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Katie Wills: Director of Music Ministry

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#### A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

It has been suggested that the woman in today's Gospel represents faithlessness, and that Jesus' offer of living water is an invitation to and gift of faith. Indeed we find more and more that, when we place our trust in Jesus, when we follow his example of giving of ourselves to God and neighbor, that we find more abundant life and joy in our lives.

The invitation to and gift of faith is extended to each of us, that we may grow closer to Christ and to our neighbor. Our physical thirst can be satisfied by water but our spiritual thirst is only satisfied in Christ and living out the commandment to love God with all our being and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Peace, Fr. Mike





What are we to do with guilt? Should it be ignored, or does it present an opportunity we don't want to miss? The truth is, God seeks us out when we have sinned, not to scold or punish us, but to offer us his healing and his forgiveness. It's certainly true that God is omnipotent and just, but before all else he is our loving, merciful Father.

This week, login to formed.org and watch Forgiven, Session 1.

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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 March 12 - March 19, 2023
Satur Marc		7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Ruth Wiegand+ from Ron Katims Michael D'Agostino+ from The Lewis Family Frances Thomas & John McKeown+ from Joanne & Gary Cogswell
Suno Marc		8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	For the People from IHM Parish Salvatore Wood+ from The Verdic Family Michael D'Ambrosio from The Kiley & D'Ambrosio Families
Mon Marc		7:00 am 8:30 am	William Butler (living) from Ann Butler Phyllis Biunno+ (100th Birthday) from Tracey Foley
Tues Marc		7:00 am 8:30 am	Joseph Butler (living) from Ann Butler Thomas Wagner+ from Mom & Dad Wagner
Wedno Marc		7:00 am 8:30 am	Gilbert Hoffman Jr.+ from The Nizner Family James R. Kennedy+ from Kathy Murphy
Thur: Marc		7:00 am 8:30 am	Mary Mutarelli+ from Karen & Joe Schurtz Pura del Pilar Fernandez+ from Cornelia Fernandez
Frid Marc		7:00 am 8:30 am	Agnes McConway+ from The Quinlan Girls Rosemary Mazzucca+ from Hank & Pat Mazzucca
Satur Marc		7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Patricia Klock+ from Geri Morrison Kevin Brown+ from Dan & Roe Kelly For the People from IHM Parish
Suno Marc		8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Dorothy Foulks+ from Jim & Kathy Meyer Deceased members of the Licata & Mannell Families+ from the Lewis Family Thomas Dwyer+ from The Dwyer Family

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

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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.

#### Special Intentions for the week of March 12 - March 19, 2023



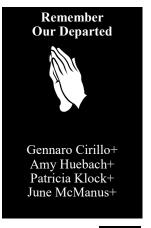
Sanctuary Light For the intention of: Salvatore Wood+ Requested by The Verdic Family



Altar Bread & Wine For the intention of: Men's Cornerstone XIV Requested by **IHM Parish** 



Flowers for the Blessed Mother For the intention of: Happy Birthday Mark! Requested by Madeline & Tom



#### SUMMER FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Summer Families of Faith (Summer Academy) registration will begin soon! If you have registered for this program in the past, you will automatically receive an email from Parish Giving with instructions on how to register your child(ren). Registration for the fall/spring Families of Faith religious education program will begin in late June. (TBA)

The Summer Families of Faith session will run from June 26th through July 7th (no sessions on July 3rd and 4th).

Arrangements will be made to make up for the session missed on Monday, July 3rd.

The daily schedule will be from 8:45 am to 1:00 pm including daily Mass.

Fees are \$225 for one child and \$325 for two or more children. The deadline for registering is June 1st. If you have any questions or do not receive a notification from Parish Giving on or about March 6th, please contact the Faith Formation Office at: <a href="mailto:faithformation@ihmparish.net">faithformation@ihmparish.net</a>



Thank you!



PIZZA NIGHT!
Friday Night March 24, 2023
8pm (After Stations of the Cross)
Sign-up at <a href="https://www.ihmparish.net">www.ihmparish.net</a>
so we can prepare enough food & drink for everyone.



Supplies for Ukraine!

We are collecting children's clothing and medical supplies to be donated to Ukraine until Sunday March 19th. Contact <a href="mailto:kmitchell@fanwoodnj.org">kmitchell@fanwoodnj.org</a> if you have any questions. Thank you!







