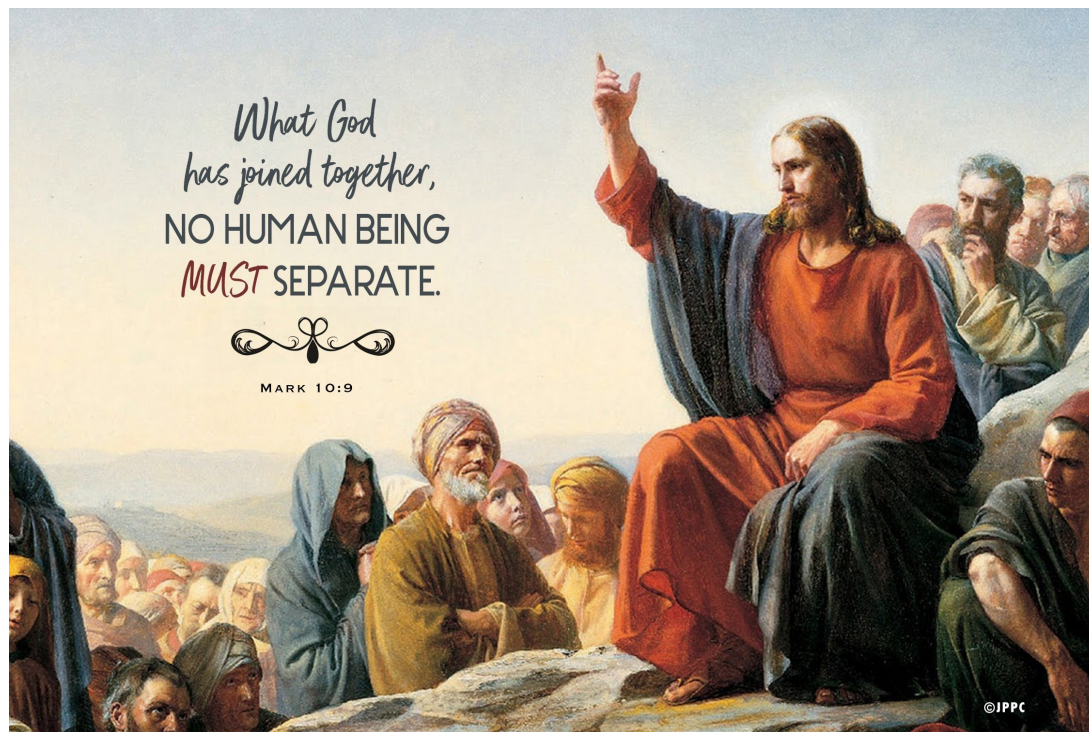


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 3rd, 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

The coming together of man and woman has been part of God's plan from the very beginning as the book of Genesis and Jesus show us today. The Hebrew understanding of the word flesh is not simply a physical union, but a spiritual union as well. It is a union of the whole person of husband and wife.

In the Sacrament of Marriage this union goes even farther. The union is called to be a reflection of Christ's love for the church, to take on a sense of the divine. Unfortunately we are human beings, thus imperfect, and we run into obstacles in our relationships. We are reminded that our relationships should never be simply between two people, but should always include Christ. This is especially true for the relationship established by the marriage covenant.

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, email 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 October 3 - October 10, 2021

For the week of October 3rd

Saturday October 2

7:00am The Murphy Family (living) By The Lundgren Family
 8:30am Jack Foulks+ By Barbara Apgar
 5:00pm Marge Malone+ By Jean & Ron Marciano

Sunday October 3

8:00am Jack Pricken+ By Your loving friend Terry
 10:00am Deceased members of Mannell & Symczak Families+ By The Lewis Family
 12:00pm Living & Deceased members of Connor & McCallion Families By Rosemary & Vincent McCallion

Monday October 4

7:00am Joseph Shevlin+ By John & Tracey Foley
 8:30am Eileen Rhatican+ By The McGovern Family

Tuesday October 5

7:00am Stanley Gorski+ By Jim & Kathy Meyer
 8:30am Regina Moog+ By Eileen & Rich Wagner

Wednesday October 6

7:00am Peter DeRosa+ By Mary Kate & Kevin Schiller
 8:30am Joseph P. D'Annunzio+ By Stephen & Donna D'Annunzio

Thursday October 7

7:00am Bruno Gialanella+ By Marilyn Gialanella
 8:30am Patricia Coughlin+ By Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga

Friday October 8

7:00am Stephanie Tomko+ By Patricia & James Feely
 8:30am Diana LaFarga Scariati (living) By Adela LaFarga

Saturday October 9

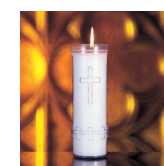
7:00am Nora Madsen+ By Clarissa Tricoche
 8:30am Frank Ferrara+ By Ellen & Tony Magarelli
 5:00pm Mary & Stephen Sopko+ By The Sopko Family

Sunday October 10

8:00am For the People By The People
 10:00am Margaret & Joseph Guidi+ By Eileen Guidi
 12:00pm Joe & Mildred Mrozek+ By Barbara & Joe Mrozek



The Altar Bread & Wine
 For the intention of:
Dominicano V. Capity+
 Requested by
 Conchita Capity & Daughters



Sanctuary Light
 For the intention of:
Marc Eric Fusillo+
 Requested by
 Karen & Joe Schurtz



Flowers for the Blessed Mother
 In gratitude.
 Requested by
Phyllis



Remember Our Departed
Elliot John Kenny
Thomas E. Lilly
Connie Prato
Rose Wirt

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



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.

IHM Men’s Scripture & Discussion Group

We have a LIVE in-person meeting at the IHM church basement on **Saturday October 9th 2021 at 7:30AM.** Please email David Diken at dndiken@aol.com for more information.

