

Christ the King - November 21st, 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
Mary Clinton: Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation



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A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

Jesus tells Pilate, and us, that his kingdom is not of this world, that it is not rooted in the physical, political, human world, but in the divine. Yet, as humans we are a part of that Kingdom when we believe in the truth of Jesus and do his will.

We are invited into the Kingdom of God, and are always welcomed. It is our choice to respond to that invitation by seeking to do God's will and being a reflection of His love in the world, or we can ignore the invitation and seek what the world seeks, namely power, glory, riches, sex, selfishness, pleasure etc.

As we celebrate the Kingship of Christ, let us seek always to discern well God's will, and put it into action in our lives and so build up the Kingdom here and now.

Peace, Fr. Mike

**EUCHARIST 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.*

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.

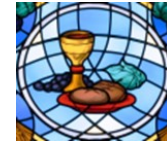
MUSIC: Vaccinated music ministers (cantors, choirs, etc.) do not require masks or shields. Music ministers who are not vaccinated should wear a mask. All musical instruments are permitted. Hymnals are now permitted.

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

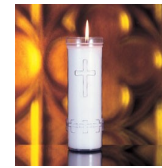
PARISH MEETINGS: Parish meetings in person may resume. Those vaccinated are not required to wear masks for indoor meetings nor are they required to maintain social distancing. The same recommendations for Mass apply to those not vaccinated.

MASS INTENTIONS			November 21 - November 28, 2021		
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			
Monday November 22					
7:00am	Robert Huff+	By Marion & Marc Beryer			
8:30am	Marge Malone+	By Betty Swisher			
Tuesday November 23					
7:00am	Michael Sinkonic+	By SSJ			
8:30am	Tony Kizis+	By Dan & Rosemary Kelly			
Wednesday November 24					
7:00am	William Check (living)	By Patricia & James Feeley			
8:30am	Andrew Bhingare	By Rekha Kulkarni			
Thursday November 25 - Thanksgiving Day					
9:00am	Marie Farrell+	By Mary & Peter Zazzarino			
Friday November 26					
7:00am	Mary Alice Giegerich (living)	By The Lundgren Family			
8:30am	Marge Malone+	By Dan & Rosemary Kelly			
Saturday November 27					
7:00am	Adele Gatens+	By Myrna & Ed McManus			
8:30am	Lucille D'Agostino+	By The D'Agostino Family			
5:00pm	Mary & Thomas Browne+	By The Hennessy Family			
Sunday November 28 - First Sunday of Advent					
8:00am	John McGovern+	By The McGovern Family			
10:00am	William Barry+	By Carol & John Bergen			
12:00pm	Arnie Cardenas+	By Patricia Markey			

For the week of November 21st



The Altar Bread & Wine
For the Wedding Anniversary of:
Frank Pecoraro+
Requested by
Wife Maureen



Sanctuary Light
For the intention of:
Maggie Pompa+
Requested by
Karen Schurtz



Flowers for the Blessed Mother
For the intention of:
Frank Pecoraro+
Requested by Maureen, Melissa
and Kimberly Pecoraro



Remember Our Departed
Nicholas Cotter
Patricia Dillon

<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 Szeker	
James Brown	Edward Clark	Jillian Lapidus	Diane Pricken	Phyllis Szeker	
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.

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.

IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group

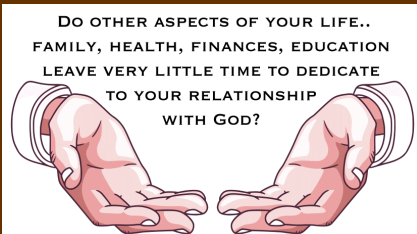
Next ZOOM session is **Thursday December 2 at 7:30PM**. Our next live session will be on **Saturday morning December 11 at 7:30AM** in the church basement. Email David Diken at dndiken@aol.com for an invitation.



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.



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: dndiken@aol.com or Colm Keogh: ckeogh925@yahoo.com



We'd like to thank the many volunteers who helped make our commemorative **All Souls Mass** so lovely and meaningful. Especially 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 the office at 908-889-2100 if you need assistance.



Congratulations to high school teens Brenna Sullivan, Benjamin Root, Lucas Regan, Robert Lerner, Thomas Ricci, Mikey Banic, Jack Pares and Joe Monaco for their outstanding dedication to ministry at IHM. Last weekend, they were honored with the Archdiocesan Youth Discipleship Awards at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica.

Congratulations to Mary Frances Malone and Mary Clinton, who received the Light of the World Award for their dedication and commitment to the youth of our parish. You have all been a tremendous blessing and are deeply appreciated!

