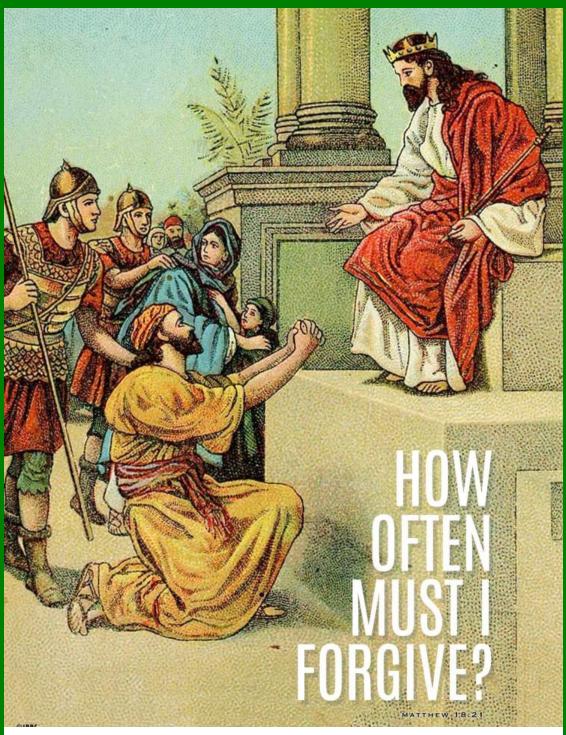
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A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

Seeking forgiveness and offering forgiveness seem to go hand in hand, but how often have we acted like the servant in the Gospel. We have asked the Lord's forgiveness in prayer or in confession, then we find ourselves in that awkward position of not being willing to forgive someone else of the same or lesser transgression. Or perhaps we begin to realize that a grudge we are holding, or attitude we have needs to be let go of so that we can move forward.

Forgiveness and reconciliation help us to be free. Free to love as God does. Free to be who God calls us to be as His daughters and sons. I think the words of St. Paul help us in this endeavor. When we realize that we ultimately live and die for the Lord, it helps us see the bigger picture of the Kingdom in the small and ordinary aspects of our lives and enables us to love and forgive and accept as God does for us.

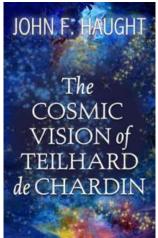
Peace, Fr. Mike





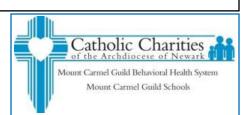
Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in Fall 2024! The High School Placement Test (HSPT) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Exam Program for Catholic High Schools will be given on Friday, November 10, 2023. Registration for the HSPT exam is 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.



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



Catholic Charities on a daily basis assists the underprivileged in society. Please help by contributing the following to the donation bin located in the church parking lot: used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, tools, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, and children's books. 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 September 17 - September 24, 2023
Saturday September 16	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Nancy Santanello+ from the Mulrooney Family Bernard Cook+ from the Foley Family Natalie & Henry Rozborski+ 73rd Wedding Anniversary from their 6 daughters & their families
Sunday September 17	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	For the People of IHM Parish James & Mildred Manfredonia+ from Emil & Janet Manfredonia Mary, Gustave & Hilda Heeger+ from Joanne & Gary Cogswell
Monday	7:00 am	Fr. Alex Pinto+ from Heba & Rich Fortunato
September 18	8:30 am	Geri Smith+ from Al Smith
Tuesday	7:00 am	Vernon Lincoln Dunn+ from Karuna Jaswal
September 19	8:30 am	John Dambrauskas+ from Barbara & Joe Mrozek
Wednesday	7:00 am	Mary Anne Sopko (living) from Mary Anne Sopko
September 20	8:30 am	Dominic Verdic Sr.+ from the Verdic Family
Thursday	7:00 am	Robert Dougherty+ 10th Anniversary from the Family
September 21	8:30 am	Bob Piga & Janice Good Piga's 37th Wedding Anniversary (living) from Janice & Bob
Friday	7:00 am	Patti Markey+ from Bea Scully
September 22	8:30 am	James R. Kennedy+ from the Family
Saturday September 23	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Nancy Santanello+ from Phyllis Fischer Robert Watson+ from the Poillon Family Henry Meacock+ from Betty & Tony Perfilio
Sunday September 24	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	For the People of IHM Parish Michael D'Agostino+ from IHM Staff Dorothy Foulks+ from Arlene Knox

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 Ann Marie Harvey	Eileen Lynch William Maines	Marisol Rodriguez Susan Rozborski	Sr. Elizabeth Vermaelen Stephanie Vernace
Fran Boglioli	James Brown	David Hens	Jim Malfetti	Dolores Rust	Stephen Voorhees
Erin Brennan	John Burkert	Kathleen Herron	Bill Malone	Diana Scariati	Ben Wheelock
Anna Cassella	Ray Clark	Juliann Junio	Marlene Mosko	Arty Shapiro	Evelyn Whitehorne
Paul Cassidy	Albert Fischer, Jr.	Marie Keller	Hilda Pizza	Elisa Silversey	-
Matthew Cassio	Phyllis Fischer	Dorothy Klein	Diane Pricken	Bernard Slaza	
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	Daniel Ventura	

★ 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.

