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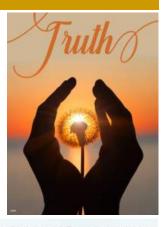
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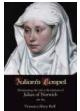
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#### A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

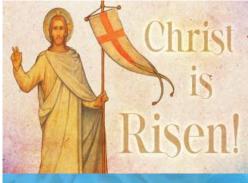
To know and be in relationship with Jesus is to know and be in relationship with the Father (and the Holy Spirit). It is not about knowing of Jesus or about Jesus, but of knowing him, and allowing ourselves to be open to that life-giving relationship. Jesus says in the Gospel that when people see Him they see the Father. As the second person of the blessed Trinity He is God, and thus enables us to see the Father. He shows this through his words, actions and life. We too are called to be reflections of God in our daily lives, to show by our word, actions and lives the presence of God in our lives and in the world. We remind ourselves that we try to do this not only on an individual basis, but also as a community of faith and as a church. Let us pray this week for a growth in unity and holiness for ourselves and for all people that we may better build up the Kingdom of God in our midst. Peace, Fr. Mike





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

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"I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me." John 14:6



The Easter season is upon us and the universal Church is rejoicing. Some people, however, have difficulty experiencing these joys due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the suffering of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating your unwanted clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, tools, toys, stuffed animals, knickknacks, and children's books to the Donation Bin (s) located on our property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. Thank you.

#### 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 May 7 - May 14, 2023
Saturday May 6	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Alice Doyle+ from Marion, Marc, Julianne, Kevin, Brayden, Steve & Elise Mary Jane Bergen+ from Chris & Jack Haight Larissa Acocella+ from Geri & Charlie Barcellona
Sunday May 7	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	For the People from IHM Parish Karen Mannix+ from Betty & Tony Perfilio Ignatius Janusz+ and Robert Janusz+ from Maureen Pecoraro
Monday May 8	7:00 am 8:30 am	Bernadette Zimmermann+ from Lynne & Jim O'Connor Mary Jane Bergen+ from Barbara & Joe Mrozek
Tuesday May 9	7:00 am 8:30 am	George E. Masenior Jr.+ from Donna Ayers Brian Flynn+ from Giovanna Flynn
Wednesday May 10	7:00 am 8:30 am	IHM Food Pantry Volunteers (living) thank you! from IHM Parish Dorothy Foulks+ from Barbara & Joe Mrozek
Thursday May 11	7:00 am 8:30 am	Volunteers at Adoration Chapel (living) thank you! from IHM Parish William Albert Miller+ from his wife Marie Miller & Family
Friday May 12	7:00 am 8:30 am	All the singers & musicians in Choir (living) thank you! from IHM Parish Ramon Valera+ from the Valera Family
Saturday May 13	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Christine Monsell+ from Karen & Joe Schurtz Brendan Loughrey+ from Jerry & Mary Mahony Mary & Thomas Browne+ from the Hennessy Family
Sunday May 14	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Bart & Mary Zucosky+ from Chris & Amy Zucosky For the People from IHM Parish Rosemary Jennings+ & Mary Coughlan+ from the Coughlan Family

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

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



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#### Special Intentions for the week of May 7 - May 14, 2023



Sanctuary Light For the intention of: Francis Sisca+ requested by: Mary Beth Winsor



**Altar Bread & Wine** For the intention of: Alpha Core Team (living) requested by: IHM Parish



Flowers for the Blessed Mother In loving memory of **Dorothy Thompson+** requested by: Katie Thompson & Rick Geiger



For Those Who Have Lost A Loved One:

St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, 2032 Westfield Ave. Scotch Plains, will be offering a 7 week Bereavement Support Group. The support group will begin on Wednesday, April 19, and it will continue on the following dates: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. The group meeting times are from 7pm to 8:30pm in the Cafeteria of the St. Bartholomew Academy. Please RSVP to: Jo-Ann at 908-889-7790 or Bernadette at 908-510-0995. If you wish to attend please call on or before April 12.

