

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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Palm Sunday, March 28, 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

As we enter into Holy Week we enter into liturgical celebrations that help us incorporate the paschal mystery, the passion, death and resurrection of Christ into our lives. These celebrations not only help us to remember the events that lead to our salvation, but they also help us to make them alive for the world today. We remember the historical events, but do not dwell on them. Rather, we celebrate God's saving love at work in our lives today. Our participation in the saving events through the liturgies help us let God work through us and our community of faith. We are invited to share in the passion, death and resurrection as we commemorate the historical events. We are also called to celebrate the new life we have found in Jesus Christ as we move from death to life, from sin to grace, renewing our own baptismal promises and committing ourselves anew to a life of faithful discipleship.

Peace,
Fr. Mike

Palm Sunday - March 28, 2021

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

**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

Remember Our Sick



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| 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 Heiling | Christy Ward |
| Kathy Herron | |

Sunday, March 28th

8:00 am **Bessie Sullivan+** By Betty Swisher
 10:00 am **Margaret A. Licata+** By Lewis Family
 12:00 pm **Madeline C. Pravata+** By Maureen Pecoraro

Monday, March 29th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Bella Pershay+** By Lee & Joseph Fantini

Tuesday, March 30th

7:00 am **Jack Foulks+** By Bruce and Phyllis Leonard
 8:30 am **Leonard Slomczewski+** By Patricia Markey & Family

Wednesday, March 31st

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Tomczyk/Haligowski Family** By Christine Lazur & Family

Thursday, April 1st

8:30 am **Prayer service**
 7:30 pm **Marcus Andrew+** By Rekah Kulkarni

Friday, April 2nd

8:30 am **Prayer Service at 8:30 am**
 12 noon **Stations of the Cross (outdoors weather permitting)**
 3:00 pm **Veneration of the Cross**
 7:00 pm **Stations of the Cross (indoors)**

Saturday, April 3rd

8:30 am **Prayer Service**
 12:00 pm **Blessing of food**
 8:00 pm **Easter Vigil**
 8:00 pm **Mark Eric Fusillo+** By Carmela Resnick

Sunday, April 4th

8:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 10:00 am **Charles Takacs+** By Barbara Apgar
 12:00 pm **Thomas Graham+** By the Graham Family

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Remember those who have died:
Lucy Di Francesco
Ruth Harrington

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.

Flowers for the Blessed Mother 

For the week of March 28th


In Honor of St. Joseph

Requested by Mary Beth Cregg

The Altar Bread & Wine for the Week of March 28th

 **For the People of IHM Parish**

Sanctuary Light: Week of March 28th

 **PATRICK LONG**

Requested by the McGovern Family



Congratulations to the following Academy Students who earned Honor Roll for the Second Trimester. We are proud of you!

Principal's List- 8th grade- Justin Klein; **7th grade-** Colleen Kennedy, Grace Taylor, Diane- Jane Ngumah; **5th grade-** Christopher Cabrera, Anabella Nizner, George Tran-Negishi

First Honors- 8th grade- Shelby Carmant, Megan Cunha, Victoria Cunha, Jocelyn Griffith, Keyla Matamoros, Chiamaka Nwokike, Manuela Roncancio Roldan, Chelsea Taylor; **7th grade-** Sophia Yalcin, Maria Thomas, Abigal Perreault, Lola Martinson, Alexandria Landazabal, Charles Giuntini, Maria Gialanella, Ben Fenandoe; **6th grade-** Charles Gilligan, Isabella Narciso, Eliana Rotondo, Nathan Thomas; **5th grade-** Luciana Aumenta, Thomas Cassidy, Liviana Guarino, Kylie Kroeger, Emily Lagemann, Bella Rose Lin, Amarachi Nwokike, Anastasio Pavlou

Second Honors- 8th grade- Maxwell Anderson, Nicholas Aumenta, Matthew Cassidy, Dominic Erbafina, Michelle Godoy, Anthony Kwiatkowski, Luca Passucci, Ella Peoples, Kassidy Renosa, Naomi Tucker; **6th grade-** Quinnton Battiste, Olivia Erbafina, Charlotte LaCosta; **5th grade-** Zachary Battiste, Azari Blair, David Camargo, Raleigh Jean Lin, Lyla Mortarulo, Michael Paz, Olivia Peoples

RACHELS' VINEYARD RETREAT

"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven." (Pope Francis)

The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office will be hosting two upcoming Rachel's Vineyard retreats to heal the wounds from abortion. Retreat dates are May 14-16, 2021 (English) and April 23-25, 2021 (Spanish).

