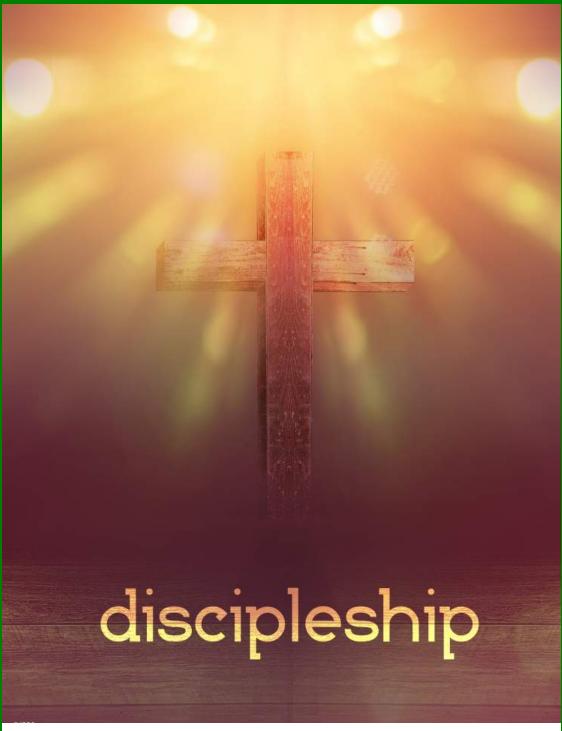
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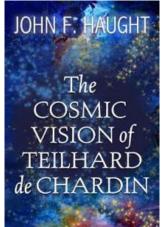
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A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

Last week Peter made his profession of faith, that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Jesus taught Peter, and us, that that profession of faith has consequences. In following Jesus we must deny ourselves and take up our cross. Peter needed to learn what it meant to be a disciple and leader of the community, how to be a rock of foundation (last week's Gospel) versus a stumbling block or obstacle (today's Gospel). We too must learn to allow Jesus to lead us and teach us to be a foundation for others and not an obstacle or stumbling block to ourselves or others. This means that we must always put God and others first in our lives, that we must proclaim our faith in word and action despite the hardship that we might encounter. It is not an easy thing to do, yet it can be done, and Jesus not only gives us himself in the Eucharist to nourish, strengthen, and encourage us, he also gives us the examples and prayers of the prophets (Jeremiah in the first reading today) and saints to help us on our pilgrim way. 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 gather on **Tuesday evenings at 7:15pm for one hour on Zoom**. Any questions, please contact Fr. Rob at frob@ihmparish.net



Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in Fall 2024!

The High School Placement Test (HSPT) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Exam Program for Catholic High Schools will be given on **Friday, November 10, 2023**. Registration for the HSPT exam is available online at www.njcoopexam.org beginning September 1st. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program, go to www.catholicschoolsnj.org.

Additionally, the Catholic High Schools are holding their annual HS Expo Night. Parents and students are invited to meet with representatives from many Archdiocesan High Schools from 7:00-8:30 pm on the following dates and locations: Tuesday, September 19 at St. Thomas the Apostle School, 50 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield. Tuesday, September 26 at Academy of St. Paul, 187 Wycoff Avenue, Ramsey. Wednesday, September 27 at St. Peter's Preparatory School, 144 Grand Street, Jersey City. Thursday, September 28 at St. John the Apostle School, 541 Valley Road, Clark. For directions and more information, visit www.catholicschoolsnj.org or call 973-497-4260.

