

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 22nd, 2021

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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*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 Father Mike



Joshua says “As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” “Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” They are both making a commitment to serve their God. They both recognize that, despite the possible difficulties of understanding what is beyond their senses and in living out the commitment, it is the only way to live in the Lord. Discipleship is living with and through faith and is not an easy way to go. We rely on the Spirit of God to draw us beyond what we can see, taste, touch and reason to. In doing so, we come to a greater recognition of the presence of Christ in our lives and become more capable of living out our love of God in service to one another.

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 21st

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

Sunday, August 22nd

8:00 am **Mary Coughlan+** By Ro & Jim Malfetti
 10:00 am **Daniel M. Capone+** By Mary Jo Blum
 12:00pm **Adele & John R. Stephanik+** By The Lundgren Family

Monday, August 23rd

7:00 am **Francisco Buscini+** By The Buscini Family
 8:30 am **Bob Seery+** By John & Tracey Foley

Tuesday, August 24th

7:00 am **Thomas Moore Jr. +** By John & Tracey Foley
 8:30 am **Sunil Marcus** By Rekha Kulkarni

Wednesday, August 25th

7:00 am **Mary Claire Hahn+** By The Prayer Shawl Ministry
 8:30 am **Bob Piga (living)** By Janice Good-Piga

Thursday, August 26th

7:00 am **Rosalba DiMaio+** By Mary Wanca
 8:30 am **Jack Foulks+** By Colm & Geraldine Keogh

Friday, August 27th

7:00 am **For the People** By The People
 8:30 am **John "Jack" Foulks+** By Robert W. Bilarczyk

Saturday, August 28th

7:00 am **Frederick T. Garlick+** By Patricia M. Manzo
 8:30 am **Robert Dougherty+** By The Dougherty Family
 5:00 pm **Marie & John Hennessy+** By The Hennessy Family

Sunday, August 29th

8:00 am **For the People** By The People
 10:00 am **Joseph DiGirolamo+** By The Veglia Family & Mary Jo Blum
 12:00pm **Marge Malone+** By Mary Graham

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 Specht
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	

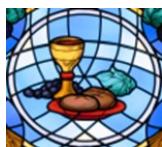


Remember those who have died
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Hospital Privacy

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 22nd

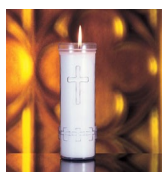


For the intention of:

Sue Bishop+

Requested by Dan & Roe Kelly

Sanctuary Light for the Week of August 22nd



For the intention of:

Frank Pecoraro

Requested by Maureen & Daughters Melissa & Kimberly



Flowers for the Blessed Mother

For the week of August 22nd

In memory of

Marie & John Hennessy

Requested by The Hennessy Family



Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Meetings will resume on Zoom September 9

Centering prayer is a contemplative method of prayer which helps you deepen your personal relationship with the Lord, using Lectio Divina, Reflection and Meditation. This prayer is also known as “The Prayer of Quiet” or “The Prayer of the Heart”.

It’s talking less and listening more, as you allow the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart. The words you pray do not matter as much as in the spirit you pray them. It’s a way of reading and listening and discerning with the “eyes of your heart.”

“BE STILL, KNOW, I AM GOD”

If you would like to experience this prayer method which helps to deepen your spiritual journey with the Lord we meet on Thursday mornings at 9:30am on Zoom starting September 9th.

Please call Phyllis at **908-264-7456** for further information and to receive the Zoom link.

Centering prayer is a CONTEMPLATIVE form of prayer, utilizing Lectio Divina, Reflection, Meditation and Silence. It’s a prayer method that has been used since the time of the Desert Fathers and Mothers. It’s a way of LISTENING deeply, and allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart.

It is also known as “The Prayer of Quiet” or the “Prayer of the Heart” and is a way of going beyond the written word so as to hear “The Whispers of God”.

It helps to develop a deep, intimate, PERSONAL, RELATIONSHIP with the Lord. As well as helping what the message is for you, whether you are reading scripture, other inspirational readings, listening to music, walking in nature, or living what life sends.

We will hold this meeting on Zoom. There will be Reflection material in a BOX on the table in front of the Nazareth Center, beginning September 16th, marked “Centering Prayer”, for you to pick up and REFLECT upon and journal the thoughts you would like to share when we meet on September 25th @ 9:00am.

Please contact **Phyllis Manno** at **908-264-7456** to register for the Zoom link no later than September 12th. Reflection information will be ready for pick up by September 16th at the Nazareth Center. Thank you!



