



The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

3rd Sunday of Easter - April 14, 2024

and that repentance, for
the forgiveness of sins,
would be preached

in his name

to all the nations

LUKE 24:47



Mission Statement: *"We reach out to all through prayer and service,
as we live our Catholic faith in Christ with Mary."*



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A Note from Fr. Mike...

The Gospel today shows us that we are called to be witnesses to the resurrection and that we are to preach the forgiveness of sins in the name of Christ. John reminds us that we will continue to need encouragement, nourishment, mercy and peace to fulfill this mission, and the we have the Church, we have the Scriptures, we have the sacraments and we have each other.

All of these help us to live the joy of the resurrection each day, and to be a forgiving people, which is integral and necessary to experience the joy. For in living with the joy of the resurrection we witness with our lives the victory Christ has won for us over sin and death.

Peace, Fr. Mike

IHM 60th Anniversary Fundraiser Raffle



Raffle tickets for our 60th Anniversary are now available for purchase! You can pick up a ticket for \$100 at the Nazareth Center office during business hours, one of the church vestibules after Mass, or contact Geraldine or Tracey if you can't make it to campus. **Call 908-889-2100 for more details.** Winning tickets will be announced at 3:00 PM on **Sunday June 9, 2024** for our IHM 60th Anniversary Celebration Feast. We hope to see you there!

Minister Assignments: April 20 - April 21

Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
4/20 5:00pm	Jim Brennan	Chris Zucosky Connie Boruch David Boruch	Fr. Mike
4/21 8:00am	Rich Banasiak	Pat Regal Lou Zappo Rich Wagner (C)	Fr. Mike
4/21 10:00am	Andy Davis	Steve Prato Heba Fortunato Jason McCann Lou Zappo (C)	Fr. Rob
4/21 12:00pm	Carol Kiley	Erlinda Fajardo Gil Fajardo Eileen Wagner (C)	Fr. Rob

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Schedule for Mass & Worship (schedules are subject to change)

Saturday (Anticipated) 5:00 PM
Sundays - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 noon
Weekdays & Saturdays - 7:00 AM and 8:30 AM
National Holidays - 9:00 AM
Holy Days - 7:00 AM, 12:00 noon, 7:00 PM

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Rev. Michael G. Ward, K.H.S., Pastor
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Deacon Jack Lynch
John McGuire: Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation
Katie Wills: Director of Music Ministry
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IHM PARISH INFORMATION

Spring Office Hours:
Mon - Thurs 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Fri 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Mass Intention Reservations:

Call or leave a message at the office (908) 889-2100
or send an email to office@ihmparish.net

Religious Education:

faithformation@ihmparish.net

Baptisms:

Please call the office at (908) 889-2100

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 Nazareth Center 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

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. Call (908) 889-2100.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 4:15 - 4:45 pm
Arrangements can be made at any time for a private confession. Please call the office at (908) 889-2100

Parish Schools:

St. Bartholomew Academy (908) 322-4265
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Website: www.ihmparish.net

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Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Monday and Wednesday 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Closed Saturday, Sunday, Holy Days & Holidays

For more information contact Kerby at:
kpershay123@gmail.com | 908-406-0493

Mass Intentions For the week of April 14 - April 21, 2024

Saturday April 13	7:00 AM	Minnie Dobbs+ from IHM Parish
	8:30 AM	Eileen Lynch+ from the Lewis Family
	5:00 PM	John J. (Jack) & Rosemary Morrissey Hogan+ from their loving daughter Ellen Hogan Rotella
Sunday April 14	8:00 AM	Deleneson Charles+ from Suze
	10:00 AM	For the People of IHM Parish
	12:00 PM	Marion & Charles Barrett+ from Thomas Barrett
Monday April 15	7:00 AM	Glenn Celentano+ and Stephen Calnern+ from Keith DeCarlo
	8:30 AM	Denis Sullivan+ from Mary & Jerry Mahony
Tuesday April 16	7:00 AM	Doug Stares+ from Ed Sullivan
	8:30 AM	Glenn Stuart+ from Mary Jo Blum
Wednesday April 17	7:00 AM	Jennifer Moore (living) from her family
	8:30 AM	Glenn Stuart+ from the Lewis Family
Thursday April 18	7:00 AM	Oralia Martinez+ from IHM Parish
	8:30 AM	Phyllis Manno (living) "Thank you for an inspirational retreat!" from IHM Rosary Altar Society
Friday April 19	7:00 AM	Charles Kiley+ from IHM Parish
	8:30 AM	Viola McMillion+ from the Carlino Family
Saturday April 20	7:00 AM	Michele Gamatko+ from IHM Choir
	8:30 AM	Deceased members of the Guarna Family+ from Antoinette Guarna
	5:00 PM	Henry Rozborski+ Happy 5th Anniversary in Heaven from his 6 daughters & their families
Sunday April 21	8:00 AM	Rita & Russell Wagner+ from Eileen & Rich Wagner
	10:00 AM	For the People of IHM Parish
	12:00 PM	Harold Knox+ from Arlene & Alexa

