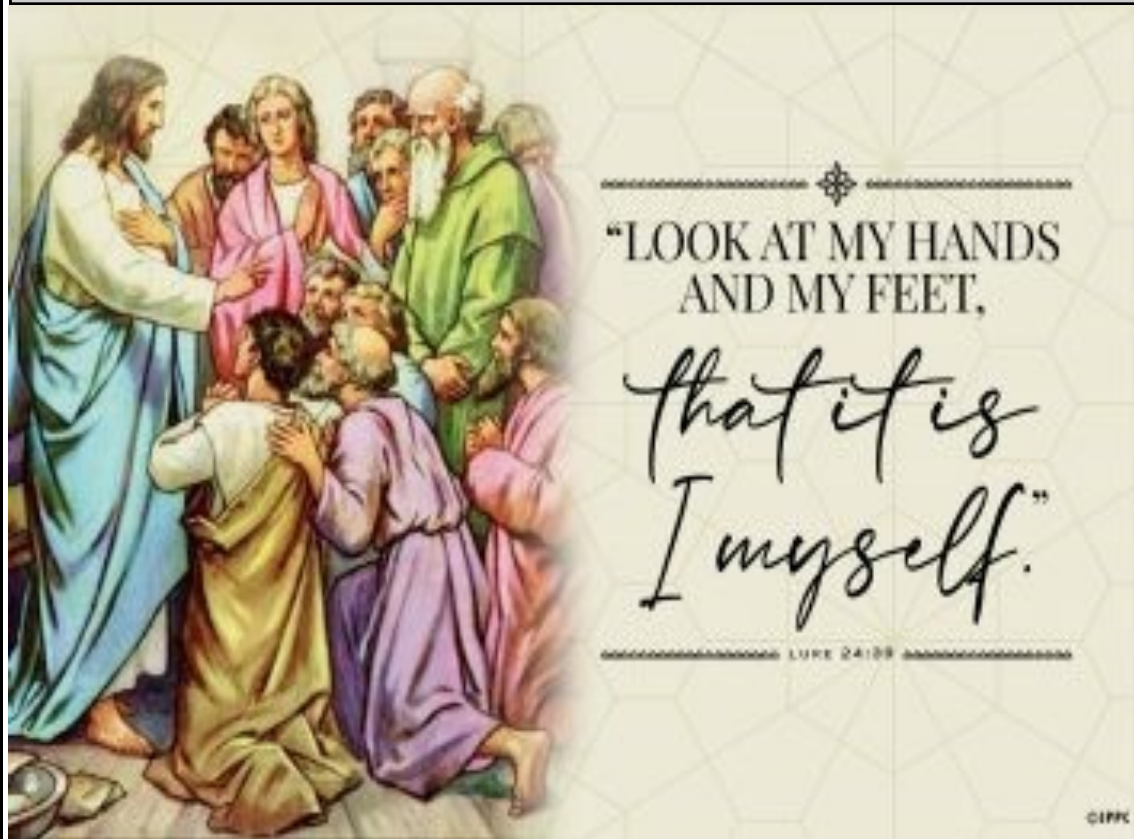


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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*The Third Sunday of Easter, April 18, 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”***



April 18, 2021

### A Note from Fr. Mike

The Gospel today shows us that we are called to be witnesses to the resurrection and that we are to preach the forgiveness of sins in the name of Christ.

To fulfill this mission we have the Church, we have the Scriptures, we have the sacraments and we have each other.

All of these help us to live the joy of the resurrection each day, and to be a forgiving people, which is integral and necessary to experience the joy.

For in living with the joy of the resurrection we witness with our lives the victory Christ has won for us over sin and death.

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

## Sunday, April 18th

8:00 am **Joseph Di Girolamo+** By Peggy & Ed Connelly  
 10:00 am **Edward V. Ryan+** By Kathleen Ryan  
 12:00 pm **Harold C. Knox+** By his Family

## Monday, April 19th

7:00 am **Jack Foulks+** By Pat & John Hennessy  
 8:30 am **Guarna Family+** By Antoinette Guerna

## Tuesday, April 20th

7:00 am **Jack Foulks+** By Mary Graham  
 8:30 am **Rita & Russell Wagner+** By Rich & Eileen Wagner

## Wednesday, April 21st

7:00 am **Carol Rizzo+** By Zuppone Family  
 8:30 am **Claire Jennings+** By Mary Kate & Kevin Schiller

## Thursday, April 22nd

7:00 am **Parick Flanagan+** By Mary Kate Schiller  
 8:30 am **Margaret Mulrooney+** By Dan & Roe Kelly

## Friday, April 23rd

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**  
 8:30 am **Flora Santoro+** By The Carlino Family

## Saturday, April 24th

7:00 am **Jack Foulks+** By Marilyn Gialanella  
 8:30 am **Walter Koczela+ & Andrew Pisansky+** By Winifred and John Pisansky  
 5:00 pm **Shane Sheppard+** By Gladys & Stephen Sheppard

## Sunday, April 25th

8:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**  
 10:00 am **Barbara Faccone+** By Peggy & Ed Connelly  
 12:00pm **James R. Kennedy+** By Alice Van Anda

