

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 18, 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

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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



St. Paul tells the Thessalonians that the Gospel did not come to them in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit. This means that living the Gospel is not simply listening to the readings and homily at Mass, or going to catechism class, but also includes recognizing the presence of Christ in our lives, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide and animate us, letting the grace and power of God flow through us. In other words, we must put what we learn into action each and every day, living our faith, being authentic about what we say we believe. In doing this we are able to give to Caesar what is his, and to God what is His, our very selves.

Peace,
Fr. Mike

Scripture Reflection
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.”
- Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

Catholic School Open Houses:

Mount Saint Mary Academy
Watchung, NJ
Sunday, October 18 from 1-4:30

Seton Hall Preparatory School
West, Orange NJ
Sunday, November 1
(Registration www.shp.org/openhouse)

Union Catholic Regional High School
Scotch Plains, NJ
November 4th at 7pm
Register on www.unioncatholic.org



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

OUR MEDIA MINISTRY TEAM NEEDS YOU!

Camera, Video Editing, Social Media, LiveStream Production, Website and 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 COVID 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 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

Monday, October 19th

7:00 am **Arlene Kacuinski+** By Claudette DeSiato

8:30 am **Matthew Schaffer+** By Janice Good-Piga & Bob Piga

Tuesday, October 20th

7:00 am **Jake Cregg+** By the IHM Choir

8:30 am **Ethyl Barth+** By Tom Barth

Wednesday, October 21st

7:00 am **Mary & George Good+** By Janice Good-Piga & Bob Piga

8:30 am **Dick & Mary Joan Gottlick+** By Patricia Markey

Thursday, October 22nd

7:00 am **Thomas Sharkey+** By Marion & Marc Berger

8:30 am **Dale Neglia+** By the Chimento Family

Friday, October 23rd

7:00 am **Joseph Cocuzza+** By Marianne Kunze

8:30 am **Paul Mangan+** By Donna & Stephen D'Annunzio

Saturday, October 24th

7:00 am **Gordon Grohman+** By Bernie Beck

8:30 am **Marcus Andrew+** By Rekha Kulkarni

5:00 pm **Dr. Frank Pecoraro+** By Gail Kwiatkowski

Sunday, October 25th

8:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**

10:00 am **Joseph P. D'Annunzio+** By the Resnick Family

12:00 pm **Michael D'Ambrosio+** By the D'Ambrosio & Kiley Family

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	



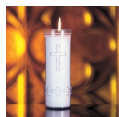
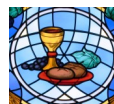
Remember those who have died:
Kathleen Reilly+

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 18th:

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



Sanctuary Light: Week of October 18th:

The Sanctuary Light will burn for:

Frankie Dombrowski
Requested by:
The D'Annunzio Family

Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of October 18th:
In Memory of
George & Mary Good &
Georgina Mae Good & William Sr.
& Marie Piga & William Piga Jr.



Dear Friends,

If this pandemic has taught us anything, it is that plans change, and we must adapt to new situations. The same is true with all institutions, including St. Bartholomew Academy. As you know, Mr. Joel Castillo began his time with us on July 1, 2020 and he has been instrumental in steering the Academy through this pandemic so that our students were able to return to the classroom safely. However, due to unexpected personal family circumstances, Mr. Castillo has made the difficult decision to accept a position in the public-school arena effective October 23, 2020. We very much appreciate Mr. Castillo’s transparency about his decision, and although difficult, we know it was keeping the interests of both St. Bartholomew Academy and his family in mind. We thank him for his outstanding leadership during the critical time in our history, his ongoing commitment to help with a transition, and wish him and his family much health and happiness in the future.

Knowing the uncertainty a change like this can have on a school community we have been deliberate and thoughtful in finding a suitable replacement to lead the Academy. We have worked closely with the Archdiocese and we have made an offer, which has been accepted, by a strong, disciplined, faith-filled Principal from a current Archdiocesan Catholic school. We are happy to announce that Ms. Kimberly Harrigan will start as Principal on November 1, 2020. Ms. Harrigan has been the Principal of Visitation Academy in Paramus (which happens to be the grammar school that Fr. John and nine brothers and sisters graduated from) since 2013. A product of Catholic schools herself, from grammar school to college, Ms. Harrigan brings to St. Bartholomew Academy a love of the Catholic faith and a full understanding of the challenges Catholic schools face today. While Principal of Visitation Academy, Ms. Harrigan upgraded the school’s technology, designed and created a Maker Space Room and won the Innovations in Catholic Education award for Maker Space from Catholic Teacher magazine. We are excited for her to join us at St. Bartholomew Academy. Ms. Harrigan will spend a few days in school meeting the students and staff over the next few weeks.

We know this change during a school year may be difficult. However, we are living through challenging times, and we are a strong, faith-filled community that has weathered many storms. This school has been a cornerstone of the parish and the community since 1950 and we are very enthusiastic about the growth of our Academy, the success of our students, and we look forward to meeting the challenges of the next 70 years.