8th Grade Confirmation Preparation 2021-2022

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 (4:30 - 7:30pm)
Sat. January 8: Christmas Gathering (4:30 - 7:30pm)



Benefits of a Union Catholic Education
Saturday December 4 @ 9:00 am
Register online at www.unioncatholic.org

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.



Wow! That's a lot of food! A generous gift from Edward Jones. Huge thanks to Jennifer Mongold for organizing these items for our Food Pantry. Thank you!!!

Minister Assignments - November 27 - 28			
Saturday /Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00pm	Mulrooney	- Chris Zucosky - Janice Good Piga	Fr. Val
8:00am	Colm Keogh	- Karen Schwaneberg - Rich Wagner	Fr. Mike
10:00am	Jane McClellan	- Jason McCann - Deacon Jack	Fr. Val
12:00pm	Regina O'Connor	- Carol Kiley - Diane McGuinness	Fr. Rob



ATTENTION ADORERS!

The Adoration Chapel will be closed from Wednesday November 24 until Sunday November 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Apologies for any inconvenience. Keep us all in your prayers during the festivities. 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

I would like to wish everyone a very blessed, joyful and thankful day on Thursday. If you are traveling our prayers go with you. Be safe! Just a quote for this upcoming time from Mother Teresa's book "Do Something Beautiful for God" -
"It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home. Bring love into your home for this is where our love for each other must start."



1. Please mark your calendar for Sunday December 5th! I invite you to attend the Noon Mass followed by our Christmas Celebration. Please look for the flyer. The celebration will include a movie on St Joseph's life, (since the year of celebrating St Joseph is coming to an end), a hot meal, a raffle and collection for the Missionaries of Charities. Sharing with others all for \$10. Please call Erin Miller at 908-232-0394 or me at 908-753-2161 if you want to attend and send your check to Barbara Apgar by November 30. Thank you.

2. Rosarians and parishioners, we need your help with the Altar linens. Don't be afraid, I will tutor you. To complete our schedule for 2022 we need 9 more people to volunteer in order that each of us to wash and iron only four times in 2022! So Please Help by calling/texting Erin Miller at 908-232-0394 or email Erins310@gmail.com as she is helping Betty Swisher with typing. Thank you.


3. If you have already donated to the 2022 Flowers for the Blessed Mother, there are Remembrance Cards available. You can pick up the 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. Come and visit with Our Lord at IHM Adoration Chapel, He is waiting for you. Can you commit an hour of your time to Jesus? 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.

"Here I am! I stand at the Door and Knock. If anyone hears My Voice and opens the Door, I will come in and eat with that person and they with Me." Revelation 3:20.

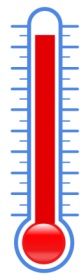
We are still praying for you, our parish, and the world!
Thank you and God Bless!
MaryJane

Collection Report		November 14, 2021	
Weekly Budget Need:		\$11,300.00	
Collection:		\$7,898.00	
Parish Giving:		\$4,494.87	
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$1,092.87	
Fiscal Year to Date:			
Budget		\$226,000.00	
Actual:		\$112,934.54	
Surplus/(Deficit)		(13,065.46)	
Rolling 4 Week Averages:			
Average Collection:		\$11,128.72	
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(178.78)	



Archbishop's Annual Appeal 91.15%

The 2021 Annual Appeal is now underway. We have \$63,528.09 already pledged. **Our goal is \$69,693.00 = 91.15%.** 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 21	
8:45am	First Reconciliation Prep
7:00pm	BOLD College Care Package Night
Monday November 22	
9:15am	Union Catholic Mass
7:30pm	Alpha 13
Tuesday November 23	
7:15pm	St. John of the Cross Seminar
Wednesday November 24	
10:00am	Food Pantry
12:00pm	IHM Office + Adoration Chapel Closed
8:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday November 25 - Thanksgiving Day	
IHM Office + Adoration Chapel Closed Happy Thanksgiving!	
Friday November 26 - Native American Heritage Day	
IHM Office + Adoration Chapel Closed Happy Thanksgiving!	
Saturday November 27	
IHM Office + Adoration Chapel Closed Happy Thanksgiving!	
Sunday November 28 - First Sunday of Advent	
IHM Office + Adoration Chapel Closed Happy Thanksgiving!	





IHM teens joined BOLD Youth Ministry groups from all over New Jersey for an unforgettable experience on the Embolden retreat last weekend! Countless new friendships and memories were made, as teens took steps forward in their journey of faith, encountering God in a profound way and having a blast the entire time!

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