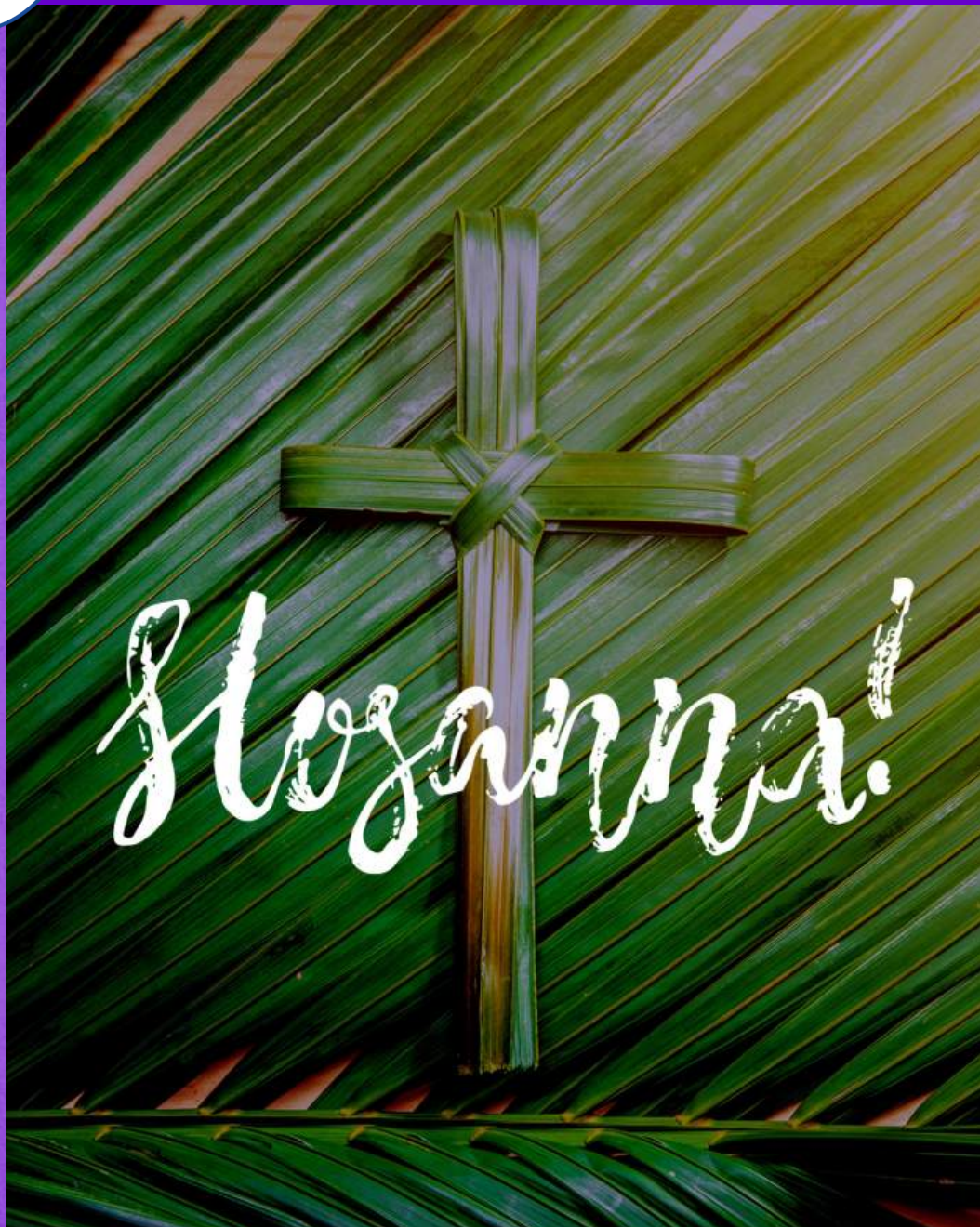




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Palm Sunday - March 24, 2024



Mission Statement: "We reach out to all through prayer and service,
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A Note from Fr. Mike...

