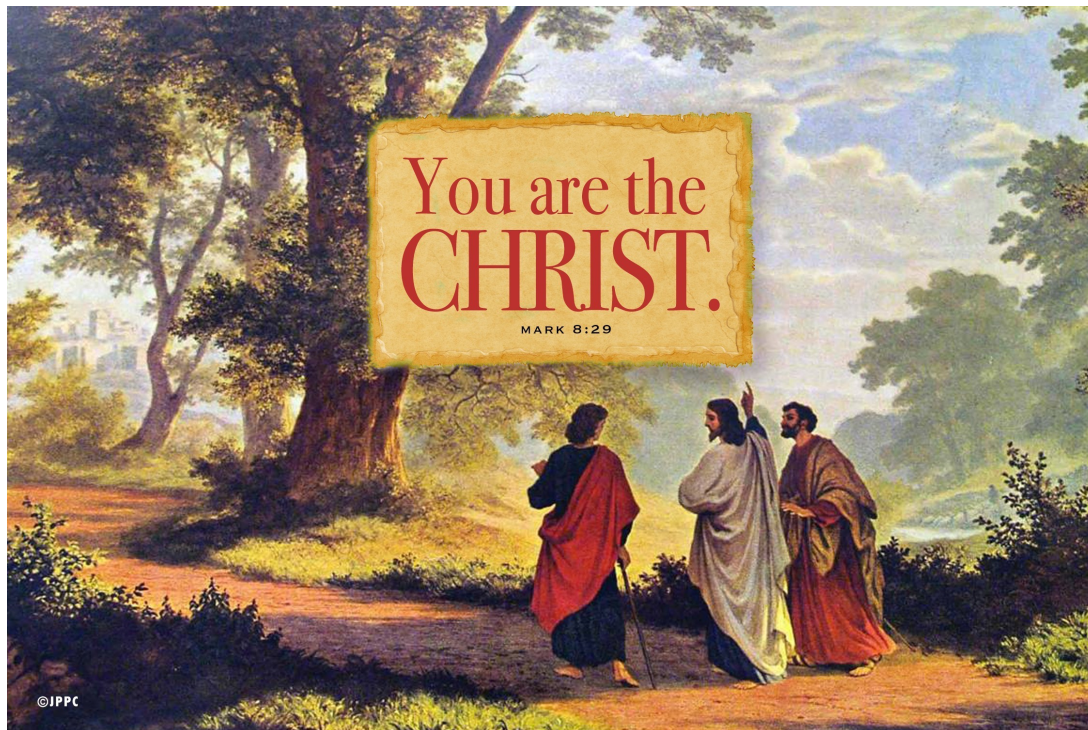


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 12th, 2021



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

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

To take up our cross is to make an act of love. Jesus accepted His cross because of his love for mankind. In following Jesus we know that we must look at our crosses as opportunities and moments of grace because we try to see them as God does.

If we look at our crosses from the perspective of the world, then they become unbearable and unacceptable. In accepting them with love for God and our neighbor we can transform them and build up the kingdom of God, just as Jesus transformed his cross into the resurrection and salvation.

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
 * Schedules are Subject to Change

Updated Directives for 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.

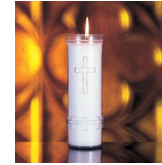
SANITIZING: The cleaning and sanitizing of churches and common spaces should be done regularly. It is not required after every liturgy.

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		September 12 - September 19, 2021	
Saturday September 11			
7:00am For the People		By The People	
8:30am 9/11 Victims & Families		By The Parish	
11:00am Mass for Peace in the World		By The Parish	
5:00pm Mary Marvosa+		By Joanne Wroblewski	
Sunday September 12			
8:00am Frank Dombrowski Sr.+		By Ed & Maggie Dombrowski	
10:00am Mary Marvosa+		By Betty & Tony Perfilio	
12:00pm Margaret Doyle+		By Mary Graham	
Monday September 13			
7:00am Paul Giegerich Jr.+		By The Lundgren Family	
8:30am Dino Velez+		By Olive Velez	
Tuesday September 14			
7:00am Christopher Lysstianto+		By Daniel Sullivan	
8:30am Bernard John Whalen+		By Bernard Whalen	
Wednesday September 15			
7:00am Renato R. Razal		By Renna, Marc & Mart Razal	
8:30am Marc T. Fusillo+		By Maria Fusillo	
Thursday September 16			
7:00am Kathy Bilarczyk++		By Barbara & Joe Mrozek	
8:30am Jack Brown+		By His Family	
Friday September 17			
7:00am Lorie Gallagher++		By Bea Scully	
8:30am Marc Eric Fusillo+		By Phyllis Manno	
Saturday September 18			
7:00am For the People		By The People	
8:30am Frank Esposito+		By The Gibbons Family	
5:00pm Natalie & Henry Rozborski		By The Zelonis Family	
Happy 71st Anniversary!			
Sunday September 19			
8:00am Frank Ferrara+		By Roland & Debra Marionni	
10:00am Marge Malone+		By Jean & Ron Marciano	
12:00pm James R. Kennedy+		By Alice Van Anda	



The Altar Bread & Wine
(week of September 12th)
 For the intention of:
Teddy & Will Seery
 Requested by
 Bob & Betty Seery



Sanctuary Light
(week of September 12th)
 For the intention of:
Joseph & Maryann Flanagan+
 Requested by
 Mary Kate Schiller



Flowers for the Blessed Mother
(week of September 12th)
“Our Children & Grandchildren”
 Requested by
 Betty & Tony Perfilio



Remember Our Departed:

Joseph Fernandez

Remember Our Sick

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



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 Workshop
Sat. September 25th | 9am to 10:30am on

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!

