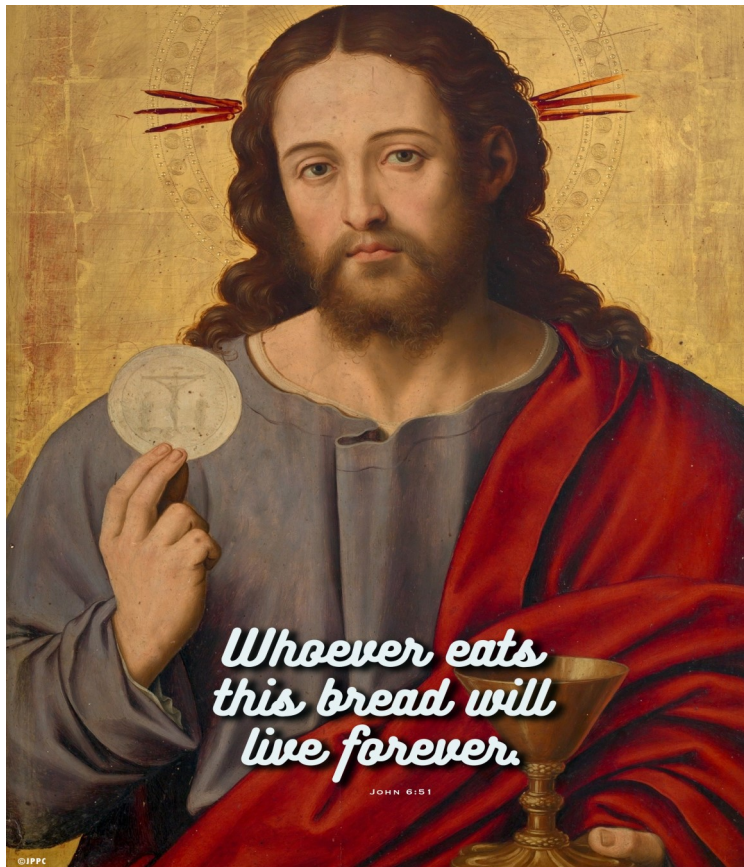


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time— August 8th, 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*

*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

Often times we may feel like Elijah and say “Enough Lord” when it comes to our discipleship. Yet our readings today show us that the Lord will continue to call us, challenge us, support us and nourish us to continue the mission of Christ. Jesus gives us His very self so that we may have eternal life, so that we may continue to be instruments of His love in our world today.

Living without bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, reviling, and malice, and allowing kindness, compassion and forgiveness to be our way of life helps us to truly imitate to love of God for those we encounter each day.

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.

Remember Our Sick



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| John Allen | Juliann Junio |
| Rose Badala | Anna Koch |
| George Becker | 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 | Diane Pricken |
| Paul Cassidy | Susan Rozborski |
| Matthew Cassio | Diana Scariati |
| Frank Chimento | Elisa Silversey |
| William Consovoy | Bernard Slaza |
| Colm Cosgrove | Beverly Sopp |
| Edward Clark | Ryder Francis Spillane |
| Ray Clark | Chuck Sprecht |
| Sarah Dubay | Paul Szecker |
| Albert Fischer, Jr. | Carole Ventre |
| Emily Fleming | Daniel Ventura |
| Mary Foster | Sr.Eliz. Vermaelen |
| Nicole Griffin | Stephen Voorhees |
| Maureen Grossman | Rose Wirt |
| Kathleen Herron | Christy Ward |

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, August 9th

- 7:00 am **Isabel Lies+** By the Lundgren Family
 8:30 am **Jack Foulks+** By Phyllis & Bruce Leonard

Tuesday, August 10th

- 7:00 am **Charles Plungis+** By Betty Swisher
 8:30 am **Rita Jean Whalen+** By Bernard Whalen

Wednesday, August 11th

- 7:00 am **Stanley Gorski+** By Mary Graham
 8:30 am **Susan Wagner+** By Mom & Dad Wagner

Thursday, August 12th

- 7:00 am **Lorie Gallagher+** By Bernie Beck
 8:30 am **Jeanne Walsh+** By her family

