

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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Assumption of Mary — August 15th, 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

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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

The Assumption of Mary which we celebrate today is a time to remember the great things that God has done for Mary, inviting her deeper and deeper into relationship with Him, becoming the mother of His Son, Jesus, and finally lifting her up, body and soul, into His heavenly Kingdom. It is a reminder of the promises of eternal life that God has made to us, and shows that our faith and hope are not in vain. The gospel invites us to remember with praise and gratitude the great things that God has done for us, and challenges us to recognize the presence of our lord in our lives, opening us up to the marvels of his love, for He indeed comes to us each and every 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 14th

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 **Fr. Al Aversa+** By Fr. Rob Kunze

12:00pm **Joseph Guidi+** By Eileen Guidi

Monday, August 16th

7:00 am **John Heiling+** By Bernie Beck

8:30 am **Karen Theiss+** By The Lundgren Family

Tuesday, August 17th

7:00 am **Mark Troxler+** By Judith Rich Steinbach

8:30 am **Diana LaForga Scariati (Living)** By Adela LaForga

Wednesday, August 18th

7:00 am **Michael "Mikey" Hofmann+** By Joan & Ray O'Donnell

8:30 am **Michael Travisano+** By The Lewis Family

Thursday, August 19th

7:00 am **Brian McKenna+** By Joan & Ray O'Donnell

8:30 am **Margaret Guinan+** By Betty Swisher

Friday, August 20th

7:00 am **Edgardo Tiangco+** By Lioanag Family

8:30am **Stephan Walsh+** By The D'Agostino & Walsh Families

Saturday, August 21th

7:00 am **For the People of IHM**

8:30 am **Robert J. Bergen** By your loving wife Mary Jane
(Death Anniversary)

5:00 pm **Dolores O'Brien+** By Kevin Savacool & Sarah Smyth

Sunday, August 22th

8:00 am **Mary Coughlan+** By Ro & Jim Malfetti

10:00 am **Daniel Capone+** By Mary Jo Blum

12:00pm **Adele & John R. Stephanik+** By The Lundgren Family

Remember Our Sick

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

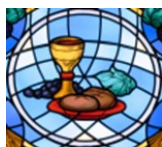


Remember those who have died
Anthony Giordano
Carol Rachko
America Stefnagle

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.

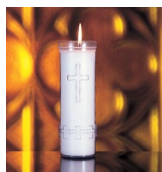
The Altar Bread & Wine for the Week of August 15th



For the intention of:

The Gara Family (living)

Requested by Stephen & Donna D'Annunzio



Sanctuary Light for the Week of August 15th

For the intention of:

John R. Stephanik, Jr.

Requested by The Lundgren Family



Flowers for the Blessed Mother

For the week of August 15th

In memory of

Henry Mazzucca

Requested by Hank & Pat Mazzucca



Our Summer Academy Program concluded with three fruitful field trips.

On Tuesday students visited the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark and were led through the history, significance and beauty of this wondrous place! We were fortunate to have IHM parishioner Pat Mazzucca join us and bring her insights as a seasoned tour guide at St. Patrick's in NYC!

Wednesday, Brother Thomas Mary of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal welcomed us to Most Blessed Sacrament Friary in Newark to learn more about the vocation, charism and ministry of the "Gray Friars," and led us through this former Dominican Sisters Monastery, and provide a glimpse of this deeply peaceful and spiritual oasis located in the heart of Newark. It was surprising to learn that the Gray Friars rely completely on the Grace of God for donations to sustain them and the homeless and needy brothers and sisters they serve through their many ministries, just as St. Francis of Assisi did.

Thursday, Fr. Raul Ventura, S.T., welcomed us to the Shrine of St. Joseph in Stirling, NJ. He helped us learn and reflect on the awesome person of St. Joseph as well as the charism of the Missionary Cenacle Family which calls every Catholic to be an apostle! One of our 8th graders posed the question: "What is a Shrine?" Fr. Raul explained that a shrine is a place that helps people to encounter God through prayer, outreach and peace. It was great to see the 9/11 Memorial created from steel from the towers, the amazing chapel that overlooks the Watchung Hills and, of course, to experience the Love of God.

Many thanks to Fr. Rob and Fr. Mike for sending us off with prayer and blessings each morning and to Ligia Mendes, and Geraldine & Colm Keogh for accompanying the group each day, and to all the family members who contributed to the great experiences we enjoyed together!

We look forward to continuing our Family Events throughout this coming year!

Peace & blessings,
Mary Clinton
 Pastoral Associate of Faith Formation



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-perishable 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
- PASTA



Minister Assignments—August 21-22

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Good-Piga	- Zucosky - Torzewski	Fr. Val
8:00 am	Brennan	- Banasiak - Sullivan	Fr. Rob
10:00 am	Davis	- Zappo - Jack	Fr. Val
12:00 pm	Briante	- O'Connor - Wagner	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.

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As we celebrate Mary today remember, “Mary has produced, together with the Holy Spirit, the greatest thing which has been or will be — a God-Man; and she will consequently produce the greatest saints in the world has ever seen.” St. Louis-Marie de Montfort.

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. This is a correction in the 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. This will insure that there is no delay in receiving your new Rosary Directory. Thank you.

I want to thank all the members of the Executive Board for attending our first meeting for this the new year. A lot was accomplished while braking bread together (the barbecue). Everyone one enjoyed themselves as the final touches for the spiritual and social events were completed for the 2021-2022 calendar.

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 St. John Vianney—*“Let us live as Mary lived ... loving God above all else, desiring God above all else , trying to please God above all else.”*

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

Thank you and God Bless!

MaryJane

August 8, 2021	
Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,300.00
Collection:	\$7,985.00
Parish Giving:	\$5,465.55
(includes TEXT to GIVE)	
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$2,150.55
Fiscal Year to Date:	
Budget:	\$67,800.00
Actual:	\$69,347.73
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,547.73
Rolling 4 Week Averages:	
Average Collection:	\$10,426.11
Average Surplus/(Deficit) (873.89)	
2021 Annual Appeal To Date- for	
Archdiocese of Newark-	\$61,704.75
Goal -	\$69,693.00
	(88.26% of goal)



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

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Monday, August 16th

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7:00 pm Pastoral Council

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10 am - 12 pm—Food Pantry Distribution

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COAR will be making an upcoming mission appeal asking for your prayers, awareness, and generosity. Founded in 1980 at the beginning of El Salvador's civil war, COAR is the Community of Oscar A. Romero, a school, foster care facility, clinic and other services for the impoverished children of El Salvador.

More information is available at www.coarpeacemission.org, (440) 943-7615. Donations are payable to our parish, placed into the 2nd collection, or, brought or mailed to the parish later with "COAR" in the memo.