

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 14, 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



The Leprosy of the first reading includes not just the disease of leprosy, but many other skin diseases. Given the Old Testament understanding of the need for ritual purity (a physical as well as moral purity) it is understandable why those who suffer from these diseases would be marginalized from the community. It makes the miracle of the Gospel that much more spectacular because the man approaches Jesus and asks for help. Jesus demonstrates compassion and love for the man and brings him not only physical healing, but spiritual as well. Jesus invites us to experience His healing love in the same way and to also demonstrate the same compassion in our daily lives as well. As disciples we recognize the need for the healing love of Christ in our lives and respond to his invitation by bringing that same healing love, in the name of Christ, to those we meet each day.

Peace, Fr. Mike

Spiritual Reflection 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.”
- 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He’s not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other “gods” (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, “Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?”



Archdiocese of Newark 2021 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. 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 21, 2021 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021.**

*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.*

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.

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 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

President's Day, February 15th

9:00 am **Jake Cregg+** By the Lundgren Family

Tuesday, February 16th

7:00 am **Bessie Sullivan+** By Steve & Anita Prato
 8:30 am **Jake Cregg+** By Janice Farrell & Family

Ash Wednesday, February 17th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 12:00 pm **James R. Kennedy+** By Michael Caspersen
 4:00 pm **Blessings for Susan Rozborski** By Her Loving Sisters
 7:00 pm **Daniel M. Capone+** By the Veglia Family

Thursday, February 18th

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

Friday, February 19th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Irene McElroy+** By Lynn & John O'Connor

Saturday, February 20th

7:00 am **All Past & Present Priest of IHM Parish** By Katie Wills
 8:30 am **Michal Cichon+** By Mary & Jerry Mahony
 5:00 pm **William E. Barry, Sr.+** By Fran & Jim Brennan

Sunday, February 21st

8:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 10:00 am **Vinny Bonaccolto+** By the Bonaccolto Family
 12:00 pm **Ruben R. Razal+** By His 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	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 Szeker
Albert Fischer, Jr.	Carole Ventre
Emily Fleming	Daniel Ventura
John Foley	Sr.Elizabeth Vermaelen
Mary Foster	Stephen Voorhees
Nicole Griffin	Christy Ward
John Healing	



Remember those who have died:
Catherine Branch+,
Michael Pannullo+

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 14th:



For the Intentions of
 Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish



Sanctuary Light: Week of February 14th

For the intention of
 Barbara & Ralph Rays+
 Requested by Christine Lazur

Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of February 14th:
 With Gratitude for
 My Grandparents,
 Elizabeth & Glen Winsor and
 Elizabeth & Francis Daly
 Requested by Mary Beth Winsor



Fun with Math in Third Grade

Third grade is when students make the transition from the early childhood education program to grammar school. As their guide, Mrs. Maria Stetin, the Academy third grade teacher, leads and encourages them through various fun projects that develop educational skills, foster social development, and build confidence.

When you think of third grade math, multiplication always comes to mind. But a unit in geometry makes a welcome break from all the memorization. The third grade students recently pivoted from multiplication to geometry and line segments. A fun line segment project was a cross curricular one with science. The students learned about popular constellations in our solar system, created their own constellation, and then wrote a story about it. The final project in the geometry unit was called "I See Geometry in...". The students were asked to search for geometric shapes around their homes, school, and activities. Projects were quite varied, including finding geometry in ice skating, basketball, the kitchen, and dance. After identifying the various shapes and geometric terms, the students made posters and explained what they found with visual references. Both projects were great ways to bring math alive, for the students to see the relevance math has in their everyday lives, and a way to refresh and get ready for more multiplication.

Congratulations to Academy 8th grader Manuela Roncancio for being named the "Outstanding Catholic School Graduate" for the 2020-21 school year! This award is presented to one 8th grader from each Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Newark. Manuela exemplifies Catholic values in word and deed and displays superior academic achievement here at the Academy. We are so proud of her and wish her God's blessings!



**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



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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 23rd - 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.

There will be 5 different speakers in all. There is no cost, but registration is required. For a full list of speakers and to register please visit our website: www.ihmparish.net.

Questions: Email maryclinton@ihmparish.net or engagingdisciples@ihmparish.net or contact IHM Nazareth Center Office @ 908-889-2100.

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of February 20-21**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Good-Piga	Staniec Torzewski Clark	Fr. Mike
8:00 am	Brennan	Banasiak Bagdonas	Fr. Mike
10:00 am	McClellan	Schiller Deacon Jack Perfilio	Fr. Valentine
12:00 pm	Briante	O'Connor Wagner	Fr. Rob

**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:

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.

On February 16th at 12 noon, there will be an Executive Board Meeting. Anyone who is an elected officer, chairwoman of standing committee and chairwoman of a monthly meeting is a member of this board. I will be surveying how many of you would come in person or prefer to meet on Zoom. Please check your email. Thank you.

Our monthly meeting on March 2nd will be at 1p.m. on Zoom. I invite all of your to come and listen to "On to how recognize a scam and protect yourself". More details to follow in next week's bulletin and in your email.

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

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



Offertory Collection

February 7th

Weekly Budget Need:	\$10,784.32
Collection:	5,878.00
Parish Giving (includes text to give)	4,519.23
Surplus/(Deficit):	(387.09)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget	\$345,098.24
Actual	304,165.97
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$40,932.27)

2021 Annual Appeal to Date - for Archdiocese of Newark - \$13,835.00

Goal - \$69,693.00 (19.85% of goal)

Thank you for your generosity!

Archbishops Annual Appeal



The 2021 Annual Appeal is now underway. We have \$13,835.00 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.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

**IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group
Virtual Meeting Saturday
February 20th at 9:15 a.m.**

The next meeting of IHM's Men's Scripture Study and Discussion Group will take place “virtually” on Saturday, February 20th, 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 21st) 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.



Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, February 14th

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

President’s Day, Monday, February 15th

Tuesday, February 16th

12 p.m. - Rosary Executive Board Meeting Zoom
7:15 pm - St. Teresa Spiritual Study on Zoom

Ash Wednesday, February 17th

Ashes distributed at Mass: 7am, 12pm, 4pm & 7pm
9:30 am - Centering Prayer Meeting
10 am - 12 pm—Food Pantry Distribution

Thursday, February 18th

Friday, February 19th

Saturday, February 20th

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

Sunday, February 21st

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Women’s Prayer Group Meeting

The next Women’s Prayer Group meeting will be via Zoom on Thursday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. The theme of our meeting will be Prayer: As a Process, as a Pilgrimage. All women are invited to join us!

If you are new to the group and would like to participate, please email Tracey Foley at tefoleyihm@gmail.com so we can add you to our distribution list.

