

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 26, 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”

Notes from Fr. Mike



There is a saying that where we put our time, energy and money is where our highest priorities are found. In other words, that is the pearl for which we search. We sell all that we have in order to obtain it. Today's Gospel challenges us to look at what our pearl is and if necessary to change. The example of Solomon helps us to choose the pearl that is greater than all others. Solomon asks for an understanding heart. He does not ask for that which can be taken away, but for wisdom. As disciples of Christ the pearl we seek is the Kingdom of God which include the gift of love, of faith, of trust in God, of holiness. Jesus invites and encourages us to use our gifts to seek this pearl which is absolutely priceless.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

Mass Update

Daily 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Masses are now being celebrated in church.

The 8:30 a.m. daily Mass and the Sunday 10:00 am Mass will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook & on our website: www.ihmparish.net.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00, 10:00 am and 12:00 noon will now be held in the church with a reservation due to capacity restrictions. The Sunday 10:00 a.m. will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook and our website as well.

For more details, see Fr. Mike's letter below.

Stay healthy.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It is with great joy I can inform you that we are celebrating the Eucharist together "live". We are now able to celebrate our daily Eucharist at 7 am and 8:30 am. The 8:30 am mass will continue to be live-streamed. We now celebrate Sunday Mass (Sat. at 5:00 pm, Sun. at 8 am, 10 am and Noon) publicly in our church.

In charity and love for our parishioners and clergy, please keep in mind the following necessary 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.

Remember the obligation to attend the Sunday Eucharist remains suspended until further notice. IHM will continue to livestream our Masses.

Space will be 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.

We look forward to seeing you. Welcome Back!

Fr. Mike, Fr. Valentine, Fr. Rob and Deacon Jack.

Remember Our Sick



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| John Allen | Nicole Griffin |
| Rose Badala | John Heiling |
| Marion Barrett | Juliann Junio |
| Larry Biunno | Eileen Lynch |
| Fran Boglioli | Maureen Lynch |
| Samatha Bridge | Owen (Mike) McCabe |
| 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 |
| Dorothy D'Angelo | Spillane |
| Marie Farrell | Paul Szeker |
| Albert Fischer, Jr. | Carole Ventre |
| Emily Fleming | Daniel Ventura |

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 26th

- 8:00 am **For the people of IHM Parish+**
 10:00 am **Natalie Rozborski+** By Grandaughter Stephanie
 (*Happy Birthday*) Zelonis DeBiase
 12:00 pm **Jack Brown+** By the Farrell Family

Monday, July 27th

- 7:00 am **Dougherty/Lawler Family+** By the Dougherty Family
 8:30 am **Ramon Valera+** By Betty Swisher

Tuesday, July 28th

- 7:00 am **Ramon Valera+** By the Nieva Family
 8:30 am **Francis McElroy+** By his Family

Wednesday, July 29th

- 7:00 am **Magdalena R. Becker+** By Betty Swisher
 8:30 am **Teresa Schmitt+** By Mary Jane Bergen

Thursday, July 30th

- 7:00 am **Theodore A. Monica+** By the Keogh Family
 8:30 am **George & Mary Good+** By Janice Good-Piga &
 Bob Piga

Friday, July 31st

- 7:00 am **Patti Sue Massa+** By Joseph McLane &
 Tricoche Family
 8:30 am **Teresa Schmitt+** By Mary Jane Bergen

Saturday, August 1st

- 7:00 am **Betty Razal+** By her Family
 8:30 pm **Frank & Victory Bielawski+** By Mary Young
 5:00 pm **Irene McElroy+** By Linda Lambertson

Sunday, August 2nd

- 8:00 am **Andrew Finer+** By Mary Young
 10:00 am **Mary Donnelly+** By John & Tracey Foley
 12:00 pm **John Stephanik Jr.+** By the Creggs



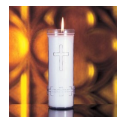
Remember those who have died:

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.

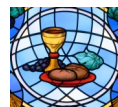
Sanctuary Light: Week of July 26th:

*The Sanctuary Light will burn for:
 Rose Yashay+
 Requested by John Dietrich*



The Altar Bread & Wine for the Week of July 26th:

*For the Intention of Tony Pafumi+
 Requested by Dan & Rosemary Kelly*



Flowers for the Blessed Mother



*In Memory of the birthdays of
 Louis Schmitt & Teresa Schmitt
 and her death
 Requested by Mary Jane Bergen*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,
 Pray for us.*

Scripture Reflection
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” - ROMANS 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God’s plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

IHM Eucharistic Adoration
Now Open!



