

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time— June 20th, 2021



*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*

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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

Job is reminded of the power and glory of God and the disciples experience that power as Jesus calms the storm. Jesus tells them to not fear, but to place their trust in him. How do we do that? St. Paul tells the Corinthians that they should live not for themselves but for Christ. In living for Christ we are able to focus on Him and the will of God rather than our own will. This fills us with a greater understanding and experience of God's presence in our lives and his power to help and save us. It helps us to recognize the grace that has been given us to overcome our fears and faults and to trust more completely in God.

Fr. Mike

On another Note:

It has been a great joy these past 2 weeks to reconnect with so many of you who have been able to return to the celebration of the Eucharist. While these past months have been difficult on all of us not being able to come together to share in the Eucharistic Feast, we have done the best we can with live stream and other activities. These pale in comparison to the ability to come together and celebrate the Eucharist. Something perhaps we did not recognize until we were able to experience it ourselves.

For my part, it is invigorating to be able to preside at the Eucharist with a community gathered in prayer rather than a know but unseen congregation. We have learned a lot about what we have missed, we have learned a lot of new ways to minister, we have discovered new gifts and renewed gifts we already recognized.

I look forward to continuing to open up our church, our parish and our community in the weeks and months ahead, and sharing all of the opportunities that come our way.

Welcome Back and Thank You.

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.

Remember Our Sick

Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 20th

8:00 am **Paul J. Bschorr+** By Richard & Eileen Schrader
 10:00 am **Margaret & Michael Lewis**
25th Wedding Anniversary By the Lewis Family
 12:00 pm **John & Marie Dambrauskas+** By Barbara & Joe Mrozek

Monday, June 21st

7:00 am **Father's Day Novena**
Fr. John "Jack" Kennedy+ By Renna, Arc & Mart Razal
 8:30 am **Maureen Yeager+** By Anne & Christopher Gibbons

Tuesday, June 22nd

7:00 am **Father's Day Novena**
 8:30 am **Jack Foulks+** By Joan & Ray O'Donnell

Wednesday, June 23rd

7:00 am **Father's Day Novena**
 8:30 am **Guy Lazar+** By Christine & Family

Thursday, June 24th

7:00 am **Father's Day Novena**
 8:30 am **Giacobella Maimone+** By Antoinette Guarna

Friday, June 25th

7:00 am **Father's Day Novena**
 8:30am **Mike Kiriakou+** By Trish Longus

Saturday, June 26th

7:00 am **Father's Day Novena**
 8:30 am **Mary Koczela + &**
Mary Pisansky* By Winifred & John Pisansky
 5:00 pm **Leonore D'Ambrosio**
(100th Birthday) By Dr. & Mrs. Charles Kiley

Sunday, June 27th

8:00 am **Father's Day Novena and For the People**
 10:00 am **Stephen John Sopko+** By the Sopko Family
 12:00 pm **Bill Keller (80th Birthday)** By Marie Keller

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
William Consolvo	Elisa Silversey
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	



Remember those who have died
Michael Mazzaresse
Marie McAuley

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 June 20th



For the intention of:
GARY F. TACKAS

Requested by Barbara and Bill Apgar



Sanctuary Light for the Week of June 20th

For the intention of:
MARIE AND JOHN MC DONALD

Requested by Kathleen Ryan

Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of June 20th
In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Requested by
 Mary Beth Winsor

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 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 22nd, 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 26-27**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Mulrooney	Good-Piga Clark	Fr. Mike
8:00 am	Banasiak	DiBella Wagner	Fr. Rob
10:00 am	McClellan	McCann Deacon Jack	Fr. Mike
12:00 pm	Briante	O'Connor Wagner	Fr. Valentine



When you realize how much God loves you, then you can only live your life radiating that love.” St Teresa of Calcutta.

A very special prayer to all the men of the parish as it is Father’s Day weekend. Remember that St. Joseph is the patron of Fathers and of the Church. He is the protector of fathers and families, as he was with the Holy Family. He is there for you. Have a very Blessed Father’s Day.

Reminder that June 23 is the last day to register for the “January in June Luncheon” at the Stage House Tavern in Scotch Plains on June 29th from 12-3pm. Cost \$25. Call Janice Reilly(1-551-241-8742) to register and send check Barbara Apgar(427 LaGrande Ave , Fanwood, NJ 07023) to reserve your place.

I want to thank all the ladies who helped keep the Rosary Altar Society alive and active during this past year of Covid. Thank you to those who ran events and to all who participated either in person or virtually. A special thanks to Father Mike for his technical knowledge and assistance and for helping me to think out of the box.

I will be sending out the President ‘s Letter shortly by email and US mail for those who don’t have or use email. But the great news is the the dues is still only \$25. for a year of membership of spiritual and social events. You can send your check to Barbara Apgar at the address above. Looking forward to a great year ! Thank you.

Our Lord is still waiting for you to visit Him in the Adoration Chapel even though it is summer.

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

Thank you and 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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PRAY THE ROSARY

June 13, 2021

Weekly Budget Need: \$ 10,784.32
 Collection 5,590.00
 Parish Giving: 5,029.61
 (includes TEXT to GIVE)
 Surplus/(Deficit) \$ (164.71)

Fiscal Year To Date:
 Budget \$ 528,431.68
 Actual: 478,282.03
 Surplus/(Deficit) \$ (50,149.65)

Rolling 4 Week Averages:
 Average Collection: \$9,968.10
 Average Surplus/(Deficit) (\$ 816.23)



Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2021 Annual Appeal is now underway. We have \$60,250.00 already pledged. Our goal is \$69,693.00. (86.45% 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, June 20th
 Father's Day

Monday, June 21st

Tuesday, June 22nd

Wednesday, June 23rd

10 am - 12 pm—Food Pantry Distribution

Thursday, June 24th

9:15am - Centering Prayer /Lectio/Divina

Friday, June 25th

Saturday, June 26th

Sunday, June 27th

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The he asked them, ‘Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?’” – MARK 4:40

Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him throughout the day, in all circumstances.