

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 27, 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



Conversion requires change, and for most people change can be difficult. It means reestablishing the order of things in our lives, of our priorities, attitudes and sometimes even our way of life. Jesus invites us into conversion in today's Gospel. He challenges the chief priests and elders to look at the prostitutes and tax collectors as brothers and sisters, not as sinners. He is not saying that what they have done is good or right, he is saying that they are also in need of God's presence and love. He challenges each of us to do the same, to look at others as God's children, in need of His love and salvation just as each one of us is a child of God and in need of His love and salvation.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

Scripture Reflection

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

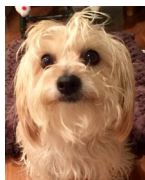


"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..."
Philippians 2:3

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

Blessing of the Animals
Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Garden
Sunday, October 4th
1:30 pm

Animals must be leashed or crated.
Thank you.



Do You Have Interest and/or Experience with Video Production?



OUR MEDIA MINISTRY TEAM NEEDS YOU!

Camera Video Editing Social Media
LiveStream Production Website Graphic Design

If you're interested in joining the Media Ministry, please email us at tefoleyihm@gmail.com.

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 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

Monday, September 28th

- 7:00 am **Jake Cregg+** By Mary Graham
 8:30 am **Susan Wagner & Helen Brennan+** By Eileen & Rich Wagner

Tuesday, September 29th

- 7:00 am **Stephen Check+** By Pat & Jim Feeley
 8:30 am **Brendan Loughrey+** By Mary & Jerry Mahony

Wednesday, September 30th

- 7:00 am **Miguelina Rodriguez+** By Mary Clinton
 8:30 am **Anthony Cirillo+** By Mary Cirillo & Family

Thursday, October 1st

- 7:00 am **Carolyn Iorio+** By John & Tracey Foley
 8:30 am **Patricia Abernethy+** By Betty Swisher

Friday, October 2nd

- 7:00 am **Jake Cregg+** By Dominic & Joan Devito
 8:30 am **My beloved grandparents Francis & Elizabeth Daly+**
 By Mary Beth Winsor

Saturday, October 3rd

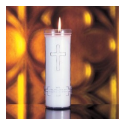
- 7:00 am **Fernando Velez+** By Marilyn Russo
 8:30 am **Deceased Members of the Symezek & Mannell Families**
 By the Lewis Families
 5:00 pm **Antoinette Carlino & Antonia D'Isidori+**
 By the Carlino Family

Sunday, October 4th

- 8:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 10:00 am **Ned Kinney+** By the Franciscus Family
 12:00 pm **Emma & Richard Seery+** By Bob & Betty Seery

The Altar Bread & Wine for the Week of September 27th:

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



Sanctuary Light: Week of September 27th:

The Sanctuary Light will burn for:

The Bonaccolto Family.+
 Requested by:
 Mike & Pam Bonaccolto



Remember those who have died:
Marc Eric Fusillo+,
William Barry Sr.+

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 27th:
 In memory of :
Anthony Cirillo
 Requested by:
Mary Cirillo

Meet the Faculty - Part Two



Last week you were introduced to our Early Childhood teachers. This week's highlight is on our Elementary grades. We are so blessed to have these talented, dedicated men and women inspire our students.

Jonathan Brooks - Teacher, First Grade

Jonathan is a transplant to New Jersey from the Boston area. He earned a B.S. in Design from Jefferson University and a master's in education from Seton Hall University. This is Jonathan's first year at St. Bart's Academy, but he has been teaching for 19 years. He likes to travel, his favorite destination is Iceland, but he loves to go to Massachusetts to see his 11 nieces. If you eat at Grillestone you may see him, he has been a server there for four years.

Alexandria Brooks - Teacher, First Grade

Alexandria studied at Oakwood University, where she earned a B.S. in Elementary Education. A Jersey girl, from Orange, NJ, this is her first year at the Academy. Alexandria loves to read, sing, bake and knit. She is an animal lover with a soft spot for rabbits and she always wanted a horse.

Christine Dencker - Teacher, Second Grade

This is Christine's seventh year teaching at St. Bartholomew Academy. A graduate of Susquehanna University, she earned her teacher certification from the College of St. Elizabeth. Christine and her husband have three children, two currently attending Marist College, and one graduate of Marist. When Christine isn't teaching at SBA or directing the Academy's drama productions, she's at the Jersey Shore with her family.

Maria Stetin - Teacher, Third Grade

Maria is a native New Jerseyan who moved to Wisconsin for seventeen years shortly after she was married. Maria grew up in Berkeley Heights and graduated from the College of St. Elizabeth's. She joined the Academy thirteen years ago and both her sons are graduates of St. Bartholomew Academy. She is a football fan with her favorite teams being the Giants and the Packers. Maria is also one of the moderators for the Academy's award-winning Forensics team.

John Benvenuto - Teacher, Fourth Grade

John is a first-generation Italian American who grew up in Brooklyn, NY. He holds a BS in Finance and a Master's in Education. This is John's second year at the Academy. John and his wife are the proud parents of two children, a daughter who is a freshman at Catholic University and a son who is a sophomore at Union Catholic. Most weekends John is found watching his children play softball or baseball. His family gets together at the end of the summer to jar over two hundred jars of sauce.

Next week- Middle School!

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 October 3rd-4th**

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

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:



Our next meeting will be the retreat at St Joseph's, on October 6th from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. The 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 a check to Barbara Apgar before September 23. See page 6 for more details. Thank you.

The 2021 book of Flowers for the Blessed Mother is completely filled. Thank you for the support.

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.

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!!!**

Calendar of Events at IHM

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

Monday, September 28th

Tuesday, September 29th

Wednesday, September 30th
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Food Pantry Distribution

Thursday, October 1st

Friday, October 2nd

Saturday, October 3rd

Sunday, October 4th
1:30 pm - Blessing of the Animals

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**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

Beautiful Fall!! The beauty of fall with its cool temperatures and foliage displays energizes most people. Are you willing to channel your energy to gather unwanted clothing, shoes, small appliances, linens, towels, toys, stuffed animals & books (no reference books) for the Catholic Charities bin? Thank you.

Offertory Collection

September 20, 2020

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| Weekly Budget Need: | \$10,784.32 |
| Collection: | 5,984.00 |
| Parish Giving: (includes TEXT to GIVE) | 3,074.12 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | (1,726.20) |

Fiscal Year To Date:

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| Budget | \$129,411.84 |
| Actual: | 111,428.51 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | (\$17,985.33) |

Thank you for your generosity!