As we enter into Holy Week we enter into liturgical celebrations that help us incorporate the paschal mystery, the passion, death and resurrection of Christ into our lives. These celebrations not only help us to remember the events that lead to our salvation, but they also help us to make them alive for the world today. We remember the historical events, but do not dwell on them. Rather, we celebrate God's saving love at work in our lives today.

Our participation in the saving events through the liturgies help us let God work through us and our community of faith. We are invited to share in the passion, death and resurrection as we commemorate the historical events. We are also called to celebrate the new life we have found in Jesus Christ as we move from death to life, from sin to grace, renewing our own baptismal promises and committing ourselves anew to a life of faithful discipleship.

As disciples we desire to continue to grow in faith so we enter into the cycle of little deaths to self in order to rise renewed and anew to a greater life in Christ. Like the grain of wheat that must die to bear much fruit in last week's Gospel. We too can better live out the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ when we strive to let the love of Christ shine forth in our lives more and more each day.
Peace, Fr. Mike

In this year of Revival in Eucharistic Spirituality we shall be reflecting on the very roots of our Eucharist, the source and summit of our spiritual life. How did Christians refer to the Eucharist before it had that name? How was the Eucharist celebrated at the very beginning? There is no better way to prepare for Easter than to contemplate the biblical foundation of the Eucharist. **Every Tuesday night at 7:15PM on Zoom.** Please sign-up for an invite at FrRob@IHMParish.net

Holy Week Minister Assignments

Day/Time	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
3/28 7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper	Carol Kiley	TBA	Fr. Rob
3/29 3:00PM Veneration of the Cross	Janice Good-Piga Tracey Foley	TBA	Fr. Mike
3/30 8:00PM Easter Vigil	Mary Ann Mulrooney Charlie Mulrooney Janice Good-Piga	Dan Kelly	Fr. Mike
3/31 8:00AM Easter Sunday	Phyllis Manno	Karen Schwaneberg	Fr. Mike
3/31 10:00AM Easter Sunday	Heba Fortunato	Steve Prato Jason McCann Chris Zucosky Mary Kate Schiller	Fr. Mike
3/31 12:00PM Easter Sunday	Anne Butler Michele Gardella	Diane McGuinness Carol Kiley Tracey Foley	Fr. Rob

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Rev. Michael G. Ward, K.H.S., Pastor
Rev. Robert Kunze: Weekend Assistant
Deacon Jack Lynch
John McGuire: Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation
Katie Wills: Director of Music Ministry
Tracey Foley: Business Manager

IHM PARISH INFORMATION

Winter Office Hours:
Mon - Thurs 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Fri 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Mass Intention Reservations:

Call or leave a message at the office (908) 889-2100
or send an email to 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. Call (908) 889-2100.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 4:15 - 4:45 pm
Arrangements can be made at any time for a private confession. Please call the office at (908) 889-2100

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Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Monday and Wednesday 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Closed Saturday, Sunday, Holy Days & Holidays
For more information contact Kerby at:
kpershay123@gmail.com | 908-406-0493

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 24 - March 31, 2024		
Saturday March 23	7:00 AM	IHM Parishioners (living) from the Yabut Family			
	8:30 AM	For the People of IHM Parish			
	5:00 PM	Kelwin Jones+ from Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga			
Sunday March 24	8:00 AM	Michael Curran+ from the Chimento Family			
	10:00 AM	Dave Wilson+ from Jerry & Mary Mahony			
	12:00 PM	Charles Kiley+ from Pat Regal			
Monday March 25	7:00 AM	Christine Jablonski+ from IHM Parish			
	8:30 AM	Glenn Stuart+ from Dan & Rosemary Kelly			
Tuesday March 26	7:00 AM	Minnie Dobbs+ from IHM Parish			
	8:30 AM	Romulo Lioanag+ from the Lioanag Family			
Wednesday March 27	7:00 AM	Geraldine Perfilio+ from Carol Fahrman			
	8:30 AM	Annette M. Murphy+ from Maureen Grossman			
Thursday March 28	8:30 AM	Morning Prayer			
	7:30 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper for the deceased and living priests of IHM			
Friday March 29	8:30 AM	Morning Prayer			
	12:00 PM	Outdoor Stations of the Cross			
	3:00 PM	Veneration of the Cross			
	7:00 PM	Living Stations of the Cross (hosted by IHM Youth Ministry powered by BOLD)			
Saturday March 30	8:30 AM	Morning Prayer			
	8:00 PM	Easter Vigil for the People of IHM Parish			
Sunday March 31	8:00 AM	Charles Kiley+ from the Carlino Family			
	10:00 AM	Margaret Licata+ from the Lewis Family			
	12:00 PM	The Lundgren Family (living) from the Gara Family			

