

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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*The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 7, 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](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  
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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**



Often times our lives may seem like the drudgery that Job speaks of in the first reading. Despite all of our efforts nothing seems to change. We sometimes have the sense that nothing really matters. Yet the Gospel reminds us that there is always hope in Christ. Jesus gives us healing of body, mind and spirit just as He does for Simon’s mother-in-law. Jesus brings us strength in showing us the need to pray, to be in a continual relationship with God. Both Jesus and Paul bring us purpose in their call to follow Jesus and example of preaching the Good News. Thus we gain a sense not of despair, but of hope, as Job eventually learns, in God’s everlasting love for us.

Peace,

Fr. Mike



**DIVE INTO YOUR FAITH THIS LENT!**

Join our five part Zoom speaker series from 7 - 8:30 pm each Tuesday of Lent. We will kick off on:

**February 23<sup>rd</sup> - What is Catholicism?**

Dr. Jeffrey Morrow is Professor of Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University. He will help us explore the gift of our Catholic faith; a convert to Catholicism, he brings a wonderful perspective on this gift.

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Faith & Science: Truth Cannot Contradict Truth**

Dr. Stacy Trasancos is Executive Director of the St. Philip Institute of Catechesis and Evangelization for the Diocese of Tyler and a teaching fellow for the Word on Fire Institute. Initially trained as a scientist, she will reveal the harmony of faith and science.

There will be 5 different speakers in all. Please see our website [www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net) for the full list of speakers and more information about the program. There is no cost, but registration is required. Please visit our website: [www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net), there is a link to register for this program.

Questions: Email [maryclinton@ihmparish.net](mailto:maryclinton@ihmparish.net) or [engagingdisciples@ihmparish.net](mailto:engagingdisciples@ihmparish.net) or contact IHM Nazareth Center Office @ 908-889-2100.

**Spiritual Reflection  
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*“Rising very early before dawn, He left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’”*

*- Mark 1:35, 38*

In today’s Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer and spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

**Mass 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, February 7th

8:00 am **Michael Citrano+** By Carol & Peter Womack  
 10:00 am **Lenore Achiron+** By the D'Agostino Family  
 12:00 pm **Sylvia Keogh+** By Colm & Geraldine Keogh

## Monday, February 8th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**  
 8:30 am **Charles Burgdorf+** By Eleanor Duddy

## Tuesday, February 9th

7:00 am **Bessie Sullivan+** By Betty & Tony Perfilio  
 8:30 am **John Rohrs+** By John & Tracey Foley & Family

## Wednesday, February 10th

7:00 am **Bessie Sullivan+** By Evelyn Dougherty  
 8:30 am **Monia Bordonaro (living)** By Heba Fortunato

## Thursday, February 11th

7:00 am **Bessie Sullivan+** By Jim Muldoon  
 8:30 am **Matti Lombardi+** By Betty Swisher

## Friday, February 12th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**  
 8:30 am **Living & Deceased Members of Leone Family**  
 By Katie Wills

## Saturday, February 13th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**  
 8:30 am **Dino Valez+** By Olive Valez  
 5:00 pm **Lillian Eilbacher+** By Family of Lillian Eilbacher

## Sunday, February 14th

8:00 am **Richard Gibbons+** By Anne Gibbons  
 10:00 am **Jake Cregg+** By Barbara Mrozek  
 12:00 pm **Doyle Family+** By Mary Graham

## 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	Bob McMillion
Kevin Brown	Marlene Mosko
John Burkert	Danielle Nabinger
Anna Cassella	Hilda Pizza
Paul Cassidy	Charlie Plungis
Matthew Cassio	Diane Pricken
Frank Chimento	Jack Pricken
Colm Cosgrove	Susan Rozborski
Edward Clark	Bernard Slaza
Ray Clark	Beverly Sopp
Dorothy D'Angelo	Ryder Francis Spillane
Marie Farrell	Paul Szecker
Albert Fischer, Jr.	Carole Ventre
Emily Fleming	Daniel Ventura
John Foley	Sr.Elizabeth Vermaelen
Mary Foster	Stephen Voorhees
Nicole Griffin	Christy Ward
John Heiling	



**Remember those who have died:**  
**Catherine Branch+**

## 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.

## The Altar Bread & Wine for the Week of February 7th:



**For the Intentions of Charles & Frances Takacs**  
**By: Barbara Apgar**



## Sanctuary Light: Week of February 7th

**For the intention of**  
**Anna Bird+**  
**Requested by William & Dolores Coulter**

## Flowers for the Blessed Mother



**For the week of February 7th:**

**In memory of**  
**Marie Dambrauskas+**  
**Requested by**  
**Barbara & Joe Mrozek**



### Catholic Schools Week

Every January, Catholic Schools across America celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme was "Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service". Despite Covid-19 and a blizzard the Academy found ways to celebrate with Mass, our annual Open House, and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and members of the community. Through these events, the students and faculty were able to focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation.