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 September 3 - September 10, 2023 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday September 2 | 7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm | Rose & John Faccone+ from Blum & Veglia Families Rose Badala+ from Marion, Marc, Julianne, Kevin, Brayden, Steve & Elise Charles Barrett+ from Thomas Barrett |
| Sunday September 3 | 8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm | For the People of IHM Parish Teresina Musano+ from Joy & Stash Wanat Bill Ricciani+ from Georgeana Mandica & Family |
| Monday September 4 | 9:00am | Bill Ricciani+ from Lynn Bernstein |
| Tuesday September 5 | 7:00 am 8:30 am | Bob Bergen+ from Mary Jane Bergen Mary, George and Georgina Mae Good+ from Janice Good Piga |
| Wednesday September 6 | 7:00 am 8:30 am | Claudio Romero+ from Mary & Jerry Mahony Matthew Levine+ from Linda & Bernard Whalen |
| Thursday September 7 | 7:00 am 8:30 am | Guy Lazur+ from Christine Lazur Joseph & Dorothy Gorka+ 76th Wedding Anniversary from Daughter-In-Law Nancy |
| Friday September 8 | 7:00 am 8:30 am | Nancy Santanello+ from Kathy Mitchell Anne Mintel+ from Karen & Joe Schurtz |
| Saturday September 9 | 7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm | Nancy Santanello+ from Women's Prayer Group Anne Mintel+ from Marion & Marc Berger Bart Zucosky+ from Chris & Amy Zucosky |
| Sunday September 10 | 8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm | For the People of IHM Parish Anne Mintel+ from Joan & Ray O'Donnell Bill Ricciani+ from Harriet & Ira Bernstein |

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 | Sr. Elizabeth Vermaelen |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| George Becker | Samantha Bridge | Ann Marie Harvey | William Maines | Susan Rozborski | Stephanie Vernace |
| Fran Boglioli | James Brown | David Hens | Jim Malfetti | Dolores Rust | Stephen Voorhees |
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★ Please advise if any names can be removed from the sick list. Thank you. office@ihmparish.net



<u>Hospital Privacy</u> | 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 September 3 - September 10, 2023



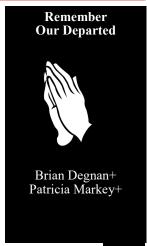
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Altar Bread & Wine
For the intention of:
William Dobbs+
requested by:
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Sunday September 17

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Farmer Emil's Garden Report

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INTRODUCING BETA!

Beta picks up where Alpha left off. Great conversations & a safe space to reflect. Explore your faith. Dive deeper! We meet twice a month on Zoom. Short films with small group discussions. Beta begins Wednesday September 27 at 7:30pm. Please sign-up at: www.ihmparish.net/beta

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| Minister Assignments: September 9 - September 10 | | | | | |
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| Saturday - Sunday | Lectors | Extra-Ordinary Ministers | Presider | | |
| 9/9 5:00pm | Chris Zucosky | Janice Good Piga Dan Kelly | Fr. Mike | | |
| 9/10 8:00am | Phyllis Manno | Lou DiBella Chris Dill Rich Banasiak (C) | Fr. Mike | | |
| 9/10 10:00am | Andy Davis | Connie Boruch (A) David Boruch (A) Eileen Wagner (A) | Fr. Rob | | |
| 9/10 12:00pm | Michelle Gardella | Jean Naugle Regina O'Connor | Fr. Rob | | |



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 Kerby at: kpershay123@gmail.com | 908-406-0493

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. Please call the office at (908) 889-2100

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Rosary Altar Society News

A PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY by Author Unknown
Lord, on this Labor Day, We thank You for the Blessing of
work. We ask for strength to complete each day.
We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask Your guidance.
For everyone seeking employment, And we ask that,
You be with those whose faces, We might never see,
But who work tirelessly each day, For the good of us all.
Amen

- ♥ Rosarians, please note that our annual dues have increased to \$30. Kindly send your checks to Treasurer Alice Mansfield-Smith, 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark, NJ 07066. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR FULL NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE (HOME & CELL) AND EMAIL ADDRESS so that we can update our Annual Rosary Directory. Many Thanks.
- ♥ We invite you to our WELCOME BACK Rosary Wine & Cheese Event on Tuesday, September 12th at 7PM in the Nazareth Center. The 2023-2024 Rosary Directories will be distributed and we will discuss the exciting events and devotional activities that we have planned for the year.
 PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE BY CALLING MARY ANN 908-322-0279 or JANICE 908-759-6729 BY SEPTEMBER 6th.
- ♥ Centering Prayer is having a Mini Retreat on Sept. 7th at 9:30 to 11 am in the Nazareth Center Lounge. This prayer method introduces you to a Contemplative way of prayer by going within to the Center of your Being to "LISTEN" to the "WHISPERS OF GOD". It's also a means for Jesus to OPEN UP THE SCRIPTURES for you as He did with His Apostles. Contact Phyllis at tman18912@comcast.net or the office at 908-889-2100 to register by August 31st.

