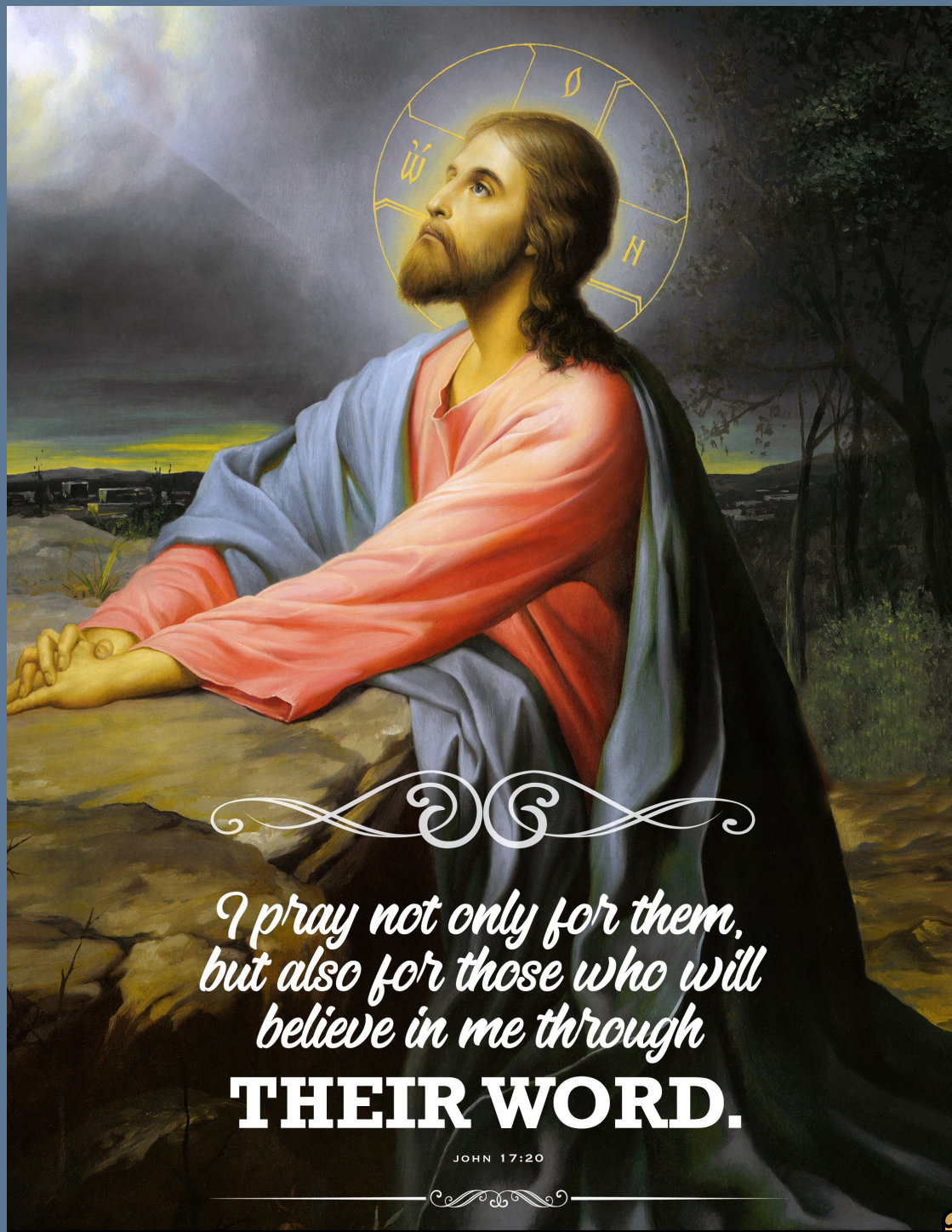


7th Sunday of Easter - May 29th, 2022

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



*I pray not only for them,
but also for those who will
believe in me through*

THEIR WORD.

JOHN 17:20

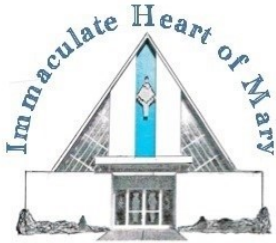
MISSION STATEMENT

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

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SERVED BY
 Rev. Michael G. Ward, K.H.S., Pastor
 Rev. Valentine Ugwuanya: Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Robert Kunze: Weekend Assistant
 Deacon Jack Lynch
 Katie Wills: Director of Music Ministry
 Mary Clinton: Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation



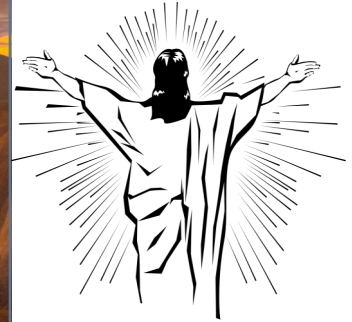
Mass will continue to Live Stream on Facebook and our website:
www.ihmparish.net