Our Academy started the week on Sunday, with Fr. John Paladino presiding over the noon mass. Students from the middle school also spoke at masses over the weekend, sharing their experience at the Academy and the impact it has had on them and their families. After the Noon Mass, the Academy hosted the annual Open House. Due to Covid-19, the Open House was held by appointment only, but the individualized setting gave prospective parents a great opportunity to learn about the school and programs.

With in-person classes canceled the first few days of the week due to the snow, the students persevered and condensed the various charitable drives, service projects, and activities into two days. They collected food for the St. Bartholomew Food Pantry, raised money for the Tuition Angel Program, created gratitude cards for the faculty and staff, had an art contest of national symbols, and a school wide bingo game. Fr. John and Fr. David had a virtual visit to the school on Thursday to talk about vocations. The week ended with the return of First Friday Mass. Despite being a shortened week it was a great deal of fun and demonstrated that our Academy is a community of faith, excellence, and service.



### Catholic Heart Work Camp Dover, Delaware June 27—July 2, 2021

We are calling all high school teenagers, college students, young adults and youth leaders to join us for a week of service, friendships, spiritual growth and memories to last a lifetime. BOLD will be sending teens from multiple parishes to Dover, Delaware for a week of service and fun. This is a week you don't want to miss!

Cost: \$385 Registration fee (\$100 non-refundable deposit) How to register: [www.boldym.com/chwc](http://www.boldym.com/chwc)



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### How to Report Abuse to the Archdiocese

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious and lay staff. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately, so we may take appropriate actions to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. For help, please call the Archdiocesan Office of Child Protection at 201 407-3256.

**Minister Assignments  
Weekend of February 13-14**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Clark	Good-Piga Zucosky Torzewski	Fr. Valentine
8:00 am	Banasiak	Gibbons Dill	Fr. Rob
10:00 am	Davis	Diken Deacon Jack Carlino	Fr. Mike
12:00 pm	Kiley	McGuinness 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 an new account.

**Rosary Altar Society:**

Thank goodness for Zoom on February 2nd!! I want to thank all who participated in our Mini Retreat on three of the Stations of the Cross. Special thanks to our leader, Phyllis Manno, for all her time and effort in producing such a memorable retreat. To all the IHM Staff who helped me in getting this together and again very special thanks to Father Mike for his technological assistance and his patience.

Executive Board Members please mark your calendars for a Board Meeting on February 16th at 1 pm. Hoping we can have a hybrid meeting. Check the bulletin for updates.

As we are approaching Lent (February 17th), I hope that you are thinking of ways to have a blessed Lent. IHM is providing many ways for you to accomplish this, please check the bulletin. But you can always say the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary. Remember "Abandon yourself into the arms of Mary. She will take care of you." And "Never tire of praying...it is what is essential." St. Padre Pio.

Reminder that the Adoration Chapel is open and Jesus is waiting for you to come and visit Him. For the code call Erin Miller, Betty Swisher or MaryJane Bergen. We are praying for you, our parish and the world. Thank you and stay safe!

**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 signup link.  
Presented by Immaculate Heart of Mary**

**Instructor: Allan Wright**



**Offertory Collection**

**January 31st**

Weekly Budget Need: \$10,784.32  
 Collection: 5,358.00  
 Parish Giving (includes text to give) 2,260.88  
 Surplus/(Deficit): (3,165.44)

**Fiscal Year to Date:**

Budget \$334,313.92  
 Actual 293,768.72  
 Surplus (Deficit) (\$40,545.18)

2021 Annual Appeal to Date - for Archdiocese of Newark - \$1,735.00  
 Goal - \$69,693.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Archbishops Annual Appeal**



The 2021 Annual Appeal is now underway. We have \$1,735.00 already pledged. Our goal is \$69,693.00. The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing).

Thank you for your prayers and support.

**IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group  
 Virtual Meeting Saturday  
 February 13th at 9:15AM**

The next meeting of IHM's Men's Scripture Study and discussion group will take place “virtually” on Saturday, February 13th, 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 14th) 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.



**Calendar of Events at IHM**

**Sunday, February 7th**

11:00 am - Bible Basics Zoom Class

**Monday, February 8th**

7 pm - 8th Grade Confirmation Prep Zoom Class

**Tuesday, February 9th**

7:15 pm - St. Teresa Spiritual Study on Zoom

**Wednesday, February 10th**

9:30 am - Centering Prayer Meeting  
 10 am - 12 pm—Food Pantry Distribution

**Thursday, February 11th**

**Friday, February 12th**

**Saturday, February 13th**

9:15 am - Men’s Scripture & Discussion Zoom Mtg

**Sunday, February 14th**

Food Pantry Sunday  
 10 am - Rite of Sponsor, 8th Grade

For more information please visit  
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**Are you new to IHM 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 with the parish.

I am interested in volunteering for a ministry.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_