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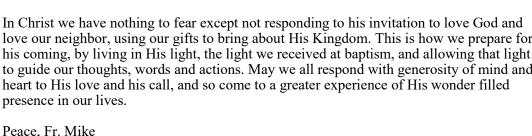
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A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

What do we do with the gifts that God has given to us? Do we even recognize them? Sometimes we do, sometimes we do not. In baptism we are called to participate in the mission of Christ, to proclaim the Good News of God's love for us to the world. This requires us to use the gifts that God has given us to help others experience God's love and to build up his kingdom. Like two of the servants in the Gospel we sometime do this very well. Other times, like the third servant, we are too afraid to do anything.

love our neighbor, using our gifts to bring about His Kingdom. This is how we prepare for his coming, by living in His light, the light we received at baptism, and allowing that light to guide our thoughts, words and actions. May we all respond with generosity of mind and heart to His love and his call, and so come to a greater experience of His wonder filled presence in our lives.





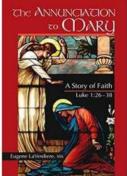
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Christmas Tree Memorial Lighting Saturday December 9, 2023 after 5:00 PM Mass

We will celebrate the Christmas season by illuminating the perimeter of our Nativity scene with beautiful six foot fresh cut Christmas trees covered with lights! We are offering the opportunity to dedicate a tree on behalf of a loved one (living or deceased), an organization, or for a personal family Christmas greeting. The trees will be affixed with a plaque containing the names to be memorialized and honored. The cost to reserve a tree is \$200. The number of trees are limited so please complete the form (available at church or download the form at www.ihmparish.net) and submit your form and donation to the Nazareth Center office. Thank you!



The Annunciation to Mary: A Story of Faith

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. We shall meet on Zoom on Tuesdays from 7:15pm until 8:15pm.

Please register at FrRob@ihmparish.net and contact him if you have any questions or would like to obtain a copy of the book.

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

Mass Intentions		For the week of November 19 - November 26, 2023
Saturday November 18	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	For the People from IHM Parish Nancy Santanello+ from Betty & Tony Perfilio Mary DiPace+ from Edna & George Knudsen
Sunday November 19	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Mary Jane Bergen+ from the Lewis Family John Cardillo+ from Phyllis Fischer Abner Reed+ from the D'Agostino Family
Monday November 20	7:00 am 8:30 am	Laticia Maria Medina+ from Henry & Marilyn Espinoza Andrew Bhingare+ from Rekha Kulkarni
Tuesday November 21	7:00 am 8:30 am	Rich Fortunato (living) Thank you from IHM Parish Lois Krebs+ from Dan & Roe Kelly
Wednesday November 22	7:00 am 8:30 am	Nancy Dell-Bene+ from IHM Friends & Staff John Torzewski (living) from Dan & Roe Kelly
Thursday November 23	9:00 am	William Check (living) from Patricia & James Feeley
Friday November 24	7:00 am 8:30 am	Colleen Tighe (living) Thank you from the IHM Food Pantry Roberta Cimino+ from the D'Agostino Family
Saturday November 25	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Alice Lissemore+ (1st Anniversary) from Maureen Grossman Michael D'Agostino+ from IHM Staff Mary & Thomas Browne+ from the Hennessy Family
Sunday November 26	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	For the People of IHM Parish Marge Malone+ from the Malone Family Grace Scutellaro+ from John & Tracey Foley

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

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	Emily Fleming	Anna Koch	Carmela Resnick	Beverly Sopp	

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

Coping with Grief & Loss: A Bereavement Group at St. Paul's Meeting on Thursdays at 5:45 PM

November 30, December 7, 14, 21 and 28 January 4, 11 and 18

To register call: 201-433-8500 | griefsupport@stpaulrcc.com St Paul the Apostle. 14 Greenville Ave. Jersey City, NJ <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 November 19 - November 26, 2023



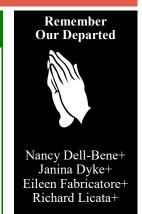
Sanctuary Light
For the intention of:
Dorothy Stephanik Lenarwicz+
requested by:
Kathleen J. Jotz



Altar Bread & Wine
For the intention of:
Jimmy Murphy+
requested by: MaryJane,
Art & Chris Lundgren



Flowers for the Blessed Mother
In memory of:
Mary & Thomas Browne+
requested by:
The Hennessy Family







SCOOPS DAY A SUCCESS!

Local celebrity Al Smith enjoying some delicious homemade ice cream at Scoops to support the IHM Food Pantry on Tuesday, November 7th (Election Day) 20% of all sales went to our food pantry! We doubled our goal from last year which made this season's Scoops Day a success! Thank you Colleen Tighe for your generosity! SCOOPS Ice Creamery is located at 2014 Rt. 22 East Scotch Plains, NJ.







Minister Assignments: November 25 - November 26					
Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider		
11/25 5:00pm	Kathy Mitchell	Chris Haight Dan Kelly Janice Good Piga	Fr. Mike		
11/26 8:00am	Ed Sullivan	Pat Regal Rich Banasiak	Fr. Rob		
11/26 10:00am	Jane McClellan	Jason McCann David Diken Betty Perfilio Lou Zappo (C)	Fr. Rob		
11/26 12:00pm	Tracey Foley	Carol Kiley Diane McGuinness	Fr. Mike		



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IHM PARISH INFORMATION

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 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

