

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 11, 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



Very often the coming of the messiah is imagined in a wedding banquet, as in today’s 1st reading and Gospel. It is much anticipated and there is a tremendous amount of effort that goes into the planning and the celebrating. Each time we participate in the Eucharist we participate in this messianic banquet. Each time we participate in the Eucharist we have a taste of the heavenly kingdom. We are called not only to celebrate the Eucharist and the coming of the messiah, we are also called to prepare ourselves and respond to the invitation each and every day by living out our faith and allowing the grace that comes from God to pour out of us into the world, thus building up the Kingdom of God in our midst.

Peace, Fr. Mike

Scripture Reflection 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“My God will supply whatever you need...” -
PHILIPPIANS 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don’t live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it’s just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.



You shop. Amazon gives.

Do You Shop on Amazon.com?

Prime Day is back starting October 13 –14! This is a great opportunity for IHM to increase AmazonSmile donations during this epic two days of deals and promotions. There is no cost to you and Amazon will donate a portion of the sale to IHM. Just go to smile.amazon.com, search for Immaculate Heart of Mary Scotch Plains and then click on “select”.

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 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

Monday, October 12th

- 9:00 am **Sharon Pace+** By the Lundgren Family

Tuesday, October 13th

- 7:00 am **Ronald Vincelli+** By Barbara Vincelli
- 8:30 am **Robert & Susan Cuthbertson+** By Mary Jane Bergen

Wednesday, October 14th

- 7:00 am **Irene McElroy+** By the Holt Family
- 8:30 am **Margot Hinner+** By Betty Swisher

Thursday, October 15th

- 7:00 am **Patriotic DeGennaro+** By Mary Clinton
- 8:30 am **Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph+** By S.S.J.

Friday, October 16th

- 7:00 am **Flavio Grasso+** By John & Tracey Foley
- 8:30 am **James Kennedy+** By his family

Saturday, October 17th

- 7:00 am **Jake Cregg+** By Marion & Marc Berger
- 8:30 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
- 5:00 pm **Frank Pecoraro+** By Charlie & Geri Barcellona

Sunday, October 18th

- 8:00 am **The Connors & McCallion Families**
By Rosemarie & Vincent McCallion
- 10:00 am **Joseph P. D'Annunzio+** By the Maxwell Family
- 12:00 pm **Thomas Graham+** By his family

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 | |



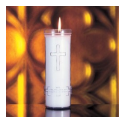
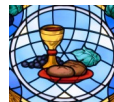
Remember those who have died:
Marc Eric Fusillo+,
William Barry Sr.+, Elwood Havard+

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 11th:

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



Sanctuary Light: Week of October 11th:

The Sanctuary Light will burn for:

Jake Cregg
 Requested by:
Mary Beth Winsor

Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of October 11th:

*In Thanksgiving for My
 Grandparents
 Francis & Elizabeth Daly
 By Mary Beth Winsor*

Celebrating Traditions



This school year has been quite different, more than any in the 70 year history of the Academy. From shields around desks, daily health checks, and masks, our students are experiencing a fundamental change in the school day. Understanding the need for normalcy, our faculty and staff have worked tirelessly to ensure our cherished school traditions continue.

Pinwheels for Peace is one of the traditions that our students look forward to every year. St. Bartholomew students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade took part in an annual international art and literacy project, "Pinwheels for Peace", to celebrate International Day of Peace on September 21st. The students planted pinwheels in front of the Convent in a culmination of a week spent focusing on peace and what that means to the students. Pinwheels for Peace" is an art installation project started in 2005 by two art teachers from Florida. The students were very happy to craft pinwheels and talk about what peace means to them.

Gathering each month for First Friday Mass has been a tradition since the school was founded in 1950. At present, only half the school may gather in church at one time and the students are having a prayer service, instead of celebrating mass. During October's prayer service, the Academy announced a new scholarship in partnership with the State Farm Scotch Plains office. This monthly scholarship will be awarded to an S.B.A. student who is recommended by the faculty and meets the following criteria: Is a practicing Roman Catholic, in good academic standing, and demonstrates acts of kindness within your community. The award of \$300 will go towards their 2021/2022 school tuition. This month Zoe Badilla was selected as the first recipient of the scholarship and was recognized at our First Friday Prayer Service. Congratulations to Zoe and thank you to Jason Bartlett from State Farm for sponsoring this scholarship program.

Learn How to Spot the Signs of a Stroke during an online conversation hosted by Holy Trinity Parish in Westfield. The discussion will include Holy Trinity's Parish Nurse Lori Arena, RN, who will be joined by Yocasta Corona, MSN, BSN, RN, Stroke Program Coordinator at Trinitas Regional Medical Center. According to Ms. Corona, "The Coronavirus Pandemic has caused many to put off doctor visits and even worse, to ignore symptoms of life-threatening illnesses. The most important aspects of stroke care are prompt recognition and treatment time, which significantly impact the patient's recovery and functional abilities." Please join us via ZOOM for this important discussion, **How to Spot the Signs of a Stroke**, on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, from Noon to 1:00 pm. Register at www.htccc.org/webinar.

