

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 19th, 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
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A Note from Father Mike

The Greek word for “child” (paidion) also means “servant”, implying the insignificance of children in the Mediterranean cultures where children had no social or legal status. It is also the same word used in Isaiah 53:2 to describe the “Suffering Servant.” Thus, Jesus tells and shows his disciples that they must welcome and serve the lowliest in society if they desire to be great.

We, too, are called to serve one another out of love for God and out of love for our neighbor. In light of the reading today from the letter of St. James, this is following the path of wisdom. In doing so we more fully embrace Christ who came to serve and offer His life for us.

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.

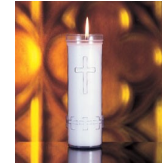
Mass Intentions		September 18 - September 26, 2021	
Saturday September 18			
7:00am For the People		By The People	
8:30am Frank Esposito+		By The Gibbons Family	
5:00pm Natalie & Henry Rozborski+		By The Zelonis Family	
Happy 71st Anniversary!			
Sunday September 19			
8:00am Frank Ferrara+		By Roland & Debra Marionni	
10:00am Marge Malone+		By Jean & Ron Marciano	
12:00pm James R. Kennedy+		By Alice Van Anda	
Monday September 20			
7:00am John Dambrauskas+		By Jack & Dorothy Foulks	
8:30am William Barry Sr.		By Dan & Ro Kelly	
Tuesday September 21			
7:00am Bob Piga & Janice Good Piga		By Janice & Bob Piga	
8:30am William & Evelyn Lawler+		By Evelyn Dougherty	
Wednesday September 22			
7:00am Robert Dougherty+		By Evelyn Dougherty	
8:30am Marc Eric Fusillo+		By Maureen Pecoraro	
Thursday September 23			
7:00am John (Jack) Cassidy+		By Mary Jo Blum	
8:30am Diana LaFarga Scariati		By Adela LaFarga	
Friday September 24			
7:00am Charles Plungis+		By Terry Clark	
8:30am Deceased members of the MacDonalld family+		By Kathleen Ryan	
Saturday September 25			
7:00am Eleanor Watson		By The Chimento Family	
8:30am William McManus+		By The Family	
5:00pm Anthony Cirillo & Frances Lumetta+		By Mary Cirillo	
Sunday September 26			
8:00am For the People		By The People	
10:00am Thomas Gonch+		By Rosemary & Vincent McCallion	
12:00pm Robert J. Seery+		By Arlene Knox	

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	



The Altar Bread & Wine
(week of September 19th)
 For the intention of:
Frank Doubrowski Sr.+
 Requested by
 Stephen & Donna D'Annunzio



Sanctuary Light
(week of September 19th)
 For the intention of:
Mary Ann Sopko
 Requested by
 The Sopko Family



Flowers for the Blessed Mother
(week of September 19th)
**"In loving memory of my parents
 Jean & Edward Winsor"**
 Requested by
 Mary Beth Winsor



Remember Our Departed:

**Joseph Fernandez
 Manuel J. Fidalgo Jr.**



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

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

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” MARK 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don’t like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is “to make holy,” from the words “*sacer*” = *sacred* and “*facere*” = *to make*. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

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)

IHM Men’s Scripture & Discussion Group

Zoom Meeting Thursday September 23rd @7:30PM

All men of the parish (as well as neighboring parishes) are welcome. We will discuss Sunday’s (the 26th) scripture and then open the meeting up for discussion. The meeting will last about an hour. You will need to get the details ahead of time, please email David Diken at dndiken@aol.com for an invitation to the session.

If you need assistance setting up ZOOM we can walk you through the process. (Please let David know ASAP if you want this service so we can set it up before the session.) In addition, we have a LIVE in-person meeting at the IHM church basement on **Saturday October 9th 2021 at 7:30AM**.



**Steve Angrisano
Live in Concert
October 21 @ 7:30pm
Holy Trinity Church
Westfield NJ**



Union Catholic is Back to School!

Please pray for your fellow IHM Parishioners as they begin their school year at Union Catholic.

- Andrew Abrantes
- Alana Beardsley
- Aidan Cichocki
- Ryan Cichocki
- William Consoli
- Bridget Davis
- Brandon DiDario
- Seton Dill
- Caroline Lemansky
- Miranda Lemansky

- Shannon McGuinness
- Michael Minniti
- Preston Minniti
- Grace Regan
- Ethan Scariati
- Luke Talty
- Kyle Trower
- Joseph Trzepla
- Evan Weber

The IHM Women’s Prayer Group

The IHM Women's Prayer Group meets monthly to share faith and prayer, examine relevant themes, read scripture and promote discussion to better understand what we believe and why we believe it. Our next meeting will be **Thursday, October 7 at 7:30PM via Zoom**, and our theme will be Our Lady of the Rosary. All women are welcome.

