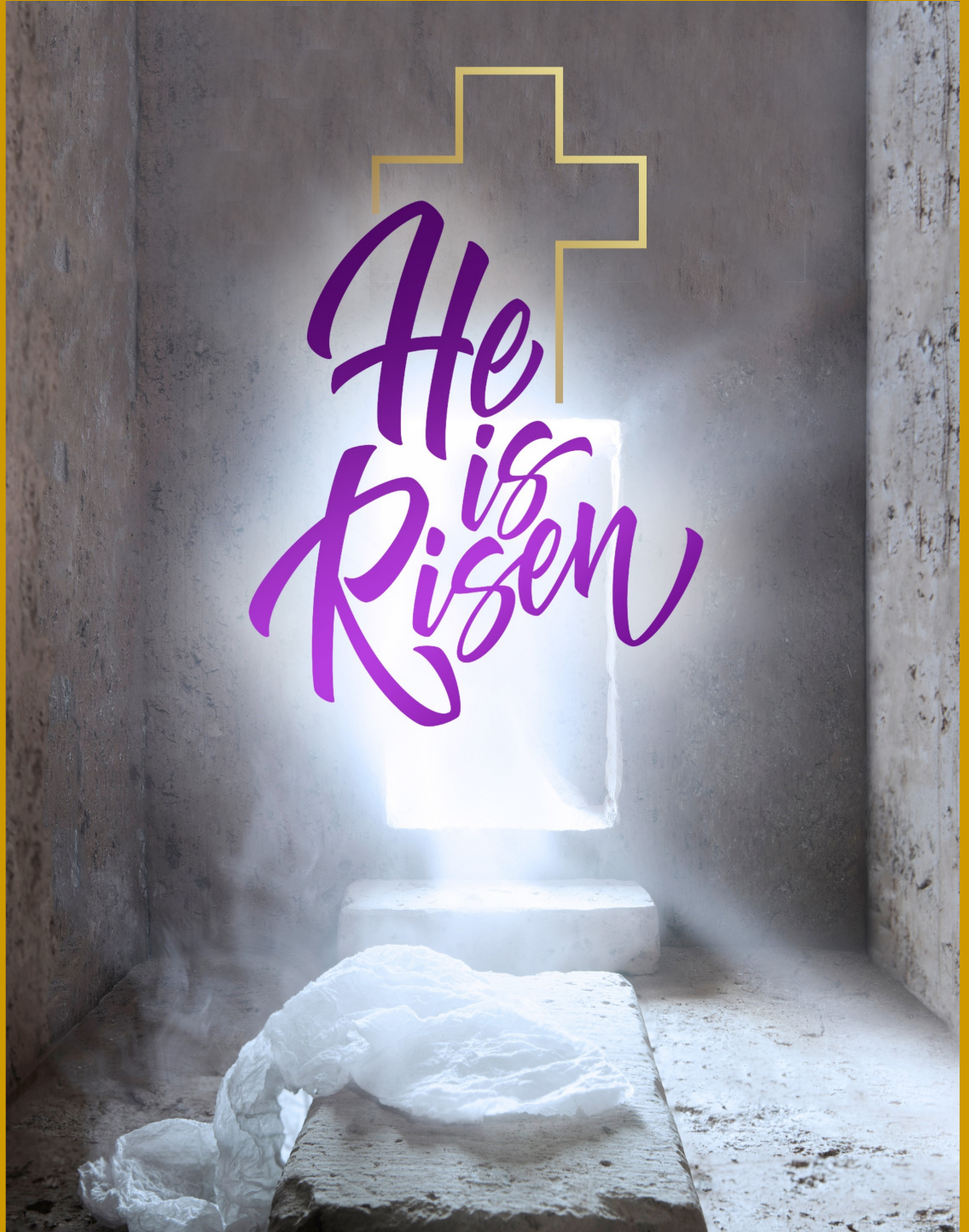


Easter Sunday - April 9, 2023

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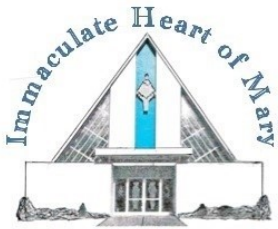
"We reach out to all through prayer and service, as we live our Catholic faith in Christ with Mary."



