

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 31st, 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

Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone!
 A brilliant reminder that we all need to place God first in our lives in order to love and trust Him more deeply so that we may love ourselves and our neighbor more deeply as well. The interplay between our love for God and it's expression in our love for our neighbor helps us to understand that we journey together in and towards the Kingdom of God.

The self emptying gift of ourselves to our neighbor helps us to experience more profoundly the love that God has for each of us. Our recognition of God's love in our lives, and our love of God, also enhances and deepens our love of neighbor and the many human relationships, that we have in our lives

Peace,
Fr. Mike

EUCCHARIST SPIRITUALITY: A JOURNEY

From the table of the manger in Bethlehem, to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, the stories of the Eucharist are foundational and permeate the New Testament and our lives today.

We shall use the text: *With Burning Hearts: A Meditation on the Eucharist Life* By Henri Nouwen. This is a very easy read but can stir the spirit profoundly. I have some articles to supplement the text. We shall meet via Zoom on Tuesdays beginning November 30 at 7:15 for one hour. This is a reflection group. If you are interested, please contact me FrRob@IHMParish.net I shall have books available, but I need to know the number participants. *May our hearts burn within us as we journey through Advent to Christmas.*



SPOTLIGHT ON FAITH
 Dr. Sylvia McGeary, Presenter
 Live Course via Zoom
 Wednesday November 3, 2021 | 6-9pm
 Register online at www.rcanfaithformation.org
 Or call the Archdiocese of Newark at 973-497-4285

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.

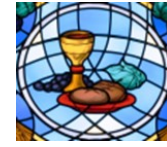
MUSIC: Vaccinated music ministers (cantors, choirs, etc.) do not require masks or shields. Music ministers who are not vaccinated should wear a mask. All musical instruments are permitted. Hymnals are now permitted.

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

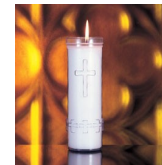
PARISH MEETINGS: Parish meetings in person may resume. Those vaccinated are not required to wear masks for indoor meetings nor are they required to maintain social distancing. The same recommendations for Mass apply to those not vaccinated.

MASS INTENTIONS			October 31– November 7, 2021
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 Halloween			
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	
Monday November 1 - All Saints Day			
7:00am	Connie Prato+	By Scott & Deborah Keegel	
8:30am	Kathleen Mary Moro+	By Her Family	
Tuesday November 2 - All Souls Day			
7:00am	Barry Kiely+	By Gabriella D’Andrea	
8:30am	Joseph Iorio+	By John & Tracey Foley	
7:00pm	All Souls Day Mass	By The Parish	
Wednesday November 3			
7:00am	All Souls Novena	By The Parish	
8:30am	Don Harris+	By Jerry & Mary Mahony	
Thursday November 4			
7:00am	All Souls Novena	By The Parish	
8:30am	Irene & Francis McElroy+	By Lynne & Jim O’Connor	
Friday November 5			
7:00am	All Souls Novena	By The Parish	
8:30am	Edward Markey+	By Patricia Markey	
Saturday November 6			
7:00am	All Souls Novena	By The Parish	
8:30am	Eliseo Mario Lucchesi+	By Annete Palumbo & Carol Lucchesi	
5:00pm	For the People	By The Parish	
Sunday November 7			
8:00am	All Souls Novena	By The Parish	
10:00am	Frances Takacs+	By Barbara Apgar	
12:00pm	William McManus	By His Wife	
	57th Anniversary (living)		

For the week of October 31st



The Altar Bread & Wine
 For the intention of:
Lee Gillingham (living)
 Requested by
 Mary Graham



Sanctuary Light
 For the intention of:
Irene & Frances McElroy+
 Requested by
 Lynne & Jim O’Connor



Flowers for the Blessed Mother
 For the intention of:
Bob Swisher+
 Requested by The Swisher Family



