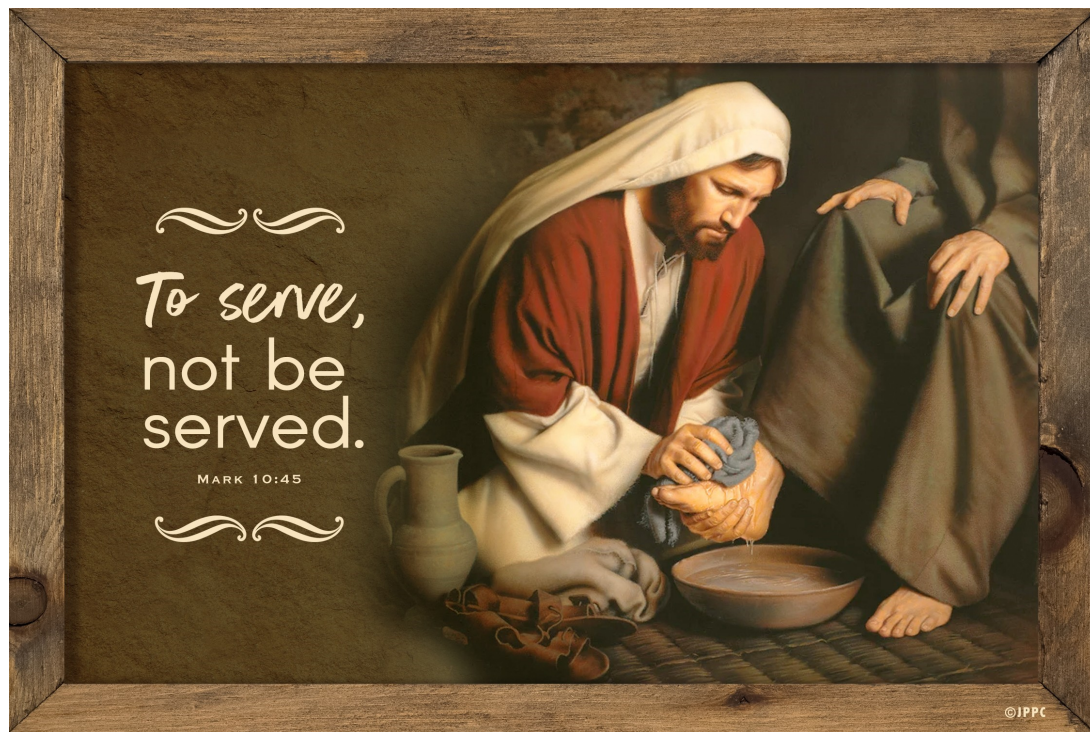


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 17th, 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

James and John are seeking greater honor not only within the group of apostles, but also within the Kingdom of God. They want to be close to Jesus in order to have a greater share of His glory. Jesus reminds them, and us, that to receive this glory one must first serve others.

It is in emptying out ourselves for God and for others that we gain a share in that glory. We are called to be servant leaders, faith filled people who lead by example and in serving others. James and John appear to see their relationship with Jesus on an individual level whereas it should also be on a communal level where all rejoice with and for each other in the love of God and the coming of His Kingdom

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.

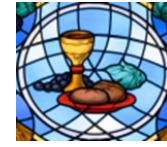
MUSIC: Vaccinated music ministers (cantors, choirs, etc.) do not require masks or shields. Music ministers who are not vaccinated should wear a mask. All musical instruments are permitted. Hymnals are now permitted.

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

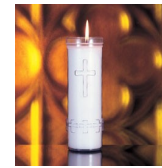
PARISH MEETINGS: Parish meetings in person may resume. Those vaccinated are not required to wear masks for indoor meetings nor are they required to maintain social distancing. The same recommendations for Mass apply to those not vaccinated.

MASS INTENTIONS		October 17 - October 24, 2021
Saturday October 16		
7:00am	For The People	By The Parish
8:30am	Rose Lucchesi+	By Annette Palumbo & The Lucchesi Family
5:00pm	James R. Kennedy+	By Kerry Caspersen
Sunday October 17		
8:00am	Jack Foulks+	By Evelyn Dougherty
10:00am	Mary Marvosa+	By Laura Swidersky
12:00pm	Marc Fusillo+	By The Cornerstone Women
Monday October 18		
7:00am	Connie Prato+	By Mary Clinton
8:30am	Marguerite H. Ayers+	By Donna Ayers
Tuesday October 19		
7:00am	Anne LaFerrera+	By Karen & Joe Schurtz
8:30am	Rev. Andrew Struzzieri+	By Janet & Emil Manfredonia
Wednesday October 20		
7:00am	Dick & Mary Joan Gottlick+	By Pat Markey
8:30am	Emma & Richard Seery+	By Bob & Betty Seery
Thursday October 21		
7:00am	Thomas Dyba+	By Karen & Joe Schurtz
8:30am	George & Mary Good+	By Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga
Friday October 22		
7:00am	For the Priests @ IHM	By The Parish
8:30am	Jack Foulks+	By James & Kathy Meyer
Saturday October 23		
7:00am	For All Suffering from Covid	By The Parish
8:30am	Jack Foulks+	By Joellen, Anthony, Jess & Marissa
5:00pm	Madeline C. Pravata+	By Melissa, Jamie, Gavin & Aiden
Sunday October 24		
8:00am	Jack Foulks+	By John & Tracey Foley
10:00am	Michael D'Ambrosio+	By The Kiley & D'Ambrosio Families
12:00pm	Thomas Graham+	By The Graham Family

