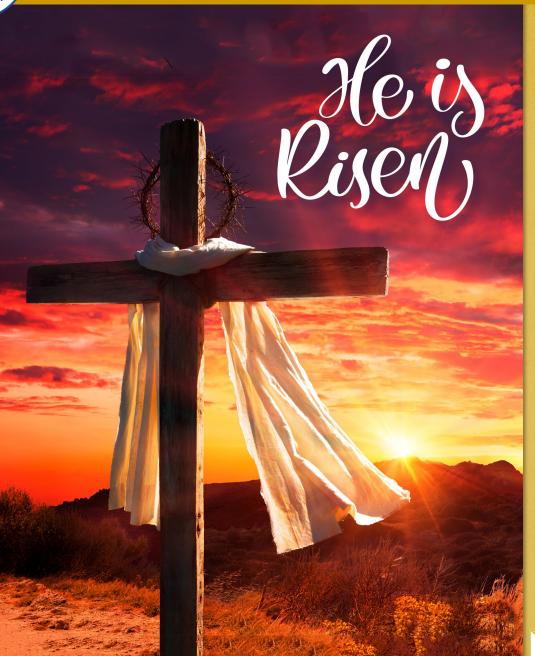


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Easter Sunday - March 31, 2024



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...

The first witnesses to the resurrection did not 1st encounter Jesus Risen from the dead. Their first hint that something tremendous was happening was when they went to the tomb after the Sabbath and found that the body they expected to see was not there. It is only after they encounter the empty tomb that they encounter the Risen Lord. We have spent the season of Lent trying to empty ourselves of the sins, attitudes, habits, practices etc. that bring death into our spiritual, and sometimes physical, lives so that we can encounter Him who gives life.

We, in a sense, during this Lenten season have emptied our tombs so that we can encounter our Risen Lord anew and allow Him to fill us with his love. In this way we become better and more prepared to live as dynamic disciples following Jesus and bringing his transformational love into our world and into the lives of others each day. On behalf of the clergy and staff of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, I pray that you have a blessed and holy Easter day and Easter Season. Peace and Joy, Fr. Mike

Please help us update our Parishioner Contact information! Scan the code on the right and fill out the form. Thank you! You can always call the parish office if you need help: 908-889-2100. Ask for Rick!







Divine Mercy
Sunday
April 7, 2024
The Novena will
culminate
2:30PM - 3:30 PM
With Exposition of
the Blessed
Sacrament, Prayer
& Divine Mercy
Chaplet.

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

Winter 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 office@ihmparish.net

Religious Education:

faithformation@ihmparish.net

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 www.ihmparish.net 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

Website: www.ihmparish.net
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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 March 31 - April 7, 2024
Saturday March 30	8:30 AM 8:00 PM	Morning Prayer Easter Vigil for the People of IHM Parish
Sunday March 31	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Charles Kiley+ from the Carlino Family Margaret Licata+ from the Lewis Family The Lundgren Family (living) from the Gara Family
Monday April 1	7:00 AM 8:30 AM	Minnie Dobbs+ from IHM Parish Glenn Stuart+ from John & Pat Hennessy
Tuesday April 2	7:00 AM 8:30 AM	Eileen Lynch+ from IHM Parish Marcus Andrew+ Death Anniversary from Rekha Kulkarni
Wednesday April 3	7:00 AM 8:30 AM	Daniel D'Ambrosio+ from the D'Ambrosio & Kiley Families Christopher Gorka+ from his wife Nancy
Thursday April 4	8:30 AM 7:30 PM	Glenn Stuart+ from Joan & Dominic DeVito Deceased members of Koby Family+ from Christine Lazur & Family
Friday April 5	8:30 AM 7:30 PM	Bruno Gialanella+ from Marilyn Gialanella Louise D. Regeci+ from Barbara Mnich
Saturday April 6	7:00 AM 8:30 AM 5:00 PM	Dorothy Scanlon+ from IHM Parish Kathleen Mulrooney+ from the Lewis Family James R. Kennedy+ from Family
Sunday April 7	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	For the People of IHM Parish Rocco & Emma Vaca+ from their daughter Gilda DeCristofaro John Petraglia Sr+ from Patricia & Jim Feeley

Special Intentions for the week of March 31 - April 7, 2024

Sanctuary Light
For the intention of:
Christopher Gorka+
Requested by:

his wife Nancy

Altar Bread & Wine
For the intention of:
Fr. Vic Kennedy (living)
Thank you from IHM Parish

Flowers for the Blessed Mother
Blessings to my grandchildren:
Bridget, Melanie & Brian (living)
Love, Granny

