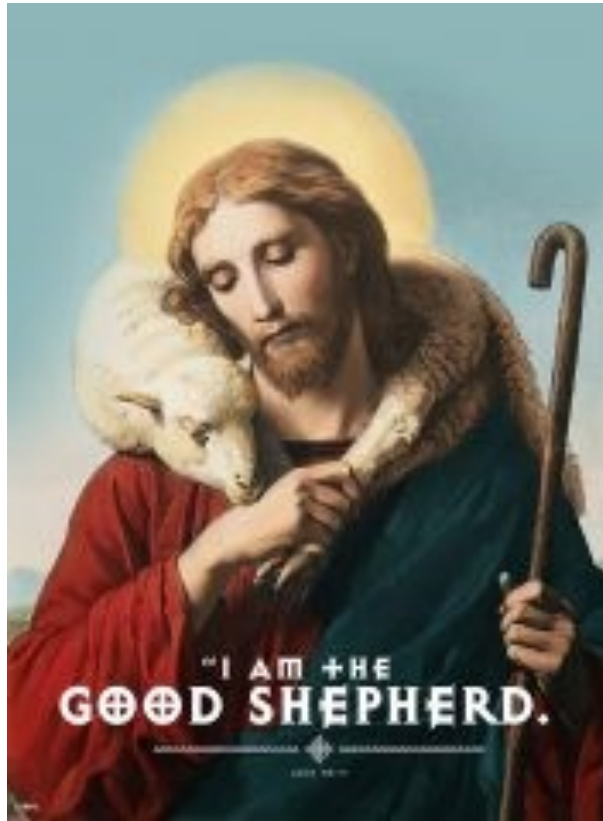


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 25, 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

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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



St. Peter tells us that the miraculous cure of the crippled man was done in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean. It is a great example and reminder to each of us to do things in the name of Jesus Christ. Each liturgical celebration, each time we pray, each time we do something of a religious nature we begin with “In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.” Perhaps we can expand that action by doing our daily activities and encounters with others in the name of Jesus Christ. By recognizing that Christ is present and walks with us each moment we can allow our words and actions to become prayer for us and for those we encounter each day. In this way we bring a sense of the sacred and holy, a hint of the Divine Power, to all that we say and do.

Peace,
Fr. Mike

4th Sunday of Easter



“I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice.”
- JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in “quiet whispers” that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.



**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 25th

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

Monday, April 26th

7:00 am **Clara Ramer+** By Evelyn Dougherty
 8:30 am **Anthony Carlino (living)** By Foley Family

Tuesday, April 27th

7:00 am **Mary Coughlan+** By Ray & Joan & O'Donnell Family
 7:00 am **Diane Gaito+** By Al & Diane Camera
 8:30 am **Gregory Collantes+** By Mrs. Ruby Melanie Collantes

Wednesday, April 28th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Jack Foulks+** By The DeNigris Family

Thursday, April 29th

7:00 am **Diane Gaito+** By Al & Diane Camera
 8:30 am **Dennis Sullivan+** By Mary & Jerry Mahony

Friday, April 30th

7:00 am **Yolanda Maria Ruvolo+** By Donna & Bill Donaleski
 8:30 am **Jack Foulks+** By Ro & Jim Malfetti Family

Saturday, May 1st

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Sisters of St. Joseph+** By the Sisters of St Joseph
 5:00 pm **Natalie Rozborski (3rd Anniversary)**
 By the Zelonis Family

Sunday, May 2nd

8:00 am **John Foulks+** By Rosary Altar Society
 10:00 am **Deceased Members of the Wood and Verdic Families+**
 By the Verdic Family
 12:00pm **Ignatius Janusz & Robert Janusz+**

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	Thomas Moore
John Burkert	Marlene Mosko
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
Marie Farrell	Ryder Francis Spillane
Albert Fischer, Jr.	Paul Szeker
Emily Fleming	Carole Ventre
Mary Foster	Daniel Ventura
Nicole Griffin	Sr.Elizabeth
John Heiling	Vermaelen
Kathleen Herron	Stephen Voorhees
	Christy Ward

Remember those who have died:

Pati Boglioli
Ana Conde
Dorothy D'Angelo

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 of April 25th



For the intention of my grandchildren
LEAH, JOE AND MOLLY
 Requested by Grandma



Sanctuary Light for the Week of April 25th

For the intention of
ATTILIO V. BADALA
 Requested by
Marion, Marc, Julianne and Steven Berger

Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of April 25th
 For the intention of
EDWARD V. RYAN
 Requested by
Kathleen Ryan



Springing into Fun

This spring, with two new after-school clubs being formed, we have seen a glimpse of a return to some normalcy at the Academy.