Confirmation - Important Information

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

Virtual Zoom Practices:

Fri., Oct. 16th @ 6:30 - 7:30pm (for that weekend's Masses) Zoom links will be sent the morning of 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 that some families may not wish to be recorded. I am sorry that there will be no way around this at the Confirmation Masses. Please let Mary Clinton or Fr. Mike know if you do not wish to be recorded so we can make other arrangements.

Please contact me with any questions. Again, I thank you for your help and cooperation as we do our best to navigate the celebration of Confirmation during this difficult time.

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of October 17-18th**

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

Rosary Altar Society:



Thank you to all those who helped celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary by participating in the recitation of the Rosary on October 7th in the garden of Our Lady of Fatima.

Everyone who attended the retreat at St. Joseph 's Shrine was truly touched by the conference and the opportunity for confession, the Rosary and Mass. It goes without saying that the Shrine 's grounds at this time of year inspire that needed quiet time with Our Lord. Special thanks to Chairwoman Eileen Wagner for arranging this retreat.

Board members, please mark your calendar for the October 20th Board Meeting. Time and place to be announced in the next bulletin. Remember if you are an elected officer, chairwoman of a standing committee or a chairwoman of a monthly event, you are a member of the board.

Praying the Rosary can have a peaceful impact on you. So we invite you during this month of October and Our Lady to give it a try, maybe while you are taking that walk.

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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Bible Basics for Beginners

Six Sundays via Zoom

**Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan 10,
Feb. 7, March 7, April 25
11am - 12 noon**



Check your email for signup link.

Presented by Immaculate Heart of Mary

Instructor: Allan Wright



Calling all HIGH SCHOOL TEENS!
 Join us for a night to RECONNECT
 Play some GAMES - win some PRIZES
 We are all called to Become Our Lord's Disciples
 Find out what it means to be BOLD!
 ~Join us this Sunday~
 WHO: All high school students + friends!
 WHAT: A GAME NIGHT with \$5 gift card prizes to
 your fav coffee/treat place.
 or
 Join other BOLD teens to reconnect, have some fun,
 be ENCOURAGED and pray :)
 WHEN: Sunday, October 11 from 5-6pm
 WHERE: ZOOM - Check your email for link or email
 Rachael Flanagan at ihmsp@boldym.com



Congratulations to the following children that are making their Confirmation this month. We pray that they are filled with the Holy Spirit and that God continues to bless them and their families:

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| Olivia Aiere* | Catherine Lavin |
| Emma Alchus | Declan Lowrey |
| William Angelo | Ryan Matulonis |
| Jack Barnett | Jillian Miele |
| Alana Beardsley | Giulianna Milano |
| Joseph Catalano | Calum Murray |
| Ryan Cichocki | Ava Mustacciuolo |
| Fionn Columb | Matthew Nervi |
| Sean Columb | Alexis O'Brien |
| Bridget Davis | Nathaniel Perrelli |
| Meredith DeFouw | Isabella Pinto |
| Jack Denning** | Kathryn Power |
| Seton Dill | Sophia Romeo |
| Joseph Domingues | Christopher Rosario |
| Emily Filipski | Bridget Ryan |
| Ethan Filler | Nicholas Sanchez |
| Weston Fischer | Sean Stuart |
| Matthew Froden | Luke Talty |
| Jessica Gallagher | Rylee Tighe |
| Andrew Giuliani | Alexander Totin |
| Annie Hansen | Kaelin Tricoche |
| Joseph Kowalczyk | Guy Varela |
| *Confirmed at | Keith Yeager |
| St. Bartholomew | Thomas Yick |
| ** Jack Denning - will be confirmed in 2021 | |

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, October 11th

Food Pantry Sunday
 10 am - Sacrament of Confirmation
 5 p.m. - BOLD Youth Group Zoom Meeting

Columbus Day, October 12th

Tuesday, October 13th

Wednesday, 14th

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

Thursday, October 15th

Friday, October 16th

6:30 pm - Virtual Confirmation Practice

Saturday, October 17th

9:30 am - Sacrament of Confirmation
 11:30 am - Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday, October 18th

10 am - Sacrament of Confirmation



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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

October 4, 2020

Weekly Budget Need:	\$10,784.32
Collection:	8,142.00
Parish Giving: (includes TEXT to GIVE)	2,235.15
Surplus/(Deficit)	(406.77)

Fiscal Year To Date:

Budget	\$150,980.48
Actual:	128,437.83
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$22,542.65)

Thank you for your generosity!