Contact the Respect Life Office for more details by calling 973-497-4350 (Spanish option 2) or e-mail

Cheryl.riley@rcan.org (English)
elvinedoderaquelinfo@rcan.org (Spanish)



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 28: 5-6pm

Sunday, April 11: 5-6pm

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

**IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group
Virtual Meeting Saturday
April 3rd at 9:15AM**

The next meeting of IHM's men's scripture study and discussion group will take place "virtually" on Saturday, April 3rd, 2021, at 9:15AM on ZOOM. All men of the parish (as well as neighboring parishes) are welcome. 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, email David Diken at dndiken@aol.com for an invitation to the session.

SUMMER ACADEMY 2021

Registration for Summer Academy 2021 began on Mon., March 15th. Parish Giving sent a registration email to all those families who have attended Summer Academy in the past.

In the interest of safety, we will begin the summer with **Virtual "Session #1"** which will run from Mon., June 28th to Friday, July 9th, (not on July 5th) Our theme will be "Pray Always."

All families, should register for this session. 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 material at your leisure. Please note, **there will not be a "Session 2" this year.** In person events and activities will be offered (not required) throughout the summer.

8th grade Discipleship Academy is still in the planning stages. For now, all "rising 8th graders" (those currently in 7th grade) should register for Summer Academy and we will follow-up with these families as the plans take shape.

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of April 3-4**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
8:00 pm	Clark Good-Piga	E. Wagner Speth	Fr. Mike
8:00 am	Banasiak	Sullivan	Fr. Valentine
10:00 am		Diken Prato	Fr. Mike
12:00 pm	Kiley	McGuinness O'Connor	Fr. Rob

Rosary Altar Society:



I hope that your Lenten Journey has been a spiritual one with much insight for you. As we enter Holy Week, here are some final thoughts— What needs to change in me before I make a difference in the Church today? How willing am I to be an active spokesperson for the Catholic faith? Remember—When we cooperate with God and with each other, we become vessels of light and love!!

This Wednesday, March 31st, Phyllis Manno, at 9:30 - 11:00AM, will be doing a zoom reflection for Holy Week on —Rolling Away the Stones in your Easter Garden— if you are interested please contact me at mjgbergen@verizon.net. I will forward you the link and materials to read before Wednesday. Thank you.

Rosarians please mark your calendar for our General Membership Meeting on April 6th, at 7pm. It's our "Night of Inspiration " with Father Rob. Though we cannot yet be together for this wonderful evening, I will suggest that before Father Rob speaks get your cup of tea/coffee/ dessert and sit back and enjoy the wonderful talk that we will be listening to through zoom. All those who attend will be in a drawing for a surprise gift. Please notify me if you are interested. Thank you.

The Adoration Chapel is open a Jesus is waiting for you to visit Him in the quiet, especially this being Holy Week. It could be the place where you deepen your image of Jesus!
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 sign up link.

Presented by Immaculate Heart of Mary

Instructor: Allan Wright

March 21, 2021

Weekly Budget Need:	\$10,784.32
Collection	5,832.00
Parish Giving:	3,109.92
(includes TEXT to GIVE)	
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (1,842.40)

Fiscal Year To Date:

Budget	\$ 409,804.16
Actual:	368,355.10
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (41,449.06)

Archbishops Annual Appeal



The 2021 Annual Appeal is now underway. We have \$35,675.00 already pledged. Our goal is \$69,693.00.(51.19% 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/

Charitable Contribution Forms for 2020

There are several different ways to receive charitable contribution forms for tax purposes at IHM:

Collection Envelopes: If you are using envelopes for your Sunday collection contribution, you should have received a form in the mail from our envelopes company, as long as you contributed \$100 or more in 2020.

Capital Campaign: Any cash or check contribution to our “Praise the Past.. Builing for the Future” campaign were acknowledged by a letter from IHM mailed last month.

*Parish Giving: You can print a contribution history activity form for all electronic fund transfer contributions through Parish Giving by visiting your account at www.parishgiving.org

Please contact Tracey Foley at 889-2100 if you need further assistance.



Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, March 28th

5 pm—BOLD Youth Group Zoom Meeting

Monday, March 29th

Tuesday, March 30th

Wednesday, March 31st

9:30 am - Centering Prayer/Lectio Divino
10 am - 12 pm—Food Pantry Distribution

Thursday, April 1st

8:30 am Morning Prayer Service
Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:30 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass

Friday, April 2nd

Morning Prayer Service at 8:30 am
Stations of the Cross—outdoors (weather permitting at 12:00 noon
Veneration of the Cross at 3:00 pm
Living Stations of the Cross—indoors at 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 3rd

9:15 am Men’s Scripture Discussion Zoom Meeting
Morning Prayer Service at 8:30 am
12:00 noon Blessing of Food in Church
Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 4th

Easter Sunday Masses
8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12 noon

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 to setting up a new Account.