

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, December 27, 2020
The Solemnity of Mary, January 1, 2021*



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
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
December 27, 2020



This past year has brought many to a greater appreciation of family and friends in our lives as we have been unable, in many cases, to go about our normal visits and interactions with them. Certainly our readings this Sunday show us the importance of family in our lives as we hear of Abram and Sarah as well as Jesus Mary and Joseph, and how important their relationship with one another and with God was in their lives. They also point to a wider understanding of family, namely the family of faith portrayed by the inclusion of Simeon and Anna. For as individuals and families we are shown that God must be in the center. Abram places his trust in God despite the improbability of him and Sarah having a child. Simeon and Anna recognize the Christ child because of their relationship with God, and Mary and Joseph, despite their poverty offer the prescribed sacrifice for their first born. We too learn about the need for a strong healthy relationship with God from our families. May our continued celebration of the birth of Jesus help us to recognize more profoundly the gift and blessing of not only our human families but our faith family as well.

Peace,
Fr. Mike

A Note from Fr. Mike
The Solemnity of Mary
January 1, 2021



One of my favorite prayers this time of year is to imagine myself in the nativity scene. Not as a shepherd, or one of the magi or any of the people we have become so familiar with, just me. And just as Mary reflected on these events in her heart, I then allow my thoughts to wander and reflect on God's love as he allowed himself to be deprived of everything. I then reflect on that love directed toward me and the graces and blessings that God has given to me over the last year. It always helps me to remember the love that God has for me and the love that he has called me to share with you. It is a wonderful way to reflect and give thanks for the past year and recognize the hope and possibilities of the new year. May God continue to bless you and our community of Immaculate Heart of Mary in the coming year.

Peace,
Fr. Mike



Lessons and Carols

Thank you to Katie Wills and the IHM choir for a wonderful concert. Thank you also to everyone who livestreamed Lessons and Carols. The music was truly beautiful.

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, December 27th

8:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 10:00 am **Joan D'Andrea & Gemma D'Andrea+**
 By the Carlino Family
 12:00 pm **James Henry Lissemore+** By the Lundgren Family

Monday, December 28th

7:00 am **Romulo Lioanag+** By Lioanag Family
 8:30 am **My Beloved Parents Edward & Jean Winsor+**
 By Mary Jane Beth Winsor

Tuesday, December 29th

7:00 am **Robert Ruzak+** By the Lundgren Family
 8:30 am **Josephine Verdic+** By the Verdic Family

Wednesday, December 30th

7:00 am **Patti McQuilkin+** By the Chimento Family
 8:30 am **The Razal Family (living)** By Family

Thursday, December 31st

7:00 am **Jake Cregg+** By the IHM Staff
 8:30 am **Tom & Ethel Barth+** By Joanne & Gary Cogswell
 5:00 pm **Deceased members of the Fieseler & Hennessy Family+**
 By the Hennessy Family

Friday, January 1st

8:00 am **Fr. Sean Cunneen+** By the Farrell Family
 10:00 am **Marge Malone+** By Pat & John Hennessy
 12:00 pm **Flavio Grasso+** By Andy, Felicia & the boys

Saturday, January 2nd

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Joseph Brennan+** By Eileen & Rich Wagner
 5:00 pm **The Szeker Family+** By the Bonacolto Family

Sunday, January 3rd

8:00 am **Thomas J. Sharkey+** By the Swenson Family
 10:00 am **Priests of IHM+** By Bernadette Dwyer
 12:00 pm **Robert Seery+** By Mary Graham

The Altar Bread & Wine for the Week of December 27th:



For the intentions of
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Sanctuary Light: Week of December 27th:



The Sanctuary Light will burn for Josephine Verdic+
Requested by the Verdic Family

Remember Our Sick



John Allen	Juliann Junio
Rose Badala	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	Marlene Mosko
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 Szeker
Marie Farrell	Carole Ventre
Albert Fischer, Jr.	Daniel Ventura
Emily Fleming	Sr.Elizabeth Vermaelen
Mary Foster	Stephen Voorhees
Nicole Griffin	Christy Ward
John Healing	



Remember those who have died:
Marion Barrett+

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 December 27th:

In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart

Requested by Mary Beth Winsor



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Clergy and Staff of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. May God bless you and your families.

