

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...

Jesus calls us to remain in Him and He will remain in us. The image of the vine and branches helps us to understand what that means. Just as the branch cannot live if cut off from the vine, so too, we cannot live if we are cut off from Christ. By living out our lives as disciples, receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, in the scriptures, in one another, in living out the commandments to love God and one another we remain in Christ and He in us. All of these help us to grow deeper in communion with Christ, and help us to recognize His presence more profoundly in our lives. 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: May 4 - May 5				
Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider	
5/4 5:00pm	Chris Zucosky	Janice Good-Piga Dan Kelly Chris Haight	Fr. Rob	
5/5 8:00am	Ed Sullivan	Jean Bagdonas Lou DiBella Rich Wagner (C)	Fr. Mike	
5/5 10:00am	Phyllis Manno	Betty Perfilio David Diken Jason McCann Anthony Carlino (C)	Fr. Mike	
5/5 12:00pm	Regina O'Connor	Erlinda Fajardo Gil Fajardo	Fr. Rob	

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH IS SERVED BY Rev. Michael G. Ward, K.H.S., Pastor Rev. Robert Kunze: Weekend Assistant Deacon Jack Lynch John McGuire: Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation Katie Wills: Director of Music Ministry Tracey Foley: Business Manager

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 <u>office@ihmparish.net</u>

Religious Education: <u>faithformation@ihmparish.net</u>

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 <u>www.ihmparish.net</u> 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 Union Catholic Regional High School (908) 889-1600

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> Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours Monday and Wednesday 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Closed Saturday. Sunday. Holy Days & Holidays For more information contact Kerby at: kpershay123@gmail.com | 908-406-0493

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 28 - May 5, 2024
Saturday April 27	7:00 AM 8:30 AM 5:00 PM	Arthur Sullivan+ from Ed Sullivan Eileen Hurley+ from Sharon & Bal Dail For the People of IHM Parish
Sunday April 28	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Phyllis Szeker+ from the Bonaccolto Family Deceased members of the Wood & Verdic Families+ from the Verdic Family Katherine & Patrick McKeown+ from Joanne & Gary Cogswell
Monday	7:00 AM	Marty Ritschel+ from Bernie Beck
April 29	8:30 AM	Attilio Badala+ 95th Birthday from the Berger & O'Donnell Families
Tuesday	7:00 AM	Lou Ricci+ from IHM Parish
April 30	8:30 AM	Glenn Stuart+ from John & Tracey Foley
Wednesday	7:00 AM	Mary Beth Kass+ from Geraldine & Colm Keogh
May 1	8:30 AM	Glenn Stuart+ from Ed & Maggie Dombrowski & Family
Thursday	7:00 AM	Eileen Lynch+ from IHM Parish
May 2	8:30 AM	Dorothy Lenartowicz+ from the Lundgren Family
Friday	7:00 AM	Oralia Martinez+ from IHM Parish
May 3	8:30 AM	Owen McCabe+ from Judie McCabe
Saturday May 4	7:00 AM 8:30 AM 5:00 PM	John Franciscus+ from IHM Parish Michael DeMarco+ from Karen Schurtz Natalie Rozborski+ 6th Anniversary in Heaven from her 6 daughters & their families
Sunday May 5	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	For the People of IHM Parish Kenneth Blum Sr+ from the Blum & Veglia Families Nancy Patricia Gavan+ from Ellen Hogan Rotella

Sanctuary Light For the intention of: Deceased members of the Wood & Verdic Families+ Requested by: The Verdic Family <u>Altar Bread & Wine</u> For the intention of: Knights of Columbus Council #5730 (living) Requested by: IHM Parish

Flowers for the Blessed Mother In memory of: Valerie & George Geiger+ Requested by: Katie Thompson & Rick Geiger Remember Our Departed Mary Jane Isola+