Our new Adoration Chapel opened this past week. The pandemic has been a heavy trial for all of us. Let’s thank God that our Churches and Adoration Chapels are opening. Come and feel Jesus’ love present in the Holy Eucharist and allow Him to heal and renew your soul.

Adoration is the practice of adoring or worshipping the Holy Eucharist in which the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ is present. It’s an opportunity to slow down and be present with the Lord, while praying, contemplating and listening in the serene silence and the intimate lighting of our new Chapel. Be generous with your time and sign up for Adoration.

Adorers are needed Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Please contact: Betty Swisher (908) 889-4123 or Erin Miller (908) 531-0128 (voicemail, text) or email at erins310@gmail.com.



2021 Mass Book Opening

Immaculate Heart of Mary has opened the 2021 Mass Book. Due to COVID-19 social distancing restrictions we changed our process. **The office remains closed to the public due to Governor Murphy’s COVID-19 restrictions. Staff will not be available to take mass requests over the phone or in person. Please print and fill out the form found on our website and drop it off with a \$10 (per mass) donation in the black mailbox in front of the Nazareth Center. You can also mail it to:**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
1571 S. Martine Avenue
Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076

Please be patient with us. We will process the masses in order of receipt, and we will do our best to fulfill your requests. We will call you with any questions and to confirm your order. There will be a limit of 4 masses per person. Please indicate if you need an actual card, we will arrange for you to pick up the cards in front of the Nazareth Center. Thank you for your patience during this difficult time. Our Mass schedule is as follows:

Saturday (Anticipated): 5 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 noon
Weekdays and Saturdays: 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

You may also purchase a Sanctuary Candle or Altar Bread and Wine for the week at a cost of \$20. We do have a few weeks left in 2020 for these intentions as well. Order forms can be printed from our website. Just click the “2021 Mass Book Request form” button on our home page.

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of August 1 - 2**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Mulrooney	Clark Zucosky Good-Piga	Fr. Rob
8:00 am	Foulks	Wagner Bagdonas	Fr. Rob
10:00 am	Wills	Carlino Zappo McCann	Fr. Mike
12:00 pm	Briante	O'Connor Wagner	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 a new account.

Rosary Altar Society:



Events are currently suspended. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for updates.

Reminder, please check your name, address, and phone number from last year's directory and if there are any corrections or omissions please contact Janice Good-Piga at 908-759-6729 by August 1st.

The 2021 book of Flowers for the Blessed Mother will open officially on September 1, 2020 at the September Welcome Back Meeting, hopefully!

The Society this past year was able to donate to the IHM's Chapel fund and the Food Pantry. This was the result of your generosity of supporting our events and the Rosary dues. That being said please send your dues check of \$25.00 for 2020-2021 to Barbara Apgar at 427 LaGrande Ave, Fanwood, NJ 07023. Thank you, for your help.

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 now open, see page 4 for details. Chapel closed on Holy Days and Holidays. Please note, if SPF schools are closed due to bad weather, the chapel will be closed.

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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IHM Holy Name Society



Meetings are currently suspended, Please keep an eye on the bulletin for updates. When we meet again in September, all interested men of the parish are invited to join us.

Have a nice Summer!

Virtual Summer Academy

Pick-Up of Textbooks & Materials: By Appointment During the Week of Aug. 3rd

Using social distancing guidelines and face masks, parents will be admitted to the Nazareth Center at scheduled times to pick up their children's textbooks, music booklets, tee shirts, drawstring bags and other materials for Summer Academy Session #2. You will receive a Sign Up Genius Link during the week of July 27th to make an appointment. If you will not be available during the week of Aug. 3rd, please ask a friend to pick up your materials.

Zoom Orientation for Parents

Orientation: Wed., Aug. 12th @ 7pm

Parents whose children are registered for Session #2 will participate in an orientation via Zoom. This meeting will be recorded and made available for anyone who is unable to join the live meeting. 8th graders who are registered for Discipleship Academy should attend the orientation along with their parents.

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.



Christ freed us from sin. Patriots fought for our freedom. There are those who cannot enjoy freedom from poverty. Why not celebrate your freedom by an act of kindness? You can donate your unwanted used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, toys and children's books to our Catholic Charities bin.

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, July 26th

Monday, July 27th

Tuesday, July 28th

Wednesday, July 29th

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

Thursday, July 30th

Friday, July 31st

Saturday, August 1st

Sunday, August 2nd



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Offertory Collection

July 19, 2020

Weekly Budget Need:	\$10,784.32
Collection:	6,140.00
Parish Giving: (includes TEXT to GIVE)	3,211.76

Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 1,432.56)
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Fiscal Year To Date:

Budget	\$32,352.96
Actual:	
31,720.72	
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 632.24)

Thank you for your generosity!