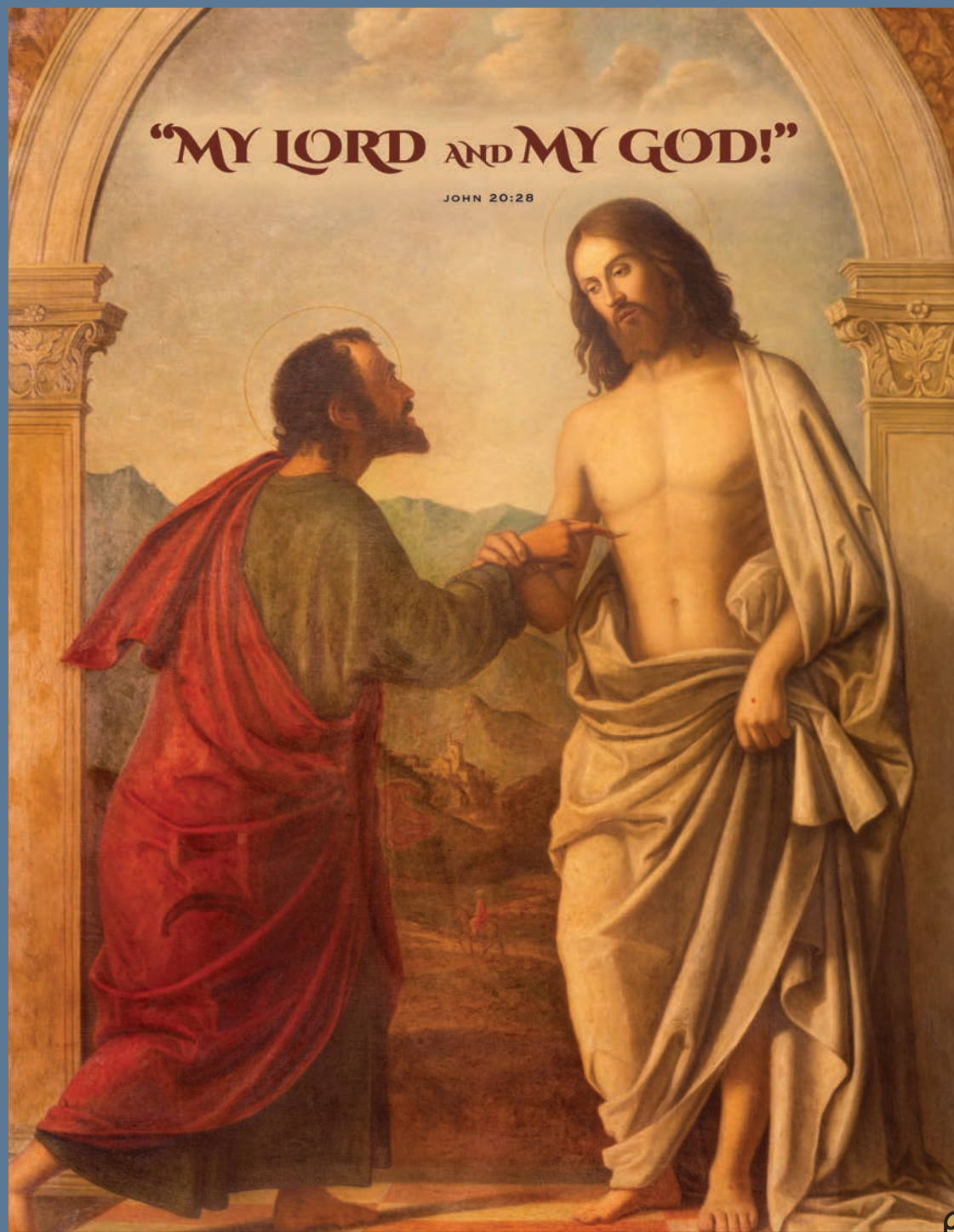


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## A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

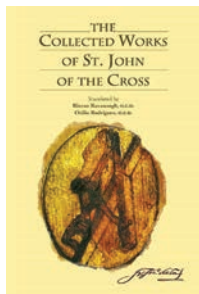
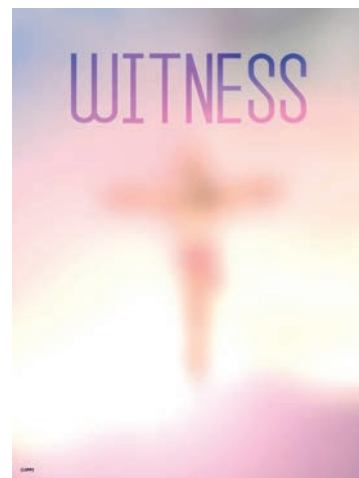
Peace be with you is Jesus greeting to the disciples gathered in the upper room. Truly it is only in Christ that we can find peace.

