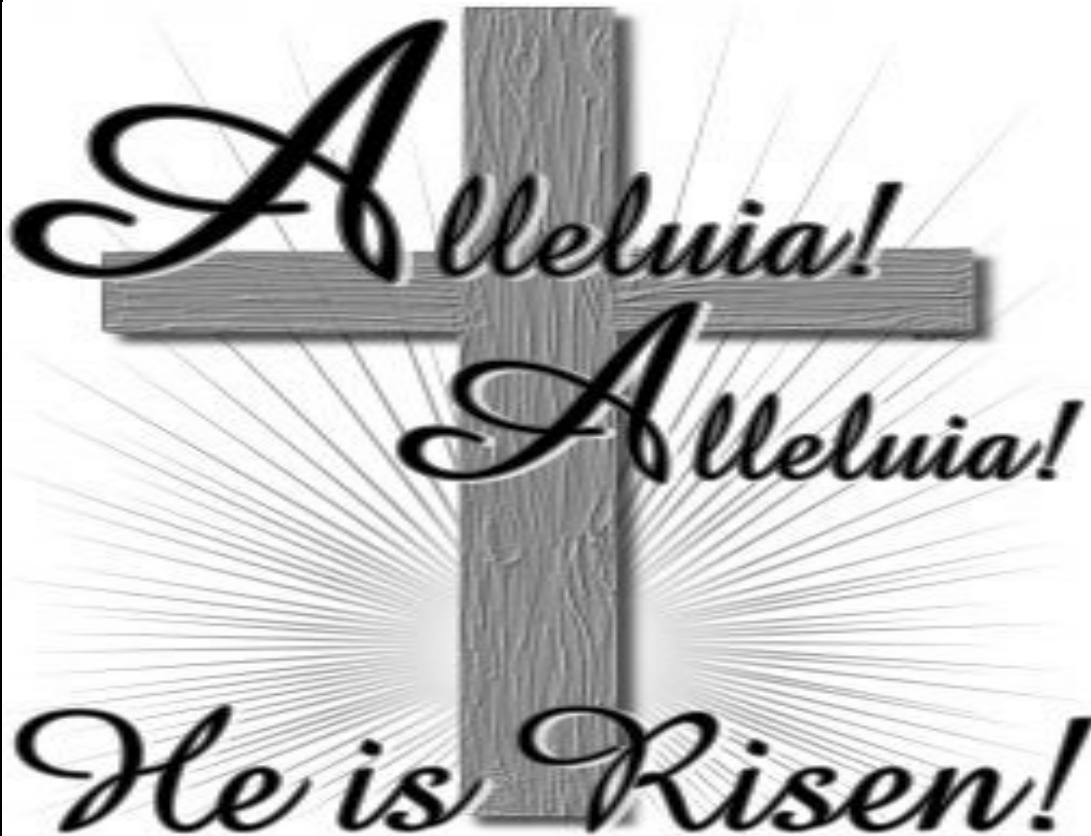


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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*Easter Sunday—April 4, 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  
Website: [www.ihmparish.net](http://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**

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord we experience the love that He continues to show us each and every day. In response to this experience we renew our baptismal promises, we commit ourselves anew to faithful discipleship, we allow the love of God to light up not just our lives, but also the life of our community of faith and of our world. We go forth this weekend refreshed and renewed to serve God and one another with grateful hearts. As we have experienced the death and resurrection of Christ, we are also invited to live that out in our own lives, to die to ourselves so that we can rise to new and greater life in Christ Jesus. This year the celebration of our Lord’s resurrection takes on a new level as we begin to emerge from the tomb of the corona virus pandemic. While it is not yet over we feel a new energy as the days grow longer and warmer and we, on some level, see the light at the end of the tunnel and begin with small steps to take upon ourselves some of our former activities. May we continue to be reminded of God’s love and grace in our lives and the call of discipleship to praise God and share His love with one another.

On behalf of all of us who have the privilege and honor of serving you here at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish, we pray that your Easter be full of hope and joy.  
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.*

***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

## Remember Our Sick



### Sunday, April 4th

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

### Monday, April 5th

7:00 am **Bruno Gialanella+** By Marilyn Gialanella  
 8:30 am **Gloria Kelly+** By Danny and Rosemary Kelly

### Tuesday, April 6th

7:00 am **Jack Foulks+** By Carol Fahrman  
 8:30 am **Kevin Duddy** By Eleanor Duddy

### Wednesday, April 7th

7:00 am **Bessie Sullivan+** By Marilyn and Gabe Spera  
 8:30 am **Joe Mulrooney+** By Dan and Roe Kelly

### Thursday, April 8th

7:00 am **Jack Foulks** By Pace Family  
 8:30 am **Paul and Phyllis Szecker+** By the Bonaccolto Family

### Friday, April 9th

7:00 am **Charles H. Guilfoyle+** By Frank and Debbie Varela  
 8:30 am **Robert B. Coats+** By Donna Ayers

