

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time— July 25th, 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

With just a few pieces of bread and some fish Jesus feeds more than 5000 people. An indication to us of not only the abundant feast waiting for us in the fullness of God’s Kingdom, but also the abundance of grace bestowed upon us here and now.

Jesus takes the food, gives thanks to God and distributes it to the crowd. Jesus provides us with his Body and Blood in a similar way so that we may be fed. The abundance of bread and fish help us to understand the abundance of grace provided in the Eucharist when we receive Jesus Himself. We are then called to use that grace not only for our own growth in holiness, but to serve and help other as well.

Peace, Fr. Mike

MASS BOOK FOR 2022 IS NOW OPEN

Immaculate Heart of Mary has opened the 2022 Mass Book. Staff will not be available to take mass requests over the phone or in person. Please fill out the order form that is available on the IHM website (printed copies are in the plastic box outside of the Nazareth Center) and drop it off with a \$10 (per mass) donation in the black mailbox in front of the Nazareth Center. We will process the masses in order of receipt and we will do our best to fulfill your requests. We will call you with any questions and to confirm your order. There will be a limit of 4 masses per person. Please indicate if you need to send a card. We will arrange for you to pick up the cards at the entrance to the Nazareth Center.

You may also order a Sanctuary Candle or Altar Bread and Wine for the week at a cost of \$20. Options are included on the order form.

Our Mass schedule is as follows:

- Saturday (Anticipated): 5PM
- Sundays – 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 Noon
- Weekdays and Saturdays: 7:00 AM and 8:30 AM
- National Holidays—9:00 AM
- Holy Days 7:00 pm, 7:00 AM, 12 Noon, 7:00 PM
- Subject to Change

Updated Directives During the Covid-19 Pandemic

Introduction

Given the reinstatement by the Bishops of New Jersey of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and the lessening of restrictions from the state, the following is provided as an immediate update to the May 25 directives.

Still in effect: Masks will no longer be required for fully vaccinated persons. If not fully vaccinated, persons are strongly encouraged to follow CDC guidance and wear a face mask in public settings. Masks are still required on public transit and in health care settings, prisons, child-care facilities and schools, among other places. People will no longer be required to socially distance indoors or outdoors, although unvaccinated persons should continue to maintain a safe distance from others.

These directives apply to all indoor and outdoor events.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS All ministries may return to full service – altar servers, lectors, ushers, greeters and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Masks are no longer required for all vaccinated ministers, including those distributing Communion (Priests, Deacons, and EMs). However, masks may be worn for those who prefer to wear one during the liturgy.

COMMUNION While Communion on the tongue is now permitted, for the safety of the priests, ministers and other communicants, we encourage continued reception of communion in the hand. At this time, Communion from the cup should not be distributed to the assembly.

SIGN OF PEACE The invitation to share the Sign of Peace should continue. Parishioners could be reminded that it is not required to touch during the sign of peace.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Ushers may take up the collection at the proper time or baskets may be placed at the entrance of the church for the collection. (Beginning July 17, 2021)

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS The procession to present the gifts of bread and wine and the collection can be resumed. (Beginning July 17, 2021)

BAPTISMAL FONTS Baptismal fonts and holy water receptacles may be filled.

MUSIC Vaccinated music ministers (cantors, choirs, etc.,) do not require masks or shields. Music ministers who are not vaccinated should wear a mask. All musical instruments are permitted. Hymnals are now permitted.

SANITIZING The cleaning and sanitizing of churches and common spaces should be done regularly. It is not required after every liturgy.

PARISH MEETINGS Parish meetings in person may resume. Those vaccinated are not required to wear masks for indoor meetings nor are they required to maintain social distancing. The same recommendations for Mass apply to those not vaccinated.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 25th

8:00 am **Juliette Lewis+** By the Leone Family
 10:00 am **Frank Pecoraro Birthday+** By Maureen Pecoraro
 12:00 pm **Bill Stelzer +** By Bonnie & Brett Boyle & Family

Monday, July 26th

7:00 am **Mary Ann Fortunato+** By Rich Fortunato
 8:30 am **Margaret Trigo+** By Karen Schurtz

Tuesday, July 27th

7:00 am **Rennier Marc B. Razal Happy Birthday (living)** By Del Rosario Family
 8:30 am **Bill Stelzer+** By the Considine Family

Wednesday, July 28th

7:00 am **Francis Mc Elroy+** By Lynne & Jim O'Conner
 8:30 am **Jack Brown+** By his family

Thursday, July 29th

7:00 am **Jack Foulks+** By the Holy Name Society
 8:30 am **Ramon Valera+** By the Valera Family