BUY A BRICK - FALL 2021

Please donate a brick and place an everlasting memento of a loved one on site at our parish. The bricks will be placed in the walkway and patio area of our 'Our Lady of Fatima' Garden. 2 sizes: 4" x 8" and 8" x 8".



PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORM (available at ihmparish.net) AND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: IHM 1571 South Martine Ave Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 **Deadline is Wednesday October 27, 2021!**



Children’s Halloween Party
All children of the parish (accompanied by an adult) are welcome!
Sunday October 31st following the 10am Mass

***Please no violent or scary characters!**

SIGN UP IS REQUIRED!
maryclinton@ihmparish.net



Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung will host its Open House on Sunday Oct.17, 2021 from 2 - 4:30pm on Angels of Victory Field. Tours will begin at 1pm with a special presentation from S. Lisa Gambacorto will be held at 2:45pm. Register at mountsaintmary.org

Surviving Divorce Retreat
October 3, October 23 and November 20 from 9am - 12pm.

At Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Roseland. There is a \$25 fee for the program. Contact the Office of Family Life at 973-497-4324 or email familylife@rcan.org



YOU ARE MINE
LGBTQ Parents & Allies Support Group

3rd Thursday each month
Thurs. October 21 @ 7 pm
Little Flower Church
310 Plainfield Ave.
Berkeley Heights

Contact Margaret at 908-464-1585 or pastoral110.lf@gmail.com

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. 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)



The IHM Women’s Prayer Group

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, October 7 at 7:30PM via Zoom**, and our theme will be Our Lady of the Rosary. “Pray the Rosary Daily” guides and rosaries are available in the container outside the Nazareth Center for pickup if needed. All women are welcome. Please email **Tracey Foley** at tefoleyihm@gmail.com if you would like to participate.



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

Minister Assignments - October 9 - 10			
Saturday/ Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00 pm	Mitchell	- Good-Piga - Torzewski	Fr. Rob
8:00 am	Keogh	- Gibbons - Dill	Fr. Val
10:00 am	Zappo	- Deacon Jack - Diken	Fr. Rob
12:00 pm	Kiley	- Wagner - O'Connor	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.

Website: www.ihmparish.net
Like us on Facebook: **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**
Follow us on Instagram: **ihmparish_sp**



Rosary Altar Society News

“Holiness consists simply in doing God’s will, and being just what God wants us to be.”

St. Therese of Lisieux
October 1st was her Feast Day.



1. Reminder to all who signed up for the Renewal Day at St. Joseph’s Shrine, that it starts 9:30am, this Tuesday October 5th.
2. 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.
3. All are invited to come and join us on Thursday October 7th, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, at noon, to say the Rosary by the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. *“Life is just better when you pray the Rosary.”* - Anonymous
4. All Executive Board Members please mark your calendar for Tuesday October 19th there will be a meeting at 11:30am at the Nazareth Center. Remember you are an Executive Board Member if you are an officer, Chairwoman of a standing committee or a chairwoman of a monthly event.
5. The Rosary Altar Society is participating in the Scotch Plains town-wide garage sale on October 16 from 9am-3pm at IHM parking lot. All are invited to stop by and find your treasure!
6. Please stop by the Adoration Chapel and visit with Our Lord and His Mother. He is waiting for you!

“ In Times of Darkness, holding the rosary beads is like holding Mary’s hand.” - Anonymous

Thank you and God Bless,
MaryJane



Fall Open Houses

Wednesday October 6 @ 7pm

Saturday October 16 @ 2pm

Freshman Info Session


Tuesday October 26 @ 7pm

For more information: www.unioncatholic.org



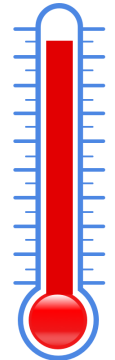
Oratory Prep School is inviting you to their Open House Event on **Sunday October 3** from 1-3pm and **Thursday October 28** from 6:30-8:30pm. Located at 425 Morris Ave. Summit NJ. We ask that you register to attend on their website under the Admissions tab. For further information, call 908-273-1084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

Collection Report		September 26, 2021	
Weekly Budget Need:		\$11,300.00	
Collection:		5,680.00	
Parish Giving:		2,490.54	
Surplus/(Deficit)		(3,129.46)	
Fiscal Year to Date:			
Budget		\$146,900.00	
Actual:		\$134,781.17	
Surplus/(Deficit)		(12,118.83)	
Rolling 4 Week Averages:			
Average Collection:		\$ 9,917.90	
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,392.11)	



Archbishop's Annual Appeal 89.41%

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.



IHM EVENT CALENDER	
Sunday October 3	
9:00am	Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast
10:00am	8th Grade Rite of Promise
11:00am	Scotch Plains Day
7:00pm	BOLD College Care Package Night
Monday October 4	
7:30pm	Alpha 1
Tuesday October 5	
9:30am	Day of Renewal
6:00pm	Basketball Night
Wednesday October 6	
10:00am	Food Pantry
8:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday October 7	
7:00pm	Women's Prayer Group
Friday October 8	
Saturday October 9	
7:30am	Men's Scripture & Discussion Group
Sunday October 10	
10:00am	Food Pantry

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. For a list of items visit www.ihmparish.net/food-pantry. Thank you for your generosity!

BOLD

Becoming Our Lord's Disciples




Upcoming Youth Events

10/3: 8th Grade Rite of Promise (morning), then BOLD College Care Package Night (evening)
 10/17: BOLD NIGHT
 10/24: Trunk-Or-Treat/BOLD 8th Grade Service Night
 10/31: Trunk-Or-Treat @ IHM Parish

Reach out to Rachael Flanagan to hear more!
ihmsp@boldym.com or call / text 908-280-2893



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