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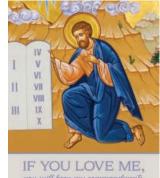
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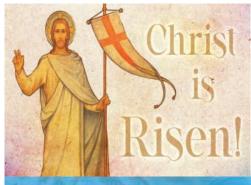


A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

The Christian life is not an external observance of Christ's commandments but an intense relationship of the individual AND community to the three Persons of the Trinity. The Spirit conveys the presence of the Son, who reveals the Father. But this intense personal relationship is not dissolved into mere emotion; it is concretely and soberly manifested in a life of obedience to Christ's commandments.

The departure of Jesus does not mean that He is now absent. It means His everrenewed presence through the movement of the Spirit. Through the Spirit we are given the gifts necessary to manifest His presence not just in our lives as individuals, but as a community of faith as well. Peace, Fr. Mike





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pm on Zoom. The
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In a time of the Plague, Civil, Political and Religious strife. How through with and in all of this she found union with God? Please e-mail FrRob@ihmparish.net for an invite.



Archdiocese of Newark Covid-19 Update

Recovering the Full Celebration of the Liturgy: Participation, Liturgical Ministers, Liturgical Music and Receiving the Blood of Christ. Complete details are available now at our homepage in the "Archdiocese Update" section at www.ihmparish.net

"Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him." John 14:23



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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 14 - May 21, 2023
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
Monday May 15	7:00 am 8:30 am	Mother's Day Novena John DiPace+ from Dorian DiPace
Tuesday May 16	7:00 am 8:30 am	Mother's Day Novena Maria Antonina Salvatore+ from the Buscini Family
Wednesday May 17	7:00 am 8:30 am	Mother's Day Novena Rosa Marcus+ from Rekha Kulkarni
Thursday May 18	7:00 am 8:30 am	Mother's Day Novena Joseph Flanagan+ from the Schiller Family
Friday May 19	7:00 am 8:30 am	Mother's Day Novena Maria Macapinlac+ from the Valera Family
Saturday May 20	7:00am 8:30 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm 5:00 pm	Mother's Day Novena Ann McAuley+ from the Lewis Family Confirmation Mass Confirmation Mass James R. Kennedy+ from Kerry Caspersen
Sunday May 21	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Mother's Day Novena/For the People from IHM Parish Frank & Elsie Marcigliano+ from Janet & Emil Manfredonia James J. Grossman+ from Maureen Grossman

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

John Allen	Colm Cosgrove	Nicole Griffin	William Maines	Susan Rozborski	Daniel Ventura
George Becker	Samantha Bridge	David Hens	Jim Malfetti	Dolores Rust	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.	Marie Keller	Diane Pricken	Bernard Slaza	Evelyn Whitehorne
Matthew Cassio	Phyllis Fischer	Anna Koch	Carmela Resnick	Beverly Sopp	★ Please advise if any
Frank Chimento	Emily Fleming	Jillian Lapidus	Jacob Rivera	Ryder Francis Spillane	names can be removed
Edward Clark	Mary Foster	Mary Frances Leon		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



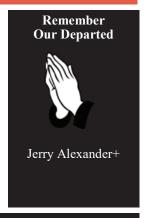
Sanctuary Light For the intention of: Veronidia J. Yabut+ requested by: The Yabut Family



Altar Bread & Wine For the intention of: All the Mothers at IHM (living) requested by: IHM Parish



Flowers for the Blessed Mother In loving memory of Harriett Mansfield+ requested by: Alice Mansfield-Smith





Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights will be hosting Journey through Grief: Bereavement Support Group. Wednesday nights until June 7th from 7:00 - 8:30pm. Call 908-464-1585 to register or visit www.littleflowerbh.org



Congratulations to the First Communion Class of 2023!

IHM YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS powered by BOLD 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 ihmsp@boldym.com



It's Party Time! Scenes from the Youth Group Lock-In.





Celebrating our Patroness: The Immaculate Heart of Mary and the opening of Summer Academy



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The Veterans of Foreign Wars Scotch Plains-Fanwood Memorial Post #10122 Annual Buddy Poppy Drive May 27-28. Call Frank 908-448-7789



A Mother's Prayer

Dear Lord,

Today I once again bring my child to you.

Please show me how to parent this precious gift that you have given me.

Help me to be the best mother that I can be. I pray that your Holy Spirit will teach me, your wisdom will guide me, and your love will move me.

Most of all, Lord, I give my child to you. Please make [child's name] a servant after your own heart.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



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.

