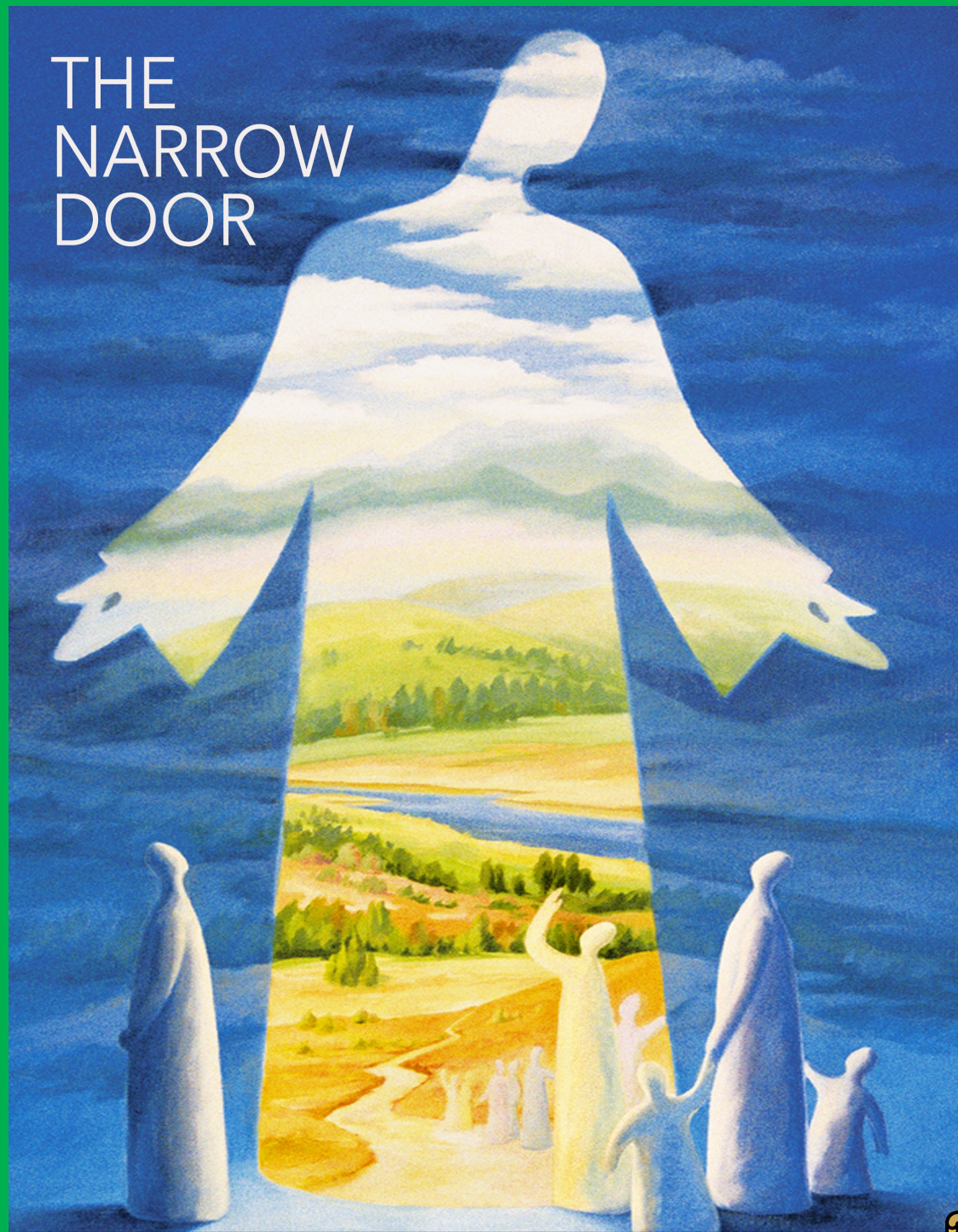


21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 21st, 2022

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

THE NARROW DOOR



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
John McGuire: Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation

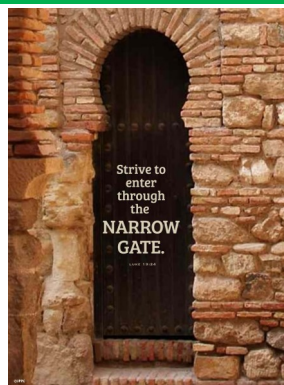


Mass will continue to Live Stream on Facebook and our website: www.ihmparish.net

A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

Jesus reminds us that it is not enough to simply say we are His disciples, we must also make our faith a part of our being. He calls us to enter through the narrow gate. It is difficult because it requires that we die to ourselves and place God and others as the most important things in our lives. We do not ignore ourselves, but rather recognize that in Christ and the Kingdom there is something far greater and far bigger than just ourselves. This allows us to see God working in us and through us to build up His Kingdom in our world.

