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A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

The feast of Pentecost began as a celebration of the grain harvest, which had begun at Passover. Later it became a feast of salvation history celebrating the giving of the Law at Sinai and the establishment of Israel as God's people. These associations were carried over into the Christian feast that marked the conclusion of the Easter season. The harvest and the Law are replaced by the gift of the Spirit, and the first covenant is replaced by the new. The feast of the Law becomes the feast of the Spirit. It is a Spirit that fills us and gives us gifts not for ourselves, but to bring us together in mutual support and love for God and for one another, to love others as Jesus has loved us.

It is that same Spirit that empowered and enabled the Apostles to overcome their fear and anxiety to go out and proclaim the kerygma, the central tenet of our faith, that Jesus is the Christ, He has risen from the dead, He continues to be with us in the Holy Spirit, that we to may experience His victory over sin and death, and continue to proclaim the good news no matter what our situation. He continues to empower and enable us to proclaim the love of God to the ends of the earth. Peace, Fr. Mike





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"And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." **John 20:22**



Protecting God's Children: How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. For help, call the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

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 28 - June 4, 2023
Saturday May 27	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Gilma Maldonado (living) Happy Anniversary from Gabe George Mickel+ from Barbara & Bill Apgar Marie & John Hennessy+ from the Hennessy family
Sunday May 28	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Michael D'Agostino+ from the Rosary Altar Society For the People from IHM Parish Kevin Brown+ from the Manfredonia family
Monday	7:00 am	Prayers for the Choir members from IHM Parish
May 29	8:30 am	Janice Good Piga (living) from Barbara Apgar
Tuesday	7:00 am	Prayers for 8th Grade Confirmation students from IHM Parish
May 30	8:30 am	Ann McAuley+ from Fr. Mike
Wednesday	7:00 am	Prayers for 7th Grade Confirmation students from IHM Parish
May 31	8:30 am	Donald Wagner+ from Rich & Eileen Wagner
Thursday	7:00 am	Prayers for the Volunteers at Adoration Chapel from IHM Parish
June 1	8:30 am	James R. Kennedy+ from Michael Caspersen
Friday	7:00 am	Prayers for the Rosary Altar Society from IHM Parish
June 2	8:30 am	Kenneth Blum Sr.+ from the Blum & Veglia families
Saturday June 3	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Prayers for our Veterans on Memorial Day from IHM Parish Veronida J. Yabut+ from the Yabut family Phyllis Biunno+ from Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga
Sunday June 4	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Michael D'Agostino+ from Eileen & Rich Wagner Thomas Licata+ from the Lewis family For the People from IHM Parish

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

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

★ Please advise if any names can be removed from the sick list. Thank you. office@ihmparish.net



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Special Intentions for the week of May 28 - June 4, 2023



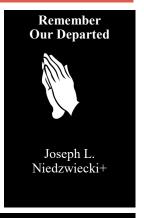
Sanctuary Light For the intention of: Kenneth Blum Sr.+ requested by: Blum & Veglia families



Altar Bread & Wine For the intention of: Kenneth Blum Sr.+ requested by: Blum & Veglia families



Flowers for the Blessed Mother In loving memory of my parents: Elizabeth & John McKenna+ requested by: Elizabeth





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

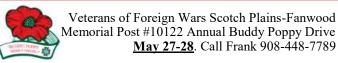


LOOKING FOR SUMMER ACADEMY INSTRUCTORS

We are looking for parishioners to serve as instructors for our Summer Academy Program which will run from Sunday, June 25th (our parish feast) until July 7th, from 9:00 am- 1:00 pm. Sessions are cancelled July 3rd-4th in observance of the holiday.

What's required? Volunteers should have a desire to share their faith with the young people of our parish, be creative in how they present the materials they are provided, and be open to grow in faith themselves over the two weeks! If you have ever considered volunteering in this way, please contact John McGuire by email at johnmcguire@ihmparish.net or call 908-889-2100 to get started!