For the week of October 17th



The Altar Bread & Wine
For the intention of:
Iris Lamberty Ocasio+
Requested by
The Lamberty Family



Sanctuary Light
For the intention of:
Karen Theiss+
Requested by
Mary Beth Cregg



Flowers for the Blessed Mother
For the Anniversary of:
Robert & Susan Cuthbertson
(living)
Requested by Mary Jane Bergen



Remember Our Departed
Nenita Ayeras
Thomas E. Lilly
Connie Prato
Dorothy Simko

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



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

Our next session will be virtually via ZOOM on Thursday night 10/28/21 at 7:30PM and our next live session will be on Saturday morning 11/13/21 at 7:30AM in the church basement. 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 31 following the 10am Mass**
*Please no violent or scary characters!
SIGN UP IS REQUIRED!
maryclinton@ihmparish.net



Mount Saint Mary Academy Open House on Sunday Oct.17, 2021 from 2 - 4:30pm on Angels of Victory Field. Tours will begin at 1pm.
www.mountsaintmary.org



Freshman Foundations Information Night Tuesday October 26 @ 7pm
www.unioncatholic.org



Oratory Prep School Open House on Thursday October 28 from 6:30-8:30pm. 425 Morris Ave. Summit NJ. 908-273-1084
www.oratoryprep.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)

Coats For Kids



October 23 & 24 30 & 31

Cold weather is coming and the Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations over the next two weekends in order to purchase brand new coats for children in need. Through the KofC, we're able to purchase new coats for \$20.00. Every penny of your donation, whether it's twenty cents or twenty dollars, goes directly to the kids This parish always goes above and beyond with your generosity, and we thank you in advance for all your donations this coming year.

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, November 4 at 7:30PM via Zoom, and our theme will be Native American Spirituality. All women are welcome. Please email Tracey Foley at tfoleyihm@gmail.com if you would like to participate. Prayer connects us all!



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

Minister Assignments - October 23 - 24			
Saturday /Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00pm	Mulrooney	- Janice Good Piga - Chris Zucosky	Fr. Mike
8:00am	Rich Banasiak	- Anne Gibbons - Rich Wagner	Fr. Val
10:00am	Jane McClellan	- Deacon Jack - Jason McCann	Fr. Mike
12:00pm	Diane Briante	- Carol Kiley - Eileen Wagner	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.

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



Rosary Altar Society News



Reflecting on last Sunday’s gospel I found this quote from St. Mother Teresa’s book - **Do Something Beautiful for God:** *“Material riches and spiritual riches can both choke you if you do not use them fairly. For not even God can put anything in a heart that is already full. One day there springs up the desire for money and for all that money can provide: superfluous luxury. Eating fine meals, the finest clothes, luxury homes, expensive vacations. These things are trifles. One desire leads to another, and then we begin to think that we need these things. The result is uncontrollable dissatisfaction. Let us live simply and remain as empty as possible so that God can fill us up.”*


1. I want to thank everyone who participated in the Rosary Altar Society town wide garage sale this weekend— from setting up, manning the tables and dismantling the garage sale. Many hands make light work! Special thanks to MaryAnne Sopko and Pat Mazzucca for the many days of organizing and the preparation for our garage sale! Again thank you all!
2. We need your help with the Altar linens! Betty Swisher who has been doing the linens since Covid 19 came upon us, now needs our assistance. She 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 and help.
3. Reminder to all Executive Board Members that this Tuesday October 19th there will be a meeting at 11:30am in the Nazareth Center. Remember you are an Executive Board Member if you are an officer, chairwoman of a standing committee or of a monthly event. Looking forward to seeing you there!
4. All members and interested parishioners please mark your calendar and look for the flyer for Sunday November 7th at 1:15pm. Spend an afternoon in France with The Life of Saint Therese of Lisieux.
5. Please stop by the Adoration Chapel and visit with Our Lord and His Mother. Jesus and Mary are always waiting for you. Thank you.

A quote from Blessed Fulton Sheen - *“ The real test of a Christian is not how much he loves his friends, but now much he loves his enemies.”*

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

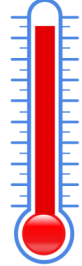
Thank you and God Bless!
MaryJane

Collection Report		October 10, 2021
Weekly Budget Need:		\$11,300.00
Collection:		6,553.00
Parish Giving:		6,214.21
Surplus/(Deficit)		1,467.21
Fiscal Year to Date:		
Budget		\$169,500.00
Actual:		\$158,076.39
Surplus/(Deficit)		(11,423.21)
Rolling 4 Week Averages:		
Average Collection:		\$ 10,081.06
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,218.94)



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 17 - World Mission Sunday	
8:45am	Families of Faith: October Gathering
7:00pm	BOLD NIGHT - BYOP
Monday October 18	
7:30pm	Alpha 3
Tuesday October 19	
6:00pm	Rosary Altar Society E-Board Meeting
7:15pm	St. John of the Cross Seminar
Wednesday October 20	
10:00am	Food Pantry
7:00pm	Men's Cornerstone Meeting
8:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday October 21	
9:30am	Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Zoom
Friday October 22	
Saturday October 23	
All Day	Coats for Kids
Sunday October 24	
All Day	Coats for Kids
8:45am	Families of Faith: October Gathering
7:00pm	BOLD - Trunk or Treat

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

10/17: BOLD NIGHT BYOP (Bring Your Own Pumpkin)
 10/24: Trunk-Or-Treat/BOLD 8th Grade Service Night
 10/31: Trunk-Or-Treat @ IHM Parish
 11/7 : Discipleship Night

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



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