

*The People of God called to form the Christian Community of*

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 29th, 2021*

**"THE THINGS THAT COME OUT FROM WITHIN ARE WHAT DEFILE."**

MARK 7:15



## MISSION STATEMENT

"We reach out to all through prayer and service, as we live our Catholic faith in Christ with Mary."

Mass will continue to live stream on Facebook & our Website:  
[www.ihmparish.net](http://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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## A Note from Father Mike

As disciples of Christ we are called to open to the grace that can only come from God. Jesus calls us to follow not just the letter of the Law, but the spirit of the Law as well. We can do this better in our lives in two ways. By loving our God and our neighbor we can open ourselves to an inner transformation and greater desire to follow the Law in action as well as spirit.

In those times when we find it difficult to experience the inner transformation or conversion, the practice of the Law can help us open our minds and hearts more to the presence of God's love and the spirit of the Law. We work from the outside in and from the inside out to completely incorporate the grace that God gives to us and to greater transformation and better conversion as people of faith.

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): 5 pm  
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 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** August 29 - September 5, 2021

<b>Saturday August 28</b>	
7:00 am Frederick J. Garlick+	By Patricia M. Manzo
8:30 am Robert Dougherty+	By His Family
5:00 pm Marie & John Hennessy+	By The Hennessy Family
<b>Sunday August 29</b>	
8:00 am For the People	By The People
10:00 am Joseph DiGirolamo+	By Mary Jo Blum & The Veglia Family
12:00 pm Marge Malone+	By Mary Graham
<b>Monday August 30</b>	
7:00 am Susan Bermas+	By The Chimento Family
8:30 am John Hrynyk+	By Betty & Tony Perfilio
<b>Tuesday August 31</b>	
7:00 am Paul Dokecki+	By Edgar Sullivan
8:30 am Frank Pecoraro+	By Maureen Pecoraro
<b>Wednesday September 1</b>	
7:00 am Bessie Sullivan MD+	By The Sullivan Family
8:30 am Robert James Seery+	By Betty Swisher
<b>Thursday September 2</b>	
7:00 am Bessie Sullivan MD+	By The Foley Family
8:30 am Bob Seery+	By Dan & Roe Kelly
<b>Friday September 3</b>	
7:00 am Lourdes Tiangco+	By Lioanag Family
8:30 am Rose & John Faccione+	By The Blum & Veglia Families
<b>Saturday September 4</b>	
7:00 am For the People	By The People
8:30 am Domiciano V. Capitly+	By Cunchita Capitly & Daughters
5:00 pm Rose & James Donovan+	By The Carman Family
<b>Sunday September 5</b>	
8:00 am Robert J. Bergen Birthday	By Mary Jane Bergen
10:00 am Mary Marvosa+	By Lucille & Walter Lawson
12:00 pm Robert Seery+	By Eileen Guidi

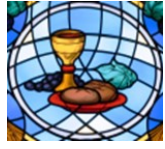
**Remember Our Sick**

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| John Allen          | Anna Koch               |
| Rose Badala         | Jillian Lapidus         |
| George Becker       | Eileen Lynch            |
| Larry Biunno        | Maureen Lynch           |
| Fran Boglioli       | Owen Mike McCabe        |
| Erin Brennan        | June McManus            |
| Samantha 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           | Paul Szeke              |
| Sarah Dubay         | Phyllis Szeke           |
| 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       |                         |



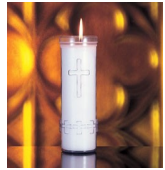
*Remember those who have died*  
**Joseph Dittus**  
**Charles "Chuck" Specht**

**The Altar Bread & Wine for the Week of August 29th**



For the intention of:  
**Christine Kasabucki+**  
 Requested by Christine Lazur & Family

**Sanctuary Light for the Week of August 29th**



For the intention of:  
**Rose & John Faccione**  
 Requested by The Blum & Veglia Families



**Flowers for the Blessed Mother**  
 For the week of August 29th  
**In thanksgiving to  
 Our Blessed Mother!**



**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.





**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/Lectio Divina Workshop**  
Saturday September 25th | 9am to 10:30am on Zoom

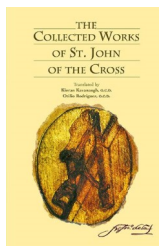
Centering prayer is a CONTEMPLATIVE form of prayer, utilizing Lectio Divina, Reflection, Meditation and Silence. It’s a prayer method that has been used since the time of the Desert Fathers and Mothers. It’s a way of LISTENING deeply, and allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart. It is also known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

*“Be doers of the word and not hearers only...” JAMES 1:22*



It’s easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your actions reflect God’s word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?