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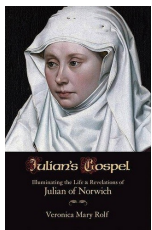
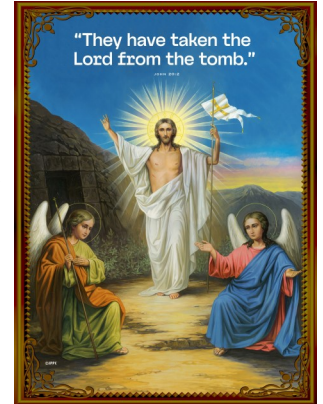


Mass will continue to Live Stream on Facebook and our website: www.ihmparish.net

A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

“Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King’s triumph!”

Truly we should all exult and rejoice because of God’s saving love, for it is only through his love that we can even begin to hope in eternal life. The love so strong that Christ gave himself up to death, so strong that it overcame death in the resurrection, so strong that we are invited to rejoice and participate in God’s tremendous love. As we see in the encounter with the Risen Lord that Mary Magdalene has, it is the same Jesus but a different way of relating to him. Once we encounter the Risen Lord, we too are changed and we must allow that change, that transformation be integrated into our lives as disciples. We see that as Mary is told not to cling to Jesus but to go tell the others. She is called to share the Good News and to share God’s love. We too are called to encounter Jesus, be transformed and to share the Good News, to share God’s love with others. Happy and Holy Easter. ♥ Peace, Fr. Mike



Spirituality Seminar continues every Tuesday night @ 7:15 pm on Zoom. The name of the book is **Julian’s Gospel** by Veronica Mary Rolf.

In a time of the Plague, Civil, Political and Religious strife. How through with and in all of this she found union with God? Please e-mail FrRob@ihmparish.net for an invite.



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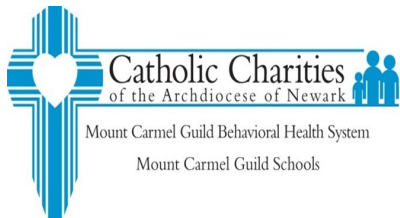
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Archdiocese of Newark Covid-19 Update

Recovering the Full Celebration of the Liturgy: Participation, Liturgical Ministers, Liturgical Music and Receiving the Blood of Christ. Complete details are available now at our homepage in the “Recent Announcements” section at www.ihmparish.net

“Then the angel said to the women in reply, “Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.” Matthew 28:5-6



The Easter season is upon us and the universal Church is rejoicing. Some people, however, have difficulty experiencing these joys due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the suffering of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating your unwanted clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, tools, toys, stuffed animals, knickknacks, and children’s books to the Donation Bin (s) located on our property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. 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
Novena to the Miraculous Medal & St. Jude:
Saturdays after 8:30 am
Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15 - 4:45 pm

Mass Intentions			For the week of April 9 - April 16, 2023		
Saturday April 8	8:30 am 8:00 pm	Morning Prayer Easter Vigil for the people of IHM Parish			
Sunday April 9	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Robert B. Coats+ from Donna Ayers Michael D'Agostino from The Pecoraro Family For the People from IHM Parish			
Monday April 10	7:00 am 8:30 am	Barbara Warren+ from The Varela Family Salvatore & Maria Vincenzo Barone from Rita & the Buscini Family			
Tuesday April 11	7:00 am 8:30 am	Jay Woloshen+ from Rich Fortunato Denise Ryan+ from The Kelly Family			
Wednesday April 12	7:00 am 8:30 am	Ann McAuley+ from Mary & Kevin Reilly Frank Criscitiello+ from Dorian & John DiPace			
Thursday April 13	7:00 am 8:30 am	Kenneth Fay+ from Regina O'Connor Mary Jane Bergen+ from Kathy Mitchell			
Friday April 14	7:00 am 8:30 am	Fr. Paul Manning+ from Ed Sullivan Marion & Charles Barrett+ from Thomas Barrett			
Saturday April 15	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Skip Downey+ from Fr. Mike Bill Dobbs+ from Betty & Tony Perfilio For the People from IHM Parish			
Sunday April 16	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Mary Calabrese+ from Barbara & Carl Durant Ann Mullen+ from The Compierchio Family Phyllis Biunno+ from Maureen Pecoraro			

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

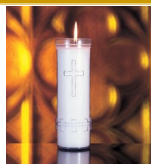
John Allen	Colm Cosgrove	Nicole Griffin	William Maines	Susan Rozborski	Daniel Ventura
George Becker	Samantha Bridge	David Hens	Jim Malfetti	Dolores Rust	Sr. Elizabeth Vermaelen
Fran Boglioli	James Brown	Kathleen Herron	Bill Malone	Diana Scariati	Stephanie Vernace
Erin Brennan	John Burkert	Juliann Junio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

