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A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

The beatitudes encourage us to place our trust in God. Something the world seems to find hard to do. It seems very easy to put our trust in things, in money, in power, yet Jesus continues to show us that it is only in trusting God that the beatitudes begin to make sense. We are called to serve one another, to die to ourselves and rise up to new life in Christ and service to our neighbors.

In doing this, not only do the beatitudes make sense, but we also begin to experience a peace and joy that nothing else can provide. Discipleship is entering into this loving and trusting relationship with Chris and experiencing for ourselves the blessedness to comes from that relationship. Missionary disciple ship comes when we desire to share that trust and joy with others so that they can experience the blessedness that comes from Christ. Peace. Fr. Mike





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Spirituality Seminar continues every Tuesday night @ 7:15 pm on Zoom. The name of the book is **Julian's Gospel** by Veronica Mary Rolf.

In a time of the Plague, Civil, Political and Religious strife. How through with and in all of this she found union with God? Please e-mail FrRob@ihmparish.net for an invite.

Archdiocese of Newark - COVID-19 Directives - Updated May 15, 2022

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. 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 Masses and activities in Church. Archdiocesan protocols for Religious Education and Basketball programs remain in effect.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: All ministries may return to full service – altar servers, lectors, ushers, greeters and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Ministers of Holy Communion must still sanitize their hands and wear a mask when distributing Communion.

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 is 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.

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

Mass Intentions		For the week of January 29 - February 5, 2023			
Saturday January 28	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Brian Payne+ from Patricia & James Feeley Dorothy Foulks+ from Chris & Jack Haight James T. Holt Jr.+ from Karen Martinez			
Sunday January 29	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	For the People from The Parish Vincent Hoey+ from Anne Geislinger Joyce Klotz+ from The Foley Family			
Monday January 30	7:00 am 8:30 am	Dorothy Foulks+ from Betty & Tony Perfilio Phyllis Biunno+ from The Rosary Altar Society			
Tuesday January 31	7:00 am 8:30 am	Elsie Gawrylak+ from Charlie Barcellona Lynne Cotter+ from Rich & Heba Fortunato			
Wednesday February 1	7:00 am 8:30 am	Brigitta Gruenther+ from Patricia & James Feeley Bill McManus+ from Judy McManus			
Thursday February 2	7:00 am 8:30 am	Lily Mehanna+ from Rich & Heba Fortunato Carmen Ponzio+ from Al Smith			
Friday February 3	7:00 am 8:30 am	Rose Faccone+ from The Blum & Veglia Families Danny Kelly+ from Mom & Dad & Family			
Saturday February 4	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	John E. Buckley+ from Charlie & Geri Barcellona Bob Swisher+ from Betty Swisher Rose Badala+ from Myrna McManus			
Sunday February 5	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Mary Jane Bergen (living) from The Women's Prayer Group For the People from IHM Parish Patricia Ehrlich+ from The Foley Family			

Kindly keep our parishioner's family and friends, with health and other challenges, in your prayers

John Allen	Samantha Bridge	Kathleen Herron	Bill Malone	Diana Scariati	Stephanie Vernace
George Becker	James Brown	Juliann Junio	Owen Mike McCabe	Arty Shapiro	Stephen Voorhees
Mary Jane Bergen	John Burkert	Gregory Kamouh	June McManus	Elisa Silversey	Ben Wheelock
Fran Boglioli	Ray Clark	Marie Keller	Marlene Mosko	Bernard Slaza	Evelyn Whitehorne
Erin Brennan	Albert Fischer, Jr.	Anna Koch	Hilda Pizza	Beverly Sopp	
Anna Cassella	Phyllis Fischer	Jillian Lapidus	Diane Pricken	Ryder Francis Spillane	
Paul Cassidy	Emily Fleming	Trish Longus	Eileen Quinlan	Paul Szeker	Please advise if
Matthew Cassio	Mary Foster	Eileen Lynch	Carmela Resnick	Phyllis Szeker	any names can be
Frank Chimento	Michele Gamako	Maureen Lynch	Marisol Rodriguez	Carole Ventre	removed from the
Edward Clark	Nicole Griffin	William Maines	Susan Rozborski	Daniel Ventura	sick list. Thank you.
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Special Intentions for the week of January 29 - February 5, 2023



Sanctuary Light For the intention of: Eileen Detweiler Mutarelli+ Requested by

Karen & Joe Schurtz

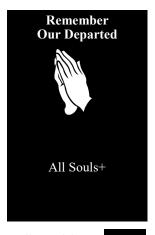


Altar Bread & Wine For the intention of: The Alpha Core Team: Good luck this season!

