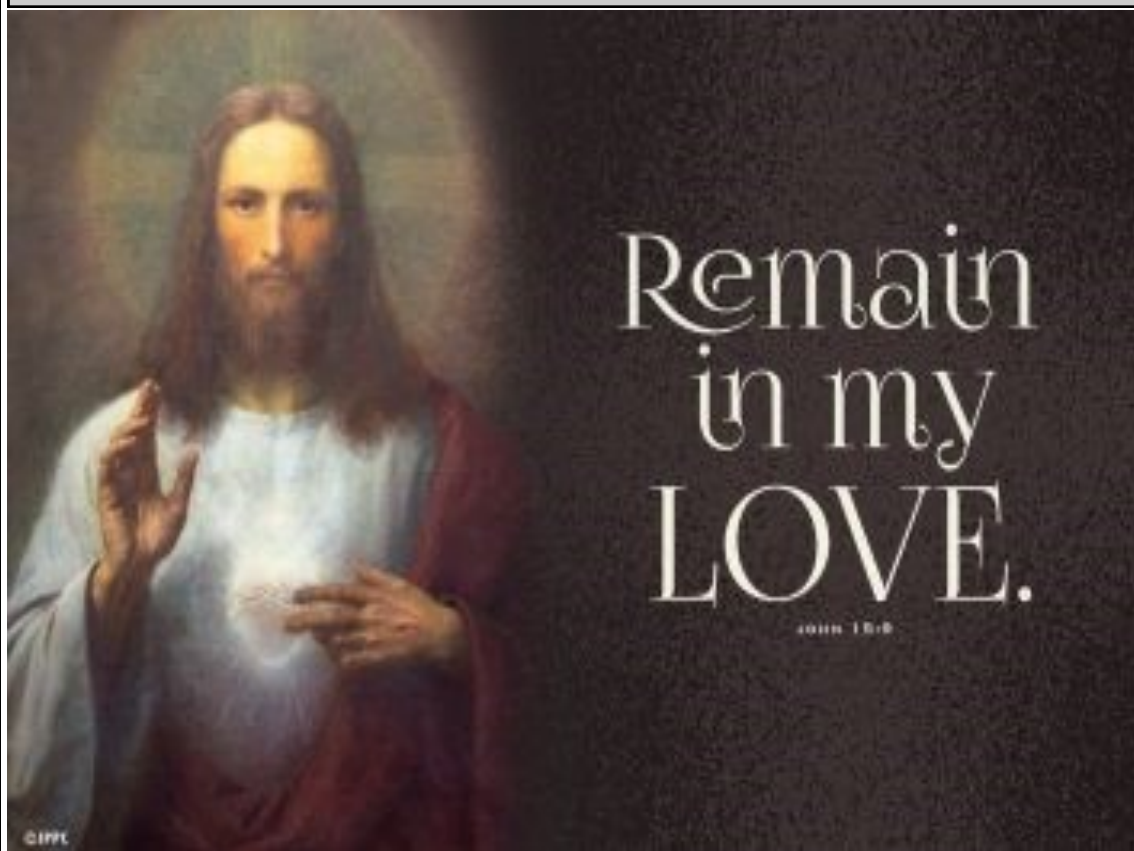


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 9th, 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 love one another, and by doing so we remain in Him and He in us, and our joy may be complete. When we love someone we want them to be happy and joyful, and we want to give of ourselves in order to make this happen. Jesus has done the same for us by giving Himself on the cross and continues to do so through the Eucharist and all of the sacraments and through one another. In experiencing this love and joy in our lives He calls us to share it with one another, and we do so willingly because of our Love for Jesus and for our neighbor. In keeping this commandment of love we are able to experience more profoundly the love of Christ for the Father and the Father’s love for Christ in our lives. Participating in the divine love of Father and Son (and Holy Spirit) enables us to share that same divine love with others.