Sunday, April 2: Living Stations Rehearsal 1-3pm

Good Friday, April 7: Living Stations of the Cross @ 7pm

Sunday, April 16: College Care Package Night ~ 7-8:30pm Friday, April 28 - Saturday, April 29: Lock-In! June 25-June 30: Summer Mission Trip to Drexel Hill, PA

Minister Assignments: March 18 - March 19							
Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider				
3/18 5:00pm	Jim Brennan	Connie Boruch David Boruch	Fr. Rob				
3/19 8:00am	Colm Keogh	Rich Banasiak Ed Sullivan	Fr. Mike				
3/19 10:00am	Andy Davis	Steve Prato Anthony Carlino	Fr. Rob				
3/19 12:00pm	Carol Kiley	Diane McGuinness Eileen Wagner	Fr. Val				



#### **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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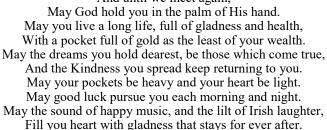


#### **Rosary Altar Society News**



#### FOUR IRISH BLESSINGS

May the road rise up to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face, And the rains fall soft upon your fields, And until we meet again,



- ♥ Thank you to all who attended our Here's To Your Health Event this past Tuesday. It was an invigorating and yet relaxing evening all at once, topped off by some delicious treats!!
- ♥ We are looking forward to this weekend's retreat at San Alfonso in Long Branch. Some of us are attending for one day while others will attend the full three day retreat. We look forward to refocusing and energizing our minds, our hearts and our souls during this wonderful event.
- ♥ We join IHM in promoting the "Comedic Evening With Julia Child Event" with Wine & Cheese on Friday evening, April 21 at 7PM in the Nazareth Center! Please see the bulletin for additional details OR CALL Maureen 732-560-0918 or Janice 908-759-6729. Reservations are \$20 per person. Checks made out to IHM and sent to Alice Mansfield-Smith, 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark, NJ 07066 by April 10th.

As you enjoy the upcoming week of St. Patrick's Day festivities, may these quotes be on your mind: "For each petal on the shamrock, I send these wishes for you: good health, good luck and happiness, for today and all year through!" - Author Unknown

"May good luck be with you wherever you go, and your Blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow." - Unknown May your week ahead be filled with special Irish Blessings as well as some corned beef and cabbage, and may you continue to realize God's daily Blessings and Miracles. You continue to remain in our thoughts and prayers on a daily basis.

**♥** Janice



The Women's Prayer Group will gather for a LIVE meeting Thursday March 30 at 7pm. Followed by Thursday April 13 at 7:30pm via Zoom. Email tefoleyihm@gmail.com for more details. Prayer connects us all!



#### 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 will be Sat. morning 3/18 at 7:30am in church basement. Donuts & Coffee served! Contact David at dndiken@aol.com

Collection Report	March 5, 2023				
Weekly Target:	\$12,558.00				
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)	\$11,520.26				
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,037.74)				
Fiscal Year to Date:					
Budget	\$439,530.00				
Actual:	\$388,396.09				
Surplus/(Deficit)	(51,133.91)				
Rolling 4 Week Averages:					
Average Collection:	\$10,874.53				
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,683.47)				

# Annual Appeal \$39,645.00 pledged 63.81% 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



We need volunteers for **BINGO** @ Ashbrook Nursing Home on Wednesdays from 2-3pm. If you would like to help, call Chris at 908-322-6462

#### IHM EVENT CALENDER **Sunday March 12** 10:00am Sunday Food Pantry 3:00pm San Alfonso Retreat Ends **Monday March 13** 7:30pm Alpha Episode 4 on Zoom **Tuesday March 14** 7:15pm Julian of Norwich Spirituality Seminar @ Zoom Wednesday March 15 10:00am Food Pantry DVD Bible Study: Moses 1:00pm 7:00pm Financial Council Meeting 7:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

8:00pm Choir Practice **Thursday March 16** 

9:30am Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Zoom

Friday March 17: St. Patrick's Day &

12:00pm Stations of the Cross 1:00pm

Soup & Salad @ Nazareth Center 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday March 18** 

All Day CYO Basketball Season Finale 7:30am Men's Scripture Group LIVE Meeting

8:00am 5K Run & Walk @ St. Bart's

6:00pm Knights of Columbus Exemplification Ceremony

#### **Sunday March 19**

All Day Last Call for Supplies to Ukraine! 10:00am Confirmation Rite of Sponsors (Grade 8) 11:00am Prayer Shawl Knitting Group Meeting

#### A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate John McGuire:

Wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear or awe of the Lord. How many of us felt compelled (or were compelled to memorize) the gifts of the Holy Spirit to speak them back to the Bishop? These are the gifts that those gathered in the Upper Room received, and took out to all of the corners of the Earth. They are also the gifts we all receive at Confirmation. This weekend is our Confirmation retreat for our candidates who await their celebration of the sacrament on May 20th. They may feel like they are moving quickly towards something like a graduation. I think we all may have felt that way when the time came for us. What I would like to challenge them to, is to imagine a world, where we stopped learning math, science, literature, composition, or basic life skills, when we completed freshman year in High School. The world would cease to function, and we would never learn anything deep, or interesting. If we cease to engage with our faith at Confirmation, if we give up on our curiosity, we will never grow to understand a small portion of the mysteries of our faith. Even worse, it will make our church a less vibrant, more boring place, if we are to go on without the presence of our newly Confirmed. So please, those to be Confirmed, dwell on those gifts that you are about to receive in your Confirmation. Pray, and reflect on how you can use them to better our Church Community through your presence, and how you can make an impact on your world in general. This week, let us pray for our candidates who are so close to their Confirmation, and for all of us gathered as a community, that we can be an example for them, in living out our own call to holiness. God Bless and have a great week!



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