Special Intentions for the week of April 14 - April 21, 2024

<p><u>Sanctuary Light</u> For the intention of: Grace Perfilio's husband Glenn Stuart+ Requested by: Joy & Stash Wanat</p>	<p><u>Altar Bread & Wine</u> For the intention of: Nancy Gorka (living) Thank you for your donations: from the Food Pantry Team</p>	<p><u>Flowers for the Blessed Mother</u> In memory of: Harriet & Myron Mansfield+ Requested by: Alice & Robert Smith</p>	<p><u>Remember Our Departed</u> John Franciscus+ Lou Ricci+</p>
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Kindly keep our parishioner's family and friends, with health and other challenges, in your prayers

John Allen	David Connell	Mary Foster	Mary Frances Leon	Jaxson Rivera	Ryder Francis Spillane
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Edward Clark	Emily Fleming	Jillian Lapidus	Jacob Rivera	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.

St. Bartholomew Bereavement Ministry will be offering a grief support group for those who have lost a loved one. The group will be held at the Cup of Grief Cafe (lower level break room at the Rossi Funeral Home). **Group sessions will continue every Thursday night until May 23 from 7PM to 8:30PM.** Please RSVP or call with any questions to: Jo-Anne Mealia 908-889-7790 or Bernadette Rossi 908-510-0995

SEASONS welcomes anyone who has lost a significant other to participate in our activities and to meet people who are in a similar situation. Upcoming events at the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford. Call Bob at 908-276-8440
Thursday April 25 @ 7PM: Shani Davis from AAA on Car Talk: Buy/Lease, Insurance, Warranties, EVs.

The Rosary Altar Society Update

SPRINGTIME SPLENDOR ---By Linda C. Grazulis

Springtime dances in her fullest splendor- Just glance around almost anywhere... Forsythia's blossom a bright, bold yellow, And snowy-white lilies return so soft and fair. Green becomes the color of earth's blanket, As white slowly dissipates, For the seasons arrive in perfect timing As God plans—not too soon or late! Warblers are heard chirping their tunes, As nests of tiny newborns suddenly appear. For rebirth and resurrection, Make springtime shine so precious and dear. There's a sense of joy and wonderment, As we view her long-awaited garb of loveliness. The daffodils, tulips, and irises, Assure us Winter's white we will not miss. Cherish Spring and bow in humble thanks, As sweet aromas filtrate the air. Fly a kite, take a short, woodland hike-- Toss off that wintry cloak of chills and care!



♥ Thank you for making out "Night With Eleanor Roosevelt" wine and cheese event so successful. A special thanks to Maureen Pecoraro, Mary Anne Sopko, Janice Good-Piga & Alice Mansfield-Smith for making this event a spectacular one! Thank you to "Eleanor" aka Linda Kenyon for her award-winning performance.

♥ Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 5th For our 10AM Annual Communion Mass, followed by our 11AM Brunch at the Shackamaxon Country Club. Please reserve your place ASAP by mailing your check for \$35 Payable to IHM Rosary Altar Society to Alice Mansfield-Smith, 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark, NJ 07066. Please call MaryAnne 908-322-0279 with questions. Friends & family members are most welcome to attend as well.

♥ Please prayerfully consider joining our wonderful IHM Rosary Altar Society. Our devotion to the Virgin Mary, Our IHM Parish, charitable organizations and, most importantly, to God, brings us great joy and peace. Please contact Janice Good-Piga 908-759-6729 with questions. May your Springtime Days be filled with serenity, optimism, and God's love and may your dreams come to fruition as the flowers and trees blossom. You remain in our daily thoughts and prayers.

♥ Janice



The next meeting of the Women's Prayer Group will be **Thursday night May 2, 2024 at 7:30PM on ZOOM**. The theme is "The First Joseph". Please contact Tracey at tefoleyihm@gmail.com for more details. Prayer connects us all!

