



The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

4th Sunday of Easter - April 21, 2024

i will lay down
MY LIFE
for the sheep

JOHN 10:15



Mission Statement: *"We reach out to all through prayer and service,
as we live our Catholic faith in Christ with Mary."*



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A Note from Fr. Mike...

St. Peter tells us that the miraculous cure of the crippled man was done in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean. It is a great example and reminder to each of us to do things in the name of Jesus Christ. Each liturgical celebration, each time we pray, each time we do something of a religious nature we begin with "In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Perhaps we can expand that action by doing our daily activities and encounters with others in the name of Jesus Christ. In recognizing that Christ is present and walks with us each moment we allow our words and actions to become prayer for us and for those we encounter each day. In this way we bring a sense of the sacred and holy, a hint of the Divine Power, to all that we say and do.
Peace, Fr. Mike

IHM 60th Anniversary Fundraiser Raffle



Raffle tickets for our 60th Anniversary are now available for purchase! You can pick up a ticket for \$100 at the Nazareth Center office during business hours, one of the church vestibules after Mass, or contact Geraldine or Tracey if you can't make it to campus. **Call 908-889-2100 for more details.** Winning tickets will be announced at 3:00 PM on **Sunday June 9, 2024** for our IHM 60th Anniversary Celebration Feast. We hope to see you there!

Minister Assignments: April 27 - April 28

Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
4/27 5:00pm	Mulrooney	Chris Haight Janice Good-Piga Alice Schaffernoth	Fr. Rob
4/28 8:00am	Karen Schwaneberg	Jean Bagdonas Colm Keogh Rich Banasiak (C)	Fr. Rob
4/28 10:00am	Lou Zappo	Jason McCann David Diken Anthony Carlino Steve Prato (C)	Fr. Mike
4/28 12:00pm	Anne Butler	Jean Naugle Diane McGuinness	Fr. Mike

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH IS SERVED BY

Rev. Michael G. Ward, K.H.S., Pastor
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Deacon Jack Lynch
John McGuire: Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation
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IHM PARISH INFORMATION

Spring Office Hours:
Mon - Thurs 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Fri 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Mass Intention Reservations:

Call or leave a message at the office (908) 889-2100 or send an email to office@ihmparish.net

Religious Education:

faithformation@ihmparish.net

Baptisms:

Please call the office at (908) 889-2100

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 Nazareth Center 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

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. Call (908) 889-2100.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 4:15 - 4:45 pm
Arrangements can be made at any time for a private confession. Please call the office at (908) 889-2100

Parish Schools:

St. Bartholomew Academy (908) 322-4265
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Website: www.ihmparish.net

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Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Monday and Wednesday 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
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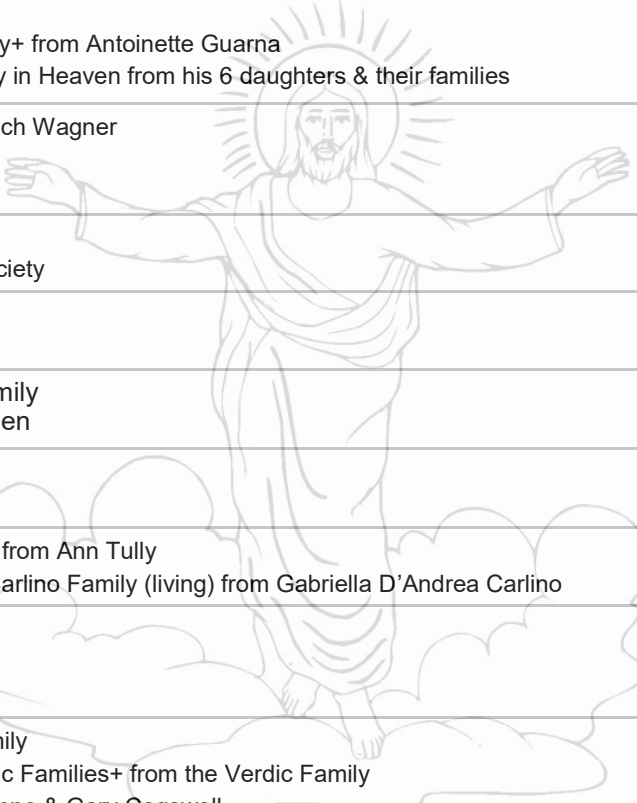
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Schedule for Mass & Worship (schedules are subject to change)