The Basketball Club, open to students in grades 5-8, has been able to meet outside after school and work on their skills, enjoy some time together, and stay in shape for next season. The Academy also re-introduced track.

Book Club, our newest club, was recently introduced by Ms. Caitlin DeMatos, our middle school literature interim teacher. Students in grades 7-8 have been meeting after school, socially distant, and discussing young adult novels. Our students are very happy that social and athletic activities have been able to restart, and we look forward to some weeks of after-school programs filled with fun.

This past Monday, the Academy community recognized the wonderful group of priests at St. Bartholomew Church by celebrating "Uplift Your Priests." Our priests have been called into great heroic action by offering the sacraments and finding creative ways to support and serve parishioners during a pandemic. "Uplift Your Priest" is an international campaign from April 12-23, which is designed to inspire the laity to support and encourage their priests.

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.



END OF THE WORLD SUNDAY, MAY 2ND

All High School Teens are welcome to join BOLD for the Apocalypse ...

.. Wait.. What?! Yes, you read that right—we are getting together on Sunday, May 2nd to talk about what our faith believes will happen at the End of Time.. aka .. The Second Coming of Jesus. We will have some trivia fun with fictional apocalyptic scenarios depicted in shows and movies, and delve into one of the stranger topics of our faith.

5:00-6:00 pm Sunday May 2nd on Zoom

Reach out to Rachael Flanagan, Coordinator of BOLD Youth Ministry. For Zoom invite: ihmsp@boldym.com

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—bulletin on IHM website)
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4aada92ca5f94-initial>

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Mary Clinton
maryclinton@ihmparish.net

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of May 1-2**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Mitchell	Torzewski Clark	Fr. Valentine
8:00 am	Henkels	Dill Bagdonas	Fr. Rob
10:00 am	Schiller	Deacon Jack Carlino	Fr. Valentine
12:00 pm	Foley	Sullivan O'Connor	Fr. Mike

Rosary Altar Society:



As we are being blessed with the graces of the Easter Season, next weekend we will begin the beautiful month of May. May 1st the feast day of Mary, Queen of Heaven. I hope that we can all follow Pope Francis 's example of: "One thing that makes me strong every day is praying the Rosary."

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 with the update. by June 5th. Thank you.

A thank you to all the Executive Board Members who attended our outdoor meeting last Tuesday. Very much looking forward to the exciting events for next year's calendar.

To all members and ladies of the parish, we are planning on Sunday May 16, after the 12 noon Mass our "Communion Brunch"— COVID Style! We will gather outside by the Nazareth Center after Mass— Weather permitting—please wear your mask and bring your own lunch! We will supply the dessert and drinks. If you are interested please email or call me at (mjgbergen@verizon.net) or (908-753-2161).

Our Lord has saved us through His Death and Resurrection, why not say thank you and visit Him in the Adoration Chapel during this Season of Easter! We are still praying for you, our parish, and the world! Thank you and please stay safe! God Bless! Mary Jane Bergen

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

April 18, 2021

Weekly Budget Need: \$ 10,784.32
 Collection 4,578.00
 Parish Giving: 3,604.91
 (includes TEXT to GIVE)

Surplus/(Deficit) \$ (2,601.41)

Fiscal Year To Date:

Budget \$ 442,157.12
 Actual: 398,771.60
 Surplus/
 (Deficit) (43,385.52)

Easter Collection to date: \$42,434.37



Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2021 Annual Appeal is now underway. We have \$48,845.00 already pledged. Our goal is \$69,693.00. (70.09% 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

**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 25th

10:00 Mass -Confirmation—Rite of Service

Monday, April 26th

Tuesday, April 27th

7:15 pm—St. Teresa of Avila

Wednesday, April 28th

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

Thursday, April 29th

Friday, April 30th

Saturday, May 1st

10:00 am and 12:00 noon –First Communion
 2:30 pm—Confirmation

Sunday, May 2nd

10:00 am and 12:00 noon—First Communion

For more information please visit
www.ihmparish.net



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**7th GRADE CONFIRMATION
 PREPARATION MEETING**

The 8th grade will bring the start of the two-year Confirmation Preparation Process here at IHM. We begin the process with an informational meeting for all parish 7th graders and their parents. It is an important meeting that is designed for parents and their children so that they will have a clear understanding of the process.

The meeting this year will take place via Zoom on Tuesday, May 11th @ 7pm. Please use this sign up genius link to register for the meeting <https://www.signupgenius.com/o/5080E4AADA92CA5F94-confirmation> or call the Faith Formation office at 908-889-2100.

If you are aware of any family who is new to the area and would like information about our Confirmation Preparation Process at IHM for their rising 8th grader, please feel free to share this link with them and/or ask them to email me, Mary Clinton directly at maryclinton@ihmparish.net.