

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 10th, 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

Wealth was considered a blessing from God, so it is understandable for the young man to go away sad. Jesus knew that for many people what was once considered a blessing, the man’s wealth, became a god, thus his unwillingness to let go of his wealth.

Jesus challenges us to examine our own lives to see what we place before God, and then encourages us to seek out his help in putting it back into its proper perspective in order that we might become better disciples. He invites us to enter into a relationship with him, to experience His grace and love. To respond by loving God and others. Even knowing that this is possible only because of God’s grace.

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.

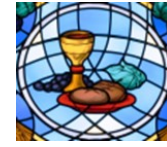
MUSIC: Vaccinated music ministers (cantors, choirs, etc.) do not require masks or shields. Music ministers who are not vaccinated should wear a mask. All musical instruments are permitted. Hymnals are now permitted.

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

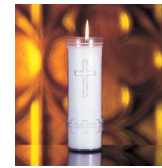
PARISH MEETINGS: Parish meetings in person may resume. Those vaccinated are not required to wear masks for indoor meetings nor are they required to maintain social distancing. The same recommendations for Mass apply to those not vaccinated.

MASS INTENTIONS			October 10 - October 17, 2021
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	
Monday October 11 - Columbus Day			
9:00am	Manuel Macapinlac+	By The Valera Family	
Tuesday October 12			
7:00am	Anne Dillon Dalton+	By The Ritter Family	
8:30am	Cynthia Alexander Galvin+	By Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga	
Wednesday October 13			
7:00am	Thomas Lilly+	By Mary Clinton	
8:30am	Dino Velez+	By Olive Velez	
Thursday October 14			
7:00am	Gregory Palumbo+	Happy Birthday! Love Mommy	
8:30am	Pat & Andy Kelly+	By Dan & Roe Kelly	
Friday October 15			
7:00am	Florencia Bazo+	By Mary Clinton	
8:30am	Sisters of St. Joseph+	By SSJ	
Saturday October 16			
7:00am	For The People	By The People	
8:30am	Rose Lucchesi+	By Annette Palumbo & The Lucchesi Family	
5:00pm	James R. Kennedy+	By Kerry Caspersen	
Sunday October 17 - World Mission Sunday (2nd Collection)			
8:00am	Jack Foulks+	By Evelyn Dougherty	
10:00am	Mary Marvose+	By Laura Swidersky	
12:00pm	Marc Fusillo+	By The Cornerstone Women	

For the week of October 10th



The Altar Bread & Wine
For the intention of:
Rose Lucchesi+
Requested by
Annette Palumbo & Carol Lucchesi



Sanctuary Light
For the intention of:
Frank Ferrara+
Requested by
Roland & Debbie Marconni



Flowers for the Blessed Mother
For the intention of:
Hank Mazzucca (living)
Requested by
His loving wife Pat



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

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



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

The next meeting will take place “virtually” on **Thursday, October 28th, 2021 at 7:30PM on ZOOM.** All men of the parish (as well as neighboring parishes) are welcome. The meeting will last about an hour. If you wish to participate please email David Diken at dndiken@aol.com for an invitation to the session.

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

8th Grade Confirmation Preparation 2021-2022

- 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)



Surviving Divorce Retreat
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

Thanks to everyone who helped out at the IHM table at **Scotch Plains Day** last Sunday: Rick Aiere, Jean Naugle, Michael Lewis, Rich and Pam Duthie, Laura Morik, Diane and Shannon McGuinness, John Foley, and to those who helped with bringing food pantry donations into the church basement: Aaron Everitt, Cate and Michael Tafur. Thanks also to those who stopped by our table -- it was great seeing you!



Dominican College Open House for High School Juniors, Seniors and Transfer Students **Saturday, October 16 2021 at 10am.** Reserve your place at www.dc.edu/openhouse



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

Minister Assignments - October 16 - 17			
Saturday /Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00pm	Janice Good Piga	- Chris Zucosky - John Torzewski	Fr. Val
8:00am	Jim Brennan	- Lou DiBella - Alice Cocuia	Fr. Rob
10:00am	Heba Fortunato	- Deacon Jack - Lou Zappo	Fr. Mike
12:00pm	Regina O'Connor	- Carol Kiley - Diane McGuinness	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

A quote from St John Bosco—“Where the Rosary is recited there will be days of peace and tranquillity.”

1. A terrific thanks to Eileen Wagner for arranging the peaceful day at St Joseph’s Shrine. All who attended the Day of Renewal came away with a special spiritual peace. Thank you.
2. A very special thanks to all who participated in the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th at noon. We all know that “Life is just better when you pray the Rosary.” - Anonymous
3. The Rosary Altar Society is participating in the Scotch Plains town-wide garage sale on October 16th at IHM parking lot. We are looking for Rosarians to be sales women during 9am to 3pm. Please call MaryJane at 908-753-2161 if you can help for an hour or two.
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. We need your help with the Altar linens! Betty Swisher who has been doing the linens since Covid 19 came upon us, wishes to update and revise the schedule for pick up of the Altar linens. Four times a year is the maximum number of times. Remember we are the Rosary Altar Society, so please call Betty at 908-889-4123. Thank you in advance for your dedication & help.
6. Please stop by the Adoration Chapel and visit with Our Lord and His Mother. Jesus and Mary are waiting for you.

“Hope is found in people. Through people, God shows us how He loves to do the extraordinary through the ordinary.” By Matthew Kelly.

We are still praying for you, our parish, and the world!

Thank you and God Bless you!
MaryJane



Fall Open Houses
Saturday October 16 @ 2pm
Freshman Info Session
Tuesday October 26 @ 7pm
www.unioncatholic.org




Oratory Prep School Open House on Thursday October 28 from 6:30-8:30pm. Located at 425 Morris Ave. Summit NJ. Call 908-273-1084 x1 or visit oratoryprep.org



St. Theresa Chess Tournament
Saturday October 16 @ St. Theresa School. 540 Washington Ave. Kenilworth, NJ. Registration starts at 9am. \$5 Entry fee. More info at <https://tinyurl.com/4z2374mx>

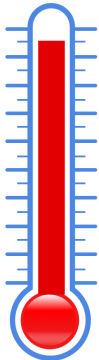
Collection Report		October 3, 2021
Weekly Budget Need:		\$11,300.00
Collection:		7,969.00
Parish Giving:		2,559.01
Surplus/(Deficit)		(771.99)
Fiscal Year to Date:		
Budget		\$158,200.00
Actual:		\$145,309.18
Surplus/(Deficit)		(12,890.82)
Rolling 4 Week Averages:		
Average Collection:		\$ 10,209.09
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,094.91)



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

IHM EVENT CALENDER	
Sunday October 10	
10:00am	Food Pantry Sunday
Monday October 11	
7:30pm	Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day Alpha 1
Tuesday October 12	
6:00pm	Basketball Night
7:15pm	St. John of the Cross Seminar
Wednesday October 13	
10:00am	Food Pantry
8:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday October 14	
Friday October 15	
Saturday October 16	
7:00am	Parish Community Day
9am-3pm	Holy Altar Society Yard Sale
Sunday October 17 - World Mission Sunday	
8:45am	Families of Faith: October Gathering
7:00pm	BOLD NIGHT


BOLD

Becoming Our Lord's Disciples


Upcoming Youth Events

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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Parish Giving is fast, safe & secure. Scan the QR code with your smart phone or tablet. This code will link you directly to our Parish Giving website. No sign-up required. Just click the "Pay Now" button. Thank you for your continued support to our community!

