

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2nd, 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
Website: 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

Jesus calls us to remain in Him and He will remain in us. The image of the vine and branches helps us to understand what that means. Just as the branch cannot live if cut off from the vine, so to, we cannot live if we are cut off from Christ. By living out our lives as disciples, receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, in the scriptures, in one another, in living out the commandments to love God and one another we remain in Christ and He in us. All of these help us to grow deeper in communion with Christ, to grow deeper in our relationship with Him. It helps us to recognize His presence more profoundly in our lives each and every moment so that we are better able to become the instrument of His love in our world today.
Peace, Fr. Mike

5th Sunday of Easter



“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” - 1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start!



**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

Simdau, May 2nd

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

Monday, May 3rd

- 7:00 am **Michele Renaudin+** By Colm & Geraldine Keogh
- 8:30 am **Gary Stanton+** By The Lundgren Family

Tuesday, May 4th

- 7:00 am **Bart Zucosky+** By Chris & Amy Zucosky
- 8:30 am **Joe Barra+** By the DeNigris Family

Wednesday, May 5th

- 7:00 am **Joe D'Annunzio, Sr.+** By Donna and Stephen D'Annunzio
- 8:30 am **Kenneth Blum Sr.+** By the Blum & Veglia ; Families

Thursday, May 6th

- 7:00 **Joseph Michael Wilson+** By Pat & James Feeley
- 8:30am **Margaret & Joe Mulroony+** By Dan & Roe Kelly

Friday, May 7th

- 7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
- 8:30am **Karen Mannix+** By Betty & Tony Perfilio

Saturday, May 8th

- 7:00 am **Brendan Loughrey+** By Mary & Jerry Mahoney
- 8:30 am **Marc Eric Fusillo+** By Colm & Geraldine Keogh
- 5:00 pm **Marge Malone+** By Trish Longus

Sunday, May 9th

- 8:00 am **Juliette Lewis+** By Carlino Family
- 10:00 am **James & Mildred Manfredonia+**
By Emil and Janet Manfredonia
- 12:00pm **Jack Clark+** By his loving wife Terry

Remember Our Sick

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| John Allen | Juliann Junio |
| Rose Badala | Anna Koch |
| 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 |
| Sean Hessler | Christy Ward |

Remember those who have died:
Roland Bouffard
Connor White

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 May 2nd



For the intention of:
KENNETH BLUM SR.,

Requested by the Blum and Veglia Families

Sanctuary Light for the Week of May 2nd



For the intention of:
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOOD AND VERDIC FAMILIES

Requested by the Verdic Family

Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of May 2nd
In memory of

HARRIET MANSFIELD

Requested by Alice Smith and Family



Middle school history

The middle school history program at the Academy is rigorous, emphasizing critical thinking, writing, and study skills. The guidance and support provided by Mrs. Mary Conroy, the Academy middle school history teacher, ensures the students are equipped with the skills for a successful high school career.

Notetaking skills are important to learn and refine in middle school. The fifth grade has been working on these skills in History while learning about the U.S. Colonies. At the completion of the unit, the students were assigned a presentation where they picked both a colony and the presentation type. The presentation styles varied from Powerpoint to diorama, but the information had to contain facts such as location, economy, weather, leaders, etc. The students then practiced their public speaking skills by sharing their knowledge with each other.

Sixth grade recently completed a unit on Ancient China and the historical people of the time. After learning about the philosopher Confucius, the students each picked a quote by Confucius and reflected on what the quote meant to them personally and its relevance today. They included an illustration with their reflection. The students were struck to learn how sayings over 2500 years ago can still hold true today.

Seventh and Eighth grade spend two years focused on U.S. History. As they study the past, they also begin to see how the present connects to the past. Seventh grade has been studying the early Presidents and their political outlooks, such as Jeffersonian Democracy, and the impact those viewpoints still have on the nation today. Eighth grade recently learned about the rise of the radio, including how companies could advertise further and cheaper than ever before, which had a huge impact on the economy. They also got to create their own radio ads!

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**

IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group Virtual Meeting Saturday May 8th at 9:15AM

The next meeting of IHM's men's scripture study and discussion group will take place "virtually" on Saturday, May 8th, 2021, at 9:15AM on ZOOM. All men of the parish (as well as neighboring parishes) are welcome. We will discuss Sunday's (the 9th) 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 can also call into the meeting with a regular phone and participate without video. 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 May 8-9**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Zucosky	Good-Piga Speth	Fr. Rob
8:00 am	Keogh	Di Bella Coquia	Fr. Mike
10:00 am	Fortunato	Deacon Jack Carlino	Fr. Rob
12:00 pm	O'Connor	Kiley McGuinness	Fr. Valentine

Rosary Altar Society:



As we are being blessed with the graces of the Easter Season, we have begun the beautiful month of May. May 1st is 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 and ladies of the parish, you are invited to the "Communion Brunch—COVID Style " after the 12 noon Mass on Sunday May 16th. It's bring your own lunch and wear your mask. We will supply the dessert and drinks. Depending on the weather it may be inside, so please register by **May 9** to me by email or phone at (mjgbergen@verizon.net) or (908-753-2161). Thank you.

To all members, if any part of your information in the Rosary Directory has changed or is incorrect, please notify Janice Good-Piga with the update by June 5th. Thank you.

"Anytime you feel yourself become discouraged, run to Mary, and she will fill you with hope again." Matthew Kelly
Our Lord has saved us through His Death and Resurrection, thank Him by visiting Him in the Adoration Chapel during this Season of Easter. Mark your calendar for June 10th! More information to follow!
We are still praying for you, our parish, and the world! Thank you and please stay safe!

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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The IHM Womens' Prayer Group

will hold their next meeting via Zoom on Thursday, May 6 at 7:30PM. The theme of our discussion will be "Living a Spirit Filled Life."

Please email Tracey Foley at tfoleyihm@gmail.com if you would like to participate (and have not yet joined our distribution list).

April 25, 2021

Weekly Budget Need:	\$ 10,784.32
Collection	4,339.00
Parish Giving:	2,478.87
(includes TEXT to GIVE)	
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (3,966.45)

Fiscal Year To Date:

Budget	\$ 452,941.44
Actual:	405,589.47
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ (47,351.97)

Easter Collection to Date: 42,474.37



Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2021 Annual Appeal is now underway. We have \$51,025.00 already pledged. Our goal is \$69,693.00. (73.21% 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.

**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, May 2, 2021

10:00 Mass First Communion
12:00 noon Mass—First Communion

Monday, May 3rd

Tuesday, May 4th

7:15 pm—St. Teresa of Avila

Wednesday, May 5th

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

Thursday, May 6th

Friday, May 7th

Saturday, May 8th

9:15 am -Men's Scripture Group Zoom Meeting
10:00 am—First Communion

Sunday, May 9th

For more information please visit
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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.