St Bartholomew Bereavement Ministry will be offering a Grief Support Group starting **Wednesday October 4 and continuing October 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15.** Meeting times 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Meetings will be held in the cafeteria of St Bartholomew Academy. Please contact Jo-Anne 908-889-7790 or Bernadette 908-510-0995.

Special Intentions for the week of September 17 - September 24, 2023



Sanctuary Light
Sophie & Amanda Leung
& Rob Rykowski (living)
requested by:
IHM Faith Formation

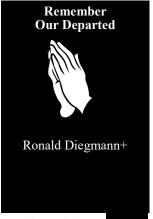


Altar Bread & Wine
For the intention of:
Bernadette Marron+
requested by:
Foley Family



Flowers for the Blessed Mother
Bob Piga & Janice Good Piga's
37th Wedding Anniversary
(living)

requested by: Janice & Bob





Union Catholic

FALL OPEN HOUSE

October 11- 7pm | November 4 - 12noon Call Admissions @ 908-889-1600 x302 www.unioncatholic.org

Villa Walsh Academy, an independent college preparatory Catholic school for girls grade 7-12 will be holding two Open Houses this Fall -- Sunday, October 1 from 1 pm - 4 pm and Wednesday, October 18 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Please register online at www.villawalsh.org. Come see what makes Villa Walsh Academy so special!

Open House @ Saint Peter's Preparatory School holds its Fall Open House on Sunday, October 15, from 1:00 – 4:00 at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. Please call 201-547-6389 or visit www.spprep.org

Coats For Kids Knights of Columbus



Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for Coats for Kids October 14-15 and October 21-22. Please support the children!

Stronger Together: Community Support Group Mondays 7pm-8:15pm starting September 25 at St. Teresa of Avila Church in Summit, NJ. More info at www.st-teresa.org





Farmer Emil's Garden Report

Good Afternoon all Gardener's! The past 2 weeks have picked 62.72lbs of produce. IHM 512.68lbs - Others 11.25lbs

Total 523.93lbs

All distributed at our food pantry.

PRAYERS FOR THE ALPHA TEAM ON A SUCCESSFUL NEW SEASON. GOOD LUCK! #TRYALPHA



THE IHM 2024 MASS BOOK OPENS THIS WEEK!

Reservations 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 the parish office at 908-889-2100





ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE RETURNS TO IHM!

The choir will be hosting practice sessions starting with an open house on **Wednesday September 27** from 7-9pm in church. If you like to sing, please visit! All skill levels welcome. For more details contact Katie at ktwills1973@gmail.com or call the parish office 908-889-2100 Save the Date: Christmas Concert @ St. Helen, Friday Dec. 15 at 7:00pm



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

IHM Bus Trip to NYC SOME LIKE IT HOT Friday November 24 Bus Leaves @ 9:15am Lunch @ Tony DiNapoli included

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contact Janice at
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Minister Assignments: September 23 - September 24						
Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider			
9/23 5:00pm	Janice Good Piga	Chris Haight Connie Boruch David Boruch	Fr. Mike			
9/24 8:00am	Ed Sullivan	Lou DiBella Rich Wagner Rich Banasiak (C)	Fr. Mike			
9/24 10:00am	Heba Fortunato	Jason McCann David Diken Betty Perfilio	Fr. Rob			
9/24 12:00pm	Carol Kiley	Jean Naugle Diane McGuinness	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

Parish Schools: St. Bartholomew Academy (908) 322-4265 Union Catholic Regional High School (908) 889-1600

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Rosary Altar Society News

A GOLDEN CHAIN by Helen Steiner Rice Friendship is a golden chain, The links are friends so dear, And like a rare and precious jewel It's treasured more each year.... It's clasped together firmly With a love that's deep and true, And it's rich with happy memories And fond recollections, too... Time can't destroy it's beauty For, as long as memory lives, Years can't erase the pleasure That the joy of friendship gives... For friendship is a precious gift That can't be bought or sold, But to have an understanding friend Is worth far more than gold... And the golden chain of Friendship Is a strong and Blessed tie Binding kindred hearts together As the years go passing by.

