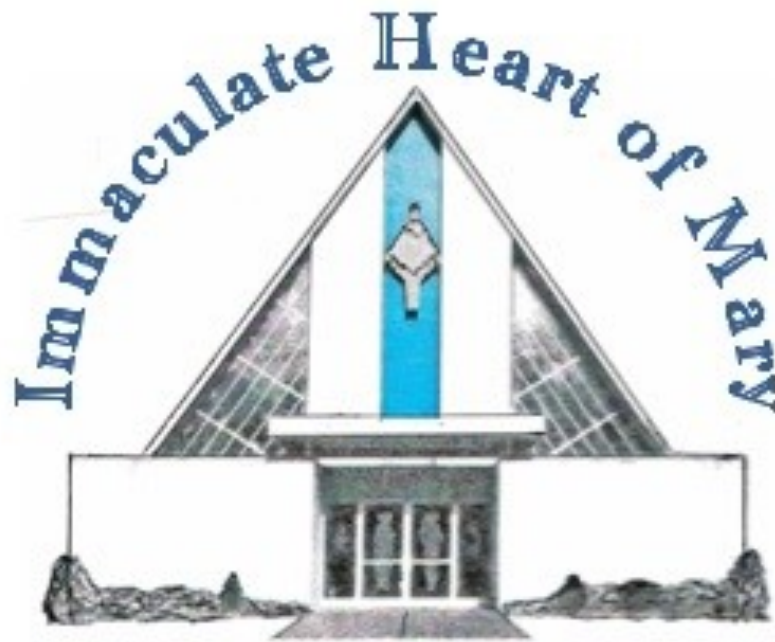


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 8, 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



The reading from the book of Wisdom reminds us peacefully and beautifully to watch for God at sunrise; to keep vigil because Wisdom (the Holy Spirit of God) actually is searching for those who are waiting. God's wisdom "meets them with all solicitude." The Psalm boldly names our craving for God. "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God," And, stay awake, the Gospel adds, wisely make preparations. Actively seeking out Christ in our lives as he too seeks and invites us helps us to better recognize not only His loving presence but His gifts as well, that we may better engage ourselves as disciples and bring His love onto our world today. As we approach the end of our liturgical year, may we wisely seek the wisdom and will of God at all times so that we may ready for his coming.

Peace,
Fr. Mike

All Souls Mass & Novena



All our departed loved ones were remembered on November 2nd at our special All Souls Mass and we continue to pray for them during the novena.

We will display photos of our deceased loved ones in the church vestibule from All Souls Day until the First Sunday in Advent. If you forgot your loved one's candle, please call or email the office and we will arrange for you to pick it up.

Scripture Reflection
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - MATTHEW 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

Coats for Kids

Each \$20 donation provide a child with a brand new winter coat. \$220 pays for a case of a dozen coats. No donation is too small. What better way to give to charity when you the the money goes directly to those in need?

Check donations should be made payable to the Knights of Columbus, Council #5730. Donations should be mailed to:

K of C #5730
PO Box 302
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076



Or donate online at www.mkt.com/kofc5730

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.*
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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, November 8th

