Sunday offers us an opportunity to say thank you to those whose mission and ministry is most directly involved in teaching our young parishioners about the faith and assisting families in living out our faith. On behalf of Fr. Valentine, Fr. Rob and myself, a heart felt **Thank You** to all of our faith formation staff, catechists, mentors, volunteers, and parents for all that you do for the young people of IHM parish.

Fr. Mike

Mass Update in Accordance with COVID-19 Guidelines

All Masses are now celebrated publicly in church with COCID 19 protocols. The 8:30 am daily Mass and the Sunday 10:00 am Mass will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook & on our website: www.ihmparish.net.

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 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 |
| Erin Brennan | June McManus |
| Samatha Bridge | Christine Morris |
| James Brown | Jim Morris |
| Kevin Brown | Bob McMillion |
| John Burkert | Danielle Nabinger |
| Anna Cassella | Hilda Pizza |
| Paul Cassidy | Charlie Plungis |
| Matthew Cassio | Diane Pricken |
| Frank Chimento | Susan Rozborski |
| Colm Cosgrove | Bernard Slaza |
| Edward Clark | Beverly Sopp |
| Joe Clarke | Ryder Francis Spillane |
| Ray Clark | Paul Szecker |
| Dorothy D'Angelo | Carole Ventre |
| Marie Farrell | Daniel Ventura |
| Albert Fischer, Jr. | Sr.Elizabeth |
| Emily Fleming | Vermaelen |
| Nicole Griffin | |

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, September 21st

- 7:00 am **Bob Piga & Janice Good-Piga+** By Janice Good-Piga
(34th Anniversary) & Bob Piga
- 8:30 am **James Kennedy+** By his Family

Tuesday, September 22nd

- 7:00 am **Robert Dougherty+** By Evelyn Dougherty
- 8:30 am **Doreern Kraycirik++** By Jerry & Mary Mahony

Wednesday, September 23rd

- 7:00 am **Evelyn & William Lawler+** By Evelyn Dougherty
- 8:30 am **John Borucki+** By Sheila Blabolil

Thursday, September 24th

- 7:00 am **Margaret Mulrooney+** By John & Tracey Foley
- 8:30 am **Irene McElroy+** By her Family

Friday, September 25th

- 7:00 am **Mary Pat Colicchio+** By Mom & Dad
- 8:30 am **Bill McManus+** By Judy & Family

Saturday, September 26th

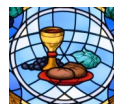
- 7:00 am **Barbara Faccone+** By Mary Clinton
- 8:30 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
- 5:00 pm **Frank Pecoraro+** By the Sokol Family

Sunday, September 27th

- 8:00 am **James Rizzolo+** By Mr. & Mrs. John Beierle
- 10:00 am **Joseph P. D'Annunzio+** By the Laguna Family
- 12:00 pm **John R. Stephanik Jr.+** By the Lundgren Family

The Altar Bread & Wine for the Week of September 20th:

For the Intentions of:
The People of
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish



Sanctuary Light: Week of September 20th:

The Sanctuary Light will burn for:

Dominick Verdic Sr.+
Requested by:
The Verdic 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 20th:
Janice Good-Piga & Bob Piga
34th Wedding Anniversary

Requested by:
Janice & Bob

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 masks 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 emailed.

We rely and trust that families will comply with the guidelines. This will help ensure everyone's safety, as well as maintain joyful 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 email office@ihmparish.net.

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.

Meet the Faculty



The faculty and staff of the Academy spent a great deal of time this summer getting the school ready to open safely. We thought it would be nice to take the next few weeks to introduce you to a couple of these wonderful, dedicated people!

Susan D'Apuzzo - Teacher, PreK-3

Susan grew up on Staten Island and met her husband in college. They have two sons and a dog named Mac. Susan is an animal lover and her family has cared for frogs, turtles, hamsters, guinea pigs, fish, newts, sea horses, cats, dogs, a hedgehog had a bearded dragon.

Rose Sawchuk - Instructional Aide, PreK-3

Rose grew up in Bayonne and has been with the Academy since 1996 when her oldest son started PreK-4. Both her sons and daughter graduated the Academy. Rose was an Instructional Aide for PreK-4 for 12 years before her current position in PreK-3. Since being quarantined, she's picked up crocheting.

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of September 26-27**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Zucosky	Staniec Torzewski Clark	Fr. Mike
8:00 am	Keogh	Gibbons Wagner	Fr. Valentine
10:00 am	Zappo	Carlino Prato Manfredonia	Fr. Mike
12:00 pm	Briante	Wagner McGuinness	Fr. Rob

Rosary Altar Society:



Our next meeting will be the retreat 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.

The 2021 book of Flowers for the Blessed Mother was officially opened on September 1st. As of this weekend you can call Betty Perfilio at 908-889-4868 for the weeks available for the flowers. Please once a week is confirmed then send her the check of \$20.00 to her at 37 Poplar Place, Fanwood, NJ.

Reminder please send your dues check of \$25.00 for 2020-2021 year to Barbara Apgar at 427 La Grande Ave, Fanwood, NJ. 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, at 12 noon in the IHM parking lot. Please bring your chair to the meeting and notify me if you can attend the meeting (908-753-2161). Remember your masks and we will be distancing the 6 feet. 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 open. Contact Betty Swisher at 908 889-2100 for details. Chapel closed on Holy Days & Holidays.

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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Union Catholic High School

**Fall Open House -
Wed., October 7th - 7 p.m.**

Prospective students and their families have two options to attend our Fall Open House:

**In-Person, Drive-In Format or
Virtual Open House Via Zoom.**

For more info, or to reserve your spot, visit our website at www.unioncatholic.org or call 908-889-1600, ext. 302





Please pray for our parish children preparing to receive First Communion. God bless these children their families.

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| Michael Amaro * | Brenna Haight |
| Arielle Boachie-Agyman * | Declan Jeans |
| Alexis Borowski | Molly Kautz |
| Patrick Boyle | Brendan Klotz |
| Austin Briamonte * | Sophia LaPorta |
| Maya Brown | Nathan L'Hommedieu |
| Kiernan Caspersen * | Brian McNair * |
| Ryan Colford | Tyler Philips |
| Patrick Columb | Megan Ricci |
| Jaxon Costello | Sadie Saraceno |
| Chase Dunn | Alexander Santos |
| Addison Dyas * | Steven Shanberg |
| Jayden Ellazar | Madison Siers |
| Drew Fava | Olivia Squashic * |
| Kyla Flaherty | Elyse Tariche |
| Anna Folger | Ethan Villaverde |
| Anastasia Giessman | Sabrina Zanetti* |
| Francesca Giafaglione | Lily Zito |
| Matteo Giafaglione | *will receive in Spring 2021 |

**Welcome and Congratulations to
Ethan Weck
who was Baptized, Confirmed and received
Jesus in Holy Communion through
the RCIA process this year!!!**

**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 20th
1:30 pm - Sacrament of Baptism

Monday, September 21st

Tuesday, September 22nd
12 pm - Rosary Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 23rd
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Food Pantry Distribution

Thursday, September 24th

Friday, September 25th

Saturday, September 26th
9:30 am - First Holy Communion
11:30 am - First Holy Communion

Sunday, September 27th
10:00 am - First Holy Communion
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 13, 2020

Weekly Budget Need:	\$10,784.32
Collection:	3,467.00
Parish Giving: (includes TEXT to GIVE)	4,671.12
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,646.20)

Fiscal Year To Date:

Budget	\$118,627.52
Actual:	102,368.39
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$16,259.13)

Thank you for your generosity!