Special Intentions for the week of March 24 - March 31, 2024			
<p><u>Sanctuary Light</u> For the intention of: Eileen Lynch+ Requested by: IHM Parish</p>	<p><u>Altar Bread & Wine</u> For the intention of: Dan Balogh (living) Thank you from IHM Parish</p>	<p><u>Flowers for the Blessed Mother</u> In memory of my father: Charles Takacs+ Requested by: Barbara Apgar</p>	<p>Remember Our Departed Michele Gamatko+ Christine Jablonski+ Dorothy Scanlon+</p>

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

John Allen	David Connell	Mary Foster	Jillian Lapidus	Paula Roll	Daniel Ventura
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Erin Brennan	James Brown	Ann Marie Harvey	Jim Malfetti	Dolores Rust	Stephen Voorhees
Anna Cassella	John Burkert	David Hens	Bill Malone	Diana Scariati	Ben Wheelock
Paul Cassidy	Ray Clark	Kathleen Herron	Hilda Pizza	Arty Shapiro	Evelyn Whitehorne
Matthew Cassio	Matt Donovan	Juliann Junio	Diane Pricken	Elisa Silversey	
Peter Cavanagh	Albert Fischer Jr.	Marie Keller	Carmela Resnick	Bernard Slaza	
Frank Chimento	Phyllis Fischer	Dorothy Klein	Jacob Rivera	Beverly Sopp	
Edward Clark	Emily Fleming	Anna Koch	Jaxson Rivera	Ryder Francis Spillane	

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.

St. Bartholomew Bereavement Ministry will be offering a grief support group for those who have lost a loved one. The group will be held at the Cup of Grief Cafe (lower level break room at the Rossi Funeral Home). **Group sessions start Thursday April 11 and continue every Thursday night until May 23 from 7PM to 8:30PM.** Please RSVP or call with any questions to: Jo-Anne Mealia 908-889-7790 or Bernadette Rossi 908-510-0995

The Rosary Altar Society Update

♥ Thank you to Chris Haight for coordinating the wonderful San Alfonso Retreat. Whether you attended for one day or three days, it was a truly inspirational and soul refreshing experience.

♥ IHM will be hosting "An Evening With Eleanor Roosevelt" by A Comedic Impersonator on Friday Evening, April 12th at 7:00 PM in The Nazareth Center. The Rosary Altar Society will be preparing the Wine & Cheese & Desserts for the entertainment event. Please see the IHM flyers and bulletin inserts for details and reservation information. Please mail your \$25 checks to Alice Mansfield-Smith, 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark, NJ 07066.

♥ We welcome you to consider joining our wonderful Rosary Altar Society. For more information please contact Janice Good-Piga at 908-759-6729. Whether you can attend all or only some of our meetings and events, we know that you will find in very fulfilling. May your week ahead be a Blessed one filled with special surprises and Holy Week reflections.

Please remember to take a moment to breathe in the fresh, crisp Spring air, marvel at the colorful daffodils, tulips and crocus, and to thank God for all of the beautiful gifts that he showers upon us daily. May your Lenten Journey be a most memorable & fulfilling one! You remain in our daily thoughts and prayers. May your Blessings be countless!

♥ Janice



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The next meeting of the Women's Prayer Group will be **Thursday night April 11, 2024 at 7:30PM on ZOOM**. The topic is "On the Road to Emmaus". Please contact Tracey at tefoleyihm@gmail.com for more details. Prayer connects us all!



Join us for Lectio Divina: Reflection, Discussion & Quiet. Prayer Group will meet on **Thursday mornings from 9:30AM until 10:45AM at the Nazareth Center**. Contact Phyllis at tman18912@comcast.net or call the office at 908-889-2100. Thank you!