Remember Our Departed

Nenita Ayeras
 Mark Czeropski
 Marie DeVito
 Dorothy Simko

<u>Remember Our Sick</u>	John Burkert	Sarah Dubay	Maureen Lynch	Susan Rozborski	Daniel Ventura
	John Allen	Albert Fischer, Jr.	Bill Malone	Dolores Rust	Sr. Elizabeth
	Rose Badala	Emily Fleming	Owen Mike McCabe	Diana Scariati	Vermaelen
	George Becker	Mary Foster	June McManus	Elisa Silversey	Stephen Voorhees
	Larry Biunno	Nicole Griffin	Christine Morris	Bernard Slaza	Christy Ward
	Fran Boglioli	Kathleen Herron	Thomas Moore	Beverly Sopp	
	Erin Brennan	Juliann Junio	Marlene Mosko	Ryder Francis Spillane	
	Samantha Bridge	Anna Koch	Hilda Pizza	Paul Szeker	
	James Brown	Jillian Lapidus	Diane Pricken	Phyllis Szeker	
	Kevin Brown	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 live session will be on Saturday morning November 13th 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.

Coats For Kids



October 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.



IHM in the Community! Great day for our youth ministry teens handing out candy to hundreds and hundreds of kids at Trunk or Treat. And we won 1st place for best car! Congratulations!!!

IHM Word Search | 10 Hidden Words! Can you find them all?

C	O	M	M	U	N	I	O	N	C
O	N	D	I	S	C	I	P	L	E
M	B	A	W	G	X	H	A	P	B
M	D	Y	Z	M	P	P	D	E	H
U	Q	K	L	A	A	T	R	F	I
N	G	S	E	R	R	J	F	A	J
I	G	G	R	Y	I	E	K	I	Y
T	O	L	C	Z	S	S	T	T	M
Y	D	N	J	M	H	U	I	H	Q
O	N	V	P	X	T	S	U	V	R

The Food Pantry Garden had its final clean up this past Saturday October 23rd. We had a very good season! We grew 462 lbs of produce including tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, zucchini, squash, cucumbers and other veggies. We also had 142 lbs donated by other gardeners for a total of 604 lbs! Many thanks to all the gardeners who helped and to those who donated to the garden fund. A special thanks for all helped with the cleanup: Kathy Mitchell, Pat Leonard, Mary F. Mahony, and Kate Franciscus.
- Emil Manfredonia

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark 4th Annual Benefit Concert for the Homeless **TOMMY JAMES & THE SHONDELLS** Saturday, November 13 @ 8pm Union County Performing Arts Center. Rahway, NJ. Order tickets at www.ucpac.org or 732-499-8226



100% of ticket sales will help fund our homeless shelters.

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

9th Grade Confirmation Preparation 2021-2022

- Sat. December 11:** Advent Gathering - (Gift of the Incarnation) (4:30 - 7:30pm)
- Sat. January 8:** Christmas Gathering (4:30 - 7:30pm)

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

Minister Assignments - November 6 - 7			
Saturday /Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00pm	Jim Brennan	- Janice Good Piga - John Torzewski	Fr. Val
8:00am	Karen Schwaneberg	- Lou DiBella - Alice Coquia	Fr. Mike
10:00am	Heba Fortunato	- Anthony Carlino - Deacon Jack	Fr. Val
12:00pm	Edwin Hernandez	- Carol Kiley - Diana McGuinness	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**



General Info Night | Tues. Nov. 9 @ 7pm
Benefits of a U.C. Ed. | Sat. Dec. 4 @ 9am
Register online at www.unioncatholic.org



Rosary Altar Society News

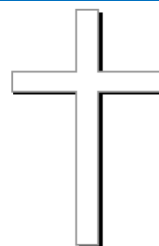
A quote from Bishop Fulton Sheen - *“Just as a mother sees her own image and likeness on her child’s face, so God always saw the divine image & likeness beneath us”*



