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A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

The story of the temptations in the desert is not simply a story about the triumph of good over evil. It is a recognition that seeking food without work, power over death or glory and riches for ourselves lead to death. It is only in using our gifts in the service of God and neighbor, trusting in God, and in seeking to fulfill God's will that we can truly experience life. Our Lenten Practices of Almsgiving, Prayer and Fasting lead us out of the empty desert of selfishness in all of it's myriad of forms and disguises, into the rich abundance of God's Kingdom. In this season of repentance we seek God's mercy for the times that we have fallen into these temptations so that we may rise again to new life in Christ.



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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 February 26 - March 5, 2023	
Saturday February 25	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Haven Serge+ from Patrone Family & Zenaida Moya Phyllis Biunno+ from The Haight Family Rose Badala+ from The Coughlan Family	
Sunday February 26	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	For the People from IHM Parish Patricia Castelli (living) from The Manfredonia Family Francesco Buscini+ from The Buscini Family	
Monday	7:00 am	Richard Kelly+ from Fr. Mike	5000
February 27	8:30 am	Xinia Lidieth Trejosb+ from Cornelia Fernandez	
Tuesday	7:00 am	Don Hamm+ from Ron Katims	A
February 28	8:30 am	Gerald McAuley+ from Geraldine & Colm Keogh	
Wednesday	7:00 am	Thomas Freeman+ from The Nizner Family	3600 1 36 1 36 2
March 1	8:30 am	Maria M. Diaz Dominguez+ from Cornelia Fernandez	
Thursday	7:00 am	Anthony Tanyag+ from Marion & Marc Berger	3000
March 2	8:30 am	Virginia Travisano+ from Patty Regal	
Friday	7:00 am	John Kaminskas+ from Julie Marsella	
March 3	8:30 am	Brian Flynn+ from Giovanna Flynn	
Saturday March 4	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	John Percoco+ from Robert, Paula, Dan & Rob Criscuolo Emilio Narcis+ from The Frazier Family Dorothy Foulks+ from Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga	RADIX
Sunday March 5	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Dorothy Foulks+ from Mary Jane Bergen For the People from IHM Parish Patricia Audi+ from Patricia & James Feeley	

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

John Allen	James Brown	Juliann Junio	June McManus	Bernard Slaza	Evelyn Whitehorne
George Becker	John Burkert	Gregory Kamouh	Marlene Mosko	Beverly Sopp	-
Fran Boglioli	Ray Clark	Marie Keller	Hilda Pizza	Ryder Francis Spillane	
Erin Brennan	Albert Fischer, Jr.	Anna Koch	Diane Pricken	Paul Szeker	
Anna Cassella	Phyllis Fischer	Jillian Lapidus	Carmela Resnick	Phyllis Szeker	
Paul Cassidy	Emily Fleming	Trish Longus	Marisol Rodriguez	Carole Ventre	
Matthew Cassio	Mary Foster	Eileen Lynch	Susan Rozborski	Daniel Ventura	Please advise if
Frank Chimento	Michele Gamako	Maureen Lynch	Dolores Rust	Sr. Elizabeth Vermaelen	any names can be
Edward Clark	Nicole Griffin	William Maines	Diana Scariati	Stephanie Vernace	removed from the
Colm Cosgrove	David Hens	Jim Malfetti	Arty Shapiro	Stephen Voorhees	sick list. Thank you.
Samantha Bridge	Kathleen Herron	Bill Malone	Elisa Silversey	Ben Wheelock	office@ihmparish.net



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Special Intentions for the week of February 26 - March 5, 2023



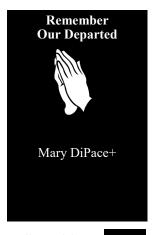
Sanctuary Light For the intention of: Frank Auriemma+ Requested by Rosemarie McCallion



Altar Bread & Wine For the intention of: Mary Jane Bergen+ Requested by Barbara Apgar



Flowers for the Blessed Mother In memory of: Good, Piga, Dawid and Kurapka Families+ Requested by Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga







Scan the QR code here with your mobile device to register for the retreat. Visit **stbartholomewchurch.org/mens-cornerstone** for more information.





Holy Trinity Church Events for Lent

506 Westfield Avenue. the Holy Trinity Parish Center is located next door at 512 Westfield Avenue. Westfield, NJ www.htrcc.org/lent

- March 1: Sister Kathleen McManus, OP, Ph.D., discusses "Creation, Temptation, and Promise."
- March 15: Sister Terry Rickard, OP, explores "Finding Living Water in a Drought."
- March 29: Father Anthony Randazzo and Rev. Jeremy Jinkins, Pastor of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, discuss "Passion and Compassion."
 - Every Friday in March: "Way Walker Series."



March 5, 2023: Youth Ministry Discipleship Night 7-8:30pm
June 25-June 30: Summer Catholic Heart Mission Trip to
Drexel Hill, PA. Registrations begin March 2023. Restore
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to the elderly and disabled, and offer assistance to social
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Minister Assignments: March 4 - March 5				
Saturday - Sunday	Lectors Extra-Ordinary Ministers		Presider	
3/4 5:00pm	Kathy Mitchell	John Torzewski Chris Haight	Fr. Mike	
3/5 8:00am	Rich Banasiak	Lou DiBella Rich Wagner	Fr. Val	
3/5 10:00am	Lou Zappo	Steve Prato Jason McCann	Fr. Mike	
3/5 12:00pm	Tracey Foley	Carol Kiley Diane McGuinness	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

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Rosary Altar Society News

A PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

- Author Unknown

Gracious God, today begins a period of inner reflection and examination. The days stretch before me and invite me inward to that silent, holy space that holds your Spirit. This special time beckons me to see my life through Christ's eyes and the truth and reality of your love incarnate. Give me the grace to enter the space of these days with anticipation of our meeting. And, when I open my soul to your presence, let your loving kindness flow over me and seep into the pockets of my heart. I ask this for the sake of your love.