Friday, August 13th

- 7:00 am **Dino Velez+** By Olive Velez
 8:30am **Danny Kelly+** By Mom & Dad

Saturday, August 14th

- 7:00 am **For the People of IHM**
 8:30 am **Pat Mazzucca (living)** By the Rosary Altar Society
 5:00 pm **Sr. Margaret Murphy+** By the Lewis Family

Sunday, August 15th

- 8:00 am **James R. Kennedy+** By Michael Caspersen
 10:00 am **Father Al Aversa+** By Fr. Rob Kunze
 12:00pm **Joseph Guidi+** By Eileen Guidi



Remember those who have died

***Anthony Giordano
 Carol Rachko***

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:

ROBERT REDDIN

Requested by Stephen & Donna D'Annunzio



Sanctuary Light for the Week of August 1st

For the intention of:

JOSEPH GUIDI

Requested by Eileen Guidi

Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of August 8th

***Our Lady Of IHM
 For Favors Received***

Requested by Roe Kelly



IHM FOOD PANTRY

Our Summer Academy Family Activities continue with our theme of Pray Always!

Although summer academy was held virtually this year, we offered our families a variety of in-person activities, thanks to the ingenuity of our Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation Mary Clinton. The activities the first week focused on service. Families participated in a walkathon supporting Mission Clean Water, a non-profit spearheaded by Scotch Plains resident James Leitner (learn more at www.missioncleanwater.org), a foul shooting contest/diaper drive for St. Crispin’s (thank you John McNulty for making this happen!), and a family Bingo night to benefit the IHM food pantry.

The second week of activities focused on Mass. We held an interesting and informative session in Church where Fr. Mike and Katie brought the parts of the Mass to life for families, followed by a family Mass and a visit from a vintage Good Humor ice cream truck.

What a good evening we had in the third week, as we learned more about the connection between the Rosary, the message of Our Lady of Fatima and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and then had the opportunity to make our own rosaries! Some families took their rosaries home for personal prayer, and some donated the rosaries they made for use in the missions!

The final week of activities involved field trips. First stop was a tour of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, followed by a trip to the Grey Friars in Newark, and the Shrine of St. Joseph in Stirling.

More on these excursions to follow....

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 14-15

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Mitchell	Good-Piga Zucosky	Fr. Rob
8:00 am	Banasiak	Gibbons Dill	Fr. Mike
10:00 am	Zappo	Diken Deacon Jack	Fr. Rob
12:00 pm	Kiley	McGuinness Wagner	Fr. Valentine



“Ultimate hope is accepting what is beyond our control and believing that God will use the circumstances of our lives to help us grow in holiness.” Matthew Kelly

All members please mark your calendar for our first meeting, Tuesday, September 14th at 6:00 pm with a Mass and a Welcome Back Pizza Party. Please reserve your place by September 9th by calling MaryAnne Sopko at 908-322-0270, and leaving your name and phone number. Thank you.

If you haven't sent your 2021-2022 dues of \$25. to Barbara Apgar at 427 LaGrande Ave, Fanwood, NJ 07023, please do so. Thank you. This will insure that there is no delay in you receiving your new Rosary Directory.

I want to thank all the members of the Executive Board for attending our first meeting for this new year. I believe everyone had a good time at the barbecue and a lot was accomplished. Very much looking forward to a very blessed and busy year of events.

Our Lord is still waiting for you to stop by and visit Him in the Adoration Chapel. Remember He doesn't go on vacation! Thank you.

A final quote from Saint Francis of Assisi —

“The deeds you do maybe the only sermon some people will hear Today”.

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

August 1, 2021

Weekly Budget Need:	\$ 11,300.00
Collection	7,155.00
Parish Giving:	2,268.57
(includes TEXT to GIVE)	
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (1,876.43)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Budget	\$ 56,500.00
Actual:	55,897.18
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$602.82)

Rolling 4 Week Averages:

Average Collection:	\$ 10,797.81
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(502.19)



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 8th

Monday, August 9th

Tuesday, August 10th

Wednesday, August 11th

10 am - 12 pm—Food Pantry Distribution

Thursday, August 12th

9:15am - Centering Prayer /Lectio/Divina

Friday, August 13th

Saturday, August 14th

Sunday, August 15th

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August 8, 2021

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!” 1 KINGS 19:7

God knows that committing to a stewardship lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it on our own, we need His help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist we join our sacrifice with the sacrifice of the Holy Mass and receive the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples