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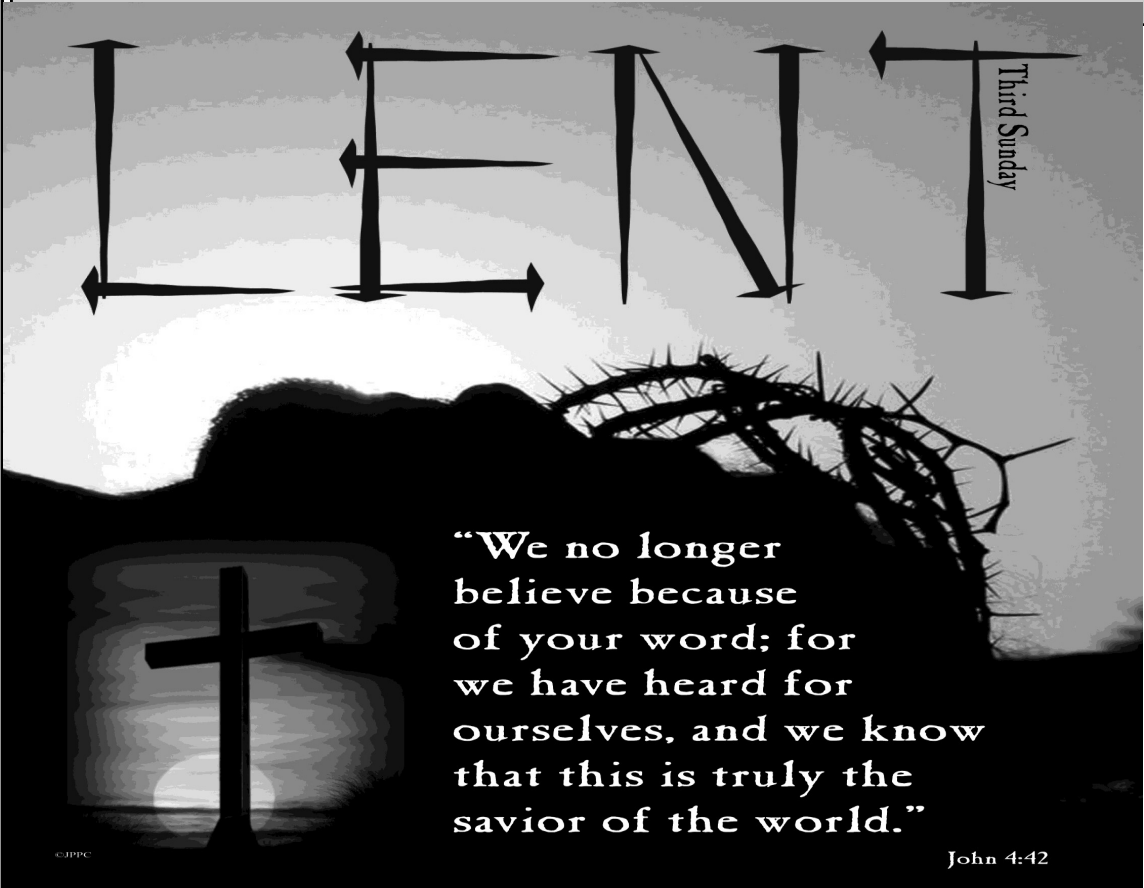
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Third Sunday in Lent, March 7, 2021

LENT

Third Sunday



“We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.”

John 4:42

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”



A Note from Fr. Mike

Jesus doesn't like what he sees in the temple area and forces a drastic change by throwing out the money changers and those who sold the animals, claiming to rebuild the temple in three days. If we invited Jesus into our house, our lives, what drastic changes would he make in us. What would he throw out. These 40 days of lent are a great opportunity for us to invite Jesus deeper into our lives so that he may show us what we need to throw out and what we need to concentrate on so that we may recognize his presence and love more profoundly in our lives.

Peace, Fr. Mike



**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.*



**Spiritual Reflection
3rd Sunday in Lent**

You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

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, March 7th

8:00 am **Mike Citrano+** By John & Tracey Foley
 10:00 am **Joseph DiGirolamo+** By the Franciscus Family
 12:00 pm **Agnes Reilly+** By her Family

Monday, March 8th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Mary Claire Hahn+** By Anne Gibbons

Tuesday, March 9th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Robert C. Butler+** By Janice Good-Piga & Bob Piga

Wednesday, March 10th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Lillie Fields+** By Janice Good-Piga & Bob Piga

Thursday, March 11th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Matti Lombardi+** By Betty Swisher

Friday, March 12th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Alice Gigl+** By Betty Swisher

Saturday, March 13th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Tommy Wagner+** By Mom & Dad Wagner
 5:00 pm **Dino Velez+** By Olive Velez

Sunday, March 14th

8:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 10:00 am **Deceased Members of the Licata and Mannell Families** By the Lewis Family
 12:00pm **Michael D'Ambrosio+** By the Kiley & D'Ambrosio

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
Mary Foster	Sr.Elizabeth Vermaelen
Nicole Griffin	Stephen Voorhees
John Healing	Christy Ward



Remember those who have died:
Jack Foulks,
Mary Coughlan

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 March 7th:



**For the Intentions of
 Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish**



Sanctuary Light: Week of March 7th:

**For the intention of
 Rosemarie O'Neill
 Requested by Rosemarie McCallion and
 Kathleen Mc Carthy (nieces)**

Flowers for the Blessed Mother



**For the week of March 6-7
 For the intention of:**

**Frances Janusz
 Requested by her daughter
 Maureen Pecoraro**



Advisory Board Angel Challenge Update

We are so pleased to announce that the Academy Advisory Board successfully raised over \$70,000 for tuition assistance for Academy families!