A PRAYER FOR LENTEN GRACE

- Author Unknown

Loving God, During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life. Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity. Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity. May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in You.

Amen.

- ♥ Thank you to our Rosary Board Members for another great planning session this past Tuesday.
- ♥ We welcome ALL IHM PARISHIONERS to join us for our "Here's To Your Health" event on Tuesday, March 7th at 7PM in the Nazareth Center Gym. The presentation & chair exercise event will be conducted by a guest speaker from our local YMCA/YWCA. Please contact Mary Ann at 908-322-0279 For Free Registration. Start Off Your Spring Feeling Healthy & Energized!!
 - ▼ The deadline is quickly approaching to register for the yearly San Alfonso Retreat In Long Branch March 10-12. Please reach out to Chris Haight on 908-322-0279.
- ▼ IHM PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH JULIA CHILD starring Linda Kenyon. Friday April 21 @ 7pm. Come & enjoy an evening of side-splitting laughter and wine/soda & cheese as the Julia Child impersonator delights us all. Tickets are \$20 per person. Please contact Maureen 732-560-0918 or Janice 908-759-6729 for reservations by April 10th!!

May you be Blessed this Lenten Season with periods of reflection, inspirational moments and special signs from God above. May your days be full of love of family and friends and good health. You remain in our daily thoughts and prayers.

▼ Janice



The Women's Prayer Group will gather on Thursday March 2, 2023 at 7:30pm via Zoom. The topic will be "The Transfiguration of Christ". 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.

Collection Report	February 19, 2023			
Weekly Target:	\$12,558.00			
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)	\$9,673.47			
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,884.53)			
Fiscal Year to Date:				
Budget	\$414,414.00			
Actual:	\$367,130.14			
Surplus/(Deficit)	(47,283.86)			
Rolling 4 Week Averages:				
Average Collection:	\$10,506.96			
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,051.04)			

Annual Appeal \$28,700.00 pledged 46.20% of \$62,125.00 goal

Charitable Contribution Forms for 2022

- Collection Envelopes: If you are using envelopes for your Sunday collection contribution, you should receive a form in the mail from our envelope company later this month if you contributed \$100 or more in 2022.
- Parish Giving: You will be able to print a contribution history activity form for all electronic fund transfer contributions through Parish Giving by visiting your account at www.parishgiving.org
- Contact Tracey at 908-889-2100 or tefoleyihm@gmail.com



30 Minute Chair Exercise Class Tuesday March 7 @ Nazareth Center! Party starts at 7:00pm. Call Mary Ann Sopko if you'd like to participate: 908-322-0279

	IHM EVENT CALENDER				
	Sunday February 26				
9:00am 11:00am 11:00am 1:00pm	Pastoral Council Meet & Greet (After Mass) Prayer Shawl Knitting Group Meeting Pastoral Council Meet & Greet (After Mass) Pastoral Council Meet & Greet (After Mass)				
	Monday February 27				
7:00pm 7:30pm	Confirmation Lenten Gathering (Grade 9) Alpha Episode 2 on Zoom				
	Tuesday February 28				
7:15pm	Julian of Norwich Spirituality Seminar @ Zoom				
	Wednesday March 1				
10:00am 1:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	Food Pantry DVD Bible Study: Moses Virtual Speaker: Dr. John Bergsma on Zoom Knights of Columbus Meeting Choir Practice				
Thursday March 2					
9:30am 7:30pm	Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Zoom Women's Prayer Group Zoom				
	Friday March 3				
12:00pm 1:00pm 7:00pm	Stations of the Cross Soup & Salad @ Nazareth Center Stations of the Cross				
	Saturday March 4				

Saturday March 4

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Sunday March 5

9:00am Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast 7:00pm **BOLD Youth Group Discipleship Night**



A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate John McGuire:

Now we end our series on religious communities within the Catholic Tradition. We've visited with the Dominicans, Benedictines, and Jesuits, and conclude with the Carmelite Order. I choose to write this segment last, in honor of Fr. John (Jack) F. Russell O.Carm. who served as my spiritual director as I entered Seminary, and had passed away in 2012. Founded by hermits on Mount Carmel in Palestine, the Carmelite Order is less about a way of life or of being, and more about encountering and contemplating God in everyday life. Prayer, community building, and service are the main tenets of their order. Loving and knowing God, and making known and loved God are central to their mission. Compared to the complex Rule of St. Benedict, the Carmelite Order follows the Rule of St. Albert, the Patriarch of Palestine, which was handed down in the 1200's to help guide the lives of the Carmelite Hermits. The Carmelite Order give a special place of pride to Elijah and the Blessed Virgin Mary in their spirituality, and Saints from their own order. Saints of Note from the Carmelite Order: St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), and St. Simon Stock (of Scapular fame). Some notable writings: The Rule of St. Albert, Story of a Soul by St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Dark Night of the Soul by St. John of the Cross, Interior Castle by St. Teresa of Jesus. Read the full article at: www.ihmparish.net/childrensfaithformation



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