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.

**IHM Men’s Scripture & Discussion Group**

LIVE, In-Person Meeting. **Saturday September 11, 2021 @ 7:30AM** in the Church Basement. Coffee & Light Refreshments will be served! The meeting will last about an hour.

This is a great opportunity to meet like-minded men of the Parish in a low pressure environment while gaining a better understanding of the Gospel. That will make attending Sunday Mass much more interesting and rewarding!

**8th Grade Confirmation Preparation 2021-2022**

We are planning to meet in person for all the meetings and events. However, if the situation changes due to the covid delta variant situation, we will switch to Zoom. **Rachael Flanagan**, our parish Youth Ministry Director, will conduct our programs. In person Monday night meetings will be assisted by our Confirmation Mentors. In the event we need to switch to Zoom, parents will be asked to participate in order to fill the role of the Confirmation mentors in helping your children discuss the topics.

- Sun. October 3** - Rite of Promise | 10 am Mass  
*(Brunch & special program for families after Mass)*
- Mon. Nov. 15** - Prep. Session 1 | 7 - 8:30 pm | Nazareth Center
- Mon. Dec. 6** - Session 2 | 7 - 8:30 pm | Nazareth Center
- Sun. December 12** - Rite of Names | 10 am Mass
- Mon. January 10** - Session 3 | 7 - 8:30 pm | Nazareth Center
- Mon. February 7** - Session 4 | 7 - 8:30 pm | Nazareth Center
- Mon. March 14** - Session 5 | 7 - 8:30 pm | Nazareth Center
- Sun. March 20** - Rite of Sponsors | 10 am Mass
- Mon. April 4** - Session 6 | 7 - 8:30 pm | Nazareth Center
- Sun. April 24** - Rite of Service | 10am Mass *(Brunch & special concluding program to follow for families.)*

You will receive reminders and follow-up messages for all the meetings. We look forward to a great year together as your children begin the process of preparing for Confirmation!

Peace & Blessings!  
**Mary**

**Minister Assignments - September 4 - 5**

Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Zucosky	- Torzewski - Good-Piga	Fr. Rob
8:00 am	Sullivan	- Wagner - Coquia	Fr. Mike
10:00 am	Fortunato	- Carlino - Deacon Jack	Fr. Rob
12:00 pm	Kiley	- Wagner - O'Connor	Fr. Val

**IHM Parish Information**

**Religious Education Classes**

Questions? [Faithformation@ihmparish.net](mailto: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](http://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**



*“Don’t let your past define you. It may be helpful to glance in the rearview mirror from time to time, but if you keep your gaze there for too long you will crash. Don’t let it rob you of your now. Don’t let it steal your future.”* **“Life is Messy” by Matthew Kelly**

1. 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 and receive a goodie bag.
  2. 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.
  3. To insure that there is no delay in receiving your new 2012-2022 Rosary Directory with the calendar of events, please send your \$25 dues to Barbara Apgar at 427 LaGrande Ave, Fanwood, NJ 07023.
  4. As next weekend in Labor Day weekend, please be safe. I do hope that you will stop by the Adoration Chapel and visit with Our Lord. Thank you. A thought from St. Therese of Lisieux - *“Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.”*
- 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 [tefoleyihm@gmail.com](mailto:tefoleyihm@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.

Collection Report		August 22, 2021
Weekly Budget Need:		\$11,300.00
Collection:		4,566.00
Parish Giving:		2,997.92
Surplus/(Deficit)		(3,736.08)
<b><u>Fiscal Year to Date:</u></b>		
Budget		\$90,400.00
Actual:		\$86,107.60
Surplus/(Deficit)		(4,292.40)
<b><u>Rolling 4 Week Averages:</u></b>		
Average Collection:		\$9,908.50
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,391.50)



### 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](http://www.rcan.org/sharing)

Thank you for your prayers and support.

**The IHM Food Pantry Needs Donations!**



Demand for food & 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!**

- 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

**EVENT CALENDER**

<b>Sunday</b> <b>August 29</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>August 30</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>August 31</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>September 1</b> 10 am - 12 pm - Food Pantry Distribution
<b>Thursday</b> <b>September 2</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>September 3</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>September 4</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>September 5</b>

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