Peace, Fr. Mike



6th Sunday of Easter

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” - JOHN 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?



**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, May 9th

8:00 am **Mother's Day Novena**
Juliette Lewis+ By Carlino Family
 10:00 am **James & Mildred Manfredonia**
 By Emil & Janet
 Manfredonia
 12:00 pm **Jack Clark+** By His Loving Wife Terry

Monday, May 10th

7:00 am **Mother's Day Novena**
 8:30 am **Mary & Warren Dougherty+** By The Family

Tuesday, May 11th

7:00 am **Mother's Day Novena**
 8:30 am **Jack Foulks+** By the Meyer Family

Wednesday, May 12th

7:00 am **Mother's Day Novena**
 8:30 am **Agnes Koch+** By Janice Good-Piga and
 Bob Piga

Thursday, May 13th

7:00 am **Mother's Day Novena**
 8:30 am **Brendan Loughrey+** By Mary Mahony

Friday, May 14th

7:00 am **Moher's Day Novena**
 8:30am **Denise Beeh+** By the DeNigris Family

Saturday, May 15th


7:00 am **Mother's Day Novena**
 8:30 am **Frances Takacs+** By Barbara Apgar
 5:00 pm **Mary & Bart Zucosky+** By Chris & Amy Zucosky

Sunday, May 16th

8:00 am **Mother's Day Novena**
 10:00 am **Elsie & Frank Marcigliano +** By Janet & Emil
 Manfredonia
 12:00 **Jack & Josie Foley** By Foley Family
 (60th Wedding Anniversary)

Remember Our Sick

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
Albert Fischer, Jr.	Ryder Francis Spillane
Emily Fleming	Paul Szeker
Mary Foster	Carole Ventre
Nicole Griffin	Daniel Ventura
John Heiling	Sr.Elizabeth
Kathleen Herron	Vermaelen
Sean Hessler	Stephen Voorhees
	Christy Ward

Remember those who have died: 

Marie Farrell

Michael Travisano

Eric Vuento

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 9th



For the intention of:
George E. Masenior, Jr.
 Requested by Donna Ayers



Sanctuary Light for the Week of May 9th

For the intention of:
Jack Foulks
 Requested by Donna Ayers

Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of May 9th
 In memory of
Mary and Thomas Browne

Requested by
The Hennessy Family



Getting Ready for Graduation

As our 8th grade students prepare to graduate from the Academy in June, the students participate in a few much-loved traditions. This year has been a bit different, but the faculty and staff have done a tremendous job trying to make the year memorable.

One of the new traditions for the eighth grade is our partnership with First Children's School in Fanwood. First Children's school offer students with disabilities specialized educational and therapeutic services. This year, the students couldn't visit, but didn't give up on making something. The 8th graders made "snow" globes for the First Children's students. Thank you to Mrs. Degnan, our school counselor and liaison with First Children, for delivering the globes.

The Pass it On ceremony is one of the most touching events on the schedule this spring. The ceremony symbolizes the 8th grade passing on their faith, leadership, and responsibility to their younger siblings and the 7th graders. This year, the ceremony will be celebrated as a kick off to the 8th grade retreat. The 8th grade students will hold two candles and stand down the sides of the church. Their siblings in the school and the 7th grade students will follow them as the rest of the school community sings. The 8th graders will hand their candles over to siblings and the 7th graders, who create a line of candles down the middle of the church guiding the 8th grade out. After the mass the 8th grade will gather with Fr. David for a day of recollection, followed by a BBQ and movie night.

On Saturday, June 5th, the Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated followed by an Awards Ceremony. The mass gives the students the opportunity to say thank you to the parish for all the support they have received over their years at St. Bartholomew's. That mass also starts a week of togetherness, fun, and remembrance by the 8th graders. They will enjoy a school field day, pizza lunch with the 7th grade, and get "clapped out" of school the day before graduation.