☺ 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 April 9 - April 16, 2023



Sanctuary Light
For the intention of:
CYO Basketball Coaches
(living) Requested by
IHM Parish



Altar Bread & Wine
For the intention of:
Barbara Faccione+
Requested by
Blum & Veglia Families



Flowers for the Blessed Mother
For my grandchildren :
Melanie, Brian, Bridget and
Danny (living) May Mary watch
over them always. Love, Granny

**Remember
Our Departed**



Henry Meacock+

For Those Who Have Lost A Loved One:

St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, 2032 Westfield Ave. Scotch Plains, will be offering a 7 week Bereavement Support Group. The support group will begin on Wednesday, April 19, and it will continue on the following dates: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. The group meeting times are from 7pm to 8:30pm in the Cafeteria of the St. Bartholomew Academy. Please RSVP to: Jo-Ann at 908-889-7790 or Bernadette at 908-510-0995. If you wish to attend please call on or before April 12.

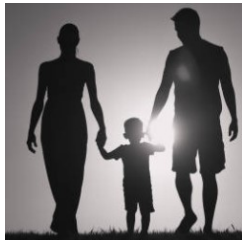
UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

Food Truck Festival @ Union Catholic High School

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023 12-5 pm

Live Music, Beer & Wine - Fun for All Ages!

For more info, or if you would like to be a vendor, email alestarchick@unioncatholic.org



The Normalcy of Adoption

presented by Willia McGurn

Sunday April 16 at 1pm

(after noon Mass)

St. Helen's Church Gymnasium

For more information contact:

marykominsky@gmail.com



BUY A BRICK!

The bricks will be placed in our 'Our Lady of Fatima' Garden. 2 sizes: 4"x 8" and 8"x8". PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORM available at www.ihmparish.net AND PAYMENT to the Nazareth Center Office. Deadline is Monday May 1st, 2023!

IHM YOUTH MINISTRY powered by BOLD

June 25-June 30: Summer Mission Trip to Drexel Hill, PA

Register today at www.boldym.com/CHWC



Sunday, April 16: College Care Package Night ~ 7-8:30pm

Friday, April 28 - Saturday, April 29: Lock-In!

Questions? Contact Rachael at ihmsp@boldym.com

Union Catholic High School Spring Open House

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

Soar Beyond Your Dreams at Union Catholic! In our co-educational, faith-based environment you will reach your greatest potential. Join us and discover for yourself why Union Catholic High School is so special! Visit our website to reserve your seat or call us at 908-889-1600, ext. 302



Open House at Saint Peter's Prep

Sunday, April 30 from 1 – 3 at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. For more information on the Spring Open House please call 201-547-6389.

Be an Eagle for the Day



Rising students in grades 5-8 are invited to spend the day at the Academy, attend classes and meet students and teachers.

Parents are invited for a Q&A with the Principal.

APRIL 26, 2023

8 am- 3 pm for students
8 am- Q & A for parents

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2023 Lenten Regulations

I. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

II. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

III. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

IV. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2023** to **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 4, 2023**.

Canon 920, §1: All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

Minister Assignments: April 15 - April 16

Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
4/15 5:00pm	Jim Brennan	Chris Haight Dan Kelly	Fr. Val
4/16 8:00am	Phyllis Manno	Rich Wagner Ed Sullivan	Fr. Rob
4/16 10:00am	MaryKate Schiller	David Diken Jason McCann	Fr. Val
4/16 12:00pm	Regina O'Connor	Eileen Wagner Diane McGuinness	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

Spring 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

SPRINGTIME SPLENDOR

by Linda C. Grazulis

Springtime dances in her fullest splendor, Just a glance around most everywhere...Forsythia's blossom a bright, bold yellow, And snowy-white lilies return so soft and fair.
Green becomes the color of Earth's blanket, As white slowly dissipates, For the seasons arrive in perfect timing,
As God plans --not too soon or late!! Warblers are heard chirping their tunes, As nests of tiny newborns suddenly appear, For rebirth and resurrection, Make springtime shine so precious and dear. There's a sense of joy and wonderment, As we view her long-awaited garb of loveliness. The daffodils, tulips, and irises, Assure us Winter's white we will not miss. Cherish Spring and bow in humble thanks, As sweet aromas filtrate the air. Fly a March kite, take a short, woodland hike, Toss off that wintry cloak of chills and care!!

