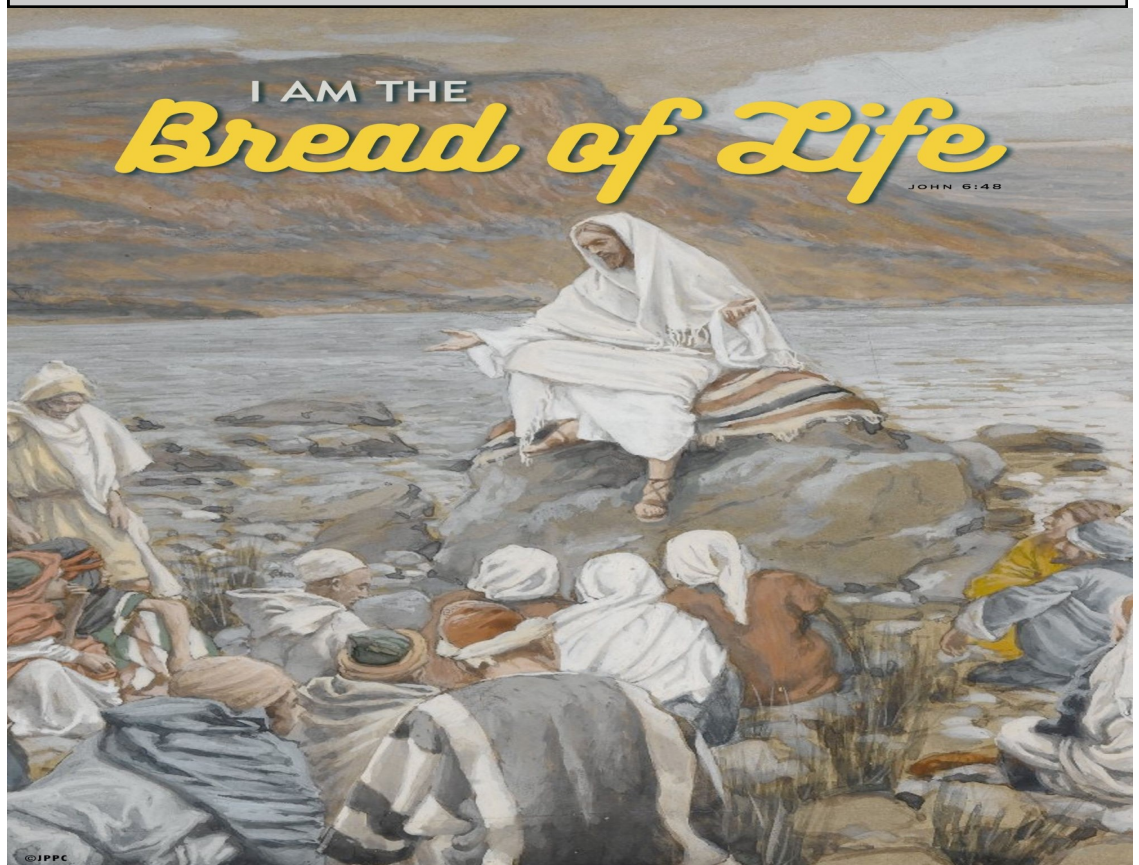


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time— August 1st, 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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Follow us on Instagram: [ihmparish_sp](https://www.instagram.com/ihmparish_sp)

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 invites us into deeper intimacy with him each time we are invited to eat His flesh and drink His blood. In receiving the body and blood of Christ, we truly have life within us. The manna in the desert gave nourishment and sustenance to the people. They are looking for more miracles and signs, the superficial elements. Rather than ignoring their shallow desires he encourages them to look deeper into themselves and their relationship with God. The sustenance of the Eucharist endures as it incorporates the divine life of God into our humanity and helps us to live our potential as children of God, participating in the same life of self-giving found in the saving action of Christ on the cross.