In Christ,

Rev. John J. Paladino, K.H.S
Pastor

Rev. David C. Santos
Chaplain

CROP Walk - Sunday October 25th at 2 p.m.

The CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 25 starting at 2 p.m. at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, with sign-in at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to participate in this 5 km (3-mile) CROP WALK which helps to reduce hunger. Please wear a mask and maintain 6 feet social distancing. Those who prefer walking on their own may walk any 3-mile route, anywhere they choose, on Oct. 25 or on any day(s) that week.

You may register online at www.crophungerwalk.org/scotchplainsnj/. You can raise funds by emailing your friends and asking them to go to this same website to pledge a donation supporting your walk. Those friends who choose to donate by writing checks (payable to: CWS/ Crop) or giving cash may send these donations to you. You may deliver these donations to the CROP WALK mailbox at Fanwood Presbyterian Church’s office by Nov. 13.

CROP is ‘Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty’. CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith events that build support by raising funds to reduce hunger around the world, as well as to support local needs. This year, 25% of the money raised will provide scholarships for childcare at the Fanwood/ Scotch Plains YMCA and JCC for local children to learn remotely, allowing their parents to return to work. The walks show global solidarity with the millions in poverty who must walk miles every day in search of food and water. For more info, go to www.crophungerwalk.org and click on “About”. CROP WALKS are a source of income for more than 1,500 local food banks and soup kitchens in the U.S.A. Those unable to walk 3 miles may participate in a rocking chair during the CROP WALK to raise money. You can be part of this walk to reduce hunger by walking, rocking, or by donating to support a participant.

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.

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of October 24-25th**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Zucosky	Staniec Torzewski Clark	Fr. Rob
8:00 am	Keogh	Gibbons Wagner	Fr. Mike
10:00 am	Zappo	Perfilio McCann Prato	Fr. Valentine
12:00 pm	Briante	Wagner McGuinness	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 Giving account or setting up an new account.

Rosary Altar Society:



Reminder to all Board members that the next meeting is October 20th at 12 noon in the IHM parking lot. Please bring your own chair, Covid 19 protocols are in effect, 6 feet social distancing and wearing of masks. 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.

Special thanks to Father Mike in all of his support in our activities. Especially, the recitation of the Rosary on October 7 in Our Lady of Fatima 's garden and for joining us at Saint Joseph 's Shrine on October 6th for a day of retreat with Our Lord and Mary Our Mother.

Praying the Rosary can have a peaceful impact on you. So during this month of October and of Our Lady we encourage you to give it a try!

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

Have you recently moved to the area? Do you have children that you want to participate in our Faith Formation Program?

Welcome! Please call the Immaculate Heart of Mary Office and we will give you more information on how to register with the parish and enroll in our religious education programs.

**Please check out our website:
www.ihmparish.net**



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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:

Olivia Aiere*
Emma Alchus
William Angelo
Jack Barnett
Alana Beardsley
Joseph Catalano
Ryan Cichocki
Fionn Columb
Sean Columb
Bridget Davis
Meredith DeFouw
Jack Denning**
Seton Dill
Joseph Domingues
Emily Filipski
Ethan Filler
Weston Fischer
Matthew Froden
Jessica Gallagher
Andrew Giuliani
Annie Hansen
Joseph Kowalczyk

Catherine Lavin
Declan Lowrey
Ryan Matulonis
Jillian Miele
Giulianna Milano
Calum Murray
Ava Mustacciolo
Matthew Nervi
Alexis O'Brien
Nathaniel Perrelli
Isabella Pinto
Kathryn Power
Sophia Romeo
Christopher Rosario
Bridget Ryan
Nicholas Sanchez
Sean Stuart
Luke Talty
Rylee Tighe
Alexander Totin
Kaelin Tricoche
Guy Varela
Keith Yeager
Thomas Yick

*Confirmed at St. Bartholomew
** Jack Denning - will be confirmed in 2021

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, October 18th

10 am - Sacrament of Confirmation

Monday, October 19th

7 p.m.- Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 20th

12 p.m. - Rosary Executive Board Mtg

Wednesday, October 21st

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

Thursday, October 22nd

Friday, October 23rd

Saturday, October 24th

9:15 a.m. - IHM Men's Scripture Zoom Meeting

Sunday, October 25th

IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group Virtual Meeting Sat., Oct. 24th at 9:15a.m.



The next meeting of IHM's men's monthly scripture study and discussion group will take place "virtually" on Saturday, October 24th, 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 25th) 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.

Offertory Collection

October 11, 2020

Weekly Budget Need:	\$10,784.32
Collection:	7,041.00
Parish Giving: (includes TEXT to GIVE)	5,125.46
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,382.14
<u>Fiscal Year To Date:</u>	
Budget	\$161,764.80
Actual:	140,604.29
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$21,160.51)

Thank you for your generosity!