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.

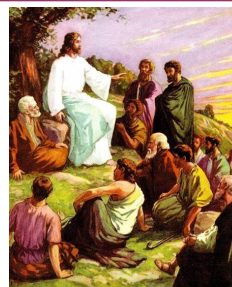
Please bring your donations to the back of the church. Place the items in the red bins near the back doors. You may also drop donations off at the Nazareth Center.

Thank you for your generosity!

ITEMS NEEDED

- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Salmon
- Toothpaste
- Canned Fruit Juice
- Soap
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Feminine Products
- Hot & 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 Soup
- Coffee
- Canned Beans

“If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” JOSHUA 24:15



When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

Minister Assignments—August 28-29

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Mulrooney	- Zucosky - Good-Piga	Fr. Mike
8:00 am	Keogh	- Speth - Wagner	Fr. Val
10:00 am	McClellan	- McCann - Deacon Jack	Fr. Mike
12:00 pm	O'Connor	- Kiley - McGuinness	Fr. Rob

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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Rosary Altar Society News



“Mary did not feel ashamed. She proclaimed Jesus her son. At Calvary we see her standing upright— the mother of God, standing next to the Cross. What deep faith she must have had because of her love for her son! To see Him dishonored, unloved, and object of hatred. Yet, she stayed upright.” **Saint Mother Teresa**

Invitation to all ladies of the parish on September 11-12th after all the Masses to stop by Our Lady of Fatima statue and see what the Rosary Altar Society has done and is planning to do!

All members and interested ladies please mark your calendar for our first meeting, Tuesday, September 14th at 6:00pm with a Mass and a Welcome Back Pizza/Bingo 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. 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 with the calendar of events for 2021-2022. Thank you. Our Lord is still waiting for you to stop by and visit with Him in the Adoration Chapel. He is always there, He doesn't go on vacation! Thank you. Final quote today from Saint Mother Teresa, *“Love is fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand. Anyone may gather it and no limit is set.”*

We are still praying for you, our parish, and the world!
Thank you and God Bless!
MaryJane

The IHM Women's Prayer Group will begin the 2021-2022 season with a meeting via **Zoom on Thursday, September 9 at 7:30PM**. The evening will focus on revealing who Mary Magdalene was. We think of her as The "Other" Mary, and the first to witness the Resurrection, but we will explore her role as a "biblical feminist" and perhaps closest friend to Jesus. All women are welcome to join!

Please email Tracey Foley at tfoleyihm@gmail.com if you would like to participate (and have not joined our distribution list previously.) You can also let Tracey know if you have been receiving the prayer group emails but would prefer not to. Just let us know your preference.

Prayer connects us all. If you have a special intention, please let us know and you will be lifted up in prayer.

August 15, 2021	
Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,300.00
Collection	\$ 4,963.00
Parish Giving:	\$ 4,232.95
(includes TEXT to GIVE)	
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,104.05)
<u>Fiscal Year to Date:</u>	
Budget	\$79,100.00
Actual:	\$78,543.68
Surplus/(Deficit)	(556.32)
Rolling 4 Week Averages:	
Average Collection:	\$10,335.90
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(944.10)
2021 Annual Appeal To Date – for	
Archdiocese of Newark -	\$61,704.75
Goal-	\$69,693.00
(88.26% of goal)	

Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, August 22nd
 Guest Speaker: COAR Mission Appeal-
 Propagation of the Faith

Monday, August 23rd
 7:30pm- Finance Council

Tuesday, August 24th

Wednesday, August 25th
 10 am - 12 pm- Food Pantry Distribution

Thursday, August 26th

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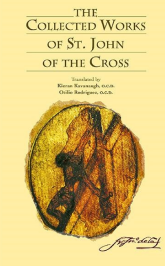
Archbishop's Annual Appeal

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



Continuing our on-going series with our Christian Mystics we continue with **Saint John of the Cross**. Our seminar is 1 hour and begins at 7:15 pm and ends 8:15pm. Our first book is **The Collected Works of St. John of the Cross**. New participants are welcome and encouraged to join us.

I look forward to sharing our insights, enthusiasm and the fellowship we have created and will experience! So we also invite you to sign up for our first session September 21, 2021 at 7:15pm. I can get The Collected Works of St. John of the Cross at 50% discount if it is ordered by the end of August so please contact me at FrRob@ihmparish.net or see me after Mass on Sunday.



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.