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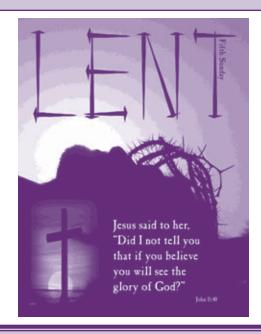
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"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." (John 11)

The directive from Cardinal Tobin in light of what he calls "the rapidly changing landscape in dealing with the coronavirus:

Until further notice, public celebration of both Sunday Mass and daily Mass is suspended. This decision comes after exhaustive discussion and with an especially heavy heart."

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"So the sisters sent word to Him saying,

"Master, the one you love is ill."

When Jesus heard this He said,

"This illness is not to end in death,

but is for the glory of God,

that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Perhaps these words take on new meaning for us this year as we grapple with the expanse of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are isolated, know someone who is suffering or may even have died. All of us have been impacted. In one way or another, we are the ones that Jesus loves and we are suffering. Yet this story of reminds us of God's care and love for us, just as it shows the love that Jesus had for Lazarus. It can become an opportunity for us to not only experience that love in our lives but also share that love with one another. We hear many stories of people helping out each other in this time. Not spectacular signs of God's love as the sign of Lazarus being raised from the dead, but ordinary signs of the love of Christ at work in our world today. May we continue to be open to that love so that we indeed may better experience the glory of God when we celebrate the resurrection. It is a reminder to each of us that we strengthen our efforts to overcome sin and grow in our efforts to serve God and one another so that we may celebrate more joyfully Christ's victory.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

### WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

During this current health environment. IHM Parish would like to reach out to support our neighbors in need of an extra set of hands for help.

Our Seniors and Immune Compromised Neighbors are at the highest risk levels. As a result grocery shopping & medicine pick-up have been more difficult. Please join us in helping our community to stay healthy and become a buddy volunteer during this Lenten Season.

Call the office at (908) 889-2100 or email: office@ihmparish.net if you want to be a buddy or know someone in need.

## Scripture Reflection The Fifth Sunday of Lent



"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday or now with COVID-19 we watch it livestream. We volunteer for events in our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need. It opens hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives.

# **IHM Women's Prayer Group**



The Prayer Group meetings are cancelled until further notice due to the health crisis.

# Archdiocese of Newark 2020 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. 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.
- 3. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the <u>1st Sunday of Lent, March 1</u> to <u>The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</u>, June 7, 2020.

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

# Mass Intentions

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Sunday, March 29th

10:00 am Carrie O'Donnell+
Frank Pecoraro+

By Raymond & Joan O'Donnell
By Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Spera

**Tommy Farrell**+ By Terry Clark

Monday, March 30th

8:30 am Ronnie & Family (living) By America Stefnagle
Frank Pecoraro+ By Mary & Don Clinton

Tuesday, March 31st

8:30 am Carmen Ezzo+ By the Chimento Family

Joseph Castellano+ By Barbara Apgar

Wednesday, April 1st

8:30 am **Emily B. Garcia**+ By Christine Gonch **Philip Capio**+ By Eleanor Duddy

Thursday, April 2nd

8:30 am **Victoria Aversa**+ By the O'Connor Family
Sergio Locoli+ By Craig & Lisa Barcellona

Friday, April 3rd

8:30 am **Marcus Andrew**+ By Rekha Kulkarni By Mary Graham

Saturday, April 4th

8;30 am **Denise Ingoglia-Mullin**+ By the Howard Family **For the People of IHM Parish** 

Palm Sunday, April 5th

10:00 am Charles Takacs+ By Barbara Apgar

Helen McLane+ By McLane & Tricoche

Family

Margaret A. Licata+ By the Lewis Family

Thomas Graham+ By the Family

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Remember those who have died: Donald Walker+, Mark Dooley+

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# 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.

# Flowers for the Blessed Mother



For the week of March 29th:

In loving remembrance of Edward & Jean Winsor+

Requested by : Mary Beth Winsor

## IHM's Summer Academy 2020

Registration is now open.



## **Session Dates:**

**First Session:** June 29<sup>TH</sup> through July 10 (No classes on July 3<sup>RD</sup>)

**Second Session:** August 17<sup>TH</sup> through August 28<sup>TH</sup>.

**Families of Faith** - mid-September through the following April.

IHM Religious Education registration for Summer Academy and for Families of Faith began on March 17th. All families who registered for either session of Summer Academy or for the Families of Faith program last year should have received an email from Parish Giving, the company that oversees the registration procedures, with registration information.

New families to the programs or the parish should access the IHM website and choose the menu for Faith Formation for Children. Once the information called for on the site is filled in and submitted, they too will receive an email from Parish Giving with instructions on how to complete registration.

Parish Giving maintains a help desk from 9:00-4:00 pm daily and will help with any registration issues you may encounter.

Phone number is 866-307-7140.

