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# Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time— July 4th, 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](http://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](http://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 came to His hometown and to His neighbors and spoke words of hope and healing to them. They were aware of his reputation and of the miracles he had done and the wisdom of his words. Yet, because they knew Him they were not able to appreciate these things. How often in our lives do we not appreciate the blessings that have been bestowed upon us, the gifts that have been given us? As we celebrate our faith this weekend, let us remember then myriad of gifts, blessings and opportunities that God has given us especially the most important ones of His love, His Son and the grace and salvation that comes through Him. This weekend we recall also the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and are reminded that these gifts come from our God, our creator. These gifts also come with a call to use them wisely and with love and in love for our God and for our neighbor.

Peace, 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](mailto: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](http://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, July 4th**

8:00 am **For the People of IHM**  
 10:00 am **Margaret Malone+** By the Lewis Family  
 12:00 pm **Tommy Farrell** By the Farrell Family

**Monday, July 5th**

7:00 am **Pearl Cuevas+** By Ruby Coliantes  
 8:30 am **Jack Foulks+** By Dianne Mrozek

**Tuesday, July 6th**

7:00 am **Mary Beth Niedzwiecki+** By Betty Swisher  
 8:30 am **Janice Good-Piga (living)** By Bob Piga

**Wednesday, July 7th**

7:00 am **Jozef Mitosinka+** By Peter Nizner  
 8:30 am **Mark Eric Fusillo+** By Mark & Rebecca Keogh

**Thursday, July 8th**

7:00 am **Juliette Lewis +** By the Nizner Family  
 8:30 am **Lois Tack+** By Patty Tack

**Friday, July 9th**

7:00 am **Lucille Mc Gann+** By the Nizner Family  
 8:30am **Willaim Barry Sr+** By Patricia Markey

**Saturday, July 10th**

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**  
 8:30 am **Frank Ferrara\*** By Marie Tango  
 5:00 pm **Mary Gorski+** By Arlene Knox

**Sunday, July 11th**

8:00 am **Jack Foulks+** By Donna & Bill Donaleski  
 10:00 am **Carol Agnes Henkels+** By the DeVizio Family  
 12:00 pm **Joseph Guidi+** By Eileen Guidi

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	Kathy Moul
Anna Cassella	Hilda Pizza
Paul Cassidy	Diane Pricken
Matthew Cassio	Susan Rozborski
Frank Chimento	Diana Scariati
William Consovoy	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*

***George Francis***

**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 July 4th**

For the intention of:

**JACK FOULKS**

Requested by The Healey Family



**Sanctuary Light for the Week of July 4th**

For the intention of:

**CARMELLA CRISCITIELLO**

Requested by Dorian Di Pace



**Flowers for the Blessed Mother**



For the week of July 4th

**In Honor of Our Lady Queen of Peace**

Requested by the Kelly Family



### SUMMER ACADEMY INFORMATION

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.

The 8th grade Discipleship Academy will "breakout" for service and field trips assuming we have sufficient parent leadership to do so.

**Important dates:**

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 to registered families)**

We look forward to being with you and your children this summer! Feel free to email any questions you may have about the program to me ([maryclinton@ihmparish.net](mailto:maryclinton@ihmparish.net)) or registration questions to Janet Manfredonia ([janet@ihmparish.net](mailto:janet@ihmparish.net)).

Peace & blessings,

Mary



### IHM FOOD PANTRY

The IHM Food Pantry is in need of donations. Demand for food and toiletries has been increasing as we work our way through the COVID pandemic recovery

Items needed include non-parishable food items, personal toiletry items and baby products.

Please bring your donations to the back of the church. Place the items in the red bins near the back doors. You may also drop donations off at the Nazareth Center.

Thank you for your generosity!

#### ITEMS NEEDED

- CANNED TUNA, CHICKEN, SALMON
- TOOTHPASTE
- CANNED FRUIT JUICE
- SOAP
- PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP
- PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY
- FEMININE PRODUCTS
- HOT AND COLD CEREALS
- BABY PRODUCTS
- BOXED POTATOES
- DIAPERS
- SNACKS
- DEODORANT
- RICE\*
- MAC & CHEESE
- CAKE MIX
- SHELF STABLE MILK
- COOKING OILS
- CANNED VEGGIES
- TOMATO SAUCE
- CANNED FRUIT
- CANNED SOUPS
- COFFEE
- CANNED BEANS

**Minister Assignments  
Weekend of July 10-11**

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

**Parish Information**

**Religious Education Classes**

Questions? [Faithformation@ihmparish.net](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.ihmparish.net)



A very Happy Fourth of July! Please be safe and keep the Holy Family with you this weekend. We all know how much they traveled! Please remember—" Be Happy in the moment, that's enough. Each moment is all we need, not more." Saint Mother Teresa.

Thank you all, who came to the June 29th Luncheon. Even though we had sunny weather, I am glad we were inside due to the 97 degrees outside! I believe everyone had a good time. Thank you again Janice Reilly for chairing this event. You did a great job.

The great news is that the dues is still only \$25. for a year of membership of spiritual and social events plus your copy of the Directory. You can send your check to Barbara Apgar at 427 LaGrande Ave, Fanwood, NJ 07023. Thank you.

Everyone please mark your calendar as we begin our 2021-2022 programs on Tuesday, September 14th at 6:00pm with Mass and a Welcome Back Pizza Party!

Your executive board members will be working during these summer months to finalize the details for the 2021-2022 events. Janice Good-Piga will be finalizing and publishing the Directory. Executive Board Members reminder the next meeting is August 3rd at 5:30pm at my house!

Please visit Our Lord in His new Adoration Chapel, He is waiting for you to stop by!

"Let us pray for peace, joy, and love. We are reminded that Jesus came to bring the good news: *"My peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you."* He came not to give the peace of the world which is only that we do not harm each other. He came to give the peace of heart which comes from loving— from doing good to others." — Saint Mother Teresa

Thank you and God Bless!

Mary Jane

**June 27, 2021**

Weekly Budget Need:	\$ 10,784.32
Collection	6,333.00
Parish Giving:	2,490.41
(includes TEXT to GIVE)	
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (1,960.91)

**Fiscal Year To Date:**

Budget	\$ 550,000.32
Actual:	497,207.71
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (52,792.61)

**Rolling 4 Week Averages:**

Average Collection:	\$10,424.05
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$360.27)



**Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

The 2021 Annual Appeal is now underway. We have \$60,300.00 already pledged. Our goal is \$69,693.00. (86.52% 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](http://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, July 4th**

Independence Day

**Monday, July 5th**

Office Closed

**Tuesday, July 6th**

**Wednesday, July 7th**

10 am - 12 pm—Food Pantry Distribution

**Thursday, July 8th**

9:15am - Centering Prayer /Lectio/Divina

**Friday, July 9th**

**Saturday, July 10th**

**Sunday, July 11th**

Food Pantry Sunday

For more information please visit

[www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net)



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**ANNUAL PRAYER SERVICES IN HONOR  
OF ST. ANNE & ST. JOACHIM**

The Annual Prayer Services in Honor of St. Anne & St. Joachim, parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord, Jesus Christ, celebrated by St. Michael Parish, Cranford, will begin July 23 and continue on July 24 & 25 at 7:00 pm each night.

On Monday, July 26th, the fest of St. Anne and St. Joachim, a special Feast Day Mass will be conducted at 7:00 pm.

Candles for the shrine for these saints are available in St. Michael's Parish Center.