

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 24th, 2021



Go your way,
**YOUR FAITH
HAS SAVED YOU.**

MARK 10:52

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 disciples tell Bartimeus to have courage as he approaches Jesus. We need to have courage as well. We know that the love and mercy of Jesus are infinite, however we need to have courage when we encounter Jesus because he not only offers us love and mercy, but also challenges us to grow in holiness and faith.

That challenge is not always an easy one. Jesus tells Bartimeus that his faith has saved him. In meeting the challenge of Jesus we must have the courage to overcome the things in our lives that blind us to the love of Christ. With courage and the mercy and love of Jesus we can overcome our own blindness and come to a greater understanding of God's love and presence in our lives.

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 24 - October 31, 2021

For the week of October 24th

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

Monday October 25

7:00am Connie Prato+ By Gabriella D'Andrea
 8:30am Frankie Dombrowski Jr+ By Stephen & Donna D'Annunzio

Tuesday October 26

7:00am John Dec+ By Jose & Elena Alves
 8:30am Benson & Renna DelRosario By The DelRosario Family
 Wedding Anniversary (living)

Wednesday October 27

7:00am Lee Gilingham's 100th Birthday (living) By Gabriella D'Andrea
 8:30am Lillian Eilbacher+ By Betty Swisher

Thursday October 28

7:00am Arlene Karanan+ By The Lundgren Family
 8:30am Bob Swisher+ By Betty Swisher

Friday October 29

7:00am Megan Luciano+ By Connie & John Klock
 8:30am Mary Wood+ By The Verdic Family

Saturday October 30

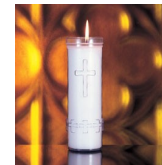
7:00am For the People By The Parish
 8:30am Michael Mucksavage+ By Roe & Dan Kelly
 5:00pm Marge Malone+ By Jean & Ron Marciano

Sunday October 31

8:00am Wallace "Wally" Reidda+ By Jerry & Mary Mahony
 10:00am John McGovern+ By The McGovern Family
 12:00pm Madeline C. Pravata+ By Elizabeth & Frank Russo



The Altar Bread & Wine
 For the intention of:
Frankie Dombrowski Jr+
 Requested by
 Stephen & Donna D'Annunzio



Sanctuary Light
 For the intention of:
Mary Wood+
 Requested by
 The Verdic Family



Flowers for the Blessed Mother
 For the intention of:
Arthur Sandiford+
 Requested by Elizabeth Sandiford



Remember Our Departed

Nenita Ayeras
 Marie DeVito
 Connie Prato
 Dorothy Simko

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



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 every Thursday 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



Our Parish Day of Service was a Success!



There are many people we'd like to thank (and we apologize if anyone has been unintentionally omitted):

* Rosary Altar Society Yard Sale -- Thanks to MaryJane Bergen for courageously taking on this project, and to MaryAnn Sopko and Pat Mazzucca who painstakingly worked with her to sort and price the merchandise.

* We'd also like to thank the others who helped set up, break down and sell the merchandise: Carol Kiley, Jason McCann, MaryKate Schiller, Geomary Ortega, Arlene Knox, Jean Naugle, Margaret Lewis, Katie Thompson, Phyllis Manno, Erin Miller, Finn and Sean Columb, and Laura Morik. And a very special thank you to Colm Keogh who brought the merchandise out of storage and took the leftovers for donation for us!

* Power Washing - Many thanks to John Torzewski, Frank Varela, and Steve Prato, as well as Chris Zucosky, who spearheaded this project.

* Gardening and Landscaping -- Thanks to Heba Fortunato for organizing this work, and to her fellow gardeners Dave D'Agostino, MaryKate Schiller and Rich Fortunato.

* Church cleaning - We truly appreciate the work Janice and Brenna Sullivan performed in making our church sparkle!

* Special thanks to Fr. Mike and Fr. Valentine for their hard work and support of this project.



Freshman Foundations Information Night

Tues. October 26 @ 7pm

General Info Night

Tues. November 9 @ 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

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 tefoleyihm@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

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. This parish always goes above and beyond with your generosity, and we thank you in advance for all your donations this coming year.



Please pray for our Alpha participants. Thank you!