8:00 am **All Souls Mass Novena & Helen McLane**
By McLane & Tricoche Family

10:00 am **Charles Nagy+** By George & Lorraine Staniec

12:00 pm **The Calabrese Family+** By Carmela & Gerry Resnick

Monday, November 9th

7:00 am **All Souls Mass Novena**

8:30 am **Soledad Domingo's Birthday+** By the Domingo Family

Tuesday, November 10th

7:00 am **All Souls Mass Novena**

8:30 am **Irene Petraglia+** By Patty & Jim Feeley

Wednesday, November 11th

7:00 am **Roland Chaisson+** By the Chimento Family

8:30 am **Sal Bergonzo+** By the Chimento Family

Thursday, November 12th

7:00 am **Jake Cregg+** By Alice Coquia

8:30 am **Raymond Q. Morrison Sr.+** By Varela Family

Friday, November 13th

7:00 am **Margot & Bernhard Hinner+** By Martina & Stanley Kosloski+

8:30 am **Christopher O'Neil+** By Vivian O'Neil

Saturday, November 14th

7:00 am **Mona Rita Senner+** By John M. Gibson & Family

8:30 am **Peg Katims+** By Ron Katims

5:00 pm **Frank Bladis+** By Stephan & Donna D'Annunzio

Sunday, November 15th

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

10:00 am **James Kennedy+** By Kerry Casperson

12:00 pm **Frank Pecoraro+** By Carl & Arlen Taraschi

Remember Our Sick



John Allen	Nicole Griffin
Rose Badala	John Heiling
Marion Barrett	Juliann Junio
Larry Biunno	Eileen Lynch
Fran Boglioli	Maureen Lynch
Erin Brennan	Owen Mike McCabe
Samatha Bridge	June McManus
James Brown	Christine Morris
Kevin Brown	Jim Morris
John Burkert	Bob McMillion
Anna Cassella	Danielle Nabinger
Paul Cassidy	Hilda Pizza
Matthew Cassio	Charlie Plungis
Frank Chimento	Diane Pricken
Colm Cosgrove	Susan Rozborski
Edward Clark	Bernard Slaza
Joe Clarke	Beverly Sopp
Ray Clark	Ryder Francis Spillane
Dorothy D'Angelo	Paul Szecker
Marie Farrell	Carole Ventre
Albert Fischer, Jr.	Daniel Ventura
Emily Fleming	Sr.Elizabeth Vermaelen



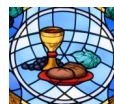
Remember those who have died:
Madeline Pravata+

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 November 8th:

Eliseo Mario Lucchesi for his 100th Birthday
Requested by:
Annette Palumbo & Carol Lucchesei



Sanctuary Light: Week of November 8th:

The Sanctuary Light will burn for:

Jeanne Walsh

Requested by: Her family

Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of November 8th:

In loving memory of
Frances Burgon Takacs+

Requested by
Barbara Apgar

Fall Fun in Kindergarten



Kindergarten is a magical time for children. As they work their way through the first trimester and start to recognize words and sounds, Mrs. Aagarrd's and Miss Brennan's students work on new concepts and refine older skills with fun, engaging activities.

Activities with a fall theme lend themselves to various subjects including math, STEM, and reading. The students in both classes explored the inside of a pumpkin using their senses. They counted and grouped the number of seeds in each pumpkin and graphed them from greatest to least. As a way to celebrate Halloween, they played 'Math or Treating' on a remote Wednesday. This was an interactive game where the children pretended to go door to door and solve math problems. The students had fun "knocking" on doors and working on addition skills.

Science and reading also had fall themes to convey lessons. In science, the students learned how bats use echolocation to find food and that some animals are nocturnal. They then made windsock bats, which allowed them to work on following directions and practice their fine motor skills. In reading, both classes have been learning about characters, setting, and sequencing by reading various stories. The students enjoyed "Room on the Broom" and the mayhem that ensues.

Both classes are also working diligently on learning several prayers. They are making a prayer book this year that will become a keepsake. As they learn a prayer, they color pages for the book. They are going to learn about ten prayers this year including the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Angel of God, and Grace. It's been an exciting few months for Kindergarten and we are so proud of how much they have grown in such a short time.



IHM's Men's Monthly Scripture Study & Discussion Group

In-person live meetings of IHM's men's monthly scripture study and discussion group will resume on Saturday, November 14, 2020, at 7:30 am in the Church basement. All men of the parish are welcome to come and socialize a bit and discuss Sunday's scripture. The meeting will last about an hour. Due to COVID restrictions, no food will be served, and social distancing will be practiced and masks are required. This is a great opportunity to meet like-minded men of the Parish in a low pressure environment while gaining a better understanding of the Gospel. Attending Sunday Mass will be much more interesting and rewarding!



Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

If you cannot get away for a weekend, why not treat yourself to a quiet day of Prayer? We have a Sacred Time, Sacred Space day on Wednesday, November 11th from 9:30am-3pm. The day begins and ends with communal prayer, and the day is quiet so you can be attentive to God's whisper in your heart

Our Virtual Teas have been a wonderful community of faith! Why not join us on 19th? We will be offering the "teas" on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month through at least December from 3-4pm. Spend an hour of faith sharing, laughter and community with us on Zoom. These are free-will offerings and you may register for these and all our programs online.

For information on these programs and more please visit www.msmhope.or or call (908) 753-2091.



Help spread love with Boxes of Joy!