For St. Luke the Ascension of the Lord is an opportunity to proclaim both the ending of Jesus' earthly ministry (in the Gospel) and the beginning of the Apostles and the Church's mission of being witnesses of Christ to the ends of the earth. It is a reminder to us that we to have been promised and received the Holy Spirit to continue the mission of being witnesses of Christ in our time. We are invited to allow the promised gift of the Spirit in live in us and so make Christ present in a new way in our world, just as the early disciples did. While we do not see the physical person of Jesus as the Apostles did, we too, as the Apostles do after the Ascension, recognize His presence in the Eucharist, in the people gathered in His name as well as in each of us. We have been blessed by the Lord and sent out on mission to proclaim the good news, to witness the presence of Christ in our lives and to praise God each and every day.

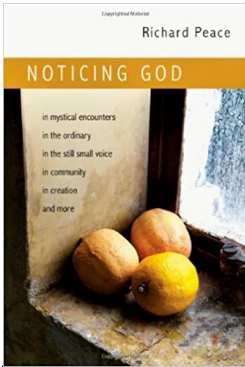
Peace, Fr. Mike



Ascension Transferred to Sunday



The Bishops of New Jersey have **permanently** transferred the observance of the Ascension of the Lord the following Sunday. In 2022, the Ascension will be celebrated on Sunday, May 29, with its vigil on the evening (4:00pm or later) of Saturday, May 28. Thursday, May 26, 2022 is the Memorial of St. Philip Neri. The Second Reading and Gospel of the Seventh Sunday of Easter may be read on the Sixth Sunday of Easter.



Summer Spirituality Seminar

God is present in very tangible ways in our world, in our universe. God's presence permeates all of Creation! The problem is that we don't know where to look or what to expect. We need to learn to notice, notice God. We need to develop the spiritual discipline of noticing.

Using the book Noticing God by Richard Peace we can develop this spiritual discipline. This is a very gentle read (189 pages), a reflective read. **We shall begin on June 28 at 7:15 via Zoom during the summer for 1 hour for 6 weeks.** July 5,12,19,26, August 2. PLEASE if you have any questions or concerns whatsoever, contact me at FrRob@IHMParish.net

Archdiocese of Newark - COVID-19 Directives - Updated May 15, 2022

STILL IN EFFECT: Masks will no longer be required for fully vaccinated persons. If not fully vaccinated, persons are strongly encouraged to follow CDC guidance and wear a face mask in public settings. People will no longer be required to socially distance indoors or outdoors, although unvaccinated persons should continue to maintain a safe distance from others. These directives apply to Masses and activities in Church. Archdiocesan protocols for Religious Education and Basketball programs remain in effect.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: All ministries may return to full service – altar servers, lectors, ushers, greeters and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Ministers of Holy Communion must still sanitize their hands and wear a mask when distributing Communion.

COMMUNION: While Communion on the tongue is now permitted, for the safety of the priests, ministers and other communicants, we encourage continued reception of communion in the hand. At this time, Communion from the cup should not be distributed to the assembly.

SANITIZING: The cleaning and sanitizing of churches and common spaces is done regularly. It is not required after every liturgy.

PARISH MEETINGS: Parish meetings in person may resume. Those vaccinated are not required to wear masks for indoor meetings nor are they required to maintain social distancing. The same recommendations for Mass apply to those not vaccinated.

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

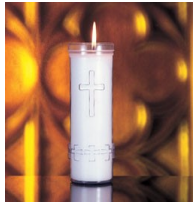
Mass Intentions For the week of May 29th - June 5th, 2022

Saturday May 28	7:00 am	For the People	By The Parish
	8:30 am	Mary Graham+	By Betty & Tony Perfilio
	5:00 pm	Donald Camfield+	By Charlie & Geri Barcellona
Sunday May 29	8:00 am	Edward & Bobbie Walsh+	By The Walsh & D'Agostino Families
	10:00 am	Melanie Zappo+	By Louis Zappo
	12:00 pm	Harold C Knox+	By Arlene Knox
Monday May 30	9:00 am	Jane Velez+	By Olive Velez
Tuesday May 31	7:00 am	Mary Graham+	By Carlino Family
	8:30 am	Scully & Kern Families+	By Bea Scully
Wednesday June 1	7:00 am	Barbara Apgar (living)	By Rosary Altar Society
	8:30 am	Attilio & Rose Badala 65th Wedding Anniversary (living)	By The Berger & O'Donnell Families
Thursday June 2	7:00 am	Patsy Sullivan+	By Janice Reilly
	8:30 am	Kenneth Blum Sr+	By The Blum & Veglia Families
Friday June 3	7:00 am	Veronidia J Yabut+	By The Yabut Family
	8:30 am	Donald Wagner+	By Rich & Eileen Wagner
Saturday June 4	7:00 am	Barbara Mrozek (living)	By Rosary Altar Society
	8:30 am	Thomas Licata+	By The Lewis Family
	5:00 pm	Geraldine "Geri" Smith+	By Al Smith
Sunday June 5	8:00 am	For the People	By The Parish
	10:00 am	Joan Ugo D'Andrea & D'Andrea / Carlino Families (living)	By The Carlino Family
	12:00 pm	Marion Barrett+	By Thomas Barrett