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over 11 weeks. More info at www.alphausa.org

Minister Assignments - October 30 - 31			
Saturday /Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00pm	Chris Zucosky	- Jack Haight - Chris Haight	Fr. Rob
8:00am	Colm Keogh	- Ed Sullivan - Jean Bagdonas	Fr. Rob
10:00am	Andy Davis	- Deacon Jack - Anthony Carlino	Fr. Mike
12:00pm	Tracey Foley	- Diane McGuinness - Regina 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
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Rosary Altar Society News

As we are approaching the last full week of October, dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, I want to share with you an article from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops -

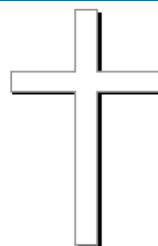


“Devotion to Mary: Pope Paul VI reminded us that ultimate purpose of devotion to the Blessed Virgin is to glorify God and lead Christians to commit themselves to a life which is in absolute conformity to His will.” We continue to follow Christ as Mary did: hearing the word of God, keeping it in our hearts and doing the will of the Father. Jesus tells us that we are his friends when we do what he commands us; Mary’s life is example of the fulfillment of that command.”

1. We need your help with the Altar linens! Betty Swisher who has been doing this linens since Covid 19 came upon us, now needs our assistance. She wants to update and revise the schedule for pick up of the Altar linens. Four times a year is all we are asking of you to volunteer for. Remember we are the Rosary Altar Society, so please call Betty at 908-889-4123. Thank you in advance for your dedication and help.
2. All members and interested parishioners please mark your calendar and look for the registration flyer for Sunday November 7th at 1:15pm. Spend an afternoon in France with The Life of Saint Therese of Lisieux. This afternoon includes a movie and French refreshments!
3. A huge thank you to all who helped at the IHM Rosary yard sale on Saturday October 16th. from setting up, manning the tables and dismantling the yard sale. The profit was \$341.00 but most important thing was the visibility of our parish to the community and the memories and fun we all had. (priceless) Thank you.
4. Please stop by the Adoration Chapel and visit with Our Lord and His Mother. Jesus and Mary are waiting for you. Thank you.


“A world at prayer is a world at peace.”
- Father Patrick Peyton

We are still praying for you, our parish, and the world!
Thank you and God Bless!
MaryJane



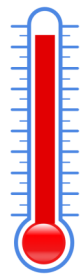
SAVE THE DATE → 3/11+ 3/12/2022
Men’s Cornerstone Retreat
“Reinvigorate your relationship with God.” Starts Friday evening - Ends Saturday evening. Located at St.Bart’s in Scotch Plains, NJ. Contact David Diken at dndiken@aol.com or Colm Keogh at ckeogh925@yahoo.com

Collection Report		October 17, 2021
Weekly Budget Need:		\$11,300.00
Collection:		6,293.00
Parish Giving:		4,050.28
Surplus/(Deficit)		(956.72)
Fiscal Year to Date:		
Budget		\$180,800.00
Actual:		\$168,419.67
Surplus/(Deficit)		(12,380.33)
Rolling 4 Week Averages:		
Average Collection:		\$ 10,452.26
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(847.74)



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 24	
All Day	Coats for Kids
7:00pm	BOLD - Trunk or Treat/8th Grade Service
Monday October 25	
7:30pm	Alpha 4
Tuesday October 26	
7:15pm	St. John of the Cross Seminar
Wednesday October 27	
10:00am	Food Pantry
8:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday October 28	
9:30am	Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Zoom
7:30pm	Men's Scripture & Discussion Group
Friday October 29	
Saturday October 30	
All Day	Coats for Kids
Sunday October 31 – Halloween	
All Day	Coats for Kids
11:00am	Children's Halloween Party
7:00pm	BOLD - Trunk or Treat

The IHM Food Pantry Needs Donations!




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 backdoors. You may also drop donations off at the Nazareth Center. For a list of items visit ihmparish.net/food-pantry. Thank you for your generosity!




8th Grade Service Night: "Nightmare Before Christmas"
 WHO: All in 8th Grade are invited!
 WHEN: Sunday, October 24. 7-8:30pm @ Nazareth Center
 WHAT: All in 8th Grade are invited to join IHM BOLD Youth Ministry this Halloween season in putting together CHRISTMAS GIFTS for children in developing countries.

EMBOLDEN RETREAT: For High School Teens!
 WHO: Open to all in grades 9th-12th
 WHAT: EMBOLDEN Retreat 2021
 WHERE: Camp Tecumseh in Pittstown, NJ
 WHEN: Departing Friday, November 12 around 6pm. Returning on Sunday, November 14 by lunch.
 COST: \$175 for the weekend. Includes transportation, meals, overnight accommodations, activities, and a special give-away!

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