# IHM YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS powered by BOLD Sunday, May 7: Youth Ministry Night (7-8:30pm) Sunday, June 4: END OF YEAR PARTY! (7-8:30pm)

**June 25-June 30:** Summer Mission Trip to Drexel Hill, PA Questions? Contact Rachael at <a href="mailto:ihmsp@boldym.com">ihmsp@boldym.com</a>

#### IHM Service Trip with Catholic Heart Workcamp June 25th - June 30th | Drexel Hill, PA

We are calling all high school teenagers, college students, young adults and youth leaders to join us for a week of service, friendship, spiritual growth and memories that will last a lifetime!

Who: All current High School teens
COST: \$375 Registration Fee (\$100 non-refundable after May 1st)
PRE-REQ: Participants must fundraise a min of \$275
Spots will fill up on a first come, first served basis.

Registration Now Open: boldym.com/chwc









Contact ihmsp@boldym.com with any questions!

#### **Mount St. Mary House of Prayer**

Information and Registration for all Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer offerings can be found on our website:

www.msmhope.org. You may also call us at 908-753-2091 or email us at msmhope@msmhope.org



The Veterans of Foreign Wars Scotch Plains-Fanwood Memorial Post #10122 will be holding our annual Buddy Poppy drive **May 27-28**. This drive is for the benefit of needy and disabled veterans. Thank you for your support! Contact Frank Chupko for more details: 908-448-7789



### **2023 Lenten Regulations**

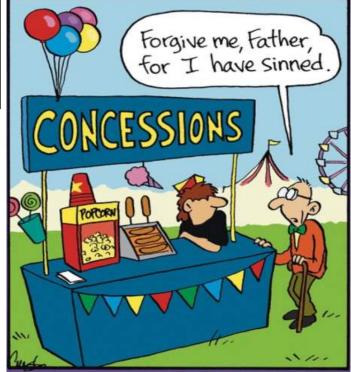
I. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and 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.

#### A Letter of Thanks From A College Care Package Recipient..



"Hi Rachael! I just wanted to let you know my gratitude for the care package from the youth group! I'm so happy to hear that the group has stayed strong with members since us college kids have left, and it means so much that you guys are still thinking of us! The snacks, gift card, and even the slinkie will absolutely go to good use this finals season! Thank you!!" Tracy Bagdonas





IHM Summer Feast: Celebrating our Patroness, The Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Opening of Summer Academy! <u>SAVE THE DATE</u> -<u>SUNDAY JUNE 25!</u> Food, Games & More!

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 <u>First Sunday of Lent</u>, <u>February 26</u>, 2023 to <u>The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</u>, <u>June 4</u>, 2023.

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.

M	Minister Assignments: May 13 - May 14					
Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider			
5/13 5:00pm	Chris Zucosky  John Torzewski Dan Kelly Janice Good Piga		Fr. Mike			
5/14 8:00am	Phyllis Manno	Chris Dill Jean Bagdonas Rich Wagner (Cup)	Fr. Val			
5/14 10:00am	Andy Davis	Ed Sullivan (S) David Diken MaryKate Schiller Lou Zappo (Cup)	Fr. Mike			
5/14 12:00pm	Tracey Foley	Eileen Wagner Jean Naugle	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**

Spring 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 <a href="https://www.ihmparish.net">www.ihmparish.net</a> 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**

#### FILL THEM WITH FLOWERS by Helen Gleason

Find the black holes and fill them with flowers, Get rid of your sadness, bring joy to your hours; Color your grief with bright hues and soft petals, Velvet green leaves shield from the nettles, Gaze at the blooms bursting in the sunlight, Feast your eyes on soft petals and hues so bright; Fill all your emptiness with bouquets of fragrance, Don't spend a lifetime in sorrow and penance. God didn't mean for your sadness to grow, His are blue skies and sunsets that glow; Even the rain showers nurture the earth, Rainbows from storms show what life's worth. His are the birds, His song do they sing, Bask in the joy their happiness brings; Upward look, lift your arms to the sky, Drink in the air with clouds racing by. Touch a loved one, laugh with a friend Whose life can you touch, love's message to send? Find their black holes and fill them with flowers, Share with a friend life's joyful hours!!