The St. Bartholomew Advisory Board Angel Challenge began in December 2020 and ran through Catholic Schools Week in early February. Archangel Donors, a small group of dedicated donors, initially donated \$50,000, and the greater community was challenged to match their generosity. We are thrilled to report that over 60 donors contributed over \$20,000, with donations ranging from \$15.00 to \$2,500. During this time of economic instability for so many, this fund will give the gift of a Catholic education and help alleviate some stress for our families. We thank everyone who contributed, with a special recognition and thanks to our Advisory Board for their commitment to the Academy.

St. Bartholomew Advisory Board

- Rev. John J. Paladino, Pastor, St Bartholomew the Apostle Church
- Rev. Michael Ward, Pastor, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
- Kimberly Harrigan, Principal, St. Bartholomew Academy
- Rev. David Santos, Academy Chaplain
- Thomas Smith, Chair
- Sr. Percylee Hart, RSM, Principal Union Catholic High School
- Sunny Aumenta
- Paulette Coronato
- Maureen Doherty
- Robert LaCosta
- William F. Mariani
- Michael Michalisin
- Thomas Otchy
- Laura Pitre
- Daryl Peoples
- James Reagan
- Janet Ramos
- Meggie Smith
- Mary Stahl



Iron Lent: Lenten Series for BOLD

High School Teens, dive DEEP into Lent this year in a special 6 week series called "Iron Lent" These will take place on Zoom:

- Sunday, March 7: 5-6pm
- Sunday, March 14: 5-6pm
- Sunday, March 21: 5-6pm
- Sunday, March 28: 5-6pm
- Sunday, April 11: 5-6pm

Contact Rachel Flanagan at ihmsp@boldym.com if you are interested!

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

The next meeting of IHM's men's scripture study and discussion group will take place "virtually" on Saturday, March 13th, 2021, at 9:15AM 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 will need to get the details ahead of time, so please email David Diken at dndiken@aol.com for an invitation to the session.

DIVE INTO YOUR FAITH THIS LENT!

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

March 9th - Made in the Image & Likeness of God: the Dignity of Human Life

Sr. Magnificat Rose entered the Sisters of Life in 2013. She studied theology at the University of St. Thomas and served with NET ministries. Sister will consider the fundamental dignity of human life and share her joy working for its protection.

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.

**A 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.

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

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Clark	Good-Piga Zucosky Torzewski	Fr. Valentine
8:00 am	C. Keogh	Gibbons Dill	Fr. Mike
10:00 am	H. Fortunato	Diken Deacon Jack Carlino	Fr. Valentine
12:00 pm	Kiley	McGuinness E. Wagner	Fr. Rob

Rosary Altar Society:



As we are entering the 4th week of Lent and you are probably taking advantage of the many programs IHM is offering, including the Stations of the Cross. But are you devoting more time to prayer? How well do you know the Bible? Is it time this Lent to start reading Scripture a little each day? — just some thoughts.

Very grateful thank you to Clare McGuinness for her enlightening presentation of “Scam Safety “. I know all who attended gained valuable information from it. We wish her much success in obtaining her Girl Scout Gold Award. Thank you, again.

Executive Board Members please mark your calendar for March 16th at noon for our next Zoom meeting. Remember all officers, chairwomen of standing committees and chairwomen of monthly meetings are members of the Executive Board.

We will be having our “ Night of Inspiration” on April 6th at 7pm with Father Rob on Zoom. Look for future information.

The Adoration Chapel is open and Jesus is waiting for you to visit Him in the quiet. What a great place to read the Scripture? 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

February 28, 2021

Weekly Budget Need:	\$ 10,784.32
Collection	5,650.00
Parish Giving:	2,243.65
(includes TEXT to GIVE)	
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (2,890.67)
Fiscal Year To Date:	
Budget	\$ 377,451.20
Actual:	334,433.96
Surplus/Deficit)	\$ (43,017.24)

Archbishops Annual Appeal



The 2021 Annual Appeal is now underway. We have \$19,335.00 already pledged. Our goal is \$69,693.00. (27.74% of goal.) 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/

SUMMER ACADEMY IS COMING SOON!

Registration for the Summer Academy and Families of Faith programs will begin on March 15th. All families that have registered in the past will be receiving an email from Parish Giving with details for registration.

More information will be available in next weeks bulletin. In the meantime, be aware there will be only one session this year from June 28th—July 9th (no meeting on July 5th.

In the event you cannot participate “live” on the daily Zoom meetings during those two weeks, you will be able to view the daily recordings and your family can begin working on the grade level materials at your leisure.



Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, March 7th

11:00 am Bible Basics for Beginners
5 pm—BOLD Youth Group Lent Zoom Meeting

Monday, March 8th

Tuesday, March 9th

7 pm - Dive into Lent Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, March 10th

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

Thursday, March 11th

Friday, March 12th

Saturday, March 13th

9:15am - Men’s Scripture & Discussion Zoom Mtg
9:45-12:00 noon—Confirmation Retreat

Sunday, March 14th

Food Pantry Sunday
5pm — BOLD Youth Group Zoom Meeting
For more information please visit www.ihmparish.net



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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
DURING LENT**

Fridays at 12:00 Noon
(outdoors - weather permitting)

7:00pm- inside the church