A Year End Charitable Giving Tip...

If you are 70 1/2 or older and need to make required minimum distributions (RMD) from you IRA, you can do so without the distribution being taxed. This can be accomplished by making the RMD directly to a charitable organization.

Please call the office at (908) 889-2100 for additional details.

IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group Virtual Meeting Saturday January 2nd at 9:15AM

The next meeting of IHM's men's scripture study and discussion group will take place "virtually" on Saturday, January 2, 2021, at 9:15 am on ZOOM. All men of the parish (as well as neighboring parishes) are welcome. We will discuss Sunday's (the 3rd) 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.

The IHM Giving Tree

Thank you to all parishioners who Generously donated gifts to our Giving Tree! May God bless you.



**Scripture Reflection
The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph**



"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." - COLOSSIANS 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share and give the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now. If you forgive someone, you too will be much happier and more at peace.



Most gifts will bring you a deep sense of joy on many levels – joy from the actual item you received and joy in knowing that someone thought about you. Catholic Charities reaches out to those who may not receive one gift and may have no one to think about them. Help Catholic Charities by contributing to the clothing bin located on our property. Thank you.

Are you a young man considering priesthood?

The "Newark Priest" exists to help encourage Christians to participate in the active discernment of their specific calling to love others,. Whether you are discerning a call to the priesthood or trying to help someone else discern their call, we are here for you. Please call us at 973 313-6190 and or visit www.newarkpriest.com.



Do You Shop on Amazon.com?

If so, please choose Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scotch Plains through your AmazonSmile account. 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".

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of January 2-3rd**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Please check your email for the lector schedule.	Please check your email for Extraordinary Minister schedule.	
8:00 am			
10:00 am			
12:00 pm			

**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:



We hope you all had a wonderful, peaceful and blessed Christmas Day, but remember it's not just a day but a season. So we hope it continues for you!

We do wish you a very Happy, Healthy, and Blessed New Year!

Thank you all for your generosity to the Missionaries of Charity. We collected a total of \$1420! Thank you.

Unfortunately, we have to postpone our annual January luncheon due to Covid-19, the winter weather, and rising coronavirus numbers. However, look out for a future date in the 2021 spring!

“Where the Rosary is recited there will be days of peace and tranquility.” St John Bosco

Why not start a new habit in 2021 and visit the Adoration Chapel?

“A world at prayer is a world at peace.” Father Patrick Peyton. That is why we are praying for 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 signup link.

Presented by Immaculate Heart of Mary

Instructor: Allan Wright

New Year's Schedule:



New Year's Eve: Thursday, December 31st
Anticipated Mass: 5:00 pm

New Year's Day: Friday, January 1, 2021
8:00 am
10:00 am
12:00 noon

Offertory Collection

December 13th

Weekly Budget Need:	\$10,784.32
Collection:	7,323.00
Parish Giving(includes text to give)	4,048.71
Surplus/(Deficit):	587.39

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget	\$258,823.68
Actual	229,967.18
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$28,856.50)

Thank you for your generosity!



Calendar of Events at IHM



Sunday December 27th

Monday, December 28th

Tuesday, December 29th

Wednesday, December 30th
Food Pantry Distribution

New Year's Eve, December 31st
See Mass schedule to the left

New Year's Day, January 1st
See Mass schedule to the left

Saturday, December January 2nd
9:15 am - Men's Scripture Discussion Zoom Mtg

Sunday, January 3rd

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Are you new to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish? Has your contact information changed?

Are you interested in joining the parish? Would you like to receive our emails?
If yes, please fill out this form and send it to the IHM office.



I am new to IHM and/or I would like to register.

I would like to receive information regarding Faith Formation.

I am interested in volunteering for a ministry.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____