- ▼ Join us for a fabulous DINNER THEATER EXPERIENCE at the HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE on SATURDAY, AUGUST 12th from 11AM 3:30PM. The show is the hilarious comedy "REMEMBER ME?" starring former Three's Company star Joyce Dewitt. This will be a full luncheon and show. The venue has ample parking and table seating is in full view of the stage! We have 40 tickets available and kindly request that you sign up ASAP to guarantee your seating. Please call Janice Good-Piga 908-759-6729 for reservations & please send your checks (payable to IHM Rosary Altar Society for \$80) to Alice Mansfield-Smith, 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark, NJ 07066. Car pooling can be arranged if you prefer. PLEASE DON'T MISS THIS WONDERFUL DINING & SHOW EXPERIENCE!!
- We are continuing to plan some great events for the coming months. Stay tuned for details!!
   May your week ahead be a truly Blessed one and may those everyday miracles in your life be as beautiful as the spring flowers. You remain in our daily prayers.
   ▼ Janice



The Women's Prayer Group will gather for a meeting **Thursday June 1 at 7:30pm via Zoom**. The topic will be "Praying with the Psalms". Email <a href="tefoleyihm@gmail.com">tefoleyihm@gmail.com</a> for more details. Prayer connects us all!



#### CENTERING PRAYER/LECTIO DIVINA

Please call Phyllis at 908-264-7456 for info regarding this gathering, which is held on Zoom Thursday mornings from 9:30 am until 10:45 am. "BE STILL, KNOW, I AM GOD"



The next meeting for the IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group will be **Saturday morning May 13 at 7:30am in the church basement**.
Contact <a href="mailto:dndiken@aol.com">dndiken@aol.com</a> for more info.





Easter Collection to Date: \$43,815.48 Budget Goal: \$55,000.00

# Annual Appeal

\$57,150 pledged 91.99% of \$62,125.00 goal

#### SUMMER FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Summer Families of Faith (Summer Academy) registration is on -going! 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). 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 in the fall. 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. Registration for the fall/spring Families of Faith religious education program will begin in late June. (TBA) If you have any questions or do not receive a notification from Parish Giving on or about March 6th, please contact

faithformation@ihmparish.net



#### **Rutgers University Summer Basketball**

For children ages 6-17. Cost for one week \$185. Call Joe at 973-353-1483 or email loughran@rutgers.edu

#### IHM EVENT CALENDER

#### Sunday May 7

Knights of Columbus Charity Rose Sale All Day All Day Scotch Plains Post Office Food Collection 9:00am Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast 10:00am Rosary Altar Society Mass & Breakfast 1:00pm Rosary Altar Society Luncheon @ Shackamaxon

7:00pm **BOLD Youth Group Ministry Night** 

#### **Monday May 8**

7:30pm Alpha Episode 11 on Zoom

#### **Tuesday May 9**

7:15pm Julian of Norwich Spirituality Seminar on Zoom

#### Wednesday May 10

10:00am Food Pantry

7:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting

8:00pm **Choir Practice** 

#### **Thursday May 11**

9:30am Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina on Zoom

#### Friday May 12

#### Saturday May 13

All Day Scotch Plains Post Office Food Collection Pick Up 7:30am Men's Scripture Group LIVE @ Church Basement

#### Sunday May 14: Mother's Day

10:00am Food Pantry Sunday



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

As the pastoral associate at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, I feel that it is my duty to remind you that next Sunday, May 14th, is Mother's Day. So, if you have a mother, or children, you better finalize your plans to make next weekend special. So are you planning a brunch, buying flowers, or maybe a diamond? All these are great ways to honor those who have bestowed upon us, and our children the gift of life, and nurturing care. While we are at it, perhaps consider a spiritual gift as well. I am always reluctant to make such a statement, because family dynamics are challenging, and loss of loved ones is a reality, especially after the last few years.

However, when Jesus was on the cross, he called over His mother, and the blessed disciple John. Jesus gave His mother Mary to the disciple, and John to her as a son. Jesus extended His own mother to us as an intercessor, and as someone to look to. Our heavenly mother is there for us, no matter the circumstances. As mother's day approaches, please take the time to acknowledge the mothers in your life, but along the way, call your heavenly mother, perhaps even through a Rosary. God Bless and have a great week.



#### Want to donate but don't have any cash on hand?

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