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, 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

Monday, August 2nd

7:00 am **Betty R. Razal+** By her Family
 8:30 am **Bob Seery+** By Chris & Jack Haight

Tuesday, August 3rd

7:00 am **Norma Go+** By the Lioanag Family
 8:30 am **Bertha Walsh+** By the D'Agostino Family

Wednesday, August 4th

7:00 am **Loretta Beck Gallagher+** By Fran & Jim Brennan
 8:30 am **Bess Sullivan+** By Colm & Geraldine Keogh

Thursday, August 5th

7:00 am **Mary Beth Niedzwiecki+** By Virginia & Stephen Leone
 8:30 am **Julie Baran+** By Lew Corno & Family

Friday, August 6th

7:00 am **Sr. Barbara Howard+** By SSJ
 8:30am **Christine Gallo+** By Marion, Marc, Julianne, Kevin, Steven & Elise

Saturday, August 7th

7:00 am **Bienvenido O. Razal+** By the Family
 8:30 am **Evelyn & William Lawler+** By Evelyn Dougherty
 5:00 pm **Dorothy Fitzpatrick+** By the Carman Family

Sunday, August 8th

8:00 am **Bob Seery+** By Kathy & Jim Meyer
 10:00 am **Dorothy Mc Cormack+** By the Lewis Family
 12:00pm **Pat Dillon+** By Mary Graham

John Allen	John Heiling
Rose Badala	Kathleen Herron
George Becker	Juliann Junio
Larry Biunno	Anna Koch
Fran Boglioli	Eileen Lynch
Erin Brennan	Maureen Lynch
Samatha Bridge	Owen Mike McCabe
James Brown	June McManus
Kevin Brown	Christine Morris
John Burkert	Thomas Moore
Anna Cassella	Marlene Mosko
Paul Cassidy	Hilda Pizza
Matthew Cassio	Diane Pricken
Frank Chimento	Susan Rozborski
William Consovoy	Diana Scariati
Colm Cosgrove	Elisa Silversey
Edward Clark	Bernard Slaza
Ray Clark	Beverly Sopp
Sarah Dubay	Ryder Francis Spillane
Albert Fischer, Jr.	Paul Szeker
Emily Fleming	Carole Ventre
Mary Foster	Daniel Ventura
Nicole Griffin	Sr.Elizabeth
Maureen Grossman	Vermaelen
	Stephen Voorhees



Remember those who have died

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 August 1st



For the intention of:

JACK FOULKS

Requested by Donna Ayers



Sanctuary Light for the Week of August 1st

For the intention of:

SAMUEL E. AYERS

Requested by Donna Ayers

Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of August 1st

For the intention of our granddaughter

MEGAN

Requested by Grammie & PopPop



Family Onsite Activities: (Sign Up Required)

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



**PRAY THE
ROSARY**



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—August 7-8

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Zucosky	Good-Piga Torzewski	Fr. Mike
8:00 am	Keogh	Di Bella Coquia	Fr. Valentine
10:00 am	Fortunato	Carlino Deacon Jack	Fr. Rob
12:00 pm		Kiley McGuinness	Fr. Mike

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



***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, 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 or 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

July 25, 2021

Weekly Budget Need: \$ 11,300.00
 Collection 6,423.00
 Parish Giving: 2,930.53
 (includes TEXT to GIVE)
 Surplus/(Deficit) \$ (1,946.47)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget \$ 45,200.00
 Actual: \$ 46,473.61
 Surplus/ Deficit) \$ 1,273.61

Rolling 4 Week Averages:

Average
 Collection: \$11,618.40
 Average Surplus/
 (Deficit) 318.40



Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2021 Annual Appeal is now underway. We have \$61,704.75 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, August 1st

Monday, August 2nd

Tuesday, August 3rd

Wednesday, August 4th

10 am - 12 pm—Food Pantry Distribution

Thursday, August 5th

9:15am - Centering Prayer /Lectio/Divina

Friday, August 6th

Saturday, August 7th

Sunday, August 8th

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August 1, 2021



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” EXODUS 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our “wants” from our “needs”. Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.