- ▼ ATTENTION: For those joining us on IHM's "Broadway Show Extravaganza Trip To New York City" to see the Award -Winning "SOME LIKE IT HOT" on Friday, November 24th, 2023, the Luxury Bus Transportation Will Be Leaving At 9:30 AM From IHM. PLEASE BOARD THE BUS BY THE IHM CHAPEL. Delicious Family Style Luncheon at the Famous Tony's DiNapoli Restaurant in Times Square; and the Broadway Show. Please call Janice 908-759-6729.
- ♥ We will once again be collecting COSTUME JEWELRY For the children of St. Joseph's Social Services in Elizabeth to select, wrap, and give to their Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, or Significant Others at Christmas time. Many families are greatly in need and cannot afford a special gift for a loved one at Christmas. The children find great joy in choosing that "special jewelry piece", selecting special wrapping, and surprising their loved one(s). For some, it may be the only gift that they receive this Christmas. Please contact Janice (908-759-6729) with questions or jewelry donations. Men's jewelry/watches are also welcome. Many thanks for your generosity!
- ▼ The Rosary Annual Christmas Mass & Party will be on Sunday, December 3rd with Mass at NOON followed by the party at 1:00PM. The cost is \$15 for a hot buffet. Please call Mary Anne Sopko 908-322-0279 to reserve your place & mail your checks (payable To IHM Rosary Society) to Alice Mansfield-Smith, 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark, NJ 07066 by November 27th. We will also have our traditional annual donation to the Missionaries of Charity.
- ♥ 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 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 your Thanksgiving be one of reflection, sharing, and wonderful food! You remain in our daily thoughts and prayers. ♥ Janice



The next meeting of the Women's Prayer Group will be IN PERSON at the Nazareth Center on **Thursday November 30 at 7:30PM**. Carol Ann Lisanti will lead us in song and discussion on "Singing Hymns - Praying Twice." Please email tefoleyihm@gmail.com



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 tman18912@comcast.net or call the office at 908-889-2100 for details or to sign up.



The next virtual meeting for the IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group will be **Thursday night November 30 at 7:30 PM on ZOOM.**Contact David Diken at dndiken@aol.com
for more info.

We have been reporting our weekly collection "target" to reflect what was submitted in our budget to the Archdiocese. However, this number does not give us a balanced budget. So moving forward, we have revised our "goal" to balance our budget.

Collection Report	November 12, 2023			
Weekly Target:	\$11,765.00			
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)	\$11,823.42			
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$58.42			
Fiscal Year to Date:				
Budget	\$233,400.00			

Rolling 4 Week Averages:

Actual:

Surplus/(Deficit)

Average Collection: \$10,488.60 Average Surplus/(Deficit) (1,276.40)

IHM YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS powered by BOLD

November 17-19: Embolden Retreat at Pittstown, NJ Sun. November 19 @ 12PM: Community Friendsgiving Sun. December 3 @ 7PM: Youth Leadership Meeting Fri. December 8 @ 7PM: Date Night for Parents Sun. December 10 @ 1PM: Living Nativity & Holiday Market Contact Rachael for more info: ihmsp@boldym.com

IHM SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 11/19

9:30am - Family Choir Practice

10:00am- Families of Faith Potluck Luncheon

11:00am- Prayer Shawl Meeting @ Nazareth Center

12:00pm- Community Friendsgiving @ Nazareth Center

5:00pm—Youth Group EMBOLDEN Retreat Ends

Monday 11/20

9:00am - Union Catholic High School Thanksgiving Mass

7:00pm— Ministerium Thanksgiving Prayer Service

7:30pm– Alpha Episode 10 on ZOOM

Tuesday 11/21

7:15pm-Spirituality Seminar Annunciation Mary on ZOOM

Wednesday 11/22

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

7:00pm- Adult Choir Practice

Thursday 11/23: Thanksgiving Day

All Day-Office & Chapel Closed

Friday 11/24

All Day-Office & Chapel Closed

9:00am- "Some Like It Hot" NYC Adventure Bus Departure

Saturday 11/25

All Day- Saturday Basketball

All Day- Catholic Cemeteries Meet & Greet Weekend

Sunday 11/26

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A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire

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Give thanks to the Lord for he is God, His Love is Everlasting. Psalm 136

As we prepare this week for Thanksgiving, I feel inclined to provide you with a deep theological dive into the meaning of the word Eucharist, spoiler alert, it means giving thanks. The sacrament of Holy Communion (Eucharist) is the evolution of the shared meal of Judaism. There was a blessing for the bread, and a blessing for the wine. Part of that blessing was giving thanks to God for those elements, and Jesus quite literally Christened that practice at the Last Supper. That isn't what I'm going to focus on today! You're welcome! We as Catholics, or Christians in general, often feel that our faith is imposed upon by modern society. Morality involves in ways that can benefit people, but often sacrifices the dignity of those taking the actions. It can feel dire at times. Yet we can have some cause for hope, even in a culture antithetical or our faith because there are in fact breadcrumbs of hope.

One such breadcrumb, or perhaps dressing of hope is the national feast of Thanksgiving. While this day too has its imperfections (black friday sales, low waged workers forced to be away from their families, and questions about the treatment of indigenous populations). In practice this day finds families of diverse backgrounds, ideologies, and faiths, gathering together around a meal, and giving thanks. It is the closest thing to a secular Eucharist that we have. So, this week, while gathering with family, even those who sometimes irk us with their political hottakes, questioning about how many kids we do or do not have yet, and who makes a better pie: just remember that disciples are called to love unconditionally, and our ability to do so comes directly from Christ and His Body the Eucharist! I pray for you and your families, God Bless and have a wonderful week!



Save the Dates! Summer Academy will run from June 23 until July 2!

We end before the 4th of July because of a new feature for our program!

The two Sundays of Summer Academy will be a time for Students and families to gather!

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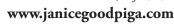














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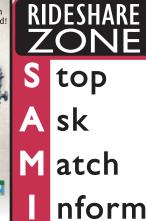
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