<u>Remember Our Sick</u>	Mary Calabrese	Emily Fleming	Maureen Lynch	Marisol Rodriguez	Carole Ventre
John Allen	Anna Cassella	Mary Foster	William Maines	Susan Rozborski	Daniel Ventura
Rose Badala	Paul Cassidy	Dorothy Foulks	Jim Malfetti	Dolores Rust	Sr. Elizabeth
George Becker	Matthew Cassio	Nicole Griffin	Bill Malone	Diana Scariati	Vermaelen
Larry Biunno	Frank Chimento	Kathleen Herron	Owen Mike McCabe	Arty Shapiro	Stephanie Vernace
Fran Boglioli	Edward Clark	Juliann Junio	June McManus	Elisa Silversey	Stephen Voorhees
Erin Brennan	William Consovoy	Gregory Kamouh	Christine Morris	Bernard Slaza	
Samantha Bridge	Colm Cosgrove	Marie Keller	Marlene Mosko	Beverly Sopp	
James Brown	Ray Clark	Anna Koch	Hilda Pizza	Ryder Francis Spillane	© Please advise if any names can be removed from the sick list. Thank you.
Kevin Brown	Albert Fischer, Jr.	Jillian Lapidus	Diane Pricken	Paul Szeke	
John Burkert	Phyllis Fischer	Eileen Lynch	Carmela Resnick	Phyllis Szeke	

 **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 May 29th - June 5th, 2022



Sanctuary Light
For the intention of:
Kenneth Blum Sr+
Requested by
Blum & Veglia Families




The Altar Bread & Wine
For the intention of:
Kenneth Blum Sr+
Requested by
Blum & Veglia Families



Flowers for the Blessed Mother
In loving memory of:
Marie & John MacDonald+
Requested by
Kathleen Ryan

Remember Our Departed



Joyce Marshall
Paula Cohen Martin
Bette Schnitzer
Lillian Smellie



The Women's Prayer Group will meet on **Thursday June 2nd at 7:30PM** via Zoom. The topic will be "Rest-Full Waters." Please contact tefoleyihm@gmail.com for the Zoom link. Prayer connects us all!



Upcoming IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group Sessions:

Sat June 11 LIVE meeting at 7:30am (Coffee & donuts served at live meets)
Thurs June 23 ZOOM @ 7:30pm
Contact David at dndiken@aol.com

WEEKLY PEARL OF WISDOM



"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind."

James 1: 5-6

Feast of St. Anthony



Church of the Assumption
June 9 - 12 from 6 - 10pm
113 Chiego Pl. Roselle Park
Games*Rides*Food*Music
St. Anthony Procession
Call the Parish for info
908-245-1107
www.assumptionrp.com

We need volunteers to help livestream Daily Mass at 8:30 am!

Typically Mass lasts between 25-35 minutes. No technical background required. We will teach you everything we know. There is no long term commitment. Please contact the parish office at 908-889-2100 or email office@ihmparish.net.



Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Word Search

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Look for clues in the *Breaking Bread 2022* book page 166

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday ←
JUNE 26, 2022

- ▶ FREE ADMISSION!
- ▶ FOOD TRUCKS!
- ▶ CARICATURE ARTIST!
- ▶ LIVE MUSIC!
- ▶ OUTDOOR GAMES!
- ▶ FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



Celebrating Fr. Mike's 25th Anniversary
plus the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary!
Mass at 12 noon followed by outdoor music and food festival in the parking lot!

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ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK

2022 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, March 6, 2022** to **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 12, 2022.**

* 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.

