

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 4, 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

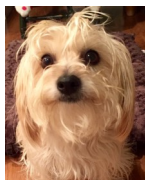


In baptism we are called to join in the mission of Christ to proclaim the Kingdom of God. We have been given the faith necessary to fulfill the mission. We have been given the gifts and talents to fulfill the mission and engage ourselves in an active relationship with Christ and His people, each in our own way. We have been given the support of the Church and parish to fulfill the mission. St. Paul encourages us to continue living out each day the faith we have received, giving thanks and praise to God. In doing this we fulfill our mission, we proclaim the Kingdom, we experience the life that can only come from God. We become the tenants in the Gospel that bear fruit in the vineyard.

Peace,
Fr. Mike

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

Animals must be leashed or crated. Thank you.



**Scripture Reflection
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



“The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone...” - MATTHEW 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be “rejected” by others in today’s society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is sign that God is alive and well!

**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!

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 5th

7:00 am **Ugo D'Andrea+** By Karen & Joe Schurtz
 8:30 am **Regina Moog+** By Eileen & Rich Wagner

Tuesday, October 6th

7:00 am **Joanne Elizabeth Alvine+** By Mary & Don Clinton
 8:30 am **Angela Derita+** By Kate Franciscus

Wednesday, October 7th

7:00 am **Bruno Gialanella+** By Marilyn Gialanella
 8:30 am **Helen Peer+** By Betty Swisher
(1st Anniversary)

Thursday, October 8th

7:00 am **Jake Cregg+** By V. Leone & M. Baker
 8:30 am **Ugo D'Andrea+** By Betty Swisher

Friday, October 9th

7:00 am **Barbara Perre+** By the Werkheiser Family
 8:30 am **Helen Peer+** By Pat Markey

Saturday, October 10th

7:00 am **Barbara Faccone+** By Joan & Charles Coccaro
 8:30 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 By the Lewis Families
 5:00 pm **Mildred & Joe Mrozek+** By Barbara & Joe Mrozek

Sunday, October 11th

8:00 am **Ugo D'Andra+** By Carmel & Josephine Piscitelli
 10:00 am **Frank Pecoraro+** By Andrea, Matthew & Samantha Lolli
 12:00 pm **Margaret & Joseph Guidi+** By Eileen Guidi

Remember Our Sick



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	



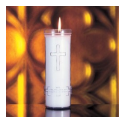
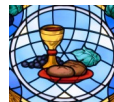
Remember those who have died:
Marc Eric Fusillo+,
William Barry Sr.+, Elwood Havard+

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 October 4th:

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



Sanctuary Light: Week of October 4th:

The Sanctuary Light will burn for:
Art Flynn & the Intentions of the Flynn Family+
 Love,
 Mary B.

Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of October 4th:

In Gratitude
Phyllis Manno

Meet the Teachers - Part Three



Middle school is a challenging time for students, but the Academy teachers go out of their way every day to ensure the students are educated academically and spiritually. We are proud to introduce you to these wonderful teachers.

Lynda England - Middle School Literature

Lynda has been teaching at the Academy for fourteen years. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the College of New Jersey and earned her alternate route certificate from New Jersey City University. A Jersey girl, she grew up in Colonia and enjoys spending her free time with her family in Cape May. Lynda has visited sixteen different countries, including Tunisia, where she visited the ancient city of Carthage. Her and her husband are the proud parents of two daughters.

Mary Conroy - Middle School History

Mary graduated from Kean University with a degree in Elementary Education and has lived in the Union County area her whole life. She has been teaching at the Academy for 20 years and her daughters are graduates. Mary is an avid Bruce Springsteen fan and likes to spend her free time at the Jersey shore or hiking through the Rocky Mountains of Colorado.

