

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 14th, 2021

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



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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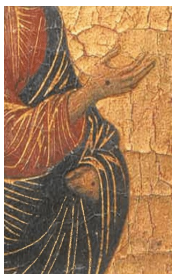
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A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

While our readings today speak of the trauma of the end times, they should not be understood with fear and dread, but rather with hope. Hope in the coming of Christ and the fullness of the Kingdom of God.

Christ has told us of the signs to look for, but we know neither the day nor the hour. Therefore, we are called to live out our lives in faith and hope, always trying to grow in holiness and not taking God's love and forgiveness for granted. In doing so, we begin to hope for the coming of Christ rather than dreading the end.

Peace, Fr. Mike



EUCCHARIST SPIRITUALITY: A JOURNEY

From the stable 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 of participants. *May our hearts burn within us as we journey through Advent to Christmas.*

THE IHM 2022 MASS BOOK IS ALMOST FULL!

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 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 Mass 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. Contact our office if you need assistance: office@ihmparish.net or call us at 908-889-2100.

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

Morning Prayer: Monday - Saturday at 8:15 am
Rosary: Monday - Saturday after 8:30 am Mass
Novena to the Miraculous Medal & St. Jude:
Saturday after 8:30 am Mass

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.

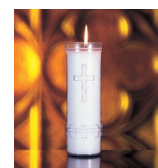
PARISH MEETINGS: Parish meetings in person may resume. Those vaccinated are not required to wear masks for indoor meetings nor are they required to maintain social distancing. The same recommendations for Mass apply to those not vaccinated.

| MASS INTENTIONS | | | November 14 - November 21, 2021 | | |
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| Saturday November 13 | | | | | |
| 7:00am | For the People | By The Parish | | | |
| 8:30am | Christopher O'Neil+ | By Vivian O'Neil | | | |
| 5:00pm | Kevin McAuley+ | By Colm & Geraldine Keogh | | | |
| Sunday November 14 | | | | | |
| 8:00am | Bob Seery+ | By Jack & Dorothy Foulks | | | |
| 10:00am | Peg Katims+ (12th Anniversary) | By Ron Katims | | | |
| 12:00pm | James R. Kennedy+ | By Kerry Caspersen | | | |
| Monday November 15 | | | | | |
| 7:00am | Connie Prato+ | By Betty & Tony Perfilio | | | |
| 8:30am | Marie Farrell+ | By Mary & Peter Zazzarino | | | |
| Tuesday November 16 | | | | | |
| 7:00am | Gary Lesnivich+ | By The Chimento Family | | | |
| 8:30am | Kevin Leary+ | By John & Tracey Foley | | | |
| Wednesday November 17 | | | | | |
| 7:00am | Marie DeVito+ | By Martha Sturm | | | |
| 8:30am | Keith Inacio+ | By Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga | | | |
| Thursday November 18 | | | | | |
| 7:00am | Matt Rock+ | By The Lundgren Family | | | |
| 8:30am | Lorie Gallagher+ | By Tracey Foley | | | |
| Friday November 19 | | | | | |
| 7:00am | Tom Chin+ | By The Chimento Family | | | |
| 8:30am | Loretta Gallagher (Lorie)+ | By Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga | | | |
| Saturday November 20 | | | | | |
| 7:00am | Paul M. Giegerich Sr.+ | By The Lundgren Family | | | |
| 8:30am | Keith Inacio+ | By Rose Geissler | | | |
| 5:00pm | Margaret Ann Lee+ | By Kerry & Lori Lee | | | |
| Sunday November 21 | | | | | |
| 8:00am | Marge Malone+ | By The Foulks Family | | | |
| 10:00am | Frank Pecoraro+ | By Maureen Pecoraro | | | |
| 12:00pm | Robert Seery+ | By Eileen & Dennis Gormley | | | |

For the week of November 14th



The Altar Bread & Wine
For the Wedding Anniversary of:
Louis & Teresa Schmitt+
Requested by
Mary Jane Bergen



Sanctuary Light
For the intention of:
Margaret Ann Lee+
Requested by
Kerry & Lori Lee



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



Remember Our Departed

Nenita Ayeras
Mark Czeropski
Marie DeVito
Dorothy Simko

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| <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 Consovoy | 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 live session will be on **Saturday morning December 11 at 7:30AM** in the church basement. Next ZOOM session is **Thursday December 2 at 7:30PM**. Email David Diken at dndiken@aol.com for an invitation.



YOU ARE MINE

LGBTQ Parents & Allies Support Group

Find a space for respectful conversation that allows family of LGBTQ members to share their stories.
3rd Thursday every month | **Thurs. November 18 @ 7 pm**
Plus a Bible discussion on Exodus 3:1-12
Little Flower Church. 310 Plainfield Ave. Berkeley Heights
Contact 908-464-1585 or youaremine.LF@gmail.com

DO OTHER ASPECTS OF YOUR LIFE..
FAMILY, HEALTH, FINANCES, EDUCATION
LEAVE VERY LITTLE TIME TO DEDICATE
TO YOUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD?

SAVE THE DATE
March 11+ March 12



**MEN’S
CORNERSTONE
RETREAT 2022**

Starts on 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

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)

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 acceptable items visit ihmparish.net/food-pantry.

IHM Women’s Prayer Group

The IHM Women’s Prayer Group will meet via **Zoom** on **Thursday, December 2 at 7:30PM**. The theme is Joseph: The Silent Partner. All women are welcome to join! Please email Tracey Foley at tfoleyihm@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

Prayer connects us all. If you have a special intention, please let us know and you will be lifted up in prayer.