Remember
Our Departed
All Souls+

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

John Allen George Becker Fran Boglioli Erin Brennan Anna Cassella Paul Cassidy Matthew Cassio Peter Cavanagh Frank Chimento Edward Clark David Connell Colm Cosgrove Samantha Bridge James Brown John Burkert Ray Clark Matt Donovan Albert Fischer Jr. Phyllis Fischer Emily Fleming Mary Foster
Michele Gamako
Nicole Griffin
Ann Marie Harvey
David Hens
Kathleen Herron
Juliann Junio
Marie Keller
Dorothy Klein
Anna Koch

Jillian Lapidus
Mary Frances Leon
William Maines
Jim Malfetti
Bill Malone
Hilda Pizza
Diane Pricken
Carmela Resnick
Jacob Rivera
Jaxson Rivera

Paula Roll
Marisol Rodriguez
Susan Rozborski
Dolores Rust
Diana Scariati
Arty Shapiro
Elisa Silversey
Bernard Slaza
Beverly Sopp
Ryder Francis Spillane

Daniel Ventura Sr. Elizabeth Vermaelen Stephanie Vernace Stephen Voorhees Ben Wheelock Evelyn Whitehorne



<u>Hospital Privacy</u> | 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 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.

St. Bartholomew Bereavement Ministry will be offering a grief support 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). **Group sessions start Thursday April 11** and continue every Thursday night until May 23 from 7PM to 8:30PM. Please RSVP or call with any questions to: Jo-Anne Mealia 908-889-7790 or Bernadette Rossi 908-510-0995



CALL OR TEXT MAUREEN FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION

908-468-0909

The Rosary Altar Society Update

- ♥ IHM will be hosting "An Evening With Eleanor Roosevelt" by A Comedic Impersonator on Friday Evening, April 12th at 7:00 PM in The Nazareth Center. The Rosary Altar Society will be preparing the Wine & Cheese & Desserts for the entertainment event. Please see the IHM flyers and bulletin inserts for details and reservation information. Please mail your \$25 checks to Alice Mansfield-Smith, 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark, NJ 07066.
- ♥ We welcome you to consider joining our wonderful Rosary Altar Society. For more information please contact Janice Good-Piga at 908-759-6729. Whether you can attend all or only some of our meetings and events, we know that you will find in very fulfilling.
- ▼ May your week ahead be a Blessed one filled with special surprises. Please remember to take a moment to breathe in the fresh, crisp air, and to thank God for all of the beautiful gifts that he showers upon us daily. May your Lenten Journey be a most memorable & fulfilling one!! You remain in our daily thoughts and prayers. May your Blessings be countless!!

♥ Janice



The next meeting of the Women's Prayer Group will be **Thursday night April 11, 2024 at 7:30PM on ZOOM.**The topic is "On the Road to Emmaus".
Please contact Tracey at
tefoleyihm@gmail.com 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
tman18912@comcast.net or call the
office at 908-889-2100. Thank you!



The next Men's Scripture & Discussion group meeting will be a LIVE session on Saturday morning April 6 at 7:30 AM in the church basement. Donuts & coffee will be served. Please contact David at dndiken@aol.com for details.



Archdiocese of Newark 2024 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. The 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 18 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024.

*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.



BETA EPISODE 1 MAY 1

www.ihmparish.net/beta

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



My Daily Prayer by Josephine Piscitelli

Heavenly Father, walk with me today and grant that I may hear your footsteps and gladly follow where they lead. Talk with me today and grant that I may hear your tender voice, and quicken to its counsel. Stay with me today and grant that I may feel your gentle presence in all I do or say or think. Be my strength when I weaken, my courage when I fear. Help me to know that it is your hand holding mine through all the minutes of all hours this day. And when night falls down, grant that I may know that I am gathered to your Sacred Heart to sleep in love and peace. AMEN



A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire

50 > 40

We need to live our lives recognizing that fifty is greater than forty. It's simple math, but we don't tend to express it with our lives. We've just completed our forty days in the desert of Lent. It was a time of reflection, abstinence, and penance. If we had done it right, it was a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Now it is time for 50 days in the dessert, or rather the joy of Easter.

Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the culmination of thousands of years of salvation history. Jesus in His Innocence laid Himself down in sacrifice, and destroyed the powers of sin and death.

While one day our lives will end, we will one day know a new life, eternally. While in this life we know struggles with sin, illness, broken relationships, and even pain, we will enter our new life as sons and daughters of our Creator, and brothers and sisters of Christ our Lord and Savior. As such, we will ourselves experience unknown joy.

