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# Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, November 22, 2020*



# CHRIST THE KING

*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](http://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](http://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



Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is to love God, and the second greatest is to love our neighbor. Today’s Gospel shows us why and how to do this. In loving our neighbor by feeding and clothing them, helping them and comforting them we not only show our love for them, but for Jesus. What ever you do for these, you do for me. Our love for our neighbor is part of our love for God. Our service to our neighbor is part of our service to God. In the economy of discipleship it is the gift of self to God and to one another that truly allows us to recognize the presence of Christ in all people and to serve Christ our King in Faith, Hope and Charity.

Peace, Fr. Mike

### Scripture Reflection Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

“...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me” – MATTHEW 25:40

Most of us are generous when it’s convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one’s time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it’s not convenient; when it’s not on our schedule, but on the other person’s schedule.



### Thanksgiving Prayer

Almighty God, You are truly Father of all of us gathered around the table to share the joy of this Thanksgiving meal.

We thank You for all that You have given to our family in the past year: health of body and mind, the warmth and shelter of our home, the love and laughter we have shared at this table and for those close to us.

For your Son and our brother, Jesus, whose presence at our every meal raised our joy and changed our sorrows.

***(Breaking the bread and giving a Piece to all.)***

We each accept our share of this Blessed Bread as an extension of your Eucharist Banquet which we celebrate this morning. May it be a symbol of the love and unity which should be ours in this part of your body, our family. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### 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 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](http://www.mkt.com/kofc5730)  
Thank you!

### 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](http://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, November 22nd

8:00 am **Frank Pecoraro+** By George & Edna Knudsen  
 10:00 am **William Check (living)** By Patricia & James Feeley  
 12:00 pm **John & Grace Majka+** By Mary Young

## Monday, November 23rd

7:00 am **Concetta DiMaggio Abramonte+** By the Gardella Family  
 8:30 am **Muriel McNally+** By the Swisher Family  
 (1st Anniversary)

## Tuesday, November 24th

7:00 am **Ignatius V. Ugwuanya+** By Fr. Valentin Ugwuanya  
 (For the repose of their soul)  
 8:30 am **Marie Mazzola+** By Marianne & Howard Green

## Wednesday, November 25th

7:00 am **Jake Cregg+** By Betty & Tony Perfilio  
 8:30 am **John J. Wilk+** By Betty Swisher

## Thanksgiving, November 26th

9:00 am **Grogan & Burns Families+** By Beatrice Scully

## Friday, November 27th

7:00 am **Dino Velez+** By Betty Swisher  
 8:30 am **Arnie Cardenas+** By Patricia Markey

## Saturday, November 28th

7:00 am **Adele Gatems+** By the Family of Myrna & Ed McManus  
 8:30 am **Kathy Streeter** By Betty Swisher  
 5:00 pm **Mary & Thomas Browne+** By the Hennessy Family

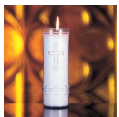
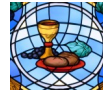
## Sunday, November 29th

8:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**  
 10:00 am **George Suminski+** By the Family  
 12:00 pm **Isabel & Walter Lundgren+** By the Lundgren Family

### The Altar Bread & Wine for the Week of November 22nd:

For the intention of:  
 The Wedding Anniversary of Rose & Ted Schaffernoth

Requested by:  
 Alice Schaffernoth



### Sanctuary Light: Week of November 22nd:

The Sanctuary Light will burn for:

Michael Sot+

Requested by Eileen Parenti

## Remember Our Sick



John Allen	Juliann Junio
Rose Badala	Eileen Lynch
Marion Barrett	Maureen Lynch
Larry Biunno	Owen Mike McCabe
Fran Boglioli	June McManus
Erin Brennan	Christine Morris
Samatha Bridge	Jim Morris
James Brown	Bob McMillion
Kevin Brown	Marlene Mosko
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 Szeker
Dorothy D'Angelo	Carole Ventre
Marie Farrell	Daniel Ventura
Albert Fischer, Jr.	Sr.Elizabeth Vermaelen
Emily Fleming	Stephen Voorhees
Nicole Griffin	Christy Ward
John Healing	



**Remember those who have died:**  
**Thomas Tremblay+**

### 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 November 22nd:

*In gratitude and thanksgiving to  
 Our Blessed Mother*

*Requested by:  
 Peter and Marlene Mosko*



### Middle School Literature

The goal of the middle school literature program is to Inspire a love of reading and to equip students with the necessary reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills for high school and beyond. Mrs. Lynda England, the Academy literature teacher for grades 5-8, has been creating lessons and utilizing various platforms to keep the Academy students engaged and on task.