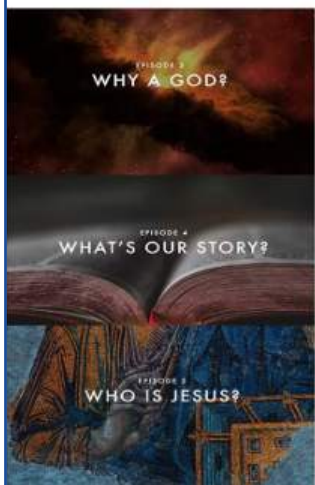
Support the Knights of Columbus!
Order anything from **Fabio's Bistro** in Fanwood on **Wednesday, April 24, between 11 AM and 8:30 PM**, and they will donate a portion of the profits towards the Knights of Columbus Council 5730. **Please mention the Knights of Columbus when placing your order.** Call 908-322-0400. Buon Appetito!



The next Men's Scripture & Discussion group meeting will be a VIRTUAL session on **Thursday night April 25 at 7:30 PM on ZOOM**. Please contact David at dndiken@aol.com for details.



WHAT DO YOU SEEK ?



**BETA EPISODE 1
MAY 1**

Beta returns on WEDNESDAY
MAY 1st, 2024. Beta is a 7 week
Catholic program on Wednesday
nights at 7:30 PM on ZOOM from
May 1st until June 12th. Please sign-
up at www.ihmparish.net/beta
or call the parish office if you need
help 908-889-2100



Archdiocese of Newark 2024 Lenten Regulations

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 18 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024.

*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.



A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire

God's Love is the Point

It is very easy to get caught up in what is expected of us as Christians. The Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, Corporal Works of Mercy, the golden rule. There are countless Papal Encyclicals, teachings about morality, justice, and how we should go about our lives in the modern world. When you focus on these things as restrictions, as opposed to guidelines for a fulfilled life,

they become tedious and monotonous. Those things that can bring us abundant life, are overshadowed by a negative mindset.

If we relate fully to the suffering of Jesus' passion and death, if we become fearful and nervous like our Lord's closest followers, and scatter, without considering the joy of the resurrection we become numb to the amazing gift that we have been given.

If we get totally down on ourselves for Lent with abstinence and restriction, for the whole 40 days of Lent, and neglect the joy of Easter for the 50 days of the season, what have we gained? Overzealous seminarians are reminded to fast and feast with the Church! For the remainder of the Easter Season let us joyfully recall the fact that God loved the world so much, that Jesus Christ took on flesh, taught and reinforced the most important guidance we can follow for a full life. Then only after doing this, He died on the Cross to provide us with the gift of salvation, then took a victory tour to restore His Community which would build up the Church we belong to today!

This week let us pray that we can see the teaching of scripture and our tradition as the foundation of a full life in union with God and our neighbors.

God Bless, Happy Easter, and have a wonderful week!
Read more at www.ihmparish.net/book-of-john

Families of Faith Upcoming Events

- Sunday April 14 @ 11:00 AM
Family Trivia/Easter Dessert Potluck
- Monday April 15 @ 7:00 PM
Easter Gathering [Year 2] Prep Session 4
- Friday April 19 @ 7:00 PM
Parent's ZOOM Meeting [1st Communion Prep]
- Sunday April 21 @ 10:00 AM
Confirmation [Year 1] Rite of Service
- Tuesday April 23 @ 7:00 PM
Family Rehearsal [1st Communion]
- Saturday April 27 @ 10:00 AM
1st Communion Celebration
- Sunday April 28 @ 10:00 AM
Families of Faith Closing Potluck Brunch
- Monday April 29 @ 7:00 PM
Confirmation [Year 2] Session 5 + Rehearsal



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Please help us update our Parishioner Contact information! Scan the code on the right and fill out the form. Thank you! You can always call the parish office if you need help: 908-889-2100. Ask for Rick!



IHM YOUTH MINISTRY 7TH & 8TH GRADE SERVICE NIGHT



Assemble 100 Lunches for the Homeless!

All in 7th & 8th Grade are invited to help pack 100 sustainable lunches for the hungry and homeless!

SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH | 7:00-8:30PM
IHM NAZARETH CENTER



Join IHM Youth Ministry for a Service Event making Sustainable Lunches for those in need through Bridges Outreach! These lunches include non-perishable items so they can be eaten when fresh food runs out. In addition to the service project, we'll have fun snacks, play games and pray together! Those who attend are asked to contribute items for the bags. See signup!