He has destroyed death, the only thing that can truly harm us, and restored life.

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday we realize that the peace that Christ offers is reflected in his mercy.

It helps us to integrate His peace more fully into our lives as we grow in faith and discover the ways in which we encounter the Risen Christ in our lives.

Peace,  
 Fr. Mike



### The Collected Works of St. John of the Cross Returns!

We shall continue our discovery of the Christian Mystics beginning **Tuesday April 26, 2022 at 7:00 pm.** Everyone is welcome to join us as we take up the spiritual writings of St. John of the Cross. Our Tuesday Zoom seminars are one hour and begin at 7:00 pm and ends 8:15pm. Our book is: The Collected Works of St. John of the Cross. Our first session is April 26, 2022 at 7:00 pm. This program is estimated to run until June 7th. I have limited copies of these classic writings of St. John of the Cross. So please contact me to get your book at [FrRob@ihmparish.net](mailto:FrRob@ihmparish.net) or see me after Mass on Sunday. Thank you!  
 Fr. Rob



**Introduction:** Given the reinstatement by the Bishops of New Jersey of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and the lessening of restrictions from the state, the following is an update to the **February 16, 2022 COVID-19 directives.**

**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 should be 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 April 24th - May 1st, 2022

<b>Saturday April 23</b>	7:00 am	For the Students at Union Catholic High School	By IHM Parish
	8:30 am	For The People	By IHM Parish
	11:00 am	Memorial Mass for Ed Clancy+	By IHM Parish
	5:00 pm	Henry Rozborski 3rd Anniversary+	By The Zelonis Family
<b>Sunday April 24</b>	8:00 am	Jack Foulks+	By The Varela Family
	10:00 am	Eleanor Watson+	By The Poillon Family
	12:00 pm	Mary & Stanley Gorski+	By Arlene Knox
<b>Monday April 25</b>	7:00 am	For Peace between Ukraine & Russia	By IHM Parish
	8:30 am	Edythe Hermann+	By The Foley Family
<b>Tuesday April 26</b>	7:00 am	Dr. Anthony Carlino (living)	By The Foley Family
	8:30 am	Rachel Heirholzer (living)	By Bernie Beck
<b>Wednesday April 27</b>	7:00 am	Deceased members of the Tully Family+	By Ann Tully
	8:30 am	Mary Graham+	By Evelyn Dougherty
<b>Thursday April 28</b>	7:00 am	Patrick Koerber+	By Joanne & Chuck Sheffield
	8:30 am	Rosemary Mazzucca+	By Hank & Pat Mazzucca
<b>Friday April 29</b>	7:00 am	Mark Margres+	By The Ritter Family
	8:30 am	Ramon Valera+	By The Valera Family
<b>Saturday April 30</b>	7:00 am	Willard Small+	By Charles & Geri Barcellona
	8:30 am	Joanne Borkowitz+	By Anthony & Phyllis Manno
	10:00 am	First Communion	By IHM Parish
	5:00 pm	Happy Birthday Susan and In Memory of Natalie Rozborski+ (4th Anniversary)	By The Zelonis Family
<b>Sunday May 1</b>	8:00 am	Walter Guinan+	By Eileen Scarinci
	10:00 am	Mary C Moore+	By Family
	12:00 pm	For the People	By The Parish

<i>Remember Our Sick</i>	Mary Calabrese	Emily Fleming	William Maines	Susan Rozborski	Daniel Ventura
John Allen	Anna Cassella	Mary Foster	Jim Malfetti	Dolores Rust	Sr. Elizabeth
Rose Badala	Paul Cassidy	Nicole Griffin	Bill Malone	Diana Scariati	Vermaelen
George Becker	Matthew Cassio	Kathleen Herron	Owen Mike McCabe	Arty Shapiro	Stephen Voorhees
Larry Biunno	Frank Chimento	Juliann Junio	June McManus	Elisa Silversey	
Fran Boglioli	Edward Clark	Gregory Kamouh	Christine Morris	Bernard Slaza	
Erin Brennan	William Consovoy	Marie Keller	Marlene Mosko	Beverly Sopp	
Samantha Bridge	Colm Cosgrove	Anna Koch	Hilda Pizza	Ryder Francis Spillane	© Please advise if
James Brown	Ray Clark	Jillian Lapidus	Diane Pricken	Paul Szeke	any names can be
Kevin Brown	Albert Fischer, Jr.	Eileen Lynch	Carmela Resnick	Phyllis Szeke	removed from the
John Burkert	Phyllis Fischer	Maureen Lynch	Marisol Rodriguez	Carole Ventre	sick list. Thank you.