The next Men's Scripture & Discussion group meeting will be a LIVE session on **Saturday morning April 6 at 7:30 AM in the church basement**. Donuts & coffee will be served. Please contact David at dndiken@aol.com for details.



Chrism Mass
Monday March 25 at 8:00 PM
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St, Newark, NJ

There is a group carpooling to the cathedral from the IHM parking lot at 5:00 PM sharp. All are welcome to join. The cathedral fills up quickly, so we suggest arriving early.



Archdiocese of Newark 2024 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. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The 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.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 18 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024.

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



BETA EPISODE 1

MAY 1

www.ihmparish.net/beta

Beta returns on **WEDNESDAY**

MAY 1st, 2024. Beta is a 7 week Catholic program on Wednesday nights at 7:30 PM on ZOOM from May 1st until June 12th. Please sign-up at www.ihmparish.net/beta or call the parish office if you need help 908-889-2100



A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire

Keeping it Orderly: The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus:
General understanding- "The love of Christ impels us!" (2Cor 5:14). Up to this point in time, we've looked at orders, in which the founders were male saints, who founded orders initially or primarily for men. For our final look of this run, we'll look at a community founded by a woman well on her way to sainthood, Blessed Mother Clelia Merloni, founder of Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Apostles were founded on

May 30, 1894 in Viareggio, Italy. Mother Clelia founded the order using her inheritance from her father who converted to Catholicism on his deathbed. The continued existence of her order today is a miraculous testament to her spirit though, as a priest assigned to manage her inheritance (at a time when women had fewer property rights) stole that inheritance, causing a contraction of the order. Please dig more deeply into this biography a place to start is with this video: <https://youtu.be/lK1KkC0XCAI> What are the charisms of the Apostles? Reading their charism we learn that they seek to be Apostles like the original ones, that means spending time with Jesus in prayer, and then taking what they receive to those in need. They seek to be Apostles of Love through their care for those in need. Finally, they seek to be Apostles of Reparation, they seek to repair the Image of God in their most wounded brothers and sisters. The most defining characteristic of the order is Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by restoring the dignity of the children of God through mission and ministry. This order would be identified as a mendicant order. The sisters serve in educational ministries, pastoral and diocesan ministries, health ministries, and social services and human services ministries. The sisters are engaged in service across 5 continents. There are approximately 1205 sisters in Italy, Brazil, Latin America, and the United States. Significant Saints: Blessed Mother Clelia Merloni, who's cause for Sainthood remains open! Prayer of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Prayer to Obtain Graces Through Mother Clelia's Intercession. I praise you, O merciful Father, for you have revealed to little ones the infinite treasures of the Heart of your Son. Through the intercession of Blessed Clelia Merloni, who was confident in the Heart of Jesus, zealous in charity, patient in adversity, and heroic in forgiveness, I pray that I may obtain the grace I now ask of you (ask for the grace). Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in you. Pray for us! The Seal of the Order. Read more at www.ihmparish.net/book-of-john

Families of Faith Upcoming Events

- Sunday March 24 @ 1:00PM
Palm Sunday / Living Stations Rehearsal
- Wednesday March 27 @ 7:00PM
Lenten Reflection with Fr. Vic Kennedy
- Good Friday March 29 @ 7:00PM
Living Stations of the Cross [Youth Group]
- Saturday April 6 @ 9:00AM
Jesus Day Retreat [1st Communion Prep]
- Monday April 8 @ 7:00PM
Confirmation [Year 1] Prep Session 6
- Sunday April 14 @ 11:00AM
Family Trivia/Easter Dessert Potluck
- Monday April 15 @ 7:00PM
Easter Gathering [Year 2] Prep Session 4
- Friday April 19 @ 7:00PM
Parent's ZOOM Meeting [1st Communion Prep]



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An Evening of Lenten Reflection (For Families at Every Stage of Life) Hosted by Father Victor Kennedy
Is knowing God enough? From the start, we were called to relationship with God as our Father and Creator, God as our Brother and Savior, and the Holy Spirit as our Strength. We'll explore this, and how we are called through the Paschal Mystery to Discipleship. No registration needed! Just bring the family.
Wednesday, March 27, 2024. 7:00 PM in Church (Light Refreshments to Follow in the Basement)

IHM Youth Ministry invites the Parish community to

Living Stations of the Cross

7:00PM
on Good Friday
March 29th
IHM Church

High School and Middle School Volunteers Needed
Teens are invited to act in the Living Stations! Contact Rachael if you want to get involved!
Rehearsals: Palm Sunday, March 24th, 1:00-3:00pm
Good Friday, March 29th, 5:30-7:00pm
We will have pizza during our rehearsal and Stations of the Cross takes place at 7pm for the Parish!