May you enjoy your Labor Day Weekend relaxing with family and friends. May your week ahead be a joyous one filled with special Blessings as the summer days and weeks seem to be flying by. You and your families remain in our daily thoughts and prayers.

♥ Janice



The Women's Prayer Group will gather on **Thursday September 7 at 7:30pm on Zoom**. The theme is "Time for all seasons". Email tefoleyihm@gmail.com for more details. Prayer connects us all!



Join us for Lectio Divina: Reflection, Discussion & Quiet. Three times a month, once in the Nazareth Center & twice on Zoom. Starting on Thursday September 7 at 9:30am @ the Nazareth Center. Contact Phyllis at tman18912@comcast.net or call 908-889-2100.



The next meeting for the IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group will be Saturday morning September 9 at 7:30am in the church basement. Contact dndiken@aol.com for info.

| Collection Report | August 27, 2023 | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
| Weekly Target: | \$10,785.00 | | | | |
| Collection (Mass + Parish Giving) | \$ 9,297.86 | | | | |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | (1,487.14) | | | | |
| Fiscal Year to Date: | | | | | |
| Budget | \$97,065.00 | | | | |
| Actual: | \$99,521.44 | | | | |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | \$2,456.44 | | | | |
| Rolling 4 Week Averages: | | | | | |

THE IHM 2024 MASS **BOOK WILL BE** OPENING SOON!

Average Surplus/(Deficit)

Average Collection:

Forms for our 2024 Mass Intentions will be available starting Wednesday September 20. We also have plenty of 7am and 8:30am daily masses available in 2023. Call 908-889-2100



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Pee Wee Basketball is Back! Opening Day Friday Sept. 29 Sign-up deadline is 9/16. Download registration form at www.ihmparish.net/sports

A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire

If you are reading this week's message, congratulations, you are ahead of the curve. You are here for Sunday Mass, on a holiday weekend no less. Guess what, that can only be considered a start. Mass attendance is great, but when Jesus commissioned His apostles and disciples, He didn't call them to only pray. Jesus said "Go and Make Disciples".

You might not realize this, but every day you are in contact with people who don't have any other contact with Christ and His Church other than you. Invite them to come with you, and while you're at it tell them to register for Families of Faith because we begin on September 17th! God Bless and have a great week!

IHM SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 9/3

Monday 9/4 - Labor Day

All Day - Office & Chapel Closed

Tuesday 9/5

6:30pm - Rosary Altar Society Board Meeting

7:15pm - Spirituality Seminar ZOOM

Wednesday 9/6

10:00am - Food Pantry (Open until 11:30am) 7:00pm - Knights of Columbus Meeting

Thursday 9/7

9:30am - Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Mini Retreat

7:30pm - Women's Prayer Group ZOOM

Friday 9/8 - The Nativity of Mary

Saturday 9/9 7:30am - Men's Scripture Group LIVE

Sunday 9/10

9:00am - Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast 10:00am - Sunday Food Pantry (Open until 11:30am) 10:00am - Confirmation (Grade 8) Rite of Promise 7:00pm - IHM Youth Ministry "Come & See" Party



All In High School! Come out and see what IHM Youth Ministry is all about! Sunday, September 10 from 7-8:30pm (a) Nazareth Center. Please RSVP before 9/6 at www.boldym.com/ihmsp/events



SAVE THE DATE **High School Youth** Ministry CARNIVAL KICK OFF PARTY

Sunday Evening October 15! 5:00 - 6:30pm



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