We’d like to thank the many volunteers who helped make our commemorative All Souls Mass so lovely and meaningful:
*Bernie Beck for personalizing the candles for our deceased loved ones.
*Betty Swisher, Eileen Wagner, Janice Reilly & Janice Farrell for being our "Candle Angels"
*Marielle Carroll, Gabriella and Anthony Carlino for adding your wonderful gift of music to our liturgy.
*MaryKate Schiller and Jim Keliher for being altar servers.
*Finally to everyone who shared photos or participated in this special Mass for those we lost in the past two years.
*Candles and Photos are ready for pick up. Contact us at 908-889-2100 if you need help.

Coats For Kids



This year we collected a total of \$10,521.00 for our Coats for Kids fund raiser! This amount includes both parishes, IHM and St. Barts. With regards from the Knights of Columbus & the Coats for Kid’s Families. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

| Minister Assignments - November 20 - 21 | | | |
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| Saturday /Sunday | Lectors | Extra-ordinary Ministers | Presider |
| 5:00pm | Janice Good Piga | - Alice Schaffernoth - John Torzewski | Fr. Mike |
| 8:00am | Jim Brennan | - Rich Banasiak - Ed Sullivan | Fr. Rob |
| 10:00am | Andy Davis | - Lou Zappo - Deacon Jack | Fr. Mike |
| 12:00pm | Diane Briante | - Regina O'Connor - Eileen Wagner | Fr. Val |



Lectors:
Please pick up your lector workbook in the Church Sacristy if you have not already done so. Thank you!

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

The two quotes this week are from the book Mustard Seeds “Daily Thoughts to Grow With” by Matthew Kelly. *“Life is a pilgrimage, but sometimes you need a pilgrimage to discover life.”*




1. We have all returned from our trip to France, safely! Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the experience! Much thanks to Father Mike, Pat and Hank Mazzucca, and MaryAnne Sopko for their endless time and creative efforts to inspire us. Thanks to our stewardess Erin Miller and Ellen Hogan-Rotella for their service and many thanks to all who helped in the clean up. Congratulations to our door prize winners Rita Hahn, Barbara Mrozek and Antoinette Guarna.
2. To all Executive Board Members, on November 16th at 11:30am in the Nazareth Center, there is a Meeting. Please RSVP to me by November 14 at 908-753-2161.
3. “Did you donate 2022 Flowers for the Blessed Mother?” Remembrance Cards are available. You can pick up cards from the plastic bin outside the doors of the Nazareth Center. Labeled Blessed Mother Flowers Remembrance Cards. For questions, please contact Betty Perfilio at 908-889-4868.
4. Rosarians and parishioners, we need your help with the Altar linens! To complete our schedule for 2022 we need 9 more people to volunteer in order that each of us irons only four times in 2022! Please call/text Erin Miller at 908-232-0394 or email Erins310@gmail.com as she is helping Betty Swisher with typing. Thank you!
5. Come and visit with Our Lord at IHM Adoration Chapel, He is waiting for you. Can you commit an hour of your time to Him? We have 8 open hours during the week where He is alone! Please contact Erin Miller if you can help or need the code. Thank you.

“If you pray, God will lead you. If you follow, He will reward you.”

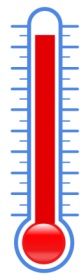
We are still praying for you, our parish, and the world!
Thank you and God Bless!
MaryJane

| Collection Report | | November 7, 2021 |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Weekly Budget Need: | | \$11,300.00 |
| Collection: | | 6,228.00 |
| Parish Giving: | | 5,458.32 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | | 386.32 |
| Fiscal Year to Date: | | |
| Budget | | \$214,700.00 |
| Actual: | | \$200,541.67 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | | (14,158.33) |
| Rolling 4 Week Averages: | | |
| Average Collection: | | \$10,616.32 |
| Average Surplus/(Deficit) | | (691.18) |





Archbishop's Annual Appeal 90.87%

The 2021 Annual Appeal is now underway. We have \$63,328.09 already pledged. **Our goal is \$69,693.00 = 90.87%**. 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 November 14 | |
| 8:45am | First Reconciliation Prep |
| 10:00am | Food Pantry Sunday |
| 12:00pm | BOLD Retreat: True North Returns |
| Monday November 15 | |
| 7:00pm | Confirmation Prep Session 1 |
| 7:30pm | Alpha 7 |
| Tuesday November 16 | |
| 11:30am | Rosary Exec. Board Meeting |
| 7:15pm | St. John of the Cross Seminar |
| Wednesday November 17 | |
| 10:00am | Food Pantry |
| 7:00pm | Men's Cornerstone Meeting |
| 8:00pm | Choir Practice |
| Thursday November 18 | |
| 9:30am | Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Zoom |
| 7:00pm | Archdiocese Synod Training Workshop |
| Friday November 19 | |
| 7:30pm | Alpha Holy Spirit |
| Saturday November 20 | |
| Sunday November 21 | |
| 8:45am | First Reconciliation Prep |
| 7:00pm | BOLD College Care Package Night |






SERVICE NIGHT FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEENS
 All teens in 9th - 12th grade are invited to join IHM BOLD Youth Ministry in putting together Care Packages for IHM college freshmen, to provide a welcomed surprise just in time for final exams!
Sunday, November 21 | 7:00pm-8:30pm @ Nazareth Center
 RSVP & Contribute to the Care Packages at www.boldym.com/ihmosp/events
 Feel free to bring your friends, even if they don't belong to the parish! We would love to see them!

Questions? Contact Rachael Flanagan, Coordinator of IHM BOLD Youth Ministry at ihmosp@boldym.com or call/text (908) 280-2893

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