Mary Schoendorf - Middle School Language Arts

This is Mary's twenty-seventh year teaching at the Academy. She is originally from North Arlington and earned her BA in Elementary Education Grades K to 8 from Kean University. In her years at St. Bartholomew she has taught gym, Pre-K, Kindergarten, 4th grade, and middle school. Mary and her husband raised 5 children and enjoy spending time with their 4 grandchildren and rooting for the Jets.

Angela Kobliska - Middle School Advanced Math

Angela is a transplant from Brooklyn and Staten Island. Her father is from Sicily and Angela has dual citizenship between the US and Italy. She earned her BA from Rider University where she doubled majored in Mathematics and Elementary Education. She earned her MA in Curriculum and Instruction (specifically in Mathematics and Technology) from Kean University. She taught for eleven years in the public-school system before joining the Academy. Angela and her husband are the parents of 2 boys and a girl. She loves to cook and bake.

Danielle Harris Lacassine - Middle School Academic Math

Danielle has been teaching for twenty-six years and this is her first year at the Academy. Married for twenty-three years, she and her husband have five children, four of which are quadruplets, and two dogs. When she's not teaching, she loves making wreaths, watching football, or planning the family's next trip to Disney!

Michelle Brooks - Middle School Science

This is Michelle's first year at the Academy. She holds a BS in Chemical Engineering from New Jersey Institute of Technology and is finishing her Master of Education at Saint Peter's University. She grew up in Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies and has a very memorable birthday - December 25th! She is an avid gardener. She and her husband have raised 4 children, 2 girls, 2 boys & several fish from science projects.

Confirmation - Important Information

We are looking forward to Confirmation! Please take note of the following important information:

Virtual Zoom Practices:

Fri., Oct. 9th @ 6:30 - 7:30pm (for that weekend's Masses)

Fri., Oct. 16th @ 6:30 - 7:30pm (for that weekend's Masses)

Zoom links will be sent the morning of each practice.

Candidates, sponsors & parents should attend the virtual practice.

The Zoom practice will be extremely important for everyone in light of safety guidelines and the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Covid -19 Restrictions Impact on Reserved Seating & Sponsors:

Every effort is being made to maintain the health & safety of all families and participants at the Confirmation Masses, and to comply with the guidelines of the archdiocese and the state. Each candidate will be seated in his/her own pew with four additional family household members. All people who will be sitting in the pew, including the candidate, must meet Covid-19 requirements. If the sponsor is not a member of the candidate's household, *a parent will need to serve as the proxy for the sponsor*. This does not change who the sponsor is; the sponsor's name will be recorded in the sacrament record book and retains the important faith formation role he/she has accepted.

Additional Unreserved Seating for Confirmation Masses:

For *Saturday* Masses, you will be able to sign up four additional family members/friends to attend the Mass. This seating will be in the side sections of the church. Anyone you sign up must meet the Covid-19 requirements. Those whom you sign up: 1) must wear a facemask and practice social distancing at IHM; 2) should not have been exposed to anyone with Covid-19; 3) should be in good health; 4) would need to have complied with the 14 day self quarantine requirement if they have traveled out of NJ to a travel advisory state or will be visiting from a travel advisory state prior to attending the Confirmation Mass. We will be relying on each family to monitor whom they invite. Thank you for your cooperation to keep everyone safe. A Sign Up Genius will be emailed to you early next week which you may use to sign up four add'l guests for *Saturday* Confirmations.

For *Sunday* Confirmation Masses, families will be able to sign up additional guests (who meet Covid-19 requirements) by using the regular parish Sign Up Genius that is emailed each week by the parish. If you are not getting these emails, contact the office at office@ihmparish.net or 889-2100.

Livestreaming and Recording of Masses:

All Confirmation Masses will be livestreamed and recorded through the IHM parish Facebook page so other family members and friends may view the Sacrament of Confirmation. I am sensitive to the fact that some families may not wish to be recorded. I am sorry that there will be no way around this at the Confirmation Masses next month. Please let Mary Clinton or Fr. Mike know if you do not wish to be recorded so we can make other arrangements.