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LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

Minister Assignments: June 4 - June 5

Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
6/4 5:00pm	Chris Zucosky	Janice Good-Piga John Torzewski	Fr. Rob
6/5 8:00am	Ed Sullivan	Lou DiBella Rich Wagner	Fr. Rob
6/5 10:00am	Lou Zappo	Jason McCann Anthony Carlino	Fr. Mike
6/5 12:00pm	Regina O'Connor	Carol Kiley Diane Mc Guinness	Fr. Val



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

► **IHM Office is closed to the public until further notice.**

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

Website: www.ihmparish.net

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Rosary Altar Society News

“May the God of Hope
Fill you with all
Joy and Peace
As you trust in Him, so that
You may overflow with Hope
By the Power of the Holy Spirit.”
Romans 15:13

We held a joint board meeting on Tuesday, May 17th with representatives from both the previous and newly elected boards and planned wonderful new activities for the coming year on our Rosary Altar Society Calendar. Our newly planned activities will include charitable, devotional and social activities and events for both Rosarians and IHM Parish members.

We are beginning another collection of costume jewelry and small gift bags to be donated to St. Joseph's Social Services in Elizabeth. Children from St. Joseph's will select from the donated women's and men's jewelry items, wrap them in the gift bags and present them to their parents, grandparents, or cherished caretakers at Christmas time. Our previous Mother's Day donations were lovingly received.

We encourage all Rosarians and IHM parishioners to kindly volunteer to assist with the preparation of Altar linens. Please contact Betty Perfilio if you can assist us in this long time Rosary service tradition.

There are still several openings for volunteers to spend quality time with our Lord in the Adoration Chapel. This is truly a rewarding experience. Please contact Erin Miller 908-531-0128 to volunteer.

The Creative Glass Event candy dishes are ready to be picked up in the Nazareth Center main office. If you haven't already done so, please contact the main office to coordinate with pick-up. They look beautiful!

It's never too late to consider joining the IHM Rosary Society. It is a rewarding and enjoyable experience and the friendships that emanate from this experience are heartwarming.


We continue our Prayers for all of you and look forward the sunny days ahead. May God continue to Bless all of You.

“Each day is a Gift. How We Choose to Unwrap That Gift will Determine Our Destiny.”

Janice

Collection Report		May 22, 2022
Weekly Budget Need:		\$11,300.00
Collection:		5,427.00
Parish Giving:		3,456.95
Surplus/(Deficit)		(2,416.05)
Fiscal Year to Date:		
Budget		\$519,800.00
Actual:		\$476,454.20
Surplus/(Deficit)		(\$43,345.80)
Rolling 4 Week Averages:		
Average Collection:		10,981,55
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(\$318.45)

Annual Appeal <small>the 2022</small>	Pledged to Date:	Goal: \$67,107
	\$56,455.00	84.13% of goal



Rutgers University Summer Basketball
 For children ages 6-17. Programs run July 11-15, July 18-22, July 25-29 and August 1-5 from 8:30am until 4:00pm. For more information call Joe Loughran at 973-353-1483 or e-mail loughran@rutgers.edu

IHM EVENT CALENDER	
Sunday May 29	
All day	Veteran's Poppy Collection
Monday May 30	
All Day	Memorial Day
Tuesday May 31	
7:00 pm	St John of the Cross Zoom
Wednesday June 1	
10:00 am	Food Pantry
8:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday June 2	
9:30 am	Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Zoom
7:30 pm	Women's Prayer Group Zoom
Friday June 3	
Saturday June 4	
Sunday June 5	
9:00 am	Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast
7:00 pm	BOLD Closing BBQ

Dear Parents,
 We are looking forward to the return of our in-person summer program. Summer Families of Faith 2022 is the "new and improved" version of our old Summer Academy. The program will run from **Monday June 27 - Friday July 8**. The morning program for children happens from 8:45am - 1:00pm. It is a lot of fun for the kids and everyone involved.

For Summer Families of Faith to happen each morning, we need a volunteer catechist (teacher) for each grade. Currently, we have 83 children registered for grades Kindergarten through 8th and expect quite a few more by the June 1st registration deadline. While we are so grateful to have our catechists in place for our older grades, we are in need of six additional catechists for the younger grades.

Recognizing that life is quite busy and can be stressful for parents as we juggle the many responsibilities, I still invite you to consider serving as a catechist during Summer Families of Faith. It is one of the most rewarding roles anyone can play. From my own personal experience, I guarantee that your faith will grow should you say "yes" to this invitation!

We have had many creative situations for volunteers who wanted to say yes but couldn't see how. Over the years we have had grade level "teams" who work together to cover a particular grade. Often we have had college students and sometimes confirmed high school students under supervision come forward to volunteer.

And, we can never forget our "wisdom" parishioners, many of whom have continued to serve as catechists long after their children have outgrown the program. Please, don't dismiss this invitation out of hand, please consider becoming part of the Summer Families of Faith village! :)

If you feel the urge to help, listen to your heart and contact me or Janet Manfredonia or Father Mike to discuss! This may very well be the Holy Spirit prompting you to embark on a new adventure that will lead you and our parish children closer to Jesus Christ!

Peace, Easter blessings and many thanks,
 - Mary Clinton



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