When we were baptized we died, and raised up with Christ, so as we mark the joy of the resurrection, we will remember our baptism, and be sprinkled with the new Easter waters. So let's put that joy into perspective. We've fasted and abstained with the Church for 40 days as we sought to prepare for this very day and season. So please, when you receive Jesus in the Eucharist do so joyfully, when you go out into the world afterwards do so joyfully, and when people ask you what has changed tell them of your salvation.

This Easter Season, let us pray for all of those who continue to suffer, who live in an eternal Lent, without the joy of Easter, so that they may know the love and peace of our Lord. God Bless, Happy Easter, and enjoy your time in the dessert! Read more at www.ihmparish.net/book-of-john

Families of Faith Upcoming Events

- Saturday April 6 @ 9:00AM
 Jesus Day Retreat [1st Communion Prep]
 - Monday April 8 @ 7:00PM
 Confirmation [Year 1] Prep Session 6
 - Sunday April 14 @ 11:00AM
 Family Trivia/Easter Dessert Potluck
- Monday April 15 @ 7:00PM
 Easter Gathering [Year 2] Prep Session 4
- Friday April 19 @ 7:00PM Parent's ZOOM Meeting [1st Communion Prep]
 - Sunday April 21 @ 10:00AM
 Confirmation [Year 1] Rite of Service
 - Sunday April 28 @ 11:00AM
 Families of Faith Closing Brunch
 - Tuesday April 30 @ 7:00PM
 Family Rehearsal [1st Communion Prep]



www.facebook.com/groups/ihmyoungchurch





SAVE THE DATE IHM 60th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday June 9, 2024

More details coming soon. Stay tuned... www.ihmparish.net



Very Hard fought win against a tough and loud East Orange St Joseph's team! Big Thanks to John McNulty for coaching these boys with all his heart, Coach Tish, and Trish McNulty for all the stats and Father Mike for supporting! Photo credit by Sharon Filler

Not Getting E-Mails From IHM?

Please add faithformation@ihmparish.ccsend.com to your list of contacts. We share good news every week. So please send a request to office@ihmparish.net if you would like to be included in our Mailing List. You can always call the parish office if you need help: 908-889-2100. Ask for Gabe!

Charitable Contribution Forms for 2023

There are several ways to receive tax forms from IHM:

- <u>Collection Envelopes</u>: If you are using envelopes for your Sunday collection contribution, you should receive a form in the mail from our envelope company later this month if you contributed \$100 or more in 2023.
- <u>Parish Giving</u>: You will be able to print a contribution history activity form for all electronic fund transfer contributions through Parish Giving by visiting your account at <u>www.parishgiving.org</u>. If you have any questions, contact Tracey at <u>908-889-2100</u> or <u>tefoleyihm@gmail.com</u>

ANNUAL APPEAL



2024 Annual Appeal for Archdiocese Goal: \$66,058.58 (stretch goal \$69,693) Pledged: \$40,681.00

(61.58% total - 58.37% stretch goal)
You can make a gift online through our Parish
Giving Link on our website or by going directly to
www.rcan.org/sharing

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ADOPT A GARDEN 2024

This year we want to beautify all the garden areas throughout the campus. There is no set schedule, you help when you can and the only expectation is that you'll commit to clean up and planting in the spring, weeding & watering through the summer and a clean up in the fall.

To select a garden or for more info please contact: Mary Kate at mkschiller46@gmail.com

IHM SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday March 31: Easter

8AM, 10AM, 12PM - Easter Sunday Mass

Monday April 1

7:30PM - Alpha Episode 7 on ZOOM

Tuesday April 2

6:30PM - Rosary Altar Society Board Meeting

7:15PM - Spirituality Seminar: The Eucharist on ZOOM

Wednesday April 3

10:00AM - Food Pantry (Open until 11:30AM)

1:00PM - DVD Bible Study: Apostolic Fathers

7:00PM - Adult Choir Practice

7:00PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting

Thursday April 4

8:30 AM - Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Prayer Group

Friday April 5

Saturday April 6

7:30AM - Men's Scripture Group LIVE

9:00AM - Jesus Day Retreat

Sunday April 7

9:00AM - 60 Day Countdown/ Parish Council Meet & Greet

9:00AM - Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast

2:30PM - Divine Mercy Sunday Novena

7:00PM - [Youth Group] College Care Package Night

IHM FOOD PANTRY GARDEN

We are seeking folks interested in gardening or anyone interested in learning to grow food. No experience necessary. Plant, weed and water as needed with Farmer Emil. If you can spare an hour or two a week, please call 908-889-2100 or email office@ihmparish.net

More details available at www.hmparish.net/garden



Please sign up for our online giving program. Your consistent stewardship allows us to plan and grow within our community.

Visit our website for easy registration. *Thank you*.