Requested by **IHM Parish**



Flowers for the Blessed Mother In memory of: Victims of Abortion Requested by Mary Beth Winsor





Lenten Retreat: Tuesday February 7, 2023 8:30am Mass (in Chapel)

Followed by the "Dry Bones" program at The Nazareth Center. Hosted by Phyllis Manno. Give yourself the gift of spending some quiet time with the Lord. Please register by calling Mary Anne at 908-322-0279 before 2/2/2023



FREE DINNER & A MOVIE FEBRUARY 13, 2023 @ 7pm





The Winter/Spring 2023 Alpha series starts with a FREE Dinner & presentation on Monday February 13, 2023 at 7pm followed by several ZOOM sessions throughout the season. Seating is limited! Sign up today at www.ihmparish.net/alpha

Share thoughts questions doubts hopes





MEN'S CORNERSTONE March 10 & 11, 2023

<u>www.stbartholomewchurch.</u> <u>org/mens-cornerstone</u> Remember that Glass Jewel workshop hosted by Katie Wills? Your jewels are ready for pick up @ The Nazareth Center. Thanks!

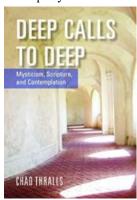
- * Denise Chafatelli
- * Michele Gardella
- * Christine Lazur
- * Mary Ring
- * Maria Trujillo



IHM VIRTUAL SPEAKER SERIES: CHAD THRALLS

Thursday February 9, 2023 at 7:00pm on Zoom
Internet access is needed for Zoom. No cost, but registration is required. Please sign up at www.ihmparish.net and we'll send you the Zoom link to join the party.









IHM Youth Ministry powered by BOLD!

Jan. 29: 8th grade Service Night 7:00pm-8:30pm tonight.

Assemble college care packages and write notes to our
BOLD friends to remind them of God's love and our
support. We will also play some games, be inspired by each
other, learn about our faith, and pray together. Please sign up
to contribute items to the Care Packages at
www.boldym.com/ihmsp/events

Feb. 5: Youth Ministry Discipleship Night 7:00pm-8:30pm



<u>February 10-12, 2023:</u> BOLD Youth Ministry Ski trip to Mt. Snow, Vermont open to all high school teens (FINAL REGISTRATION DATE FEBRUARY 1, 2023). www.boldym.com/skitrip2023</u>

Minister Assignments: February 4 - February 5						
Saturday - Sunday Lectors		Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider			
2/4 5:00pm	Kathy Mitchell	John Torzewski Chris Haight	Fr. Rob			
2/5 8:00am	Rich Banasiak	Lou DiBella Rich Wagner	Fr. Rob			
2/5 10:00am	Heba Fortunato	Dave Diken Steve Prato	Fr. Rob			
2/5 12:00pm	Regina O'Connor	Carol Kiley Tracey Foley	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

Winter Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9:00am - 4:00pm | Fri. 9:00am - 2:00pm

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

A PRAYER OF HOPE

Dear God.

When I stand at the beginning of a new day, Bless me with VISION to see, The best of things to come.... WISDOM to make good decisions..... And most of all, FAITH that YOU are walking with me, Every step of the way. **AMEN**

"The PEACE of GOD, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in CHRIST JESUS." - Philippians 4:7

- ♥ We invite ALL PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS to join us TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th for 8:30am Mass in the chapel, followed by an inspiring spirtual presentation entitled "DRY BONES" by PHYLLIS MANNO (Snow Date Feb.
- 21st). Please register by Feb. 2nd by calling Mary Ann Sopko (908-322-0279). What a beautiful way to enhance your Lenten Journey.
- ♥ We welcome you ALL to join us on Tuesday, March 7th at 7pm For a "HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH " event. We will have a presentation by an instructor from the local "YMCA". Please register by calling Mary Ann (908-322-0279) by March 1st!!
- ♥ Our yearly San Alfonso Retreat, held at the San Alfonso Retreat House on the ocean's edge in Long Branch, will be held from March 10-12. ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. The cost for the three day event (including housing & food) will be \$285 per person. For information & to register, please contact Chris (908-322-6462) or chrishaight@verizon.net.
- ♥ Please mark your calendars for Friday, April 21 at 7pm for a very special in-house entertainment event. Details to follow in the new two weeks.