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of October 10-11th**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Good-Piga	Zucosky Staniec Clark	Fr. Valentine
8:00 am	Henkels	Gibbons Dill	Fr. Valentine
10:00 am	Davis	Prato Manfredonia Diken	Fr. Mike
12:00 pm	O'Connor	Kiley Sullivan	Fr. Rob

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

Rosary Altar Society:



Come join us this Wednesday, October 7th is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We are inviting everyone of IHM to join us in the praying the Rosary at 11:00 AM in the garden of Our Lady of Fatima. We will assemble 5-10 minutes before 11:00 AM. Bring your own chair if you wish. We will follow Covid-19 protocols, 6ft apart and wearing masks. Please come and join us in this time of prayer. Thank you.

Reminder this Tuesday, October 6, is the retreat at St. Joseph Shrine, 1050 Long Hill Rd, Stirling, NJ from 9:30AM to 3:30 PM for all those for registered. Any questions call Eileen Wagner at 908-317-8554. Thank you. The 2021 book for Flowers for the Blessed Mother is completely filled. Thank you for your support. It's not too late to send your dues check of \$25.00 for 2020-2021 year to Barbara Apgar at 427 La Grande Ave, Fanwood, NJ 0723. 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



**IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group
Virtual Meeting Saturday
October 10th at 9:15AM**



The next meeting of IHM's men's monthly scripture study and discussion group will take place "virtually" on Saturday, October 10th, 2020, at 9:15 am on ZOOM. All men of the parish (as well as neighboring parishes) are welcome. We will discuss Sunday's (the 11th) 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.

**Important Information if You are Considering a
Catholic High School**

The Archdiocese's Catholic High Schools have begun the enrollment process for the 2021-2022 academic year. The Cooperative Admissions Program (COOP) is designed to assist 8th grade students seek admission to Catholic high school. Information about each Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Newark can be found at <https://catholicschoolsnj.org/high-school-guide/>

Ninth Grade Applicant Record

The Ninth Grade Applicant Record form is a very important part of the Cooperative Admissions Program, especially in the absence of HSPT scores. The Ninth Grade Applicant Record gives the student's current school permission to provide the student's selected high schools with a copy of the student's school record. The Ninth Grade Applicant Record gives the student the opportunity to indicate their first, second, and third choice high schools.

Please note that the COOP Exam Program/HSPT is canceled this year due to the COVID19 health crisis and safety concerns for all students.

The Ninth Grade Applicant Record form can be downloaded from www.njcoopexam.org. Please follow the instructions on the website and get the appropriate documents to the school no later than **November 6th**,

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, October 4th

1:30 pm - Blessing of the Animals

Monday, October 5th

Tuesday, October 6th

Rosary Trip to St. Joseph's Shrine

Wednesday, 7th

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Food Pantry Distribution
11 a.m. - Reciting the Rosary in Fatima Garden

Thursday, October 8th

Friday, October 9th

6:30 pm - Virtual Confirmation Practice

Saturday, October 10th

9:15 a.m. - Men's Scripture Discussion on Zoom
9:30 am - Sacrament of Confirmation
11:30 am - Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday, October 11th

10 am - Sacrament of Confirmation
Food Pantry Sunday

Congratulations IHM Food Pantry!

Congratulations to our Food Pantry crew who have been named one of the Volunteer Organizations of the year in the upcoming Mayor's Gala for all of their hard work and extraordinary effort in responding to our neighbors in need during this Covid-19 pandemic. And **thank** you to all for your prayers, donations and help in making their ministry a success.

Offertory Collection

September 27, 2020

Weekly Budget Need:	\$10,784.32
Collection:	4,518.00
Parish Giving: (includes TEXT to GIVE)	2,115.77
Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,150.55)

Fiscal Year To Date:

Budget	\$140,196.16
Actual:	118,060.28
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$22,135.88)

Thank you for your generosity!