

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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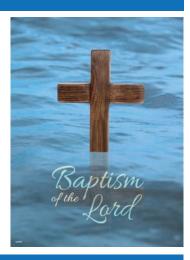
Mass will continue to Live Stream on Facebook and our website: www.ihmparish.net

A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

Once again our readings at the close of the Christmas seasons help us to better understand the incarnation, the Word becoming Man. Jesus subjects himself to John's baptism not because he needs to be baptized, but to show once again the fullness of His humanity, to be in solidarity with us.

The voice from heaven show us that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah, that he is the servant, the chosen one, the messiah who will bring salvation.

Peace Fr. Mike



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 update to the May 25 COVID-19 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.

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

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)

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.

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.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: The procession to present the gifts of bread and wine and the collection can be resumed. (Beginning July 17, 2021)

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 Morning Prayer - Monday - Saturday at 8:15 am Rosary: Monday - Saturday after 8:30 am Mass Novena to the Miraculous Medal & St. Jude: Saturdays after 8:30 am Mass Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15 - 4:45 pm

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For the week of January 9th - January 16th, 2022

Saturday January 8	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	For the People Sister Percylee Hart (living) America Stefnagle+	By The Parish By Friends from Immaculate Heart Book Club By Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga
Sunday January 9	10:00 am	Jack Foulks+ Joanne M. Munly+ Charles Barrett+	By The Carlino Family By Karen Ruffner By Thomas Barrett
Monday	7:00 am	For Families Affected by Covid	By The Parish
January 10	8:30 am	Connie Prato+	By Gabriela Spera
Tuesday		For Families Living in Poverty	By The Parish
January 11		Loretta Masterson+	By Ceil Lefkowitz
Wednesday	7:00 am	Michael Irrapino+	By Fr. Mike
January 12	8:30 am	Marie DeVito+	By Betty Swisher
Thursday	7:00 am	Gianna Palomino (living)	By RoseMarie DiStefano
January 13	8:30 am	Rose Faccone+	By The Blum & Veglia Families
Friday	7:00 am	For a Happy & Healthy 2022	By The Parish
January 14	8:30 am	Jimmy Malfetti+	By Mom & Dad
Saturday January 15	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	For the People Tracey Foley (living) Dorothy A Bass+	By The Parish By Dan & Roe Kelly By Donna Ayers
Sunday January 16	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	For the People Frances Burgon Takacs+ Bessie Sullivan MD+	By The Parish By Barbara Apgar By The Sullivan Family

<u>Remember Our Sick</u> John Burkert John Allen Rose Badala George Becker Larry Biunno Fran Boglioli Erin Brennan Samantha Bridge James Brown Kevin Brown

Mary Calabrese Anna Cassella Paul Cassidy Matthew Cassio Frank Chimento Edward Clark William Consovoy Jillian Lapidus Colm Cosgrove Ray Clark

Albert Fischer, Jr. Maureen Lynch Emily Fleming Mary Foster Nicole Griffin Kathleen Herron Juliann Junio Anna Koch Gus Long Eileen Lynch

William Maines Bill Malone Owen Mike McCabe June McManus Christine Morris Thomas Moore Marlene Mosko Hilda Pizza Diane Pricken

Marisol Rodriguez Susan Rozborski **Dolores Rust** Diana Scariati Elisa Silversey Bernard Slaza Beverly Sopp Ryder Francis Spillane Paul Szeker Phyllis Szeker

Carole Ventre Daniel Ventura Sr. Elizabeth Vermaelen Stephen Voorhees Christy Ward



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.

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<u>Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina</u> Meetings will resume every Thursday on Zoom

Centering Prayer group meetings on Zoom will resume again on Thursday January 20th. Please call Phyllis at **908-264-7456** for further information and to receive the Zoom link when meetings start again. Happy New Year!



Choir practice resumes Wednesday night January 12 at 8:00pm!

Anyone who would like to share their gift of music with the church, please contact Katie Wills at <u>ktwills1973@gmail.com</u>

8th Grade Confirmation Preparation 2022 Mon. January 10: Session 3 | 7 - 8:30 pm **Mon. February 7:** Session 4 | 7 - 8:30 pm



9th Grade Confirmation Preparation 2022

Sat. January 8: Christmas Gathering | 4:30 - 7:30 pm **Sat. February 12:** Pre-Lent Gathering | 4:30 - 7:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday February 13, 2022 Bus Trip to Cathedral | Bus leaves IHM Parking Lot 11:00am



Thank you to the Fanwood Community Foundation for their generous support of The IHM Food Pantry today and throughout the years. Pictured (L-R) Sara Johnston and Nancy Magelinski, Fr. Mike, Peter Chemidlin, Rich Wagner

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**.



We Need Hospitality Ministers (Ushers) for all the Masses and Special Events

Men and women, young and not so young are encouraged to volunteer! Responsibilities would be:

□ Welcoming and assisting our parishioners and guests when they come to worship.

□ Finding a family or an individual to bring up the Offertory Gifts during Mass especially if there is no one from the family for whom the Mass is being celebrated.

□ Assist in the distribution of flyers or bulletins before or after Mass, hopefully when we get back to normal.

□ Assist the presiding Priest as may be required.

There is no long term commitment. If you cannot come to the same Mass each week but are willing to substitute when the need arises – we can use your assistance! If you are interested, please leave a message for Maureen Pecoraro or myself at the office and we will contact you. Please leave a phone number number and/or e-mail address and we will call back to set up a meeting. If possible, please indicate what mass would be good for you. Once we have a list of candidates , Fr. Mike will have a training session. Thank you for your consideration!

