

MISSION STATEMENT "We reach out to all through prayer and service, as we live our Catholic faith in Christ with Mary."



The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

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SERVED BY Rev. Michael G. Ward, K.H.S., Pastor Rev. Robert Kunze: Weekend Assistant Deacon Jack Lynch Katie Wills: Director of Music Ministry John McGuire: Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation



Mass will continue to Live Stream on Facebook and our website: www.ihmparish.net

A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

Approaching God with humility and reverence is what Jesus encourages us to do in today's Gospel. When we humble ourselves we are more open to the profound depth of God's love for us. We are more aware of the tremendous gifts that he has given to us to use to lift up one another. In recognizing the source of these gifts we allow them to flourish far more than we could if left to our own devices.

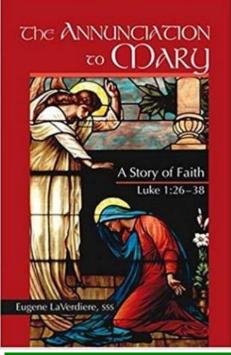
It is in lifting up one another that we can give praise to God from the heart, and it is not a forced praise or begrudging response to the love of Christ, but one that springs from the heart and soul that has recognized just how much God loves us and wants us to experience that love each and every day.



Peace, Fr. Mike

#NEWARK

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 <u>www.njcoopexam.org</u> beginning September 1st. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program, go to <u>www.catholicschoolsnj.org</u>.



<u>The Annunciation to Mary:</u> <u>A Story of Faith</u>

The prologue of Luke's Gospel is both simple and profound. As we prepare for Christmas let us take a close look at Mary of the scriptures. At the heart of the book, each chapter examines a particular phase of the Annunciation story through a biblical perspective.

The deep mystery of the Incarnation is revealed in this passage of Luke's Gospel. We shall meet on Zoom on Tuesdays from 7:15pm until 8:15pm beginning November 7th, 2023. Please register at

 $\frac{FrRob@ihmparish.net}{Gitter} and \\contact him if you have any$ questions or would like to obtaina copy of the book.



BUY A BRICK FALL 2023 Please donate a brick and place an everlasting memento of a loved one at "Our Lady of Fatima" garden. We are offering 2 sizes of bricks: 4"x8" at \$75 per brick 8"x8" at \$150 per brick Order forms are available at church and in the Nazareth Center. <u>Order deadline is</u> <u>November 5!</u> Call Tracey at the office if you need help: 908-889-2100

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

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Mass Intentions		For the week of November 5 - November 12, 2023		
Saturday November 4	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	All Souls Novena Todd Werner+ from Patty Regal Joseph Amabile+ from the O'Donnell Family		
Sunday November 5	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	All Souls Novena/ For the People Francesco & deceased members of the Buscini Family+ from the Buscini Family Carol & Donny Patten+ from Thomas Barrett		
Monday	7:00 am	All Souls Novena		
November 6	8:30 am	Ruben Razal (living) from the Razal Family		
Tuesday	7:00 am	All Souls Novena		
November 7	8:30 am	Bill McManus+ from Judy McManus		
Wednesday	7:00 am	All Souls Novena		
November 8	8:30 am	Bernadette Zimmerman+ from MaryKate Schiller		
Thursday	7:00 am	All Souls Novena		
November 9	8:30 am	Bernadette Marron+ from the Foley Family		
Friday	7:00 am	All Souls Novena		
November 10	8:30 am	David F. Regal Sr.+ (Marine Corp Birthday) from Patty Regal		
Saturday November 11	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Sr. Mary Raphael P.B.V.M.+ from Barbara Hagen Fr. John F. Kennedy+ from the Razal Family Mary Jane Bergen+ from Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga		
Sunday November 12	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Ann McAuley+ from Mary Frances Malone For the People of IHM Parish Kevin Brown+ from Maureen Pecoraro		

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

John AllenDavid ConnellGeorge BeckerColm CosgroveFran BoglioliSamantha BridgeErin BrennanJames BrownAnna CassellaJohn BurkertPaul CassidyRay ClarkMatthew CassioMatt DonovanPeter CavanaghAlbert Fischer,Frank ChimentoPhyllis FischerEdward ClarkEmily Fleming

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Jillian Lapidus Mary Frances Leon Eileen Lynch William Maines Jim Malfetti Bill Malone Marlene Mosko Hilda Pizza Diane Pricken Carmela Resnick