Saturday (Anticipated) 5:00 PM
Sundays - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 noon
Weekdays & Saturdays - 7:00 AM and 8:30 AM
National Holidays - 9:00 AM
Holy Days - 7:00 AM, 12:00 noon, 7:00 PM

Morning Prayer - Monday - Saturday at 8:15 AM
Rosary: Monday - Saturday after 8:30 AM Mass
Novena to the Miraculous Medal & St. Jude:
Saturdays after 8:30 AM Mass
Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15 - 4:45 PM

Mass Intentions For the week of April 21 - April 28, 2024

Saturday April 20	7:00 AM	Michele Gamatko+ from IHM Choir
	8:30 AM	Deceased members of the Guarna Family+ from Antoinette Guarna
	5:00 PM	Henry Rozborski+ Happy 5th Anniversary in Heaven from his 6 daughters & their families
Sunday April 21	8:00 AM	Rita & Russell Wagner+ from Eileen & Rich Wagner
	10:00 AM	For the People of IHM Parish
	12:00 PM	Harold Knox+ from Arlene & Alexa
Monday April 22	7:00 AM	John & Mary Wills+ from Katie Wills
	8:30 AM	Minnie Dobbs+ from the Rosary Altar Society
Tuesday April 23	7:00 AM	John Franciscus+ from IHM Parish
	8:30 AM	Glenn Stuart+ from the Haight Family
Wednesday April 24	7:00 AM	Veronidia Yabut+ from the Yabut Family
	8:30 AM	Glenn Stuart+ from Larry & Amy Cohen
Thursday April 25	7:00 AM	Arthur Sullivan+ from Ed Sullivan
	8:30 AM	Glenn Stuart+ from Cheryl & John Veglia
Friday April 26	7:00 AM	Deceased members of the Tully Family+ from Ann Tully
	8:30 AM	Happy Birthday Anthony Carlino & The Carlino Family (living) from Gabriella D'Andrea Carlino
Saturday April 27	7:00 AM	Arthur Sullivan+ from Ed Sullivan
	8:30 AM	Eileen Hurley+ from Sharon & Bal Dail
	5:00 PM	For the People of IHM Parish
Sunday April 28	8:00 AM	Phyllis Szeker+ from the Bonaccolto Family
	10:00 AM	Deceased members of the Wood & Verdic Families+ from the Verdic Family
	12:00 PM	Katherine & Patrick McKeown+ from Joanne & Gary Cogswell



Special Intentions for the week of April 21 - April 28, 2024

Sanctuary Light
For the intention of:
Susan Rozborski (living) Happy Birthday & God's Blessings
Requested by her 5 loving & devoted sisters

Altar Bread & Wine
For the intention of:
Fabio's Bistro (living)
Thank you from:
The IHM Alpha Team

Flowers for the Blessed Mother
For my beloved mother:
Frances+
Requested by:
Maureen Pecoraro

Remember Our Departed
All Souls+

Kindly keep our parishioner's family and friends, with health and other challenges, in your prayers

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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.

St. Bartholomew Bereavement Ministry will be offering a grief support group for those who have lost a loved one. The group will be held at the Cup of Grief Cafe (lower level break room at the Rossi Funeral Home). **Group sessions will continue every Thursday night until May 23 from 7PM to 8:30PM.** Please RSVP or call with any questions to: Jo-Anne Mealia 908-889-7790 or Bernadette Rossi 908-510-0995

SEASONS welcomes anyone who has lost a significant other to participate in our activities and to meet people who are in a similar situation. Upcoming events at the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford. Call Bob at 908-276-8440
Thursday April 25 @ 7PM: Shani Davis from AAA on Car Talk: Buy/Lease, Insurance, Warranties, EVs.

The Rosary Altar Society Update

IT'S LIKE.....By Nancy Watson Dodrill

In Spring, when all of life's renewed, It's like a breath of air, Has filtered through the countryside, And has chosen you to share.
 It's like the blossoms tight in buds, Have released their petals' fold, Just because you're walking by; They're giving you their gold.
 It's like the sky of pewter clouds, Has seen you walking near, And sent the breeze to clear the gloom, the sun could meet you there.
 It's like the crystal waters flow, And sings its melody, To serenade your evening stroll; To set your worries free.
 It seems like Spring gets personal, Each time she passes through, And wants a little fellowship, To spend time with God and you.
 It's like she understands your heart, It's like it's been designed, That Springtime follows Winter's storm, To clear the cobwebs from your mind.