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QUESTIONS? CONTACT RACHAEL FLANAGAN
AT IHMSP@BOLDYM.COM
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Please help us update our Parishioner Contact information! Scan the code on the right and fill out the form. Thank you! You can always call the parish office if you need help: 908-889-2100. Ask for Rick!

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"I thought Palm Sunday was when everyone went to Florida for spring break."

Not Getting E-Mails From IHM?
Please add faithformation@ihmparish.ccsend.com to your list of contacts. We share good news every week. So please send a request to office@ihmparish.net if you would like to be included in our Mailing List. You can always call the parish office if you need help: 908-889-2100. Ask for Gabe!

Collection Report		March 17, 2024
Weekly Target:		\$11,765.00
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)		\$10,599.20
Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,165.80)
Fiscal Year to Date:		
Budget		\$443,460.00
Actual:		\$423,014.81
Surplus/(Deficit)		(20,445.19)
Rolling 4 Week Averages:		
Average Collection		\$11,760.56
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(4.44)

Charitable Contribution Forms for 2023
 There are several ways to receive tax forms from IHM:
 ▪ **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 2023.
 ▪ **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.paritygiving.org. If you have any further questions, contact Tracey at 908-889-2100 or tefoleyihm@gmail.com

IHM SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday March 24: Palm Sunday
 8AM, 10AM, 12PM - Palm Sunday Mass
 1:00 PM - [Youth Group] Living Stations of the Cross Practice

Monday March 25
 8:00PM - Chrism Mass @ Sacred Heart Basilica, Newark

Tuesday March 26
 7:15PM - Spirituality Seminar: The Eucharist on ZOOM

Wednesday March 27
 10:00AM - Food Pantry (Open until 11:30AM)
 7:00PM - A Night of Lenten Reflection with Fr. Vic Kennedy

Thursday March 28: Holy Thursday
 8:30 AM - Morning Prayer
 7:30 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper (Adoration of Blessed Sacrament after Mass)

Friday March 29: Good Friday
 8:30 AM - Morning Prayer
 12:00PM - Outdoor Stations of the Cross
 3:00 PM - Veneration of the Cross
 7:00 PM - Living Stations of the Cross [Youth Group]

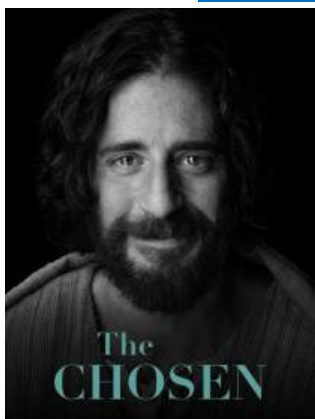
Saturday March 30: Holy Saturday
 8:30 AM - Morning Prayer
 12:00 PM - Blessing of the Food for Easter Meal
 8:00 PM - Easter Vigil

Sunday March 31: Easter
 8AM, 10AM, 12PM - Easter Sunday Mass



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Come & Join Us!
 We will be screening episodes of the hit TV show "The Chosen" every Friday night around 7:45PM in the Nazareth Center AFTER Stations of the Cross. There is no cost for these events and no sign-up or registration necessary! Just stop in the Nazareth Center after Stations of the Cross and enjoy the show! Call the office if you have any questions: 908-889-2100.

Genesis 2:15 - "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it."



ADOPT A GARDEN 2024
 This year we want to beautify all the garden areas throughout the campus. There is no set schedule, you help when you can and the only expectation is that you'll commit to clean up and planting in the spring, weeding & watering through the summer and a clean up in the fall.
 To select a garden or for more info please contact: Mary Kate at mkschiller46@gmail.com



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