

Immaculate Heart of Mary is now celebrating Mass in church 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 Like us on Facebook: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Follow us on Instagram: ihmparish sp

MISSION STATEMENT "We reach out to all through prayer and service, as we live our Catholic faith in Christ with Mary"

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The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

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June 13th, 2021



A Note from Fr. Mike

The seed in the first image Jesus gives us in the Gospel is a great image of meditation. In meditation we just rest in silence with our prayer-word and let the growth to harvest take place. We do not know where this gift, this seed, the desire for silence, has come from. The harvest or the kingdom of God cannot be achieved by restlessly seeking instant results. In prayer nothing may seem to be happening but God's harvest comes in his own good time. This is part of the dynamic of Eucharistic Adoration.

It is very difficult for many people to believe this. People will ask, "How can you be praying if you are not talking to God?" But prayer is relating to God. We can relate by just being there. This is what a mother does when she watches her baby. This is what you do if you sit by someone who is very sick. Your being there when he or she opens her eyes is a much appreciated silent assurance. It is an expression of love.

Fr. Mike

The Cloud of Unknowing

Is one of the most enduring classics in spiritual literature. It has been read by countless numbers of men and women over the last six centuries and has provided readers with tremendous spiritual nourishment on their spiritual journey.

The Cloud was written from and for a fourteenth century culture. The author of the text is Anonymous. However, it is well established that he was a Carthusian monk. The text is written in middle English however it has been edited and written into clear and simple modern-day English.

The text we shall use a paperback or ebook:

The Cloud of Unknowing & The Book of Privy Counseling

Forward by Huston Smith Edited by William Johnson Random House 1973: New York

We shall meet on Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 7:15 to 8:15. I shall need your email address! Dates: June 22, June 29, July 6, and July 13th

Any questions at all please see me after Mass or contact me at: frrob@ihmparish.net

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.

The obligation to attend the Sunday Eucharist is reinstated as of June 5, 2021. IHM will continue to livestream our Masses. In charity and love for our parishioners and clergy, please keep in mind the following updated protocols:

-Churches and parish facilities may return to 100 per cent capacity with no social distancing for both indoor and outdoor services and activities, as of June 4, 2021.

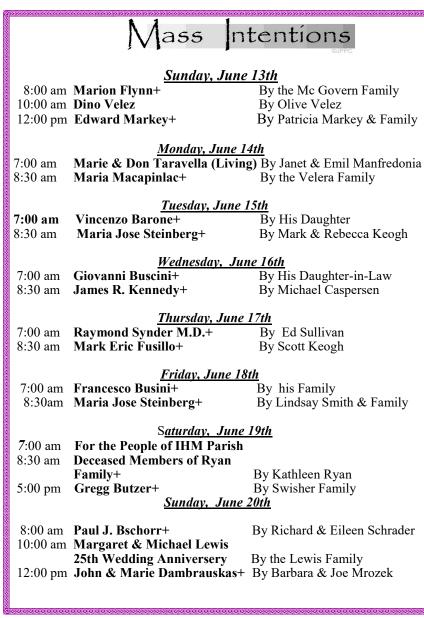
-If you are vaccinated, you are no longer required to wear a mask. Proof of vaccination is not required.

-Anyone not fully vaccinated is strongly encouraged to follow CDC guidance and should wear a mask as well as continuing to maintain a safe distance from others.

-Any vaccinated person preferring to wear a mask should feel free to do so.

-Reservations are no longer needed to attend mass.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Altar Bread & Wine for the Week of June 13th



For the intention of: JAKE CREGG

Requested by Kathleen Ryan



Sanctuary Light for the Week of June 13th

For the intention of:

ROY SAVOCA Requested by His Family

June 13th. 2021 Remember Our Sick

John Allen Rose Badala Larry Biunno Fran Boglioli Erin Brennan Samatha Bridge James Brown Kevin Brown John Burkert Anna Cassella Paul Cassidy Matthew Cassio Frank Chimento William Consolvoy Colm Cosgrove Edward Clark Rav Clark Albert Fischer, Jr. **Emily Fleming** Mary Foster Nicole Griffin John Heiling Kathleen Herron Juliann Junio

Anna Koch Eileen Lynch Maureen Lynch Owen Mike McCabe June McManus Christine Morris Thomas Moore Marlene Mosko Hilda Pizza **Charlie Plungis Diane Pricken** Susan Rozborski Diana Scariati Elisa Silversev Bernard Slaza Beverly Sopp Ryder Francis Spillane Paul Szeker Carole Ventre Daniel Ventura Sr.Elizabeth Vermaelen Stephen Voorhees



<u>Hospital Privacy</u>

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.

> Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of June 13th In Memory of Jake

> Requested by Mary Beth Cregg

SUMMER ACADEMY INFORMATION

+Dear Parents,

As mentioned in my email from early spring, Summer Academy will look different this year as we transition out of the pandemic. Our theme will be "Pray Always." Our format will be a blend of Zoom and onsite activities for families.

