

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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Pentecost Sunday May 23rd, 2021

Pentecost Sunday



*When the day of Pentecost came...
all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit*

Act 2:14

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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"

Pentecost



A Note from Fr. Mike

Each of us is given the gift of the Holy Spirit in Baptism, and that gift is strengthened in the Sacrament of Confirmation. This gift is not given to us simply for our own use, but to be used in service of the Church. As St. Paul says, there are many gifts, but one Spirit. There are many forms of service, but one Lord. And we are all part of the Body of Christ. Today we are called to recognize not only the activity of the Holy Spirit in our lives, but to also discern the gifts He has given us and how to use those gifts in service for the Church, for our parish, for our brothers and sisters in Christ. We have the example of the Apostles who were liberated from their fears to go out and preach the Good News in word and example to the ends of the earth. We are called to follow in their footsteps and bring the presence of God to the world, especially those most in need of His loving and healing presence. In doing this we have the promise of the Spirit to guide, help and support us in our mission. Especially good news for the young people of our faith community who are celebrating Confirmation today or have celebrated Confirmation this month, that the Holy Spirit confirms the gift of faith received in baptism and strengthens it so they are enabled and empowered to follow in the footsteps of Christ, the Apostles and so many other disciples in sharing God's love each day and with each person they encounter on their journey towards the Kingdom.

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.

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 23rd

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

Monday, May 24th

- 7:00 am **Mary Coughlan+** By Kevin & Peggy Greaney
 8:30 am **Edward V. Ryan+** By Kathleen Ryan

Tuesday, May 25th

- 7:00 am **Flavio Grasso+** By Jean Naugle
 8:30 am **Jack Foulks+** By Phyllis Manno

Wednesday, May 26th

- 7:00 am **Lucille Mc Gann+** By Mary Graham
 8:30 am **Jack Foulks+** By Barbara & Joe Mrozek

Thursday, May 27th

- 7:00 am **Alma Eisel+** By Betty Swisher
 8:30 am **James R. Kennedy+** By Kerry Caspersen

Friday, May 28th

- 7:00 am **Dino Velez+** By Olive Velez
 8:30am **Mara Jose Steinberg+** By Colm & Geraldine Keogh

Saturday, May 29th

- 7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Juliette Lewis+** By Betty & Tony Perfilio
 5:00 pm **Vincent Fitzpatrick+** By the Carman Family

Sunday, May 30th

- 8:00 am **Jack Foulks+** By Betty Seery
 10:00 am **Marge Malone+** By the Fischer Family
 12:00 pm **Marc Eric Fusillo+** By the Farrell Family

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| John Allen | Anna Koch |
| Rose Badala | Eileen Lynch |
| Larry Biunno | Maureen Lynch |
| Fran Boglioli | Owen Mike McCabe |
| Erin Brennan | June McManus |
| Samatha Bridge | Christine Morris |
| James Brown | Thomas Moore |
| Kevin Brown | Marlene Mosko |
| John Burkert | Hilda Pizza |
| Anna Cassella | Charlie Plungis |
| Paul Cassidy | Diane Pricken |
| Matthew Cassio | Susan Rozborski |
| Frank Chimento | Diana Scariati |
| Colm Cosgrove | Bernard Slaza |
| Edward Clark | Beverly Sopp |
| Ray Clark | 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 |
| Juliann Junio | Christy Ward |

Remember those who have died:

Lillian Eilbacher

Vincente Moricone

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 23rd



For the intention of:
Gladys Lopez-Calleja
 Requested by Adela La Farga

Sanctuary Light for the Week of May 23rd



For the intention of:
Marion Barrett
 Requested by the Lundgren Family

Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of May 23rd
In memory of
Marie and John Hennessy

Requested by the Hennessy Family



Writing Honors and Golfing Generosity Eighth grade students Justin Klein and Anthony Kwiatkowski were honored for their participation in the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. On Friday, May 7, 2021, the Chairman of the contest, Joseph McCourt of VFW Memorial Post 10122 in Scotch Plains-Fanwood, presented the students with a Certificate of Achievement and monetary awards. Justin Klein placed first at the local level, going on to earn third place at the District level. Anthony Kwiatkowski placed third at the local level.