### Saturday, April 10th

7:00 am **Anna Franke+** By Bernie Beck  
 8:30 am **For the People of IHM Parish**  
 5:00 pm **Barbara Faccone+** By the Blum and Veglia Families

### Sunday, April 11th

8:00 am **Joseph Guidi+** By Eileen Guidi  
 10:00 am **Jake Cregg+** By the Rosary Altar Society  
 12:00 pm **Sue Bishop** + By Mary Graham

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	



**Remember those who have died:  
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.

### The Altar Bread & Wine for the Week April 4th



**Kathleen Mulrooney**

**Requested by Dan and Roe Kelly**

### Sanctuary Light: Week April 4th



**Emily Rose Blum**

**Love—Grandma**

**Flowers for the Blessed Mother**



**For the week of April 4th**

**In loving memory of Charles Takacs**

**Requested by Barbara Apgar**

### IHM FOOD PANTRY

The team of volunteers who work at the IHM Food Pantry want to thank all of you who generously drop off donations of food each and every week.

The pantry used to serve about 35 families a month. During the current crisis we are now serving **200 plus** families a month.

Please keep the donations coming so we can continue to help our neighbors in need.

The most needed items include these non-perishable items:

- Canned tuna, chicken or salmon
- Canned fruit and fruit juice
- Pancake mix and syrup/hot and cold
- Cereals/**rice**/pasta/snacks/mac & cheese
- Canned vegetables/soup/coffee/cooking oil/pasta sauce/shelf stable milk cartons
- Full size toiletries, paper and personal hygiene products are welcome too,

Put donations in red bins at the back door of the church or at the Nazareth Center entrance during office hours.

### 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](mailto:Cheryl.riley@rcan.org) (English)  
[elvinedoderaquelin@rcan.org](mailto:elvinedoderaquelin@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, April 11: 5-6pm

Contact Rachel Flanagan at [ihmsp@boldym.com](mailto:ihmsp@boldym.com) if your are interested!

### IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group Virtual Meeting Saturday April 10th at 9:15AM

The next meeting of IHM's men's scripture study and discussion group will take place “virtually” on Saturday, April 10th, 2021, at 9:15AM on ZOOM. All men of the parish (as well as neighboring parishes) are welcome. We will discuss Sunday's (the 11th) scripture and then open the meeting up for discussion. **Please email David Diken at [dndiken@aol.com](mailto:dndiken@aol.com) for an invitation.**

### 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 10-11**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Clark	Good-Piga Zucosky	Fr. Valentine
8:00 am	Keogh	Gibbons Dill	Fr. Mike
10:00 am	Davis	Deacon Jack Diken	Fr. Valentine
12:00 pm	O'Connor	McGuinness Sullivan	Fr. Rob

**Rosary Altar Society:**



We are wishing you all a beautiful and blessed Easter! We hope that you had a very spiritual Lenten Journey. We pray that you will find ways to share the promise and hope of this new life in Christ 's resurrection with your family, friends and our parish during this Easter season.

This Tuesday night, April 6th, is our General Membership Meeting at 7 pm. It is our "Night of Inspiration " with Father Rob. As I suggested in the last bulletin, before Father begins, get your cup of tea, coffee and dessert and sit back and enjoy the wonderful talk that we will be listening to through zoom. Please notify me if you wish to attend by phone—908-753-2161 or email [mjgbergen@verizon.net](mailto:mjgbergen@verizon.net) by Monday so I can forward the link to you. Thank you.

Rosarians did you know that we have a published writer in our society. Philomena Correia's book "My Faith Is My Fortune " has been published. It's a very heartfelt story about how her faith has carried her through in many financial situations. Truly trusting in God and the Saints. If you wish a copy you can call her at 908-353-4356 or email her at [heavensgift2021@yahoo.com](mailto:heavensgift2021@yahoo.com). The cost is \$7.00.

What better time to visit the Adoration Chapel then now as our Lord has saved us through His Resurrection. It could be the place to thank Jesus for dying His love.

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**

<b>March 21, 2021</b>	
<b>Weekly Budget Need:</b>	\$10,784.32
Collection	5,832.00
Parish Giving:	3,109.92
(includes TEXT to GIVE)	
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (1,842.40)
<b>Fiscal Year To Date:</b>	
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/](http://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](http://www.parishgiving.org)

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



**Calendar of Events at IHM**

**Sunday, April 4, 2021**

Easter Sunday

**Monday, April 5, 2021**

Divine Mercy Novena after 8:30 Mass

**Tuesday, April 6, 2021**

Divine Mercy Novena after 8:30 Mass

**Wednesday, April 7, 2021**

Divine Mercy Novena after 8:30 Mass  
9:30 am - Centering Prayer/Lectio/Divino  
10 am - 12 pm—Food Pantry Distribution

**Thursday, April 8, 2021**

Divine Mercy Novena after 8:30 Mass

**Friday, April 9, 2021**

Divine Mercy Novena after 8:30 Mass

**Saturday, April 10, 2021**

Divine Mercy Novena after 8:30 Mass

**Sunday, April 11, 2021**

For more information please visit  
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**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**

**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 in setting up an new account.