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

Minister Assignments: May 20 - May 21						
Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider			
5/20 5:00pm	Jim Brennan	Chris Zucosky Connie Boruch David Boruch Alice Schaffernoth	Fr. Rob			
5/21 8:00am	Colm Keogh	Ed Sullivan Rich Banasiak Rich Wagner	Fr. Rob			
5/21 10:00am	MaryKate Schiller	Heba Fortunato Steve Prato Anthony Carlino	Fr. Mike			
5/21 12:00pm	Carol Kiley	Regina O'Connor 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

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 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 MOTHER'S DAY By Claire Schoepp

Lord, we remember the mothers who have gone before us. For their love, sacrifice, struggle and joy, we thank you. Lord, we remember the mothers of Scripture who are part of our story, As we are a part of your story. For their courage, faith, love and fierceness, we thank you. Lord, we remember those who have not given birth to us, But are mothers to us. For their gift of themselves that they have given, we thank you. For the women who struggle with fertility, For those women who society labels as less in their childlessness, For those women who have lost children. For their tears, for their strength, for their wisdom,, for their lives, WE THANK YOU!

- ▼ Thank you to Barbara Apgar and Barbara Mrozek for planning a beautiful Spring Luncheon at the Shackamaxon Country Club. It was an afternoon filled with beautiful scenery, wonderful food, and heart-warming friends & family.
- ♥ We welcome you to join us at the HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE on SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 for a GOURMET LUNCHEON & SHOW. The production is "REMEMBER ME?" starring Three's Company star JOYCE DEWITT. This comedy will absolutely delight you and the fabulous food will top the event off! Please contact Janice at 908-759-6729 to reserve your seat and kindly mail your check (payable to IHM Rosary Altar Society) for \$80 to Alice Mansfield-Smith, 3 Kennedy Drive. Clark, NJ 07066.
 TICKETS ARE LIMITED, please don't wait! Rideshare can be coordinated if you prefer. All are welcome.

A MOTHER'S HANDS by Unknown Author

A Mother's Hands reach out to Bless her children, and reach up to praise the Lord. They're always loving, often praying, and ever giving more than she keeps for herself. A Mother's Hands may tire, but they never expire in their efforts to do good for those she loves. A Mother's Hands may age, but her influence lasts FOREVER.

May our Cherished Virgin Mother Mary and all of our precious Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Daughters, Friends and special women in our lives be abundantly Blessed. May they constantly feel the warm embrace of God and feel our love & appreciation. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!! May your week ahead be one filled with special Blessings & Miracles. Our prayers include all of you on a daily basis.

♥ 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 tefoleyihm@gmail.com for more details. Prayer connects us all!

Heart to Heart

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 **Thursday night**May 25 at 7:30pm on Zoom. Contact

dndiken@aol.com for more info.

Collection Report	April 30, 2023
Weekly Target:	\$12,558.00
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)	\$8,872.68
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,685.32)
Fiscal Year to Date:	
Budget	\$527,436.00
Actual:	\$465,916.68
Surplus/(Deficit)	(61,519.32)
Rolling 4 Week Averages:	
Average Collection:	\$10,348.22
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,209.78)
Baster Collection	to Date: \$44,431.76



Budget Goal: \$55,000.00

Annual Appeal

\$57,350 pledged 92.31% 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



Prayer Shawl Knitting Group! Sunday 5/21 after 10am Mass @ the Nazareth Center.
Call Marion 908-433-2829

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IHM EVENT CALENDER					
Sunday May 14: Mother's Day					
10:00am	10:00am Food Pantry Sunday				
Monday May 15					
7:30pm	Alpha 12 Season Finale LIVE @ Nazareth Center				
Tuesday May 16					
7:15pm	Julian of Norwich Spirituality Seminar on Zoom				
Wednesday May 17					
10:00am 7:00pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	Food Pantry Finance Council Meeting Knights of Columbus Meeting Choir Practice				
Thursday May 18: Ascension Day					
9:30am	Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina on Zoom				
Friday May 19					
Saturday May 20					
11:00am	Confirmed Confirmation Date				
Sunday May 21 : Ascension					



11:00am Prayer Shawl Meeting

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

A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, The gifts of the Holy Spirit received by all of those gathered in the Upper Room on Pentecost. The reason we have a Church today. The Apostles and Disciples were sent the Paraclete, an advocate, the Holy Spirit, and they were empowered to go out into the world, and set it ablaze. They spread the Gospel in languages they didn't even speak, healed the sick, forgave sins, and spread the Church throughout the world. Next week, the young people of our parish will receive these very same gifts that have changed the whole course of human history. We received those gifts at our Confirmation, as did every other fully initiated Catholic. Through formation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, we've asked the young people to set the world ablaze, to spread the Gospel, and be more involved in their faith community. They'll be Confirmed next Saturday. I challenge you to encourage them, through the way you live your lives. We need catechists for Summer Academy, have you considered using your gifts to help in that way? Your neighbor needs to see your example living joyfully in relationship with God, and with the community He has given you. Can they tell without being told, that Jesus is in your life, and that your faith is important to you? Perhaps that is a way that you can use your gifts as well. This week, let's pray for the young people, their families, and the whole community, that we might set the world ablaze through the gifts that we've received. To reiterate our message from last week, Happy Mothers Day to all those gathered. God Bless and have a great week!



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