## Remember Our Sick

John Allen	Sean Hessler
Rose Badala	Juliann Junio
Larry Biunno	Eileen Lynch
Fran Boglioli	Maureen Lynch
Erin Brennan	Owen Mike McCabe
Samatha Bridge	June McManus
James Brown	Christine Morris
Kevin Brown	Bob McMillion
John Burkert	Marlene Mosko
Anna Cassella	Danielle Nabinger
Paul Cassidy	Hilda Pizza
Matthew Cassio	Charlie Plungis
Frank Chimento	Diane Pricken
Colm Cosgrove	Susan Rozborski
Edward Clark	Diana Scariati
Ray Clark	Bernard Slaza
Dorothy D'Angelo	Beverly Sopp
Marie Farrell	Ryder Francis Spillane
Albert Fischer, Jr.	Paul Szeker
Emily Fleming	Carole Ventre
Mary Foster	Daniel Ventura
Nicole Griffin	Sr.Elizabeth Vermaelen
John Heiling	Stephen Voorhees
Kathleen Herron	Christy Ward

**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 call the IHM office at (908) 889-2100.

## Flowers for the Blessed Mother



**For the week of April 18th**  
**For the intention of**

**NORMAN P. WILL**  
**Requested by**  
**Mary Beth Cregg**

## The Altar Bread & Wine for the Week of April 18th



**For the intention of**  
**CAROL RIZZO**  
**Requested by**  
**The Zuppone Family**



**Sanctuary Light: Week of April 18th**  
**For the intention of**  
**Blessings for SUSAN ROZBORSKI (Living)**  
**Requested by**  
**Her Five Loving & Devoted Sisters**

## Thank you

We'd like to thank the many volunteers responsible for making our Triduum and Easter celebrations a success!

Thank you Josh Wills for representing IHM at the Archdiocesan Chrism Mass at the Basilica in Newark and for bringing the holy oils back to the parish.

Thank you to Nicholas Squashic and Jackson Briamonte for filling up the holy water bottles for Easter.

Thanks to Emil Manfredonia, Dan Kelly, Rich Wagner, Rich Fortunato, and Chris Zucosky for doing the "heavy lifting" in helping us prepare the Church for Easter.

Thank you Mary Kate Schiller, Tracey Foley, Fr. Valentine and Fr. Rob (our "creative consultant in residence") for decorating the Church throughout.

Thanks to all the ushers, altar servers, lectors, and extraordinary ministers who served.

Thanks to Katie and the choir members who made our services so lovely!

Thanks to Katie, Rachael Flanagan and the Youth Group members who brought us the Living Stations of the Cross.

Heartfelt thanks to those who sanitized the Church for our safety between Masses.

## BUY A BRICK

We are accepting orders for personalized bricks in Our Lady of Fatima prayer garden now through May 31. Order forms can be found at the doors of the church, in the plastic bin outside of the Nazareth Center, and on our website.



### 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](https://boldym.com/ihmstp/forms) and email to Rachael [ihmstp@boldym.com](mailto:ihmstp@boldym.com) for next steps.

Rachael Flanagan  
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

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

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

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 contact me with any questions you may have.

Mary Clinton  
[maryclinton@ihmparish.net](mailto:maryclinton@ihmparish.net)

**Minister Assignments  
Weekend of April 24-25**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Mulrooney	Good-Piga Clark Zucosky	Fr. Mike
8:00 am	Banasiak	Gibbons R. Wagner	Fr. Valentine
10:00 am	J. Wills	Deacon Jack Mc Cann	Fr. Mike
12:00 pm	Briante	Kiley E. Wagner	Fr. Rob

**Rosary Altar Society:**



We hope you are still being blessed with the graces of Our Lord 's Resurrection during this Easter Season.

To all members, if any part of your information in the Rosary Directory has changed or is incorrect , please notify Janice Good-Piga, our 1st Vice President by email, US mail, text, or phone by June 5th. Thank you.

Executive Board Members at noon on this Tuesday April 20th we will have a meeting outside in the IHM parking lot weather permitting. Please bring your own chair. If the weather is not cooperative I will call you and we will probably meet inside. Remember to have your suggestions for the 2021-2022 calendar.

To all members mark your calendar for May 16th at the 12 noon Mass — this will be our “Communion Breakfast “ COVID Style. More information to follow!

Congratulations to Kathy Mitchell as she won the Inspiration Basket from our Night of Inspiration. Thank you again Father Rob and all who attended.

What is a better time to visit the Adoration Chapel then during 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 please stay safe! God Bless!

Mary Jane

**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**

April 11, 2021

<b>Weekly Budget Need:</b>	\$10,784.32
Collection	6,171.00
Parish Giving:	5,956.25
(includes TEXT to GIVE)	
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 1,342.93
<b>Fiscal Year To Date:</b>	
Budget	\$ 431,372.80
Actual:	390,588.69
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (40,784.11)
Easter Collection to Date:	\$37,176.55



**Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

The 2021 Annual Appeal is now underway. We have \$45,695.00 already pledged. Our goal is \$69,693.00. (65.57% 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](http://www.rcan.org/sharing).

Thank you for your prayers and support

**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



**Calendar of Events at IHM**

**Sunday, April 18th**

5 pm—BOLD Discipleship Night  
(Peer Servant Team)

**Monday, April 19th**

7:00 pm—8th Grade Confirmation Meeting

**Tuesday, April 20th**

7:15 pm—St. Teresa of Avila

**Wednesday, April 21st**

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

**Thursday, April 22nd**

**Friday, April 23rd**

**Saturday, April 24th**

**Sunday, April 25th**

11:00-12noon -Bible Basics—Zoom Meeting

For more information please visit  
[www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net)



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We can use your help and your financial support to continue providing fresh 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.