♥ We are joining with IHM in promoting the "COMEDIC EVENING WITH JULIA CHILD" with Wine & Cheese on Friday evening, April 21st at 7PM in the Nazareth Center. The Julia Child impersonator is well known for her side-splitting re-creation of Julia's famous personality. Please contact Janice Good-Piga 908-759-6729 with questions or to reserve your seat. Please mail you checks, payable to IHM for \$20 per person, to Alice Mansfield-Smith, 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark, NJ 07066 by April 10th. Come join IHM's Family & Friends in this delightful night out!!

♥ We have once again planned a fabulous Dinner Theater experience at the HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE on Saturday, August 12th. The show is "REMEMBER ME?" featuring the former star of Three's Company, Joyce Dewitt. This will be a full luncheon & show and parking is plentiful. Tickets are \$80. We have a limited number of tickets available. Please contact Janice Good-Piga 908-759-6729 with questions or to reserve your seat. Car pooling can be coordinated for those who prefer not to drive.

May your dreams become reality and your prayers all be answered and may you feel God's daily presence in your lives. You and your families are always in our thoughts and prayers. Have a Blessed Week!!

♥ Janice



The Women's Prayer Group will gather for a meeting **Thursday April 13 at 7:30pm via Zoom**. The topic will be "The Corporal Works of Mercy". Email tefoleyihm@gmail.com for more details. Prayer connects us all!



CENTERING PRAYER/LECTIO DIVINA

Centering Prayer will be taking days off on 4/6 and 4/13 in observance of Holy Week. Call Phyllis at 908-264-7456 for information & the Zoom link for future meetings. God Bless!



The next meeting for the IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group will be **Thursday night April 27 at 7:30pm on Zoom**. Contact dndiken@aol.com for more info.



Please sign up for our online giving program. Your consistent stewardship allows us to plan and grow within our community. Visit our website for easy registration. *Thank you.*

Annual Appeal ^{the 2023}

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SUMMER FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Summer Families of Faith (Summer Academy) registration is on-going! If you have registered for this program in the past, you will automatically receive an email from Parish Giving with instructions on how to register your child(ren).

Registration for the fall/spring Families of Faith religious education program will begin in late June. (TBA)

The Summer Families of Faith session will run from June 26th through July 7th (no sessions on July 3rd and 4th).

Arrangements will be made to make up for the session missed on Monday July 3rd in the fall. The daily schedule will be from 8:45 am to 1:00 pm including daily Mass. Fees are \$225 for one child and \$325 for two or more children. The deadline for registering is June 1st. If you have any questions or do not receive a notification from Parish Giving on or about March 6th, please contact the Faith Formation Office at: faithformation@ihmparish.net

IHM EVENT CALENDER

Sunday April 9: Easter

Monday April 10

7:00pm Alpha Episode 7 on Zoom

Tuesday April 11

7:15pm Julian of Norwich Spirituality Seminar on Zoom
7:30pm Alpha Core Team Holy Spirit Training on Zoom

Wednesday April 12

10:00am Food Pantry
7:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting
8:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday April 13

7:30pm Women's Prayer Group on Zoom

Friday April 14

Saturday April 15

Sunday April 16: Divine Mercy

10:00am Confirmation Rite of Service (8th Grade)
1:00pm Normalcy of Adoption Seminar @ St. Helen
2:30pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour at Church
7:00pm BOLD Youth Group College Care Package Night

Mother Seton Regional High School Indoor Craft Fair
Saturday, May 6 from 9 am – 3 pm (Craft Vendors Needed!)
For more info email: Mothersetonparent@gmail.com

A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire

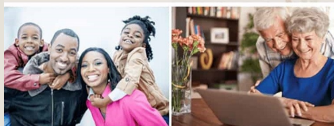


Jesus prefaced His earthly ministry by being baptized, and then going off into the desert for 40 days. What followed was a period of three years teaching, healing, casting out demons, and even in a few cases resurrecting the dead. This all culminated in Jesus' passion, death, and ultimately resurrection, defeating the powers of sin and death.

We have just spent 40 days of Lenten preparation to prepare ourselves for the joy of Easter. It would be a darn shame if we were to have one day of Easter Egg hunts, feasts, family gatherings, and the Easter Bunny, and then go back to normal. As successful, or unsuccessful as our lenten season has been, we are called to move forward in a greater, more complete joy in Christ's victory. We should take what we have gained, and bring it into the world for the full Easter season, until Pentecost (50 days) and beyond.

This week, let us pray for more complete joy, so that we can be an example of Christ's love for the world! God Bless and have a wonderful Easter Season! You can read more about our program at www.ihmparish.net/childrensfaithformation

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