♥ Thank you for making out "Night With Eleanor Roosevelt" wine and cheese event so successful. A special thanks to Maureen Pecoraro, Mary Anne Sopko, Janice Good-Piga & Alice Mansfield-Smith for making this event a spectacular one! Thank you to "Eleanor" aka Linda Kenyon for her award-winning performance.

♥ Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 5th For our 10AM Annual Communion Mass, followed by our 11AM Brunch at the Shackamaxon Country Club. Please reserve your place ASAP by mailing your check for \$35 Payable to IHM Rosary Altar Society to Alice Mansfield-Smith, 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark, NJ 07066. Please call Mary Anne 908-322-0279 with questions. Friends & Family Members are most welcome to attend.

♥ Please prayerfully consider joining our wonderful IHM Rosary Altar Society. Our devotion to the Virgin Mary, Our IHM Parish, charitable organizations and, most importantly, to God, brings us great joy and peace. Please contact Janice Good-Piga 908-759-6729 with questions. May your Springtime Days be filled with serenity, optimism, and God's love and may your dreams come to fruition as the flowers and trees blossom. You remain in our daily thoughts and prayers.

♥ Janice



The next meeting of the Women's Prayer Group will be **Thursday night May 2, 2024 at 7:30PM on ZOOM**. The theme is "The First Joseph". Please contact Tracey at tefoleyihm@gmail.com for more details. Prayer connects us all!

Support the Knights of Columbus!
 Order anything from **Fabio's Bistro** in Fanwood on **Wednesday, April 24, between 11 AM and 8:30 PM**, and they will donate a portion of the profits towards the Knights of Columbus Council 5730.
Please mention the Knights of Columbus when placing your order.
 Call 908-322-0400. Buon Appetito!



The next Men's Scripture & Discussion group meeting will be a VIRTUAL session on **Thursday night April 25 at 7:30 PM on ZOOM**. Please contact David at dndiken@aol.com for details.



Archdiocese of Newark 2024 Lenten Regulations

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 18 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024.

*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.





WHAT DO YOU SEEK ?







BETA EPISODE 1
MAY 1

Beta returns on WEDNESDAY MAY 1st, 2024. Beta is a 7 week Catholic program on Wednesday nights at 7:30 PM on ZOOM from May 1st until June 12th. Please sign-up at www.ihmparish.net/beta or call the parish office if you need help 908-889-2100





A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire

God's Love is the Point

It is very easy to get caught up in what is expected of us as Christians. The Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, Corporal Works of Mercy, the golden rule. There are countless Papal Encyclicals, teachings about morality, justice, and how we should go about our lives in the modern world. When you focus on these things as restrictions, as opposed to guidelines for a fulfilled life,

they become tedious and monotonous. Those things that can bring us abundant life, are overshadowed by a negative mindset.

If we relate fully to the suffering of Jesus' passion and death, if we become fearful and nervous like our Lord's closest followers, and scatter, without considering the joy of the resurrection we become numb to the amazing gift that we have been given.

If we get totally down on ourselves for Lent with abstinence and restriction, for the whole 40 days of Lent, and neglect the joy of Easter for the 50 days of the season, what have we gained? Overzealous seminarians are reminded to fast and feast with the Church!

For the remainder of the Easter Season let us joyfully recall the fact that God loved the world so much, that Jesus Christ took on flesh, taught and reinforced the most important guidance we can follow for a full life. Then only after doing this died on the Cross to provide us with the gift of salvation, then took a victory tour to restore His Community which would build up the Church we belong to today! This week let us pray that we can see the teaching of scripture and our tradition as the foundation of a full life in union with God and our neighbors.

God Bless, Happy Easter, and have a wonderful week!
Read more at www.ihmparish.net/book-of-john

Families of Faith Upcoming Events

- Sunday April 21 @ 10:00 AM
Confirmation [Year 1] Rite of Service
- Tuesday April 23 @ 7:00 PM
Family Rehearsal [1st Communion]
- Saturday April 27 @ 10:00 AM
1st Communion Celebration
- Sunday April 28 @ 10:00 AM
Families of Faith Closing Potluck Brunch
- Monday April 29 @ 7:00 PM
Confirmation [Year 2] Session 5 + Rehearsal
- Saturday May 4 @ 11:00 AM & 2:00 PM
Confirmation Ceremony
- Sunday May 20 @ 7:00 PM
7th Grade Confirmation Inquiry Meeting
- Monday June 3 @ 7:00 PM
Confirmation [Year 2] The Confirmed
Mystagogy Party & Certificate Distribution



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Please help us update our Parishioner Contact information! Scan the code on the right and fill out the form. Thank you! You can always call the parish office if you need help: 908-889-2100. Ask for Rick!