We are taking part in a nation-wide project to make gift boxes for children in developing countries. These gifts might not fix a leaky roof, but they are a tangible way for children to understand God's love, and God's gift of Jesus to us at Christmas.

Help us pack boxes!

When: Sunday, November 8 (7-8:30pm)

Who: High School Students

Where: IHM Gym

What: An awesome BOLD Night and packing party!

Check your email to sign up and to donate a small gift or other item, or to contribute \$10 towards the cost of shipping.

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of November 14-15**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Clark	Good-Piga Zucosky Torzewski	Fr. Rob
8:00 am	Keogh	Gibbons Dill	Fr. Valentine
10:00 am	Davis	Power Deacon Jack Carlino	Fr. Rob
12:00 pm	O'Connor	McGuinness Sullivan	Fr. Mike

**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 this Sunday, Nov. 8th at 1:15pm in the Nazareth Center Gym is the Downton Abbey experience. There will be a short meeting and then you will be brought back in time to April 1912, England. After that we will have the Downton Abbey basket drawing. Hope everyone enjoys their take home refreshments. Looking forward to seeing you in person or virtually this Sunday. Stay well! Thank you. All Covid-19 indoor protocols will be followed.

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 Nov. 17, 2020. Time and place will be announced later. Thank you.

Praying the Rosary can have a peaceful impact on you. "In times of darkness, holding the rosary beads is like holding Mary's hand." —Anonymous

Have you experienced the Adoration Chapel? If not, give Betty Swisher a call at 908-889-4123. Remember "Silence gives our hearts the time and space to truly become alive."

Remember we are praying for you, our parish, and the world. Thank you!

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 sign up link.

Presented by Immaculate Heart of Mary

Instructor: Allan Wright

Offertory Collection

November 1, 2020

Weekly Budget Need:	\$10,784.32
Collection:	10,942.00
Parish Giving: (includes TEXT to GIVE)	2,155.38
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,313.06)
<u>Fiscal Year To Date:</u>	
Budget	\$194,117.76
Actual:	170,924.22
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$23,193.54)

Thank you for your generosity!

**Immaculate Heart of Mary
Rosary Altar Society - Downton Abbey
Experience**



**Sunday, November 8, 2020 from 1:15 - 4 p.m.
Nazareth Center Gym**

Refreshments included, tea and cookies
that you can enjoy at home.

A Downton Abbey Basket Raffle is included.

To register call Terry Clark at (908) 251-5654 or email
redvelvetkids@gmail.com

Send \$5 check to Barbara Apgar, 427 LaGrande Ave.,
Fanwood, NJ 07023.

Come enjoy the time of 1912!

Covid-19 Guidelines will be followed, masks required.

***Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Pantry
Needs Food and Money Donations***



We are seeing unprecedented requests for food at IHM. The line starts over an hour before the food bank opens. If you would like to make a non-perishable food or money donation you may drop it off behind the church in the red bins.

Thank you to everyone in the community who has donated food, money & time to the IHM Food Pantry.

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, November 8th

Food Pantry Sunday

1:15 p.m. - Rosary Society Downton Abbey

7 p.m. - BOLD In-person Pack Christmas Gifts

Monday, November 9th

Tuesday, November 10th

Wednesday, November 11th

9:30 a.m. - Centering Prayer Meeting

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

Thursday, November 12th

7:30 p.m. - Women's Prayer Group Zoom Mtg

Friday, November 13th

Saturday, November 14th

7:30 a.m. - Men's Scripture Discussion Meeting

Sunday, November 15th

Website: www.ihmparish.net



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**Heart for Humanity and the Urban League
In need of personal item donations**

The Urban League of Union County is asking for help for 24 people Men & Women formerly homeless returning to affordable housings, 12 men & 12 women. All items must be new.

Back Pack Personal Product Needs :

- Body Wash or Soap
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Toothpaste & Tooth Brushes
- Body Lotion & Lip Balm
- Hair Brush & Comb
- Q-Tips & Nail Clipperd
- Hand Sanitizer & Tissues
- Wash Cloth & Towel
- Socks & Baseball Cap
- Winter Hat & Gloves & Scarf
- Journal / Notebook with Pens

Please drop off items in front of the Nazareth Center by November 15. Thank you!