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

Special Intentions for the week of April 28 - May 5, 2024

John Allen	David Connell	Mary Foster	Mary Frances Leon	Jaxson Rivera	Ryder Francis Spillane
George Becker	Colm Cosgrove	Nicole Griffin	William Maines	Paula Roll	Daniel Ventura
Fran Boglioli	Samantha Bridge	Ann Marie Harvey	Jim Malfetti	Marisol Rodriguez	Sr. Elizabeth Vermaelen
Erin Brennan	James Brown	David Hens	Bill Malone	Susan Rozborski	Stephanie Vernace
Anna Cassella	John Burkert	Kathleen Herron	Jennifer Moore	Dolores Rust	Stephen Voorhees
Paul Cassidy	Ray Clark	Juliann Junio	Peter Mosko	Diana Scariati	Ben Wheelock
Matthew Cassio	Matt Donovan	Marie Keller	Hilda Pizza	Arty Shapiro	Evelyn Whitehorne
Peter Cavanagh	Albert Fischer Jr.	Dorothy Klein	Diane Pricken	Elisa Silversey	
Frank Chimento	Phyllis Fischer	Anna Koch	Carmela Resnick	Bernard Slaza	
Edward Clark	Emily Fleming	Jillian Lapidus	Jacob Rivera	Beverly Sopp	

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 SEASONS welcomes anyone who has lost a significant other to participate in our activities and to meet people who are in a similar 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). situation. Upcoming events at the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford. Call Bob at 908-276-8440 Group sessions will continue every Thursday night until May 23 from 7PM to 8:30PM. Thursday May 9 @ 7PM: Finances for Singles by Marc Bernhardt Please RSVP or call with any questions to: Jo-Anne Mealia 908-889-7790 Thursday May 23 @ 7PM: What to know about Cybersecurity & or Bernadette Rossi 908-510-0995 Al, conducted by Joel Bernhardt

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The Rosary Altar Society Update

FOR ALL THAT HE PROVIDES By Marcie McNutt

From Heaven our caring Father, Watches over us from above, Guiding us by His wisdom, And teaching us how to love. He surrounds us daily with angels, And gifts us with caring friends; He places His beauty around us, His goodness never ends. He's the Creator of the universe, And everything in it you see; From the highest lofty mountain, To the tiniest honey bee. So, each new day when we awake, And open wide our eyes, Let's send up loving thanks to Him, For all that He provides.

♥ 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 as well.

♥ 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 <u>tefoleyihm@gmail.com</u> for more details. Prayer connects us all!



Join us for Lectio Divina: Reflection, Discussion & Quiet. Prayer Group will meet on **Thursday mornings** from 9:30AM until 10:45AM at the Nazareth Center. Contact Phyllis at <u>tman18912@comcast.net</u> or call the office at 908-889-2100. Thank you!



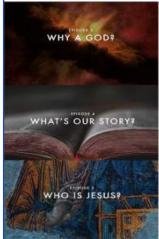
The next Men's Scripture & Discussion group meeting will be a VIRTUAL session on **Saturday morning May 4 at 7:30 AM in the church basement.** Donuts & coffee served! Please contact David at <u>dndiken@aol.com</u> for details.







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 <u>www.ihmparish.net/beta</u> or call the parish office if you need help 908-889-2100



Our 60th Anniversary Celebration Continues! Our Family Bingo Party was a tremendous success, thanks to the hard work of our hospitality committee and the generous donation of prizes from Colm and Geraldine Keogh. Congratulations to the Sandusky family for winning the Nintendo Switch!



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 celebrate your accomplishments in the Parishes and Schools of our Archdiocese. Thank you!

5th Sunday of Easter

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April 28, 2024



A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire

Easter: A Sacramental Season Traditionally, the season of Lent was a time where the Church refrained from celebrating the sacraments. With an absence of Holy Water, baptisms would not occur until the new Easter Waters were blessed at the Easter Vigil. Holy Matrimony would not take place during Lent (save for on Laetare Sunday).

During the Easter Vigil, those who have been preparing to enter the Church as adults or older children receive the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Our parish looks forward to celebrating these with three members of our community at the Vigil next year!

For these reasons, a character of the Easter season is one of joyfully celebrating the sacraments with the faithful at all stages of life. On Saturday, April 27th our parish celebrates First Communion with our families who have been preparing all year. On Monday, April 29th we rehearse for Confirmation, which will be celebrated on May 4th with Bishop Elias! To our candidates on May the Fourth we'll be with you for that wonderful step in your faith journey!

As this is a season of sacraments, over the next several weeks, we'll take the time to reflect on all seven sacraments, Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Holy Matrimony. This will be the perfect series to lead us through Pentecost, and to our Summer Academy, which will focus on the Sacraments, Discipleship, and Family Life.

This week let's pray for the continued Easter joy, as we prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost (May 19th). God Bless and have a wonderful week!