Friday, July 30th

7:00 am **Kathleen Patricia Glennon+** By Betty Seery
 8:30am **Bruce Klein+** By Karen Schurtz

Saturday, July 31st

7:00 am **For the People of IHM Parish**
 8:30 am **Eleanor Watson+** By Andrea, Mike, Nicole & Keith
 5:00 pm **George, Mary & Georgina Good+** By Janice Good-Piga & Bob Piga

Sunday, August 1st

8:00 am **Magdalena R Becker+** By husband, George W. Becker
 10:00 am **Elwood Havard+** By DeVizio Family
 12:00 pm **Sue Bishop & Joan Bishop Jennings+** By Rosary Altar Society

John Allen	Kathleen Herron
Rose Badala	Juliann Junio
George Becker	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	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 Szecker
Emily Fleming	Carole Ventre
Mary Foster	Daniel Ventura
Nicole Griffin	Sr.Elizabeth
Maureen Grossman	Vermaelen
John Heiling	Stephen Voorhees



Remember those who have died

ANTHONY CRISCITIELLO

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 Altar Bread & Wine for the Week of July 25th



**For the intention of:
FRANK PECORARO**

Requested by Maureen Pecoraro

Sanctuary Light for the Week of July 25th



For the intention of:

Teresa Schmitt—Birthday & Death Anniversary

Requested by Mary Jane Bergen

Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of July 25th

***In memory of
MARY GROGAN***

Requested by her daughter



Family Onsite Activities: (Sign Up Required)

Tues., July 27 @ 6:30 - 8pm
Family Movie Night - The Rosary

Wed., July 28 @ 6:30 - 8pm
Family "Art Room" - Make Your Own Rosaries

Thurs., July 29 @ 6:30 - 8pm
Family Living Rosary

Tues., Aug. 3 @ 9:30am - 12 noon
Family Field Trip to the Cathedral

Wed., Aug. 4 @ 9:30am - 12 noon
Family Field Trip to the Gray Friars Monastery

Thurs., Aug. 5 @ 9:30am - 12 noon
Family Field Trip to the Shrine of
St. Joseph in Stirling

Please feel free to email any questions you may have about the program to maryclinton@ihmparish.net



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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?”
JOHN 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!

Minister Assignments—July 31st-August 1st

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Good-Piga	Torzewski	Fr. Valentine
8:00 am	C. Keogh	Sullivan Bagdonas	Fr. Rob
10:00 am	Fortunato	Deacon Jack Carlino	Fr. Valentine
12:00 pm	Foley	McGuinness O'Connor	Fr. Rob



“Most commit the same mistake with God that they do with their friends: they do all the talking.” — Bishop Fulton Sheen.

To all Rosarians, you should have received the president 's letter this past week by email or US mail. If you have not received it, please contact me at (908-753-2161), leaving your name and number. Thank you.

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. Please send your check to Barbara Apgar at 427 LaGrande Ave, Fanwood, NJ 07023. Thank you.

All Executive Board Members, which includes officers, chairwomen of standing committees and monthly meetings, that the next meeting will be a barbecue on August 3rd at 5:30pm at my house, 53 Highlander Drive, Scotch Plains. Any member who would like to also attend the barbecue and maybe co-chair an event, please call me and Pat Mazzucca for the barbecue sign up! Thank you.

Finally, all members please mark your calendar for our first meeting, Tuesday, September 14th at 6:00pm with a Mass and a Welcome Back Pizza Party. Please reserve your place by September 9th by calling MaryAnne Sopko at 908-322-0279, and leaving your name and phone number. Thank you!

Our Lord is still waiting for you to stop by and visit Him in the Adoration Chapel, even though it is summer. He doesn't go on vacation.

So a final quote from Bishop Fulton Sheen, **“The Lord hears us more readily than we suspect; it is our listening to God that needs to be improved.”**

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

July 18, 2021

Weekly Budget Need:	\$ 11,300.00
Collection	5,854.00
Parish Giving:	3,622.78
(includes TEXT to GIVE)	
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (1,823.22)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget	\$ 33,900.00
Actual:	37,120.08
Surplus/(Deficit)	3,220.08

Rolling 4 Week Averages:

Average Collection:	\$11,485.87
Average Surplus/Deficit)	314.79



Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2021 Annual Appeal is now underway. We have \$61,510.00 already pledged. Our goal is \$69,693.00. (88.26% 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, July 25th

Monday, July 26th

Tuesday, July 27th

Wednesday, July 28th

10 am - 12 pm—Food Pantry Distribution

Thursday, July 29th

9:15am - Centering Prayer /Lectio/Divina

Friday, July 30th

Saturday, July 31st

Sunday, August 1st

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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 feast 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.