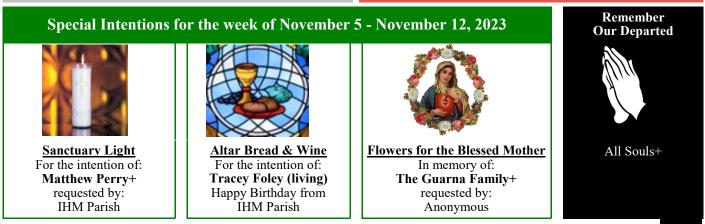
Jacob Rivera Jaxson Rivera Marisol Rodriguez Susan Rozborski Dolores Rust Diana Scariati Arty Shapiro Elisa Silversey Bernard Slaza Beverly Sopp

Ryder Francis Spillane Daniel Ventura Sr. Elizabeth Vermaelen Stephanie Vernace Stephen Voorhees Ben Wheelock Evelyn Whitehorne

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

St Bartholomew Bereavement Ministry will be offering a Grief Support Group **continuing November 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 contact Bernadette 908-510-0995.

<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.



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SCOOPS FOR CHARITY!

Wake the kiddies and tell your neighbors! One Day Only! On **Tuesday, November 7th** (Election Day) 20% of all sales will benefit our food pantry! Just mention "IHM Food Pantry" at checkout. SCOOPS Ice Creamery is located at 2014 Rt. 22 East Scotch Plains, NJ.



Highlights from Trunk or Treat 2023! Thank you to all the parents and children working together in making this a fun day!



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Minister Assignments: November 11 - November 12						
Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider			
11/11 5:00pm	Jim Brennan	Chris Haight Dan Kelly Janice Good Piga	Fr. Rob			
11/12 8:00am	Phyllis Manno	Lou DiBella Geraldine Keogh	Fr. Mike			
11/12 10:00am	Heba Fortunato	Ed Sullivan (S) David Diken Lou Zappo (C)	Fr. Mike			
11/12 12:00pm	Anne Butler	Tracey Foley Jean Naugle	Fr. Rob			



Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours Monday - Wednesday 9:00am - 9:00pm Thursday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm Closed Saturday. Sunday. Holy Days & Holidays For more information contact Kerby at: kpershay123@gmail.com | 908-406-0493

<u>IHM PARISH INFORMATION</u> Fall 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 <u>office@ihmparish.net</u>

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 <u>www.ihmparish.net</u> 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

When We See The Barvest

By: Susan Y Nikitenko A harvest of apples, a harvest of corn A harvest of plenty, an antumn adorned ith bright colored leaves, a fall festive blend: A wonderful time for families and friends A harvest of pumpkins, a harvest of grain; A harvest of bounty, and cool autumn rains, A big harvest moon- way up in the sky: A harvest of blessing that God has supplied. Be grateful, be humble, give thanks to the Lord; He has showered His blessing here in our world. But have we been faithful , and have we been true? Have we put God first in all that we do? A harvest that God sees is not food or crop: Not pumpkins, or grain, not apples that drop. But God see the harvest of souls needing Him; A harvest of people who need saved from their sin. A harvest of souls and a harvest of love: A harvest of mercy from our Father above. When we see the harvest, let's see through God's eye And share with the nations the life He supplies.

 ♥ Join us for IHM's "Broadway Show Extravaganza Trip To NYC" to see the Award-Winning "SOME LIKE IT HOT" on Friday, November 24th, 2023. Luxury Bus Transportation (Leaving 9:15AM From IHM) Delicious family style luncheon at the famous Tony Di Napoli Restaurant in Times Square and the Broadway show. Total cost is \$185. Call Janice 908-759-6729 for tickets.
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♥ Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 14 at 7PM for the "LET'S MONET" painting event. Even if you don't consider yourself to be an artist, you will enjoy this class taught by a true artist and take home a portrait of your very own! Kindly reserve your seat at the easel by November 9. The fee is \$30 for materials and the instruction. Kindly make your check payable to "IHM ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY" and mail to Alice Mansfield-Smith, 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark,

NJ 07066. Kindly call Mary Anne Sopko 908-322-0279. ♥ May your week ahead be a Blessed one with joy-filled sunny fall days, renewed old friendships and special new ones! Please remember to take a moment to breathe in the fresh fall air, marvel at the colors of the falling leaves, and to thank God for all of the beautiful gifts that he showers upon us daily. May we continue to be grateful for our homeland and for the freedom and peace that we feel on a daily basis, and may we remember those whose lives are in danger in our prayers. You and your families remain in our daily thoughts and prayers. ♥ Janice



The Women's Prayer Group will gather on **Thursday November 9 at 7:30pm on ZOOM**. The theme will be "The Eucharist". Please email <u>tefoleyihm@gmail.com</u> for more details. Prayer connects us all!