The Patriot's Pen Essay Writing Contest is designed to give students the opportunity to express their views on democracy, with the prospect of winning cash prizes and other awards. The topic this year was "What is Patriotism to Me?" Ms. Kimberly Harrigan, the Academy Principal, stated: "Writing has always been a strength at the Academy. We are so proud that each year our eighth graders consistently achieve an honor at the local level and go on to compete at the District level. We look forward to seeing the continued success of both boys as Justin starts St. Peter's Prep and Anthony starts St. Joseph's High School this fall." The Annual Golf outing was a great success, raising over \$40,000! A new scholarship was introduced honoring one of the golf outing founders: The Theodore Schiller Student- Athlete Award. The award was created by Mr. Bill Feinstein of Planet Honda, a generous donor to both the Academy and the Church and long-time golf outing participant. The donation of \$20,000 will fund a \$1,000 award each year to an 8th grader who demonstrates the qualities Mr. Schiller demonstrated as a student at St. Bartholomew and continues to exemplify: intelligence, integrity, athleticism, and community service. We are profoundly grateful to the generosity of Mr. Feinstein and the commitment to Catholic education he and Mr. Schiller have shown over the years.

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.



GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED

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| Stephanie Agwu | Charly Griffin |
| Aurelie Alce | Lukas Homolya |
| Alex Allegra | Emma Kuchar |
| Thomas Barnes | Jenyls Lugo |
| Anabelle Bernard | Kelly Marques |
| James Blundo | Hanna McCann |
| Luis Calderon | Jack Merkel |
| John Carlos | Louis Messano IV |
| Sophia Catalano | Preston Minniti |
| Anthony Chrisostomedes | Saverio Paradiso |
| Tara Cino | Lauren Peeney |
| Emily Colasanti | Gabriella Rijo |
| Julianna Compierchio | Noah Rotondo |
| Jack Denning | Ashley Sekiya |
| Mauro Derosa | Catherine Skwirut |
| Quinn Donahue | Leah Stevens |
| Michael Eitmanas | Emma Szabo |
| Aidan Fairweather | Veronica Thompson |
| Katherine Fitzgerald | Anthony Veglia |
| Aidan Franciscus | Emma Lee Vieira |
| Ean Gallahue | Vincent Violante |
| Ava Goldberg | Zachary Wills |

Pentecost Sunday

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." - 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

**Minister Assignments
Weekend of May 29-30**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Mulrooney	Zucosky Speth	Fr. Valentine
8:00 am	Keogh	DiBella Wagner	Fr. Mike
10:00 am	McClellan	McCann Deacon Jack	Fr. Valentine
12:00 pm	OConnor	Kiley McGuinness	Fr. Rob



During 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.

I want to thank all who participated in last Sunday’s Communion Brunch. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Congratulations to Chris Haight for winning the Spa Basket!

On Thursday, June 10th, we are planning a trip by car pooling to Grounds for Sculpture, ticket costs \$15 plus your lunch. To register, contact Pat Mazzucca at 908-889-6539 by May 29th, 2021. Due to Covid restrictions, space on this adventure is limited to just 13 people.

On Tuesday, June 29th, 12noon to 3pm, we will have our January luncheon at Stage House Traven in Scotch Plains— no snow date needed! So save the date and time 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.

Remember— “One thing that makes me strong every day is praying the Rosary.” Pope Francis
As the Easter Season is coming to a close, remember to visit Our Lord at the Adoration Chapel and thank Him personal for saving us through His Death.

We are still praying for you, our parish, and the world! Thank you.

God Bless

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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**THE IHM WOMEN’S PRAYER
GROUP**

Will hold their next meeting via Zoom on Thursday, June 3rd at 7:30 pm. The theme of our discussion will be the *Gift of the Holy Spirit*.

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

May 16, 2021

Weekly Budget Need:	\$ 10,784.32
Collection	4,713.00
Parish Giving:	4,400.73
(includes TEXT to GIVE)	
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (1,670.59)

Fiscal Year To Date:

Budget	\$ 485,294.40
Actual:	438,409.65
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (46,884.75)
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 \$53,475.00 already pledged. Our goal is \$69,693.00. (76.73% 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 an new account



Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, May 23rd

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

Monday, May 24th

Tuesday, May 25th

7:15 pm—St. Teresa of Avila

Wednesday, May 26th

10 am - 12 pm—Food Pantry Distribution

Thursday, May 27th

9:15am - Centering Prayer /Lectio/Divina

Friday, May 28th

Office Closed

Saturday, May 29th

Sunday, May 30th

For more information please visit

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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