- Emil Manfredonia



All new volunteers at IHM and those requiring recertification are invited to participate in the session we will be holding on <u>Wednesday January 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm</u> in the Nazareth Center. Volunteers or employees who could have unaccompanied contact with children at any time must attend a PGC session and be certified. The session will be limited to 20 persons. Deacon Jack Lynch will be the presider.

In order to register (required for IHM and other locations) please access VIRTUS Online and follow the menu to sign up. You may also recertify online or attend a "Keeping the Promise Alive" session. Those options are available on VIRTUS Online as well.

If you have any questions concerning the IHM session please contact Janet Manfredonia at: janet@ihmparish.net

Please direct questions concerning recertification online or "Keeping the Promise Alive" option to the VIRTUS Help Desk.

Thank you very much. Be well and stay safe.

Janet Manfredonia Local Safe Environment Coordinator (IHM)

Minister Assignments - January 15 - 16					
Saturday /Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider		
5:00pm	Chris Zucosky	- Janice Good Piga - John Torzewski	Fr. Mike		
8:00am	Jim Brennan	- Rich Wagner - Chris Dill	Fr. Rob		
10:00am	Andy Davis	- Deacon Jack - Dave Diken	Fr. Mike		
12:00pm	Carol Kiley	- Eileen Wagner - Jean Naugle	Fr. Rob		



Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours Monday - Friday 9:00am - 9:00pm Saturday - 9:00am - 2:00pm Closed on Sundays. Holy Days & Holidays

For more information contact Erin Miller at: erins310@gmail.com | 908-531-0128

IHM PARISH INFORMATION

► IHM Office is closed to the public until further notice...

Mass Intention Reservations: Call or leave a message at the office (908)889-2100 or email 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. 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 at (908) 889-2100

Parish Schools: St. Bartholomew Academy (908) 322-4265 Union Catholic Regional High School (908) 889-1600

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Rosary Altar Society News

As we begin this New Year I thought that this quote from St. Francis de Sales would be appropriate, "Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset."

1. To all who have registered for the January 11th Luncheon which is this Tuesday at noon at Max's, you may receive a call from Janice Good-Piga or Janice Reilly, if we have to postpone this event due to circumstances beyond our control.

2. Reminder to all members of the Executive Board, which includes officers, chairwomen of standing committees and monthly meetings, that the next meeting is January 18th at 11:30AM in the Nazareth Center. Please RSVP to me by Sunday, January 16th. Topics will include the February 1st Mimi Retreat and other upcoming events. Thank you.

3. Even though we have started the new year, we still need help with the Altar linens. So Rosarians and Parishioners if you could volunteer to wash and iron the Altar linens for only Four times in a year that would help and it would be greatly appreciated. We only need 8 more volunteers. So please help by calling Betty Perfilio at 908-889-4868 or texting Erin Miller at 908-531-0128. Thank you.

4. Can you commit an hour of your time to Jesus? Remember what He did for us! Please come and visit Our Lord at the IHM Adoration Chapel, there are 12 critical openings! So check your schedule with these openings that you might be able to match with a time. If so please call or text Erin Miller at 908-531-0128. Monday 12, 5, 6, 8 and 9 pm

Tuesday 12, 5, 6, 8 and 9 pm Tuesday 12, 2, 3, and 8 pm Wednesday 2 pm Thursday 2, and 8 pm Please do come anytime that the Chapel is open. Begin the New Year with Christ! Thank you.

The final quote is from St. Thomas Aquinas, "As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary."

We are still praying for you, our parish, and the world. Thank you. God Bless, and a Healthy New Year!

MaryJane



Collection Report	December 26, 2021
Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,300.00
Collection:	3,921.00
Parish Giving:	2,483.08
Surplus/(Deficit)	(6,404.08)
	January 2, 2022
Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,300.00
Collection:	7,549.00
Parish Giving:	3,185.95
Surplus/(Deficit)	(565.05)
Fiscal Year to Date:	
Budget:	\$305,100.00
Actual:	\$280,100.95
Surplus/(Deficit)	(24,999.05)
Rolling 4 Week Averages:	
Average Collection:	\$10,181.94
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,118.06)
Christmas Collection to Date:	\$46,376.75
Budget:	\$60,000.00



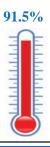
February 4th - 6th Mt. Snow | Holiday Inn, Brattleboro, VT

All teens in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for a ski weekend! Hit the slopes with friends from your parish and meet teens from all different parishes, too. All are welcome, even if you have never skied or snowboarded before, we always have beginners who have just as much fun as everyone elsel <u>REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!</u> Reach out to Rachael Flanagan with any questions:

ihmsp@boldym.com or call/text (908) 280-2893

Archbishop's Annual Appeal Update

The 2021 Annual Appeal is now underway. We have \$63,770.46 already pledged. **Our goal is \$69,693.00 = 91.5%**. The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. Visit **www.rcan.org/sharing**. Thank you for your prayers and support!





The IHM Women's Prayer Group will meet via Zoom on Thursday, February 3rd at 7:30PM. Our theme will be "Shine the Light". All women are welcome to join! Please email Tracey Foley at <u>tefoleyihm@gmail.com</u> if you want to join. Prayer connects us all!

	IHM EVENT CALENDER		
	Sunday January 9		
8:45 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Faith Formation January Gathering Food Pantry Sunday BOLD Discipleship Night Synod		
	Monday January 10		
7:00 pm 7:30 pm	8th Grade Confirmation Session #3 Pastoral Council		
	Tuesday January 11		
12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Rosary Altar Society Winter Lunch Alpha		
	Wednesday January 12		
10:00 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Food Pantry Men's Cornerstone Meeting Choir Practice		
	Thursday January 13		
Friday January 14			
	Saturday January 15		

Sunday January 16



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