

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Second Sunday of Easter, April 11, 2021

Divine Mercy Sunday



Jesus I Trust In You

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

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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”



April 11, 2021—Divine Mercy

A Note from Fr. Mike

Like the apostles we gather on the first day of the week to find the Lord present among us, passing on to us His peace and love. He is present to us in the Eucharist as we eat His body and drink His blood, hear Him in the scriptures and feel His presence as we gather in his name.

It is not enough to simply experience His presence. We are called to be in a relationship, a friendship, with Christ. It is in that relationship where we continued to be nurtured and formed as disciples, where we grow in faith and holiness one step at a time, where we are enabled to follow His call to bring the Good News into our world each day.

When we fall His mercy picks us up to continue on. Just as He tells the apostles that they are to be His witnesses to the world, so too He tells us to be witnesses to the world. He feeds us, strengthens us, encourages us, enables us and sends us to bring His presence into our world.

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.

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, April 11th

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

Monday, April 12th

7:00 am **Aurora Lioanag+** By the Lioanag Family
 8:30 am **Andy Holowka+** By Dan and Roe Kelly

Tuesday, April 13th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Dino Valez+** By Olive Valez

Wednesday, April 14th

7:00 am **Jonathan Richardson+** By McCallion Family
 8:30 am **Shirley Amoroso+** By John and Maria Saliola

Thursday, April 15th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Marge Malone+** By Heba and Rich
 Fortunato

Friday, April 16th

7:00 am **Lorice Guarascio+** By John and Tracey Foley
 8:30 am **Richard Mylott+** By The Carlino Family

Saturday, April 17th

7:00 am **Rosanne Pane+** By Bernie Beck
 8:30 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 5:00 pm **Jeff Colgan+** By Janice Good-Piga and
 Bob Piga

Sunday, April 18th

8:00 am **Joseph DiGirolamo+** By Peggy and Ed Connelly
 10:00 am **Edward V. Ryan** By Kathleen Ryan
 12:00pm **Harold C. Knox+** 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	Susan Rozborski
Colm Cosgrove	Diana Scariati
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
Sean Hessler	



Remember those who have died:
Christopher Gorka
Mary Harris
Jack Pricken

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

Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of April 11th
 For the intention of
Margaret and Maurice
Ryan
 Requested by
Kathleen

The Altar Bread & Wine for the Week of April 11th



For the intention of
Joseph Guidi
 Requested by Eileen Guidi



Sanctuary Light: Week of April 11th

For the intention of
Marge Malone
 Requested by Barbara Apgar

**INITIAL PARENTS' MEETING TO DISCUSS
FAITH FORMATION AT IHM
(a/k/a ccd)**

+Dear Parents,

Easter greetings!

This message is for:

-- any parent whose child is currently in 1st grade

-- any parent whose child will be in 1st grade next fall (Sept. 2021)

-- any parent whose family is new to IHM and would like to learn about faith formation (aka "ccd") at IHM

And so, I invite you for to a parents' meeting via Zoom on Tues., May 4th @ 7pm. Please sign up for the meeting at this link: (copy and paste in your browser)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4aada92ca5f94-initial>

Please feel free to share this message with any parents you know who might be interested in learning about faith formation at IHM. Near the end of April, everyone who is signed up will receive instructions for picking up a packet of materials at the Nazareth Center as well as the Zoom link for the meeting.

I look forward to being with everyone on Tues., May 4th @ 7pm. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Mary Clinton
maryclinton@ihmparish.net



**Peer Servant Team—Apply Now!
Learn to Lead. Grow in Faith**

All high school teens who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation are eligible to become a member of the Peer Servant Team (PST) through BOLD Youth Ministry! IHM wants to see you STEP UP and take ownership of our BOLD Youth Ministry program, realize your potential as a young leader and help foster the teen community of faith. All who are interested can complete the PST Application found at boldym.com/ihmstp/forms and email to Rachael ihmstp@boldym.com for next steps.

Rachael Flanagan
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

**IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group
Virtual Meeting Saturday
April 17th, 2021**

The next meeting of IHM's men's scripture study and discussion group will take place "virtually" on Saturday, April 17, 2021, at 9:15AM on ZOOM. All men of the parish (as well as neighboring parishes) are welcome. We will discuss Sunday's (the 18h) 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.

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.

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of April 17-18**

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

Rosary Altar Society:



We hope you all had a wonderful Blessed Easter and experienced the graces of His Joyful Resurrection! We want to thank Father Rob for a terrific "Evening of Inspiration", as always his talks are very inspiring! Thank you again Father Rob for an inspiring presentation and for your time.

To All members, Terry Clark, our 2nd Vice President, and I are planning the activities for the 2021-2022 calendar. If you have any suggestions for an activity please contact Terry or myself, MaryJane, by April 16th. We will include them as possibilities to the Executive Board later this month.

Executive Board Members please mark your calendar for Tuesday April 20th. Remember you are an Executive Board Member if you are an officer, chairwoman of a standing committee or a chairwoman of a monthly meeting. I will let you know if it will be in person or a Zoom Meeting. Thank you.

Just a reminder that our member, Philomena Correia's book "My Faith Is My Fortune" is available at heavensgift2021@yahoo.com or you can call her at 908-353-4356. 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.

What is a better time to visit the Adoration Chapel then this season of Easter. Our Lord has saved us through His Resurrection!

We are still praying for you, our parish, and the world! Thank you and stay safe! God Bless!
MaryJane

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



April 4th, 2021

Easter Collection—\$32,829.50



Archbishop’s Annual Appeal

The 2021 Annual Appeal is now underway. We have \$45,445.00 already pledged. Our goal is \$69,693.00. (65.21% 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/sharing.

Thank you for your prayers and support.



The IHM Food Pantry Garden is getting ready for spring. Last year we harvested almost 350 lbs of fresh produce for the IHM Food Pantry. We also received another 150 lbs of produce from other agencies. Items grown included tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, squash, eggplant, string beans, carrots, peppers, basil and other fresh vegetables.

We can use your help and your financial support to continue providing this essential food to our Food Pantry guests. Donations can be made in honor of a loved one for Mother’s Day or Father’s Day. Donations should be made out to IHM with the designation Food Pantry Garden.

Anyone interested in working in the garden is more than welcome. Contact the Nazareth Center Office for more information—908-889-2100.



Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, April 11th

Food Pantry Sunday
Divine Mercy Hour –2:30 pm
5 pm—BOLD Youth Group Zoom Meeting

Monday, April 12th

Tuesday, April 13th

St. Teresa of Avila—Zoom Mtg. 7:15 pm

Wednesday, April 14th

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

Thursday, April 15th

Friday, April 16th

Saturday, April 17th

9:15am - Men’s Scripture & Discussion Zoom Mtg
First Communion - Jesus Day Retreat

Sunday, April 18th

5pm — BOLD Youth Group Zoom Meeting
For more information please visit
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Text a dollar amount to (908) 224-3545;
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proceed through your existing Parish
Giving account or setting up an new
account