If you have any further questions, please email the Faith Formation office at Faithformation@ihmparish.net or call the Nazareth Center at 908-889-2100.

Fees: \$175 for first child, \$275 for two or more children

### **BOLD Youth Ministries**

Looking for some things to do while you are home? Live stream the Mass! IHM Daily Mass will be livestreamed on Facebook at 8:30 a.m. and available later on our website: www.ihmparish.net.

Go through your old clothes and put together a bag to donate to the needy.

Service Trip to Pittsburgh, PA is July 19-24 Check your email for registration information.

# Easter Basket Collection First Communion Families Assembling Easter Baskets for Needy Children



This program is cancelled due to the health crisis. All donated items will still be delivered to St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth, the Gray Friars in Newark as well as the IHM Food Pantry.

# Centering Prayer "Be Still, Know, I am God"

This program is postponed due to the health crisis. Please call Phyllis Manno at 908-264-7456 or Mary Jane Bergen at 908-753-2161 for more information.

# Wanted: New or Used Communion Dresses & Suits



Thank you to everyone who contributed to this collection. Your generosity is appreciated.

### **Catholic School Matters**



In light of the growing Coronavirus concern, public health guidelines, and restrictions that are being implemented statewide, we are postponing both Casino Night and the SBA 5K.

Casino Night has been rescheduled to October 2, 2020, 7-11 pm, at the Italian American Club, Scotch Plains. If you require a refund for Casino Night, please contact Fabrizia Rotondo at Fabriziarotondo@gmail.com.

The SBA 5K will be Saturday, September 12 at 9 am. If you are registered for the 5k and can make the new date, your registration will rollover. If you require a refund for the 5K contact Maureen at sba5k@stbacademy.org.

If you can't make one of the events and would like to consider your registration a donation to the school, we greatly appreciate that!



# Rosary Altar Society:



All Rosary Altar Society events are currently suspended. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for updates.

We hope to have our May 17th our Rosary Altar Society's Communion Mass and Breakfast. We start with Mass at 10 a.m. followed with breakfast at Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains. The cost of this event is \$45. Please send your check to Barbara Apgar at 427 LaGrande Ave.; Fanwood, NJ 07023. What a fine way to end our year! Hope you can attend.

### **Parish Information**

## **Religious Education Classes**

Questions? Faithformation@ihmparish.net

**Baptisms:** Please call the office at (908) 889-2100.

### **Adoration Chapel:**

Temporarily located in the Nazareth Center. See page 6 for new hours. Chapel closed on Holy Days and Holidays. Please note, if SPF schools are closed due to bad weather, the chapel will be closed.

### 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.

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# **IHM Holy Name Society**



Meetings are currently suspended, please keep an eye on the bulletin for updates. All interested men of the parish are invited to join us for breakfast. We serve eggs, sausage, crumb cake and coffee at every meeting.



The Nazareth Center is closed until further notice. We are checking our email: office @ihmparish.net.

Please call the office at (908) 889-2100 if you have any questions.

Adoration Chapel is closed until further notice.

## **Stations of the Cross**

Stations of the cross are cancelled due to the health crisis. Please continue to pray at home.



# IHM Bible Study Please join us as we study "Peter – Keeper of the Keys"

This class maybe rescheduled after the heath crisis subsides.

Questions? Please contact Eileen Wagner at (908) 317-8554 or email eilwagner45@gmail.com.

# **Charitable Contribution Forms for 2019**

There are several different ways to receive charitable contribution forms for tax purposes from IHM:

- \* Collection Envelopes: If you are using envelopes for your Sunday collection contribution, you will receive a form in the mail from our envelope company, provided you have contributed \$100 or more in 2019.
- \* Capital Campaign: Any cash or check contributions to our "Praise for the Past... Building for the Future" Capital Campaign will be acknowledged by a letter from IHM being mailed later this month.
- \* Parish Giving: You can print a contribution history activity form for all electronic fund transfer contributions through Parish Giving by visiting your account at <a href="https://www.parishgiving.org">www.parishgiving.org</a>.

Contact Tracey in the office if you need assistance.

# Calendar of Events at IHM

Sunday, March 22nd

<u> Monday, March 23rd</u>

Tuesday, March 24th

Wednesday, March 25th 11 a.m.. - Food Pantry

Thursday, March 26th

Friday, March 27th

Saturday, March 28th

Sunday, March 29th



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## **Attention All Gardeners!**

More daylight, warmer weather and Spring! Time to start our food pantry Garden. Your help will be needed to till, weed and amend the soil. Keep an eye on the bulletin for our start date. If you can help contact Emil at (908) 591-3384 or Kathy at (908) 322-9410.

# **Offertory Collection**

March 22, 2020

 Weekly Budget Need:
 \$11,960.78

 Collection:
 2,492.00

 Parish Giving:
 2,120.99

 Surplus/(Deficit):
 (\$7,347.79)

Fiscal Year to Date:

 Budget
 \$466,470.42

 Actual
 \$397,814.62

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