**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 April 24th - May 1st, 2022



**Sanctuary Light**  
Blessings for:  
**Susan Rozborski+**  
Requested by  
The Zelonis Family



**The Altar Bread & Wine**  
For the intention of:  
**Veronica J Yabut+**  
Requested by  
The Yabut Family



**Flowers for the Blessed Mother**  
In loving memory of:  
**Edward Ryan+**  
Requested by  
Kathleen Ryan



**Remember Our Departed**  
Gladys Calleja+  
Kathleen Ford+  
Vincent Mastrella+  
Thomas Moore+  
James R Tinnes+





The Women's Prayer Group will meet on **Thursday May 5th at 7:30PM** via Zoom. The topic will be Our Lady Guadalupe. Contact [tefoleyihm@gmail.com](mailto:tefoleyihm@gmail.com) for the Zoom link. Prayer connects us all!



IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group: Next virtual meeting is **Thursday April 28th 7:30pm** available through Zoom. Contact David Diken at [dndiken@aol.com](mailto:dndiken@aol.com) for more info.



**It takes dedication and hard work to provide the beautiful experiences of our Catholic faith. We are so grateful to everyone who participated in our Holy Week, Triduum and Easter services. There are many to thank:**

- \* Our wonderful priests for their tireless efforts year round.
- \* All of our dedicated lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, altar servers, ushers and of course our outstanding choir. (too many to list here)
- \* The 14 who said "Yes" to having their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.
- \* The Youth Group members who presented Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.
- \* John Torzewski, who presided over the fire at our Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday.
- \* The team of folks who livestream our Masses and services: Bob Speth, Sally Davis, Rich Fortunato, Al Smith, David Diken, Lou Zappo, Chris Comprechio, and Rick Aiery.
- \* Chris Zucosky, who does so much of the "heavy lifting" in keeping our facilities working, and for the "Merry Men" who assist him with the "Honey-Do" list of chores.
- \* MaryKate Schiller, who always makes time to help decorate for the holidays and keep our worship space looking beautiful.

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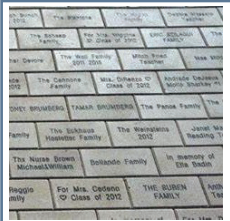
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**Friday April 29, 2022**  
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**BUY A BRICK SPRING 2022**  
 Please donate a brick and place an everlasting memento in the walkway & patio of "Our Lady of Fatima" garden. We are offering 2 sizes of bricks: 4x8 and 8x8. **Order deadline is May 13!** Order forms are by the doors in church.



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Sunday, June 26, 2022** Celebrating Fr. Mike's 25th Anniversary plus the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary! Mass at 12 noon followed by outdoor music/food festival.



## ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK **2022 Lenten Regulations**

I. 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 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.

II. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

III. 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.

IV. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2022** to **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 12, 2022.**

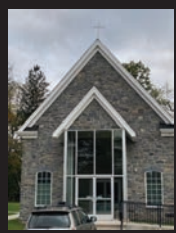
\* Canon 920, §1: All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

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## Minister Assignments: April 30 - May 1

Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
4/30 5:00pm	Kathy Mitchell	Janice Good Piga Chris Zucosky	Fr. Rob
5/1 8:00am	Karen Schwaneberg	Bob Speth Rich Wagner	Fr. Val
5/1 10:00am	Andy Davis	David Diken Jason McCann	Fr. Rob
5/1 12:00pm	Edwin Hernandez	Jean Naugle Eileen Wagner	Fr. Mike



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Saturday - 9:00am - 2:00pm  
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### IHM PARISH INFORMATION

► **IHM Office is closed to the public until further notice.**

**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  
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## Rosary Altar Society News

With this being Divine Mercy Sunday, I found two quotes that may help you with trusting in Our Lord. The first quote is from St. Frances de Sales, *“Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset.”*

1. After the 10:00am Mass on **May 15, 2022**, our new slate of officers for the 2022-2024 term will be installed. All new members from the past two years will also be installed and receive their Miraculous Medal. I have sent out invitations to those new members that are being installed, if you did not receive an invite, please call me at 908-753-2161. Thank you.

2. To all ladies of the parish, the Rosary Altar Society Communion Luncheon will be held on **May 15th** at the Shackamaxon Country Club. The time is from 11:30am to 2:30pm and the cost is \$45. Please check the flyer for more details on the menu. The Deadline to register is May 1st. Your check and your choice of entree must be sent to Barbara Apgar at 427 LaGrande Ave, Fanwood, NJ 07023. Any questions please call Barbara Apgar at 908-889-5653 or Barbara Mrozek at 908-233-6368.

3. To all Rosarians, we need your help on Mother’s Day weekend! Please whichever Mass you attend we need you to help distribute a gift to all mothers from the Rosary Altar Society. We could use three for each Mass. So please call me at 908-753-2161, to sign up for the Mass that you usually attend for this distribution. Thank you in advance!