60 YEARS IHM SINCE 1964

KIDS BINGO & ICE CREAM PARTY

For kids 12 & under

Sunday April 21, 2024

From 2:30 - 4:00 PM

Great prizes! Nintendo Switch, American Girl Doll, Gift Cards to Target, iTunes etc...

← **Admission is one item of food for our food pantry:** Can of Soup, Coffee, Mac & Cheese, Cereal, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Diapers, Juice, Snacks, Shelf-Stable Milk & more.

Please sign-up @ www.ihmparish.net

Please RSVP before Friday April 19th so we can prepare accordingly. Thank you!

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These awesome kids from the IHM Youth Ministry (powered by BOLD) packed over 100 Sustainable Lunches for the hungry and homeless through Bridges Outreach (7th - 12th Graders helped!) Thank you!!!

- IHM Youth Ministry powered by BOLD Spring/Summer 2024 Events**
- ***Cinco De Mayo Party** : Sunday May 5 from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
 - ***Six Flags Trip**: Sunday May 19 from 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
 - ***End of the Year Party**: Sunday June 2 from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
 - ***Steubenville Youth Conference**: June 28 - 30 in Steubenville, OH
 - ***Catholic Heart Work Camp**: July 21 - 26 in Niagara Falls, NY

Registration is NOW OPEN! Spots are limited, please sign-up today at <https://www.boldym.com/ihmsp>
Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions! God Bless...
Rachael Flanagan: Email: ihmsp@boldym.com Call/Text: 908-280-2893

Collection Report		April 14, 2024
Weekly Target:		\$11,765.00
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)		\$11,438.58
Surplus/(Deficit)		(326.42)
Fiscal Year to Date:		
Budget		\$478,470.00
Actual:		\$458,507.02
Surplus/(Deficit)		(19,962.98)
Rolling 4 Week Averages:		
Average Collection		\$11,522.85
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(242.15)

IHM SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday April 21 11:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Knitting Group Meeting 2:30 PM - Kids Bingo & Ice Cream Party
Monday April 22 7:30 PM - Alpha Episode 10 on ZOOM
Tuesday April 23: St. George's Day 7:00 PM - First Eucharist Family Rehearsal 7:15 PM - Spirituality Seminar: The Eucharist on ZOOM
Wednesday April 24 10:00 AM - Food Pantry (Open until 11:30AM) 11:30 AM - KOC Fundraiser Dinner @ Fabio's Bistro (ALL DAY) 1:00 PM - DVD Bible Study: Apostolic Fathers 7:00 PM - Adult Choir Practice 7:00 PM - Lector Meeting 7:45 PM - Extraordinary Minister Meeting
Thursday April 25 9:30 AM - Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Prayer Group 7:30 PM - Men's Scripture Group ZOOM
Friday April 26
Saturday April 27 10:00 AM - First Eucharist Celebration
Sunday April 28 9:30 AM - Family Choir Practice 10:00 AM - Families of Faith Closing Potluck Brunch 7:30 PM - [Youth Group] Leadership Meeting

Easter Collection to Date: \$37,715.00
Budget: \$50,000.00



ANNUAL APPEAL 2024



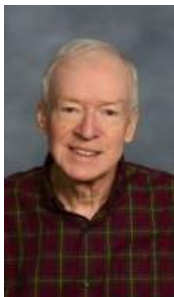
2024 Annual Appeal for Archdiocese

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(70.86% of the goal - 67.17% stretch goal)

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Celebrate National Poetry Month with distinguished poet Edwin Romond
Tuesday April 30 @ 7:30 PM
Kuran Arts Center (Carraige House) on Watson Road in Fanwood NJ
Admission = Canned /Shelf Food Item
All food donations will benefit the IHM Food Pantry! Bring a poem to read in the open! Support the arts & feed the hungry.



Congratulations, to Tish Catalano, Sarah Riley and Juliana Dowling for being recognized for their years of effort and hard work at Immaculate Heart of Mary and their participation in the CYO program. We look forward to your special day on Sunday, April 21st at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, as we celebrate your accomplishments in the Parishes and Schools of our Archdiocese!



The Good News About Science & Faith
With Stephen Barr Ph.D
Thursday May 16, 2024 @ 7:30 PM presentation & discussion on ZOOM
Please register at our "Events" page
www.ihmparish.net



A long overdue thank you to Geraldine Keogh and The Dessert Ladies for their generous "behind the scenes" donations to our parish community:

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