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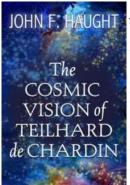


A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

In conjunction with our first reading from Isaiah today the parable of the sower shows to us that our hope in the coming of God's Kingdom is not a false or useless hope. It will come about in its fullness, and the harvest will be abundant. It will come about not because we are in control, but because it is God's will. The seed has been scattered generously, and despite the obstacles it will grow and bring an abundant harvest.

As disciples of Christ we are called to cooperate with the coming of the Kingdom by responding to the abundant love that God has shown us already. As missionary disciples we are called to bear witness, bear fruit and generously sow the seeds of God's love in the hearts of others that they too may experience the abundant love of our God. Peace, Fr. Mike





Summer in the Cosmos: Spirituality Seminar Returns!

We end each liturgical year with the *Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*. But what does that title mean? How can a deeper understanding of this solemnity transform our spiritual lives? What is this cosmic kingdom? Our spiritual guide is Teilhard de Chardin...

Our book is **The Cosmic Vision of Teilhard de Chardin by John F. Haught** available on Amazon. Each chapter explores a different topic—including the cosmos, spirituality, suffering, thought, God, and life—and how each topic has developed the author's own theology. In particular, the book focuses on the cosmic future and the implications of Teilhard's thought for this century and beyond.

We shall gather on **Tuesday evenings beginning July 25, 2023 at 7:15pm for one hour on Zoom**. Any questions or to register, please contact Fr. Rob at frrob@ihmparish.net

"This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand." Matthew 13:13





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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 July 16 - July 23, 2023
Saturday July 15	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Summer Academy Teachers & Students (living) Thank you from IHM Parish Jack Mucksavage+ from Karen & Joe Schurtz Roy Reardon+ from Charles & Geri Barcellona
Sunday July 16	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	For the People from IHM Parish Owen McCabe+ from American Legion Post #504 Jackson Kevin Brown+ from Karen Schurtz
Monday July 17	7:00 am 8:30 am	Ken Maragni+ from Art Lundgren Helen Smith+ from the Chimento Family
Tuesday July 18	7:00 am 8:30am	Florence Gogerty+ from Patricia & James Feeley Walter Joseph Hamilton+ from Cheryl & John Veglia
Wednesday July 19	7:00 am 8:30 am	Anthony Criscitiello+ from Dorian DiPace Helen Napiorski+ from the Varela Family
Thursday July 20	7:00 am 8:30 am	Joyce Dewitt (living) Good luck from Rosary Altar Society Mary Mullen+ from the Foley Family
Friday July 21	7:00 am 8:30 am	Donald Vallerio+ from Sue & Ernie Hernandez Leonard Ehrlich+ from Tracey Foley
Saturday July 22	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Gabrida Quintero+ from the Women's Prayer Group John Loughrey+ from Mary & Jerry Mahony Robert Watson+ from the Chimento Family
Sunday July 23	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Maria McGuinness+ from the McGuinness Family For the People from IHM Parish Frank Pecoraro+ from his loving wife & daughters

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

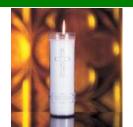
John Allen	Colm Cosgrove	Nicole Griffin	Mary Frances Leon	Jaxson Rivera	Paul Szeker
George Becker	Samantha Bridge	Ann Marie Harvey	Eileen Lynch	Marisol Rodriguez	Phyllis Szeker
Fran Boglioli	James Brown	David Hens	William Maines	Susan Rozborski	Daniel Ventura
Erin Brennan	John Burkert	Kathleen Herron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

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



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 July 16 - July 23, 2023



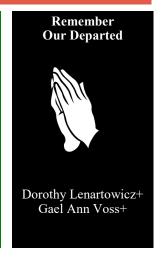
Sanctuary Light For the intention of: Lourdes Tiangco+ requested by: Lioanag Family



Altar Bread & Wine For the intention of: Alma C. Lopez+ requested by: Donna Ayers



Flowers for the Blessed Mother In memory of birthday anniversary: Louis & Teresa Schmitt+ requested by: Mary Jane Bergen



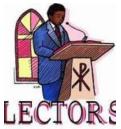
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Circle all the words you can find! Look for clues in the Breaking Bread 2023 book on page 176

Saturday, July 22 from 10 am - 3 pm

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL SPA DAY (In-person program)
This nourishing retreat day will include various forms of prayer and mindfulness meditation. We will come together to practice breathing techniques, gentle movement, eating, walking, art and journaling. Lunch is included. (\$50-\$60 as you are able)
Registration for all Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer offerings can be found on our website: www.msmhope.org.
Call us at 908-753-2091 or email at msmhope.org.





