

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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The Ascension of the Lord, May 16th, 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



There are 3 different accounts of the Ascension in the scriptures. Two we hear today in the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of Mark. The third is at the end of Luke’s Gospel. There are differences in the three versions but the goal of the three is similar. Each account is a way of affirming that Jesus’ final physical departure was a transition leading from the glory of the resurrection to the mission of the Church empowered by the Holy Spirit. That continuing mission is our mission as well. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, we too are called to proclaim the Good News just as the early disciples. The accounts urge us not upward but forward bringing the Gospel to the ends of the earth.
Peace,
Fr. Mike

Ascension of the Lord



“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.”

– 1 JOHN 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don’t think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.



**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 16th

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

Monday, May 17th

- 7:00 am **Mother's Day Novena**
 8:30 am **Mary Flynn+** By The Bonaccolto Family

Tuesday, May 18th

- 7:00 am **James Joseph Grossman+** By Maureen Grossman
 8:30 am **Ramon Valera+** By the Valera Family

Wednesday, May 19th

- 7:00 am **Captian Ignacio Hanopol+** By the Domigo & Nieva Families
 8:30 am **Rosa Marcus+** By Rekha Kulkarni

Thursday, May 20th

- 7:00 am **Jack Foulks+** By Robert & Paula Ciscuolo
 8:30 am **Edward Bertotti+** By Rich Wagner

Friday, May 21st

- 7:00 am **Marie Walsh+** By Colm & Geraldine Keogh

- 8:30am **Michael Fortunato+** By Rich Fortunato

Saturday, May 22nd

- 7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Bessie Sullivan+** By Dan & Rosemary Kelly
 5:00 pm **Living and Deceased +Members of the Good,Piga, Kurapka & Dowid Families+** By Janice Good-Piga and Bob Piga

Sunday, May 23rd

- 8:00 am **Joan & Ugo D'Andrea & Antoinette Carlino+** By Carlino Family
 10:00 am **Anne Kunze+** By the Kunze Family
(2nd Anniversary)
 12:00 pm **Mary Kate and Kevin Schiller** By Mary Kate and Kevin Schiller
(40th 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:

Eric Buete

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 16th



For the intention of:

The D'Annunzio & Debrowski Families

Requested by
 Stephen & Donna D'Annunzio



Sanctuary Light for the Week of May 16th

For the intention of:

Emiliano S. Mariano, Jr.

Requested by
 The Lioanag Family

Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of May 16th

**In memory of
 Katherine and John MacDonald**

Requested by:
 Kathleen Ryan



Honoring the Blessed Mother

The month of May is devoted to the Blessed Mother at the Academy, and the students honor Mary in various ways.

Last year, due to the pandemic and fully remote learning, the Academy was not able to have May Crowning at the school. Thankfully, this year, the students were able to gather for First Friday Mass and have a May Crowning Ceremony. Our second graders processed to the statue of the Blessed Mother and laid flowers at her feet. Two of our eighth graders then crowned Mary.

Prek-3 and Prek-4 had a prayer service and procession to visit the statue of Mary in front of the convent. The students sang the Hail Mary and "O Mary We Crown Thee with Blossoms Today." Prek-3 also crafted a decade of the rosary out of beads and decorated a picture of Mary with tissue paper. PreK-4 made banners for Mary and the students will take turns crowning the Blessed Mother in their classroom.

The middle school students will be studying the life of the Blessed Mother and her impact on the world. The sixth grade will have a research assignment where they will pick one of the Blessed Mother's titles; such as Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Knock. They will research how and why she was given those titles. The seventh grade will reflect on the qualities of Mary and they will be challenged to write about a person in their life who emulates those qualities and serves as a "Modern Mary."

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, May16 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 22-23**

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



A thought for this month of May “Let us live as Mary lived.... loving God above all else, desiring God above all else, trying to please God above all else.” St. John Vianney.

To all the members and women of the parish, who signed up for today ‘s “Communion Brunch—Covid Style “ welcome and thank you for joining us after the noon Mass.

Reminder to all the Executive Board Members that this Tuesday, May 18th at 11:30AM in the IHM parking lot near the Nazareth Center there will be a meeting, please bring your own chair! If it should rain we will meet in the Nazareth Center. Remember to wear your masks and we will be socially distance. If you have anything for the agenda please contact me. Thank you.

On Thursday, June 10th, we are planning a trip by car pooling to Grounds for Sculpture, ticket cost \$15 plus your lunch. See the flyer for more information from Pat Mazzucca and for sign up.

On Tuesday, June 29th, we will have our January luncheon at Stage House Tavern— no snow date needed! So save the date and watch for the flyer with the information and for signing up from Janice Reilly.

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

Before it’s too late, 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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Dominican College

A Virtual Information Session for those interested in Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees, including Undergraduate online programs is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19th, 2021 from 5:30-7:30 pm

*<http://www.dc.edu>
brian.fernandes@dc.edu*

May 9, 2021

Weekly Budget Need:	\$ 10,784.32
Collection	6,689.00
Parish Giving:	5,512.28
(includes TEXT to GIVE)	
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 1,616.96

Fiscal Year To Date:

Budget	\$ 474,510.08
Actual:	429,295.92
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (45,214.16)

Easter Collection to Date: \$44,099.51

Easter Budget Goal: \$50,000.00



Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2021 Annual Appeal is now underway. We have \$53,325.00 already pledged. Our goal is \$69,693.00. (76.51% 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 an new account



Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, May 16th

Rosary Altar Communion Brunch
7-8:30pm - Youth Ministry Picnic

Monday, May 17th

Tuesday, May 18th

7:15 pm—St. Teresa of Avila

Wednesday, May 19th

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

Thursday, May 20th

7:00 pm Confirmation Mass

Friday, May 21st

Saturday, May 22nd

Sunday, May 23rd

10:00 am Confirmation Mass
12:00 pm Confirmation Mass



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**SUMMER ACADEMY
REGISTRATION**

Virtual Session #1 will run from Monday, June 28th through Friday, July 9th (No program on July 5th) There will be no session 2 this year.

The session will follow a similar format to last year's virtual program. Our theme this year is "Pray Always."

Each session will be recorded daily so you can still participate at your leisure

In person and activities will be offered throughout the summer.

Registration information: email questions to faithformation@ihmparish.net