4. I want to thank all the Executive Board Members (Officers and Committee Chairladies- of Standing and Monthly Events) who attended last week’s meeting. It has been a pleasure working with you all. I hope that your time and service will continue for your Society and for Our Lady!

5. How many of you enjoy the opportunity to go and visit with Our Lord in the Adoration Chapel? Parishioners, we still need your help with some critical openings at the Adoration Chapel when there is no one to come and visit with Our Lord. Let’s not lose the span of times we have to go to the Chapel. Please call Erin Miller at 908-531-0128.

6. Even though we are 1/3 through the year, you can still help with the Altar Linens by calling Betty Perfilio at 908-889-4868. We all like clean linens and Our Lord who just did the ultimate sacrifice deserves clean linens! So please give Betty a call and pick up one time slot- one week! Thank you!

7. Have you been to the Botanical Gardens in NY, lately? If not, save the date June 8th. The Trip will include transportation to and from, admission to the Gardens, a tram ride in the Gardens and lunch all for only \$87! More details to follow.

The final quote is from St. Teresa of Avila, *“Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.”* I hope that you will have the full benefit of this Blessed and Joyous Easter Season! We are still praying for you, our parish and especially the world! Thank you and God Bless!  
MaryJane



<b>Collection Report</b>		<b>April 10, 2022</b>
Weekly Budget Need:		\$11,300.00
Collection:		\$9,409.00
Parish Giving:		\$7,125.65
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$5,234.65
<b>Fiscal Year to Date:</b>		
Budget		\$463,300.00
Actual:		\$424,242.28
Surplus/(Deficit)		(39,057.72)
<b>Rolling 4 Week Averages:</b>		
Average Collection:		\$11,347.31
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		\$47.31
<b>Easter Collection to Date:</b>		\$39,636.83

<b>Annual Appeal</b> <sup>the 2022</sup>	Pledged to Date:	<b>Goal: \$67,107</b>
	\$54,880.00	<b>81.78% of goal</b>



**IHM BOLD Youth Ministry: SERVICE OPP**  
College Care Package Night!  
WHO: All in High School are welcome to attend!  
WHAT: Help put together care packages for college freshmen from our parish, just in time to bless them for Finals Week!  
WHERE: Nazareth Center  
WHEN: **Sunday, May 1st from 7-8:30pm**  
RSVP: [boldym.com/ihmsp/events](http://boldym.com/ihmsp/events)



It is with great sadness that we announce that Mary Clinton, our beloved pastoral associate for Faith Formation will be leaving IHM at the conclusion of the Summer Families of Faith program in July. Mary has served our parish and your children with great love and integrity for the past 6 years, she will be missed by so many. We were blessed to have her lead so many of our children through sacramental preparation, the summer academy and the Families of Faith initiative.

We wish Mary only the best as she moves on to the next chapter in her life, she is looking forward to taking on new projects and spending more time with her family and friends. If you know of anyone that might be suitable for this role, is a practicing catholic and has 5+ years experience in leading faith formation programs, please encourage them to send their resume to: [frmike@ihmparish.net](mailto:frmike@ihmparish.net)

<b>IHM EVENT CALENDER</b>	
<b>Sunday April 24</b>	
10:00 am	8th Grade Confirmation Rite of Service
3:00 pm	Anniversary Liturgy @ Sacred Heart
<b>Monday April 25</b>	
<b>Tuesday April 26</b>	
7:00 pm	St John of the Cross Zoom
<b>Wednesday April 27</b>	
10:00 am	Food Pantry
8:00 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday April 28</b>	
9:30 am	Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Zoom
7:30 pm	Men's Scripture Group Zoom
<b>Friday April 29</b>	
7:00 pm	First Communion Practice via Zoom
<b>Saturday April 30</b>	
10:00 am	Reception of First Communion
4:30 pm	9th Grade Confirmation Easter Gathering
<b>Sunday May 1</b>	
11:00 am	Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast
10:00 am	Reception of First Communion
7:00 pm	BOLD College Care Package Night



**Faith Formation Spring - Summer 2022 Event Schedule**  
**Sun 4/24** - 10:00 am - 8th Grade Confirmation Rite of Service  
**Sat 4/30** - 10:00 am - Reception of First Communion  
**Sat 4/30** - 4:30 pm - 9th Grade Confirmation Easter Gathering  
**Sun 5/1** - 10:00 am - Reception of First Communion  
**Sat 5/7** - 10:00 am - Reception of First Communion  
**Fri 5/13** - 6:30 pm - 9th Grade Confirmation Practice  
**Sat 5/14** - 11am + 2:30pm - 9th Grade Confirmation Ceremony  
**Wed 5/18** - 7:00 pm - Parent/Child Inquiry Meeting  
**Registration Deadline 2022-2023 Programs: Ends 6/1**  
**Summer Program 2022: Monday 6/27 - Friday 7/8**

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