Looking for a new team of Adult Lectors and Ushers, and youth Altar Servers and Ushers. Please contact John if you are interested in serving our church community! johmmcguire@ihmparish.net

Share thoughts questions doubts hopes



Alpha is a place to connect with others who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning. Each session includes a time to connect with others and a chance to share questions with the group. We'd love to hear your perspective!





For more information about Alpha visit www.ihmparish.net/alpha

Minister Assignments: July 22 - July 23					
Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider		
7/22 5:00pm	Janice Good Piga	Chris Haight Dan Kelly John Torzewski	Fr. Rob		
7/23 8:00am	Phyllis Manno	Karen Schwaneberg Rich Wagner Rich Banasiak (C)	Fr. Rob		
7/23 10:00am	Jane McClellan	Jason McCann David Diken Lou Zappo (C)	Fr. Mike		
7/23 12:00pm	Carol Kiley	Jean Naugle Tracey Foley	Fr. Mike		



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

Summer 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.

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Rosary Altar Society News

THE ANGEL AND THE PENNY by Author Unknown

I found a penny today Just laying on the ground, But it's not just a penny This little coin I've found. That's what my Grandma told me, She said Angels toss them down Oh, how I loved that story. She said when an Angel misses you They toss a penny down, Sometimes just to cheer you up To make a smile out of your frown. So don't pass by that penny When you are feeling blue, It may be a penny from Heaven That your guardian Angel tossed to you!!

♥ We invite you to join IHM and Rosary at the HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE (88 Rt. 173 West, Hampton, NJ, minutes off Rt. 78) on SATURDAY, AUGUST 12th for a GOURMET LUNCHEON & THEATRICAL PRODUCTION of REMEMBER ME? starring Three's Company Star JOYCE DEWITT. The Event begins at 11AM and will conclude by 3:30pm. Enjoy this wonderful lunch/dinner theater venue including scenic grounds, wonderful food, a gift shop and a bakery. Please contact Janice Good-Piga 908-759-6729 ASAP to reserve your place. Kindly mail your check, payable to IHM Rosary Altar Society for \$80 to Alice Mansfield-Smith, 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark, NJ 07066. THIS ROMANTIC COMEDY WILL DELIGHT YOU!!!

> "May Blessings follow you through life Wherever Christ may lead you, And joy and peace precede you. May God's word light your path each day While grace and patience guide your way!" -Author Unknown

Sending you all our wishes and prayers for Love, Health & Happiness. May your days off be relaxing and refreshing and filled with special Blessings.

♥ Janice



"Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered." Proverbs 11:25

Collection Report	July 2, 2023
Weekly Target:	\$10,785.00
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)	\$8,352.51
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,432.49)

Confection (wass + Parish Giving)	\$6,332.31
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,432.49)
Collection Report	July 9, 2023
Weekly Target:	\$10,785.00
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)	\$14,522.18
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$3,737.18
Fiscal Year to Date:	
Budget	\$21,570.00
Actual:	\$22,874.69
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,304.69
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Rolling 4 Week Averages:

Average Collection: \$10,719.63

Average Surplus/(Deficit) (951.87)

Dear Community of Immaculate Heart of Mary, The Congregation of the Sisters of St. John the Baptist, also known as Baptistines, was founded on September 26, 1878 by Saint Alfonso Maria Fusco who came from a small town in Italy, called Angri. The community is first and foremost "missionary" with missions situated in 18 countries in the world.



The Philippine Mission was opened on April 29, 1983. The Sisters now staff four children's homes and are responsible for providing the basic needs, good education and faith formation for these children. The Sister's Mission/Charism goes beyond running the children's home.

I look forward to sharing with you more of the Vocation-Mission of the Baptistine Sisters in the Philippines on July 29-30, 2023. God bless you all!

Sr. Liceria Sayon, C.S.JB. www.baptistines.org



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A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire

There is nothing in Church, like having over 100 children and young people gathered together in worship, song, and prayer. The vibrant sounds of enthusiasm and liveliness force you to reexamine how you are living the faith. I look forward to seeing the impact Families of Faith Summer Academy participants will have on the life of the community in the coming year!

All of our Summer Families are being encouraged to take a deeper role in the life of our parish moving forward. They are being invited to chronicle their parish life experiences through our Parish Scrapbook Activity Challenge! They are asked to attend, and reflect on 10-25 parish activities throughout the 2023-2024 Academic year, and those who complete this will be honored during the celebration of our Parish's 60th Anniversary in June 2024!

Families of Faith Academic year participants, and Catholic school families will also be encouraged to take part in these activities as well! In a world where youth involvement is so elusive, we are encouraged by, and encouraging the deeper involvement of families, in making this an even more Christlike community! This week let us pray for all of our faith formation families current, former, and future that they may continue to grow in faith, and love of the Lord! God Bless and have a great week.



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