Graduation is Friday, June 11th and we look forward to an evening of celebration and joy as we bid farewell to the class of 2021.

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.



Join BOLD For a Chipotle Picnic!

WHO: All in High School

WHAT: Chipotle picnic, games, prizes & prayer

WHERE: Nazareth Center

WHEN: Sunday, May 16 from 7-8:30pm

BRING: Your Own Blanket to claim your picnic spot!

RSVP: At boldym.com/ihmsp/events

COVID-19:

Everyone in attendance must adhere to the guidelines set by the State of New Jersey for outdoor group gatherings. See sign up for details!

Rachael Flanagan
Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



Congratulations to our First Communicants

- Michael Amaro
Alexander Arnold
Brooke Bauer
Austin Briamonte
Amelia Bejarano
Aubree Bonaccolto
Kiernan Caspersen
Brayden Colford
Addison Dyas
Madison Deegan
Sabrina De Gennaro
Angelina DeMaio
Giacomo Derosa
Isabella DeSanto

- Jake DeSanto
Lincoln Ferreira
Colin Flynn
Anna Folger
Gavin Kijowski
Charlie Lowder
Mason Mushaty
Madalyn Nizner
Brandon Plyas
Robert Robinson
Olivia Squashic
Maximo Szep
Elyse Tariche
Arianna Wills

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of May 14-15**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Clark	C. Haight J. Haight	Fr. Mike
8:00 am	Banasiak	Gibbons Dill	Fr. Valentine
10:00 am	Zappo	Diken Deacon Jack	Fr. Mike
12:00 pm	Kiley	McGuinness E. Wagner	Fr. Rob



A Very Happy and Blessed Mother 's Day to all the women of the parish and of the world. May Mary, the Blessed Mother, be always at your side. "Anytime you feel yourself become discouraged, run to Mary, and she will fill you with hope again." Matthew Kelly

To all members and women of the parish, you are invited to the "Communion Brunch—Covid Style" after the 12 noon Mass next 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 today May 9th to me by email or phone at (mjgbergen@verizon.net) or (908-753-2161). Thank you, MaryJane.

On Thursday, June 10th, we are planning a trip by car pooling to Grounds for Sculpture, ticket cost \$15 plus your lunch. Further information and sign up to follow!

On Tuesday, June 29th, we will have our January luncheon at Stage House Tavern —no snow date needed! So save the date! More information to follow!

Please notify Janice Good Piga by June 5th with any updates needed in the Rosary Directory on your information. Thank you.

Remember to visit Our Lord during this Easter Season at the Adoration Chapel and thank Him for saving us through His Death.

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

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 908 889-4123 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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Pray the Rosary



May 2, 2021	
Weekly Budget Need:	\$ 10,784.32
Collection	9,048.00
Parish Giving:	2,257.17
(includes TEXT to GIVE)	
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 520.85
Fiscal Year To Date:	
Budget	\$ 463,725.76
Actual:	416,894.64
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (46,831.12)
Easter Collection to Date: \$44,089.51	
Easter Budget Goal: \$50,000.00	



Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2021 Annual Appeal is now underway. We have \$52,775.00 already pledged. Our goal is \$69,693.00. (75.72% 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 9th**
Mother's Day Novena
- Monday, May 10th**
Mother's Day Novena
- Tuesday, May 11th**
Mother's Day Novena
7:15 pm—St. Teresa of Avila
7:00 pm. Confirmation Prep Meeting
- Wednesday, May 12th**
Mother's Day Novena
9:30 am - Centering Prayer /Lectio/Divina
10 am - 12 pm—Food Pantry Distribution
- Thursday, May 13th**
Mother's Day Novena
- Friday, May 14th**
Mother's Day Novena
- Saturday, May 15th**
Mother's Day Novena
- Sunday, May 16th**
Mother's Day Novena
Rosary Altar Communion Brunch
7-8:30pm - Youth Ministry Picnic
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