Read more at <u>www.ihmparish.net/book-of-john</u>

Families of Faith Upcoming Events

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 Masses

Sunday May 20 @ 7:00 PM
 7th Grade Confirmation Inquiry Meeting

Monday June 3 @ 4:00 PM
 Family Scrapbook Challenge Deadline

 Monday June 3 @ 7:00 PM Confirmation [Year 2] The Confirmed Mystagogy Party & Certificate Distribution

Sunday June 9 @ 9:00 AM
IHM 60th Anniversary Feast Begins

 Sunday June 23 @ 10:30 AM Summer Academy Begins

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The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at 201-407-3256.





The NJ Catholic Youth Rally is a day-long event that gathers teens from across the state of NJ for a day of rides, fellowship, Mass, and more held at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ. At the end of the day, we will attend Mass in the Batman Stunt Arena with all the Catholic Youth Groups from Across NJ!

All in 8th Grade and High School Sunday, May 19th | 9:00am - 9:00pm Cost: \$100

Drop off / pick up from Our Lady of Peace Parish (111 South Street, New Providence, NJ)

The cost of the day includes entry into the park, bus transportation, entry to opening ceremony and a "Mega-Meal Voucher" which can be redeemed at most food places throughout the park and includes a meal, snack, and a drink.

Register at boldym.com/IHMSP/events

Questions about the trip? Contact Rachael Flanagan at ihmsp@boldym.com or text/call 908-280-2893

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Collection Report	April 21, 2024	IHM SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK		
Weekly Target:	\$11,765.00	Sunday April 28		
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)	\$9,708.54	9:30 AM - Family Choir Practice 10:00 AM - Families of Faith Closing Potluck Brunch after Mass		
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,056.46)	7:30 PM - [Youth Group] Leadership Meeting		
Fiscal Year to Date:		Monday April 29 7:00 PM - Confirmation [Year 2] Session 5 & Rehearsal		
Budget	\$490,140.00	7:30 PM - Alpha Episode 11 on ZOOM		
Actual:	\$468,215.56	Tuesday April 30: St. James the Great Day		
	(21,924.44)	6:30 PM - Rosary Altar Society Board Meeting 7:30 PM - Food Pantry Poetry Reading @ Kuran Arts Center		
Surplus/(Deficit)	(21,924.44)	Wednesday May 1		
Rolling 4 Week Averages:		10:00 AM - Food Pantry (Open until 11:30AM) 7:00 PM - Adult Choir Practice		
Average Collection	\$11,300.19	7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting		
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(464.81)	7:30 PM - Beta Episode 1 on ZOOM		
Easter Collection to Date: \$ Budget: \$50,000.00		<u>Thursday May 2</u> 9:30 AM - Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Prayer Group 7:30 PM - Women's Prayer Group on ZOOM		
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	al for Archdiocese	7:30 AM - Men's Scripture Group LIVE @ Church Basement 11:00 AM - Confirmation Ceremony		
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You can make a gift or	· 72.77% stretch goal) hline through our Parish	Sunday May 5: Cinco de Mayo 9:00 AM - Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast		
	ite or by going directly to org/sharing	10:00 AM - Rosary Altar Society & First Eucharist Mass		
		11:00 AM - Rosary Altar Society Luncheon @ Shackamaxon 7:30 PM - [Youth Group] Cinco de Mayo Party		
(作者)				
Safe Environment Corner		Celebrate National Poetry Month with distinguished poet Edwin Romond Tuesday April 30 @ 7:30 PM		
Training Adults Safe Environment training is taking place in all di	occess of the United States			
In the Archdiocese of Newark, over 100,000 adu	Ilts have received training to	Kuran Arts Center (Carraige House) on Watson Road in Fanwood NJ		
recognize, respond and report child sexual ab 2003, in our multi-class in-person and online cu	•	Admission = Canned /Shelf Food Item		
the Coordinator of the Office of Child and	Youth Protection, for more	All food donations will benefit the IHM Food Pantry! Bring a poem to read in the		
information on this training. He can be reached	at (973) 497-4578.	open! Support the arts & feed the hungry.		
Safe Environment Corner		The Good News About Science & Faith		
Training Children		With Stephen Barr Ph.D		
All our Catholic school children and all childre	en in parish faith formation	Thursday May 16, 2024		
programs receive annual training in how to kee know the risks children face from their use of t		© 7:30 PM presentation & discussion on ZOOM		
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5th Sunday of Easter

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