As a reminder, there will be just the one virtual Zoom session this year from June 28 - July 9th with the day off on Mon., July 5th for the holiday. This session will "kick-off" our summer together. Each day of this session will be recorded, and families who can't join the live Zoom can watch the recordings with their children and and complete textbook chapters at the pace that works best for them.

If you have not registered yet for Summer Academy, please do so asap. If you are finding that the registration fee is a challenge at this time, please let me or Janet know and we can make arrangements with you. (All children in grades PreK - 8 should be registered; the 8th gr Discipleship Academy will "breakout" for service and field trips assuming we have sufficient parent leadership to do so.)

Important dates:

Pick Up of Books and Materials: Week of June 14th (Separate Instructions to follow) Zoom Orientation: Wed., June 16th @ 7pm (Link will be sent that week) Session dates: Mon., June 28 - Fri., July 9 (no class on Mon., July 5)

Family Onsite Activities: (not required) (Sign Up Genius Links and details will be sent in a separate Email.)

We look forward to being with you and your children this summer! We will answer most questions at the orientation on Wed., June 16th, but please feel free to email any preliminary questions you may have about the program to me (maryclinton@ihmparish.net) or registration questions to Janet Manfredonia (janet@ihmparish.net).

Peace & blessings, Mary

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CERTIFICATION SESSION

All new volunteers at IHM and those requiring recertification are invited to participate in the session we will be holding on June 22^{nd} , 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Nazareth Center. The meeting will be "in person" and follow the current COVID protocols.

Volunteers or employees who could have unaccompanied contact with children at any time must attend a PGC session and be certified.

The session will be limited to 15 persons. Deacon Jack Lynch will conduct the meeting.

In order to register (required) please access VIRTUS Online and follow the menu to sign up.

You may also recertify online or attend a "Keeping the Promise Alive" session. Those options are available on VIRTUS Online as well.

If you have any questions concerning the IHM session please contact us at faithformation@ihmparish.net

Please direct questions concerning recertification online or "Keeping the Promise Alive" option to the VIRTUS Help Desk.

How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese.

We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who need to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do by calling the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

Minister Assignments Weekend of June 19-20

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra- ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Good-Piga	Speth Zucosky	Fr. Valentine
8:00 am	Brennan	Banasiak Bagdonas	Fr. Mike
10:00 am	Davis	Zappo Deacon Jack	Fr. Valentine
12:00 pm	Foley	O'Connor Kiley	Fr. Rob



Please just remember, "Life is just better when you pray the Rosary." — Anonymous.

I want to thank Pat Mazzucca for arranging the trip and for her guided tour of the Grounds for Sculpture. I also want to thank all those for volunteer to be drivers. All those who went had a good time. Thank you.

Reminder to all Executive Board Members, this includes the elected officers, chairwomen of standing committees and monthly events, there will be our final meeting of the board on June 15. Time and location will be emailed to you. We will review the programs for the 2021-2022 year. We will take a break for the month of July. But mark your calendar for August 3rd barbecue Board Meeting, details will follow.

Please check last week's flyer on the January in June luncheon on June 29th, 12noon to 3pm at the Stage House Tavern in Scotch Plains. Cost is \$25. Call Janice Reilly to register and send check to Barbara Apgar to your reserve your place. Deadline is **June 23rd.** Thank you.

As the summer months are beginning and our lives are getting busier, Our Lord is still waiting for you to visit Him in the Adoration Chapel. Thank you.

Just one more quote, from St. Francis de Sales, "Nothing is so strong as gentleness. Nothing so gentle as real strength." We are still praying for you, our parish, and the world! Thank you and God Bless,

MaryJane

June 13th, 2021

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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For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil." - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10 We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

June 6, 2021	
Weekly Budget Need Collection Parish Giving: (includes TEXT to Gl Surplus/(Deficit)	7,712.00 4,438.90
Fiscal Year To Date:	
Budget Actual: Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 517,647.36 466,662.42 \$ (49,984.94)



Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2021 Annual Appeal is now underway. We have \$58,625.00 already pledged. Our goal is \$69,693.00. (84.12% 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 June 13th, 2021

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, June 13th Food Pantry Sunday

Monday, June 14th

Tuesday, June 15th

<u>*Wednesday, June 16th*</u> 10 am - 12 pm—Food Pantry Distribution

9:15am - Centering Prayer /Lectio/Divina

<u>Friday, June 18th</u>

Saturday, June 19th

Sunday, June 20th

For more information please visit <u>www.ihmparish.net</u>

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The faculty, staff, and students of St. Bartholomew Academy bid a fond farewell to our graduating class of 2021.

The students in this year's graduating class were awarded a total of over \$500,000 in scholarships and were accepted to the following schools: Mother Seton Regional High School, Mount Saint Mary Academy, North Plainfield High School, Roselle Catholic High School, Saint Benedict's Preparatory School, Saint Joseph High School, Saint Peter's Preparatory School, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Seton Hall Preparatory School, Timothy Christian Academy, Union Catholic High School, Union County Vocational-Technical High School- Clinical Care Sciences.

Thank you to all of the clergy and parishioners at for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful, relaxing, and blessed summer!