Signup at boldym.com/ihmsp/events and bring a specific food donation for the Lunch Bags.



Questions about Youth Ministry? Contact Rachael Flanagan at ihmsp@boldym.com or text/call 908-280-2893



KIDS BINGO & ICE CREAM PARTY



For kids 12 & under

Sunday April 21, 2024
From 2:30 - 4:00 PM



Great prizes! Nintendo Switch, American Girl Doll, Gift Cards to Target, iTunes etc...

← Admission is one item of food for our food pantry: Can of Soup, Coffee, Mac & Cheese, Cereal, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Diapers, Juice, Snacks, Shelf-Stable Milk & more.

Please sign-up @ www.ihmparish.net

Please RSVP before Friday April 19th so we can prepare accordingly. Thank you!

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Collection Report	March 31, 2024
Weekly Target:	\$11,765.00
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)	\$13,374.75
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,609.75
Fiscal Year to Date:	
Budget	\$466,800.00
Actual:	\$447,068.44
Surplus/(Deficit)	(19,731.56)
Rolling 4 Week Averages:	
Average Collection	\$12,335.66
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	\$570.66

IHM SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday April 14 10:00 AM - Food Pantry Sunday (Open until 11:30AM) 10:00 AM - Families of Faith Family Trivia Day 7:00 PM - [Youth Group] Service Project: Lunches for Homeless
Monday April 15 7:00 PM - [Confirmation Year 2] Easter Gathering 7:30 PM - Alpha Episode 9 on ZOOM
Tuesday April 16 7:15PM - Spirituality Seminar: The Eucharist on ZOOM
Wednesday April 17 10:00 AM - Food Pantry (Open until 11:30AM) 1:00 PM - DVD Bible Study: Apostolic Fathers 7:00 PM - Adult Choir Practice 7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30 PM - Finance Council Meeting
Thursday April 18 8:30 AM - Union Catholic Freshman Day of Recollection 8:30 AM - Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Prayer Group 7:00 PM - IHM Ministry Retreat with Sr. Donna Ciangio
Friday April 19 6:00 PM - First Eucharist Parent Meeting on ZOOM
Saturday April 20 9:30 AM - Extraordinary Minister Meeting 10:15 AM - Lector Meeting
Sunday April 21 11:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Knitting Group Meeting 2:30 PM - Kids Bingo & Ice Cream Party

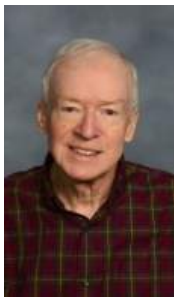
Easter Collection to Date: \$35,479.44
Budget: \$50,000.00



ANNUAL APPEAL 2024



2024 Annual Appeal for Archdiocese
Goal: \$66,058.58 (stretch goal \$69,693)
Pledged: \$46,812.00
(70.86% of the goal - 67.17% stretch goal)
You can make a gift online through our Parish Giving Link on our website or by going directly to www.rcan.org/sharing



Celebrate National Poetry Month with distinguished poet Edwin Romond
Tuesday April 30 @ 7:30 PM
Kuran Arts Center (Carrage House) on Watson Road in Fanwood NJ
Admission = Canned /Shelf Food Item
All food donations will benefit the IHM Food Pantry! Bring a poem to read in the open!
Support the arts & feed the hungry.



IHM Holy Name Society presents DANIEL LIVE at Sight & Sound Theater Lancaster PA
Wednesday September 25, 2024
Luxury bus departs IHM @ 7:30AM
Showtime @11:00AM. Road trip includes an all you can eat buffet at Miller's Smorgasburg!
Return at approximately 6:00 PM
Tickets are \$160. Please make checks payable to "Immaculate Heart of Mary Church" and submit before August 15, 2024. Thank you!



ADOPT A GARDEN 2024
This year we want to beautify all the garden areas throughout the campus. There is no set schedule, you help when you can and the only expectation is that you'll commit to clean up and planting in the spring, weeding & watering through the summer and a clean up in the fall.
To select a garden or for more info please contact: Mary Kate at mkschiller46@gmail.com

IHM FOOD PANTRY GARDEN
We are seeking folks interested in gardening or anyone interested in learning to grow food. No experience necessary. Plant, weed and water as needed with Farmer Emil. If you can spare an hour or two a week, please contact the parish office at 908-889-2100 or email office@ihmparish.net
More details available at www.ihmparish.net/garden



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