Our Thought and prayers are with you and your families for health, happiness and peace on a daily basis. We remember you in our daily Rosary prayers and ask you to kindly remember us in your prayers as well. May your week ahead be a Blessed one filled with new opportunities to draw closer to God and The Virgin Mary. May your days be joyful and prayerful and your Blessings be limitless!

♥ Janice



The Women's Prayer Group will gather on Thursday February 2, 2023 at 7:30pm via Zoom. The topic will be "Looking for God: The Story of Elijah". Email tefoleyihm@gmail.com for the Zoom link.



CENTERING PRAYER/LECTIO DIVINA

Every Thursdays from 9:30 - 10:45 am on Zoom. Reflection, Discussion, Meditation in the Mystic Heart and Contemplative way of prayer. Call Phyllis at 908-264-7456 for information & the Zoom link.



The next meeting for the IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group is Saturday 2/11 at 7:30am in the Church Basement. Donuts & Coffee will be served! Contact David at dndiken@aol.com

Collection Report	January 22, 2023	IHM EVENT CALENDER			
Weekly Target:	\$12,558.00	Sunday January 29			
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)	\$9,642.30	9:00am	Parish Council Pancake Breakfast		
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,915.70)	7:00pm	St. Bartholomew School Open House BOLD Youth Group Service Night		
Fiscal Year to Date:		Monday January 30			
Budget	\$364,182.00				
Actual:	Actual: \$325,102.29		Tuesday January 31		
Surplus/(Deficit)	(39,079.71)	7:15pm	Julian of Norwich Spirituality Seminar @ Zoom		
Rolling 4 Week Averages:		Wednesday February 1			
Average Collection:	\$12,309.05		Food Pantry		
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(263.95)	7:30pm 8:00pm	KOC Meeting Choir Practice		
Christmas Collection to Date:	\$59,744.06 (91.1%)		Thursday February 2		
Christmas Collection Goal:	\$65,000.00	9:30am	Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Zoom		
Charitable Contribution For	rms for 2022	7:30pm	Women's Prayer Group Zoom		
There are several ways to receive tax for	orms from IHM:	Friday February 3			
• <u>Collection Envelopes</u> : If you are usin Sunday collection contribution, you sho					
the mail from our envelope company la		Saturday February 4			
contributed \$100 or more in 2022. • Parish Giving: You will be able to pri	nt a contribution	All Day	CYO Basketball		
history activity form for all electronic fi contributions through Parish Giving by			Sunday February 5		
at www.parishgiving.org Contact Tracey at 908-889-2100 or te	• .	9:00am 7:00pm	Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast BOLD Youth Ministry Discipleship Night		



A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate John McGuire:

I've been talking with my son Elijah lately about food. We will place a nice healthy meal in front of him, and yet, he'll ask for a piece of candy, or other treat. While I'll often prefer a sweet over vegetables anyday, I find myself having to advocate for healthy nutritious foods. "Elijah, treats make us happy, but your dinner will help you grow big and strong". What we consume really matters. This applies equally for diet as it does for our spiritual lives. How do we feed our intellect, our spirit, and our lives? It is really easy, especially when you don't have very young children, to zone out and consume media, as if they were potato chips or ice cream. Action movies, comedies, true-crime, dramas, and endless streaming catalogs are at our fingertips 24/7, and escape from reality, and mindless enjoyment are highly appealing. However, when it comes to our spiritual life, they are calorically dense, and low in nutrients. They can make us happy, but if they are all we consume, we'll become spiritually sluggish. If we don't nurture and nourish our faith, it cannot grow big and strong. Our faith metabolism will grow slow, and our bodies will begin to only crave what isn't good for it. The thing is, we're in luck, because there is an endless buffet of healthy options available for our consumption at all times. It just takes the time to set the shopping list, and build the diet that will best nourish you. Are you the intellectual type, who finds joy in academic pursuits, and knowledge? You may do well to sample from the Dominican tradition of our Church and scholasticism. Do you thrive within structure, and a dedicated rule of life? Benedictine or Jesuit spirituality might fit your tastes. Do you find yourself contemplating, and reflecting on every aspect of your life? Perhaps you would be drawn to Carmelite spirituality... Read the full article: www.ihmparish.net/childrensfaithformation



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