8th Grade Confirmation Preparation 2021-2022

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

9th Grade Confirmation Preparation 2021-2022

- Sat. September 25:** Ordinary Time - Covenant Ceremony & Parent/Candidate Supper & program (4:30 - 7:30pm)
- Sat. December 11:** Advent Gathering - (Gift of the Incarnation) (4:30 - 7:30pm)
- Sat. January 8:** Christmas Gathering - God's Call (Gift of Vocation) (4:30 - 7:30pm)
- Sat. February 12:** Pre-Lent Gathering - (Gift of Self ~ Guys/ Girls Night) (4:30 - 7:30pm)
- Sat. March 12:** CONFIRMATION RETREAT on site at IHM (10am - 4pm)
- Sat. April 30:** Easter Gathering - (Gift of the Holy Spirit) (4:30 - 7:30pm)

We look forward to accompanying you and your children during this year of preparation for Confirmation!

Peace & blessings.
Mary

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." MARK 8:34



Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it's convenient for me.



St. Bartholomew Academy Back to School!

On September 7th, St. Bartholomew Academy opened its doors and welcomed over 225 students from Pre-K3 through 8th grade. Please keep our students and teachers in your prayers throughout the year.

Our Teachers

- Pre-K3: Susan D'Apuzzo
- Pre-K4 (1): Roseann Aagaard
- Pre-K-4 (2): Alexandria Brooks
- Kindergarten: Caitlin Brennan
- Grade 1-1: Jonathan Brooks
- Grade 2: Christine Dencker
- Grade 3: Maria Stetin
- Grade 4: John Benvenuto
- Grade 5: Lynda England
- Grade 6: Mary Conroy
- Grade 7-1 Mary Schoendorf
- Grade 7-2: Katlynn Dematos
- Grade 8, Math 6-8: Adam Vecchia
- Accelerated Math 6-8: Elizabeth Ruccio
- Science Grade 4-8: Michelle Brooks
- STREAM: Tracy Burns
- Art: Emily Recupero
- Music: Laurie Campana
- Physical Education: Evan Vecchia
- Spanish: Marisol Yanez

Our Instructional Aides

- Haley Burns
- Michelle Kennedy
- Rose Sawchuk

Our Administration

- Principal: Kimberly Harrigan
- Counselor: Maryann Degnan
- Secretary: Rosemary Roberts
- Admissions: Maureen Doherty

Minister Assignments - September 18 - 19			
Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Good-Piga	- Kelly - Zucosky	Fr. Mike
8:00 am	Brennan	- Banasiak - Bagdonas	Fr. Val
10:00 am	Davis	- Zappo - Deacon Jack	Fr. Mike
12:00 pm	Briante	- McGuinness - Kiley	Fr. Rob

IHM Parish Information

Religious Education: 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



Twenty years ago we experienced an attack here in the United States, but a quote from Matthew Kelly summons it up: *“There is evil in this world. I have seen it, been face-to-face with it, and experienced it. When you encounter raw evil, pray the Rosary.”*

1. We are having a recruitment event this weekend. All ladies are invited to stop by our display table in front of Church after each Mass. Discover what the Rosary Altar Society is all about AND TO PICK UP A TAKE-HOME GOODY BAG!
2. Reminder our First meeting is this Tuesday, September 14th, starting with a Mass at 6pm followed by the meeting with pizza and bingo party and ending with the Rosary.
3. The Rosary Directory will be given out to all who have paid their dues at the meeting. However, you can still obtain a Directory with your check.
4. Reminder to all Executive Board Members that the next meeting is Tuesday, September 21st at the Nazareth Center at 6:15pm.
5. Mark your calendars! Tuesday October 5th. “A Day of Renewal” at St. Joseph’s Shrine.
6. Please stop by the Adoration Chapel and visit with Our Lord. He is waiting for you!!

From Pope Francis - *“One thing that makes me strong every day is praying the Rosary.”* We are still praying for you, our parish, and the world!

Thank you and God Bless you,
MaryJane




2nd Collection:
The Catholic University of America
September 11-12

The IHM Women’s Prayer Group

Next Meeting: Thurs. October 7 | 7:30pm on Zoom
Theme: Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

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.

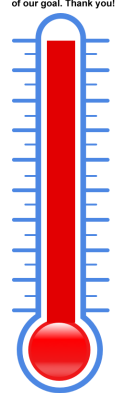
Collection Report		September 5, 2021	
Weekly Budget Need:		\$11,300.00	
Collection:		5,970.00	
Parish Giving:		3,409.23	
Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,920.77)	
Fiscal Year to Date:			
Budget		\$113,000.00	
Actual:		\$104,488.82	
Surplus/(Deficit)		(8,511.18)	
Rolling 4 Week Averages:			
Average Collection:		\$ 8,785.27	
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(2,514.73)	



Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2021 Annual Appeal is now underway. We have \$62,213.09 already pledged. **Our goal is \$69,693.00 = 89.27%.** 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.

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of our goal. Thank you!



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

Sunday September 12	
Monday September 13	7:00pm - Pastoral Council Meet
Tuesday September 14	6:00pm - Rosary Welcome Back Mass and dinner
Wednesday September 15	10:00am - 12pm - Food Pantry Distribution
Thursday September 16	
Friday September 17	
Saturday September 18	
Sunday September 19	1:30pm Baptism

- For more information please visit www.ihmparish.net
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