CENTERING PRAYER- Join us for Lectio Divina, Reflection, Discussion & Quiet. Three times monthly at the Nazareth Center. **Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:45 AM**. Contact Phyllis at <u>tman18912@comcast.net</u> or call the office at 908-889-2100 for details or to sign up.



The next live meeting for the IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group will be **Saturday morning November 11 at 7:30am in the church basement.** Donuts & Coffee served! Contact <u>dndiken@aol.com</u> for more info.

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We have been reporting our weekly collect what was submitted in our budget to the A this number does not give us a balanced by forward, we have revised our "goal" to bal	rchdiocese. However, udget. So moving	IHM SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK Sunday 11/5 8:00am– Families of Faith Thanksgiving Food Drive 9:00am– Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast	
Collection Report	October 29, 2023	7:00pm– Youth Group Boxes of Joy	
Weekly Target:	\$11,765.00	<u>Monday 11/6</u> 7:30pm– Alpha Episode 7 on ZOOM	
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)	\$9,754.73	Tuesday 11/7: Election Day	
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,010.27)	ALL DAY: Foor Pantry Fundraiser @ Scoops Ice Creamery	
Fiscal Year to Date:		7:15pm– Spirituality Seminar Annunciation Mary on ZOOM	
Budget	\$210,060.00	Wednesday 11/8 10:00am - Food Pantry (Open until 11:30am)	
Actual:	\$199,588.60 1:00pm– DVD Bible Study @ Nazareth Center 7:00pm– Adult Choir Practice		
Surplus/(Deficit)	(10,471.40)	7:00pm– Pastoral Council/Finance Council Meeting	
Rolling 4 Week Averages:		Thursday 11/9	
Average Collection:	\$10,899.13	9:30am - Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Meeting 10:00am– Midsummer Night's Dream @ Union Catholic	
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(865.87)	7:00pm- Women's Prayer Group on ZOOM	
IHM YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS Sun. November 5 @ 7PM: Bo	xes of Joy	Friday 11/10 5:00pm– Pee Wee Basketball 6:30pm– (1st Reconciliation) Potter Retreat	
Sun. November 12 @ 7PM: Painting Nigl November 17-19: Embolden Retreat Sun. November 19 @ 12PM: Commu	at Pittstown, NJ nity Friendsgiving	Saturday 11/11: Veteran's Day ALL DAY: Saturday Basketball 7:30am– Men's Scripture Group LIVE @ Church Basement	
Sun. December 3 @ 7PM: Youth Lea Sun. December 10 @ 1PM: Living Nativi Contact Rachael for more info: <u>ihms</u>	ity & Holiday Market	Sunday 11/12 10:00am - Food Pantry Sunday (Open until 11:30am) 7:00pm– Youth Group Painting Night for Kairos Ministry	

A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire

When I was Confirmed, we had to select a saint and write a paper on them. I chose John the Baptist, because I was inspired by his outsider status, his wildness, and the fact that he made way for our Lord. I also selected him because documentation was scarce, and I couldn't be expected to know any important dates, or less spiritual information. When we were Confirmed, the Saints felt like just another box to check, another paper to write.

At our parish, there is a brief form to complete, not a paper, but we ask the young people why this person inspires them. Then this selection process culminates in the Rite of Names, which we intentionally paired with the week of All Souls and All Saints. These people are meant to be an inspiration for us, as we seek to live a life united with Christ. As we hear a Litany of Saints at the 10:00 am Mass we should think about how these holy women and men went before us, and spread the Good News, and how they are present with us in the celebration of the Eucharist. Over the past weeks we've been considering the Eucharist as the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Have considered the training needed to make such a great climb. I've hinted at the fact that we can serve as guides to friends, family, and neighbors. This is accomplished through invitation and accompaniment.

We are called to be more than spectators of the Mass, after we reach the summit, we are called to also lead others up the mountain. However, to do that, we first need guides and examples. These can be friends and relatives who are members of the Church today, the clergy, and others in our community. However, we can also look to the saints in heaven. At each Mass we unite with the communion of Saints as we worship Jesus in the Sacrifice of the Altar. Then as the saints we are called to lead others in the same direction. This week let's pray for our Confirmation Candidates, their families, and all the members of our community that we might follow the example of the saints, and find fellowship with them and other members of our community.

God Bless and have a great week.



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