Please email **Tracey Foley** at tfoleyihm@gmail.com if you would like to participate. 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.

Minister Assignments - September 25 - 26			
Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Mulrooney	- Good-Piga - Torzewski	Fr. Rob
8:00 am	Banasiak	- DiBella - Speth	Fr. Mike
10:00 am	McClellan	- McCann - Deacon Jack	Fr. Rob
12:00 pm	O'Connor	- Wagner - Kiley	Fr. Val

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

A passage from “Rediscover Jesus “ by Matthew Kelly - *“Get inspired. What inspires you? What can you do each day, each week, and each month that will keep you inspired to live in God’s power? It may be time in a quiet, empty church; it may be singing in the church choir; it may be reading great books. Whatever it is, find it and cling to it. People need inspiration for their souls like they need water for their bodies. Allow God to inspire you, to fill you with his power, because he wants to send you out to inspire others. Who are you going to inspire today?”*

1. I want to thank Pat Mazzucca and all the Rosarians who helped at the display table last weekend after each Mass, sharing our spiritual and social events. Great Job!
2. I want to thank MaryAnne Sopko and all who participated in our first real Welcome Back Meeting in 2 years. Everyone seemed to have a good time with breaking bread, bingo and the recitation of the Rosary.
3. Reminder to all Executive Board Members that the next meeting is this Tuesday, September 21 at the Nazareth Center at 6:15pm. The Executive Board Members includes all elected officers, all chairwomen of both standing committees and monthly meetings. Please remember to bring your mask since we will be inside.
4. If you paid your dues and didn’t attend the Welcome Back Meeting, please contact Janice Good-Piga for your 2021-2022 Directory at 908- 759-6729. Thank you.
5. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 5th, A Day of Renewal at St Joseph’s Shrine. The day will begin at 9:30 with coffee, tea and goodies. Then Prayer, Conference, opportunity for confession, Boxed Lunch, Conference, Rosary and Liturgy in the Chapel closing the day around 3:00pm, all for \$40. Call Eileen Wagner at 908-317-8554 to reserve your place and send the check to Barbara Apgar at 427 LaGrande Ave, Fanwood, NJ 07023.
6. Please stop by the Adoration Chapel and visit Our Lord. He is waiting for you and get inspired!!


From Bishop Fulton Sheen - *“Charity is to be measured, not by what one has given away, but by what one has left.”* We are still praying for you, our parish and the world.

Thank you and God Bless you.
MaryJane



Oratory Prep School is inviting you to their Open House Event on **Sunday October 3** from 1-3pm and **Thursday October 28** from 6:30-8:30pm. Located at 425 Morris Ave. Summit NJ. We ask that you register to attend on their website under the Admissions tab. For further information, call 908-273-1084 x1 or visit oratoryprep.org

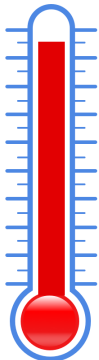
Collection Report		September 5, 2021	
Weekly Budget Need:		\$11,300.00	
Collection:		7,524.00	
Parish Giving:		5,739.32	
Surplus/(Deficit)		1,963.32	
Fiscal Year to Date:			
Budget		\$124,300.00	
Actual:		\$117,752.14	
Surplus/(Deficit)		(6,547.86)	
Rolling 4 Week Averages:			
Average Collection:		\$ 9,802.12	
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,497.89)	




Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2021 Annual Appeal is now underway. We have \$62,313.09 already pledged. **Our goal is \$69,693.00 = 89.41%**. 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.

89.41%



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!


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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snacks Deodorant Rice Mac & Cheese Cake Mix Shelf Stable Milk Cooking Oils Canned Veggies Tomato Sauce Canned Fruit Canned Soup Coffee Canned Beans |
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EVENT CALENDER


Sunday September 19	1:30pm - Baptism
Monday September 20	
Tuesday September 21	6:00pm - Rosary E-Board Meeting 7:00pm - Faith Formation Zoom 7:15pm - St. John the Cross Seminar
Wednesday September 22	10:00am - 12pm - Food Pantry 7:00pm - Vine & Branches Zoom
Thursday September 23	7:00pm - Men's Scripture & Discussion Zoom
Friday September 24	
Saturday September 25	9:00am - Centering Prayer Workshop 4:30pm - 9th grade Confirmation: Covenant Ceremony/Supper
Sunday September 26	



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