- ▼ Thank you to all who attended our "Welcome Back Wine & Cheese Party" on Tuesday evening. It was wonderful seeing everyone again after our summer hiatus. We have an exciting year of events planned to both enrich us spiritually, to increase our devotional and charitable efforts, and to enjoy each other's company and friendship.
 - ♥ Please plan on joining us On October 10th For A Special Retreat At The St. Joseph's Shrine In Stirling. Details to follow in the coming weeks.
- ♥ We welcome you to consider joining our wonderful Rosary Altar Society. For more information please contact Janice Good-Piga at 908-759-6729. Whether you can attend all or only some of our meetings and events, we know that you will find in very fulfilling.

May your week ahead be a Blessed one with joy-filled with sunny days, renewed old friendships and special new ones! You and your families remain in our daily thoughts and prayers. ♥ Janice



The Women's Prayer Group will gather on **Thursday October 5 at 7:30pm on Zoom**. The theme is "Luke: Author of Acts of the Apostles". Email tefoleyihm@gmail.com for more details. Prayer connects us all!



Join us for Lectio Divina: Reflection, Discussion & Quiet. Three times a month: twice at the Nazareth Center & once on Zoom. **Thursday mornings from 9:30am until 10:45am.** Contact Phyllis at tman18912@comcast.net or call the parish office at 908-889-2100 to sign-up.



The next meeting for the IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group will be **Thursday night September 28 at 7:30pm on Zoom.** Contact

<u>dndiken@aol.com</u> for info.

Collection Report	September 10, 2023			
Weekly Target:	\$10,785.00			
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)	\$14,170.53			
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$3,385.53			
Fiscal Year to Date:				
Budget	\$118,635.00			
Actual:	\$123,297.18			
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$4,662.18			
Rolling 4 Week Averages:				
Average Collection:	\$11,059.34			
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	\$274.34			



Family Choir!

Sing with your family before Families of Faith Gatherings! Starting Sunday September 17 at 9:30am. Please contact Katie for more info:ktwills1973@gmail.com

A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire

This is the time of year where we all begin to settle back into our routines, and daily lives. The Third Sunday of September is always celebrated by the Catholic Church in the United States as Catechetical Sunday. It is a day where we honor all of the parents, volunteers, staff, and clergy who work to form our children as disciples of Christ. You may notice that there are more families than normal in attendance, that is because we are beginning our formal programming for Families of Faith! This week, please welcome a family you haven't seen in a while, and pray that they might delve more deeply into their faith journey. God Bless and have a great week!

Getting Back On Track With Families of Faith!



Faith Formation Begins Sunday September 17!

Preparation for First
Reconciliation and Eucharist
begins in first grade, and
culminates in celebrating the
sacraments during second grade.
Formation powered by Bold
provides Confirmation
preparation to all eighth and
ninth graders, who will receive
the sacrament in the Spring
during ninth grade.
To register email John at

faithformation@ihmparish.net

IHM SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 9/17

9:00am - Pancake Breakfast (open from 9am-12noon)

9:30am - Family Choir Practice

10:00am - Families of Faith Opening Day Mass & Orientation

11:00am- Prayer Shawl Meeting

Monday 9/18

7:00pm- Alpha Episode 1 LIVE @ The Nazareth Center

Tuesday 9/19

7:15am – Moses LIVE/Lancaster PA Road trip Bus Departure

7:15pm– Spirituality Seminar on ZOOM

Wednesday 9/20

10:00am - Food Pantry (Open until 11:30am)

7:00pm - KOC No Greater Love Movie Night @ St. Bart's

Thursday 9/21

9:30am - Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Meeting

7:00pm- Finance Council Meeting

Friday 9/22

Saturday 9/23

All Day-Center for Hope Raffle

5:00pm— Covenant Ceremony (9th Grade Confirmation)

Sunday 9/24

All Day- Center for Hope Raffle

12:00pm- Miles for Mothers Fun Run @ Basking Ridge



IHM YOUTH MINISTRY COLOR FUN RUN!

Fundraiser to support students with mental health challenges through the Kimberly Anne Wilson Foundation. Sunday,
October 1 (8:45am - 1pm) Meet our IHM group for

October 1 (8:45am - 1pm) Meet our IHM group for registration at 8:45am at The Grove at the Park, 150 Connell Drive, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922. The run begins at 9:45am sharp! Food, entertainment and giveaways to follow!

THINGS TO KNOW:

Each Participant Donates \$30 to be a part of this event and will receive a t-shirt the day of the walk / run is 1.3 miles
Be prepared to be BLASTED with colorful powder along the way! Contact Rachael if you need help signing up.
Email: ihmsp@boldym.com or Text (908) 280-2893

SAVE THE DATE! IHM Youth Ministry CARNIVAL THEMED KICK OFF Evening of Sunday, October 15



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