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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 First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2023 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, 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: June 3 - June 4						
Saturday - Sunday Lectors		Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider			
6/3 5:00pm	Kathy Mitchell	Janice Good Piga John Torzewski Chris Haight Alice Schaffernoth (C)	Fr. Mike			
6/4 8:00am	Karen Schwaneberg	Jean Bagdonas Colm Keogh Rich Wagner (C)	Fr. Mike			
6/4 10:00am	Lou Zappo	Connie Boruch (A) David Boruch (A) Eileen Wagner (A)	Fr. Rob			
6/4 12:00pm	Michelle Gardella	Carol Kiley Tracey Foley	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

NATURE SPEAKS by Christine V. Mitchell

All nature speaks to you of Your love, oh God, So wonderous for all to view. We plant, we water, but You're its Creator, Revealing the beauty of You. Magnificent petals of flowers, so sweet, A palette of perfect array, When gathered in bunches and given as gifts, Can gladden a heart any day. So often encumbered with cares of this life, We pass by the Blessings so near, Of beautiful nature in blossom and bloom You have given - our hearts to cheer. O help us to take just a moment to pause, A moment to think and to ponder --So we may appreciate all that You've made And our hearts may be thankful in wonder.

- ♥ Join us on Tuesday, June 6th at 7 pm for An Evening Of Reflection hosted by Sister Eileen Smith from Mount St. Mary's. The topic will be "How To Be More Like Mary". Please confirm your attendance by calling Mary Anne Sopko 908-322-0279 by June 2nd. Please leave your name and phone number.
- ♥ 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 Good-Piga 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, NJ 07066. TICKETS ARE LIMITED SO PLEASE DON'T WAIT! Rideshares can be coordinated if you prefer. ALL ARE WELCOME!
- ▼ May your week ahead be a Blessed one and may you
 continue to recognize God's daily messages and miracles.
 You and your families 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 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 **Saturday morning June 10 at 7:30am in the church basement**.

Contact dndiken@aol.com for more info.

Collection Report	May 14, 2023		IHM EVENT CALENDER
Weekly Target:	\$12,558.00		Sunday May 28: Pentecost
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)	\$11,505.78		Veteran's Buddy Poppy Drive
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,052.22)	11:00am	Alpha Reunion Brunch
Fiscal Year to Date:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Monday May 29: Memorial Day
Budget	\$552,552.00	All Day	Office & Adoration Chapel Closed
	ŕ		Tuesday May 30
Actual:	\$490,578.02		
Surplus/(Deficit)	(61,973.98)		Wednesday May 31
Rolling 4 Week Averages:		10.00	· ·
Average Collection:	\$10,683.72		Food Pantry Choir Practice
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,874.28)		Thursday June 1
	58,100 pledged 6 of \$62,125.00 goal		Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina on Zoom Women's Prayer Group on Zoom
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Summer Faith FORMATION Summer Families of Faith (Sun			
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registration is coming! 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 session will run from June

26 through July 7 (no sessions on July 3 and 4). Arrangements will be made to make up for the session missed on Monday July 3 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. If you have any questions or do not receive a notification from Parish Giving please contact <u>faithformation@ihmparish.net</u>

Saturday June 3

12:30pm Protecting God's Children @ Nazareth Center

Sunday June 4

9:00am Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast 7:00pm BOLD Youth Group Luau (High School Only)

PENTECOST PRAYER

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire: A while back we heard the story of the Apostle Thomas. As Jesus appeared to his friends, Thomas wasn't present, so had a hard time believing that the Lord had risen from the dead. To this day, we know him as doubting Thomas, but he did the hard work so that we could believe. This weekend, we commemorate Pentecost. Jesus ascended to heaven, and likely out of fear, the Apostles went back into hiding, in the Upper Room. In an instance, their fear and uncertainty was burned away by the power of the Holy Spirit. Again they had to go through some embarrassment, so that we, who weren't present could believe, and so that the Church could be spread across the world. Today, on Pentecost, I challenge you to share with the children or young people in your lives, an embarrassing moment in your faith. One that made you doubt, fear, or even walk away for a while. Then share with them, how the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit removed the doubt, banished the fear, or drew you back into your faith. Often, culturally we seem to show the young people self assured, holy, clean, never doubting, pious saints. In so doing, we hide or wash away that many of the Psalms express anger with God, that nearly all the Apostles abandoned Christ, and cowered in fear, before fully committing to their sanctity. This Pentecost, let us pray that we, our family, friends, neighbors, and acquaintances who are struggling with fear, embarrassment, struggles, and distance, might experience strength, and God's love to continue our faith journey, and spread the Gospel to the whole world. God Bless, and have a wonderful week.



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