Fifth grade recently focused on ‘sequencing’ and completed two projects that also gave the students a chance to work on their culinary skills. The students had to figure out and explain the steps to cook a turkey and to make a homemade pizza. Sixth and Seventh grade learned that reading myths, such as “Flight of Icarus”, provides insight into different cultures, human behavior, and enriches the imagination. Prior to reading the story, the students did a WebQuest on the Greek gods. They will be using all they learned about myths to write their own myth over the next few weeks.

Eighth grade combined history with reading by reading “Raymond’s Run”, a story set during the Harlem Renaissance. The students first learned about the intellectual, social, and artistic period that started in Harlem in the 1920’s. While reading the story, the class looked at story elements, particularly how the author develops the story through the first person narrative of the main character, Hazel.

Using these various lesson plans builds the communication skills of our pre-teen and young teenage students, and allows the students to explore their creative side. These skills will prepare them well for high school and will enable them to achieve in any subject area.



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### IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group Virtual Meeting Saturday November 28th at 9:15AM



The next meeting of IHM's men's monthly scripture study and discussion group will take place “virtually” on Saturday, November 28th, 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 29th) 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](mailto:dndiken@aol.com)** for an invitation to the session.



Catholic Charities is deeply thankful for your positive response to the donation bin. As we all know, one way to give “thanks” is by “giving.” Just as the Lord has given so many blessings, this is an ideal time to give any unwanted clothing to the Catholic Charities donation bin. Please note that in addition to all forms of used clothing we also welcome small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, toys, novels and children’s books. Happy “Thanks-giving”!

**Minister Assignments  
Weekend of November 28-29**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Mulrooney	Good-Piga Clark Zucosky	Fr. Mike
8:00 am	Keogh	Gibbons Wagner	Fr. Valentine
10:00 am	Wills	McCann Deacon Jack Power	Fr. Mike
12:00 pm	Briante	Kiley Wagner	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 a new account.

**Rosary Altar Society:**



The Rosary Board is trying to plan the following future events: the December Christmas Party and the January Luncheon. As we plan, we are keeping your safety in mind with the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases. So, please keep an eye on the bulletin for updates. However, as always at our Christmas Party we have a collection for the Missionaries of Charity. They, more than ever, need our help. While you are waiting to hear about the party, if possible please write a check for them and send it to Barbara Apgar at 427LaGrande Ave, Fanwood, NJ 07023. Thank you.

“The Rosary is the best therapy for these distraught, unhappy, fearful, and frustrated (Times) souls precisely because it involves the simultaneous use of three powers: the physical, the vocal, and the spiritual.” Venerable Fulton Sheen.

“A world at prayer is a world at peace.” Father Patrick Peyton. That’s why we are praying for you, our parish and the world. Thank you.

**Parish Information**

**Religious Education Classes**

Questions? [Faithformation@ihmparish.net](mailto: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](http://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](http://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 15, 2020**

Weekly Budget Need:	\$10,784.32
Collection:	4,433.00
Parish Giving: (includes TEXT to GIVE)	3,254.39
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,796.93)
<b><u>Fiscal Year To Date:</u></b>	
Budget	\$215,686.40
Actual:	190,861.34
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$24,825.06)

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**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.

***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. You have truly made a difference.



**Calendar of Events at IHM**

**Sunday, November 22nd**

**Monday, November 23rd**

**Tuesday, November 24th**

**Wednesday, November 25th**

10 am - 12 pm - Food Pantry Distribution

**Thanksgiving Day, November 26th**

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Friday, November 27th**

**Saturday, November 28th**

9:15 am - Men's Scripture Discussion Zoom Mtg

**Sunday, November 29th**

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Dear IHM Church Confirmation Candidates & Parishioners,

I would like to personally thank everyone for their extraordinary efforts to buy & fill backpacks for adult men and women in need for this ongoing service project to help the Urban League. I am so pleased with the generosity and kindness delivered to offer hope to people in need during our challenging times. Heart for Humanity is a small grass root charity serving Union County families for 27 years based in Fanwood. I appreciate your continuing support for my charity.

Sincerely, Tricia Nering

Founder : Heart for Humanity