1. All parishioners, please join us in our trip to France, on Sunday November 7th leaving 1:15pm from the Nazareth Center. Spend an afternoon in France with a movie of The Life of Saint Therese of Lisieux. This will include some French refreshments of croissants with jams and teas. Be sure to make your reservations for your party (name and number) by Tuesday November 3rd either by 1. Sign Up Genius 2. Call MaryAnne Sopko at 908-322-0279 or email office@ihmparish.net.
2. All members who own an iron and an ironing board are needed to help with the Altar linens! If you can iron a handkerchief or a placemat, you qualify. So please call Betty Swisher at 908-889-4123 to reserve your place on this volunteer list. Remember we are the Rosary Altar Society of IHM. Thank you.
3. Attention all Executive Board Members, on November 16th at 11:30am, there will be a Board Meeting in the Nazareth Center. Just a reminder that includes officers, all chairwomen of standing committees and monthly meetings. Please rsvp to me by November 14th at 908-753-2161. Thank you.
4. Come and See IHM Adoration Chapel. Visit Our Lord, He is waiting for you. Call Erin Miller at 908-232-0394 or email her at Erins310@gmail.com for the code.


A quote from Saint Therese of Lisieux - *“Holiness consists simply in doing God’s will, and being just what God wants us to be.”* We are still praying for you, our parish, and the world!

Thank you and God Bless!
MaryJane



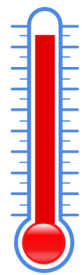
SAVE THE DATE → 3/11+ 3/12/2022
Men’s Cornerstone Retreat
“Reinvigorate your relationship with God.” Starts Friday evening - Ends Saturday evening. Located at St.Bart’s in Scotch Plains, NJ. Contact David Diken at dndiken@aol.com or Colm Keogh at ckeogh925@yahoo.com

Collection Report		October 24, 2021
Weekly Budget Need:		\$11,300.00
Collection:		7,970.00
Parish Giving:		2,497.12
Surplus/(Deficit)		(832.88)
Fiscal Year to Date:		
Budget		\$192,100.00
Actual:		\$178,886.79
Surplus/(Deficit)		(13,213.21)
Rolling 4 Week Averages:		
Average Collection:		\$ 11,026.41
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(273.60)




Archbishop's Annual Appeal 90.13%

The 2021 Annual Appeal is now underway. We have \$62,813.09 already pledged. **Our goal is \$69,693.00 = 90.13%.** 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 31 - Halloween	
All Day	Coats for Kids
11:00am	Children's Halloween Party
Monday November 1 - All Saints Day	
7:30pm	Alpha 5
Tuesday November 2 - All Souls Day	
7:00pm	All Souls Day Mass
7:15pm	St. John of the Cross Seminar
Wednesday November 3	
10:00am	Food Pantry
7:00pm	Men's Cornerstone Team Meeting
8:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday November 4	
9:30am	Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Zoom
7:30pm	Women's Prayer Group
Friday November 5	
Saturday November 6	
1:00pm	Baptism
Sunday November 7	
8:45am	Faith Formation November Gathering
9:00am	Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast
12 noon	Rosary Mass Luncheon
1:15pm	Rosary Altar Society "A Trip to France"

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!



EMBOLDEN RETREAT: For High School Teens! Take a step back from the craziness of everyday life to unwind and head TRUE NORTH! Join us for an amazing weekend and meet new people, enjoy nature, and reconnect with your faith!

WHO: YOU! Open to all in grades 9th-12th
WHAT: EMBOLDEN Retreat 2021
WHERE: Camp Tecumseh in Pittstown, NJ
WHEN: Departing Friday, November 12th around 6pm and returning on Sunday, November 14th by lunch.
COST: \$175 for the weekend, which includes transportation, all meals, overnight accommodations, activities, and a special giveaway! We never want finances to get in the way of a great faith experience. Please let us know if the registration cost is an issue.
Contact Rachael Flanagan at IHMSP@boldym.com

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