Jesus calls us to ongoing conversion, ongoing practice of our faith, ongoing discipline, ongoing love, even when these seem too difficult. In the practice of ongoing conversion, faith, discipline and love we grow stronger and more intentional in our own discipleship and better able to help others encounter Christ and recognize the love of God in their lives and the true value of that love. Peace, Fr. Mike



How to Report Abuse: The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all credible complaints of sexual abuse of minors by members of the clergy, religious, lay staff and volunteers of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual abuse of a minor to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we can take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Whom can I contact to report an allegation of sexual abuse or misconduct?
If you suspect a child is in imminent danger from abuse, please call 911 immediately.
Contact the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCPP)
24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline:
1-877-652-2873
New Jersey Clergy Abuse Hotline:
(855) 363-6548

We Need Help Live-Streaming Mass!
Typically morning Mass lasts between 25-55 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.

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
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 August 21st - August 28th, 2022

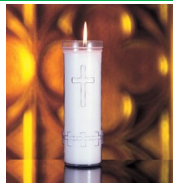
Saturday August 20	7:00 am	Edgardo Tiangco+	By The Lioanag Family
	8:30 am	Jim McArdle+	By Dan & Rosemary Kelly
	5:00 pm	Barbara & William Apgar Birthday (living)	By Barbara Apgar
Sunday August 21	8:00 am	Robert J. Bergen Anniversary of Death+	By Mary Jane Bergen
	10:00 am	Dominika, Katarine & Martin (living)	By The Nizner Family
	12:00 pm	Francesco Buscini+	By The Buscini Family
Monday August 22	7:00 am	Mary Jane Bergen (living)	By IHM Pastoral Council
	8:30 am	David Regal+	By Arlene Knox
Tuesday August 23	7:00 am	Dennis Guinan+	By Eileen Scarinci
	8:30 am	Bob McCarthy+	By The Coughlan Family
Wednesday August 24	7:00 am	Janice Reilly (living)	By Rosary Altar Society
	8:30 am	Thomas Moore Jr+	By The Family
Thursday August 25	7:00 am	Steve Prato (living)	By IHM Pastoral Council
	8:30 am	Bob Piga 70th Birthday (living)	By Janice Good Piga
Friday August 26	7:00 am	Bob Piasecki+	By Sister Percylee Hart, R.S.M.
	8:30 am	Henry C. Mazzucca+	By Hank & Pat Mazzucca
Saturday August 27	7:00 am	Josh Wills (living)	By Katie
	8:30 am	Ramon Valera+	By The Valera Family
	5:00 pm	Marie & John Hennessy+	By The Hennessy Family
Sunday August 28	8:00 am	Janina & Stanislaw Wyzkowski+	By The Baluk Family
	10:00 am	Dorothy McCormack+	By The Lewis Family
	12:00 pm	For the People	By The Parish

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



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 August 21st - August 28th, 2022



Sanctuary Light
For the intention of:
Robert Seery+
Requested by
Betty Seery



The Altar Bread & Wine
For the intention of:
Sr. Ann Sullivan, S.S.J.+
Requested by
The Union Catholic
Student Council



Flowers for the Blessed Mother
In memory of:
Francesco Buscini+
Happy Birthday
Requested by
The Family

Remember Our Departed



Sr. Ann Sullivan, S.S.J.+



PEE WEE BASKETBALL IS BACK!

Starting **Friday September 30, 2022**

Applications are now available for pickup.

Grab a form from the plastic drawer in front of the Nazareth Center entrance.

Contact Tom for more details.

HELP WANTED!

Dedicated, hard-working individual to learn the ropes of running the IHM Pee-Wee Basketball program this fall, with the intention of taking the reins in the future.

INTERESTED? Please contact Tom at decat61@yahoo.com



Alpha is a place to connect with others who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning. Each session includes a time to connect with others and a chance to share questions with the group. We'd love to hear your perspective!



FREE DINNER

Monday September 19, 2022
7:00 pm @ The Nazareth Center
Register at ihmparish.net/alpha
Expires 9/19/2022

Mother Seton Gala & Silent Auction

Alumnae, family and friends are invited to attend. The festivities will include cocktail hour, hors d'oeuvres and dinner. A silent auction and gift basket raffle are also planned. The event will be held on **Friday evening October 14, 2022 from 6:30-10:30pm at Ariana's Grand: 800 Rahway Ave. Avenel, NJ 07095.** To purchase tickets or for more information please visit www.msrgala.org or email gala@motherseton.org



"Pssst... did you misunderstand? I said you should do your announcement from the pulpit... not the puppet!"



THE IHM 2023 MASS BOOK WILL BE OPENING SOON!

Forms for our 2023 Mass Intentions will be available at the Nazareth Center and we will be accepting reservations starting on Tuesday September 13th. Get your prayers ready!

The Elizabeth Coalition presents Family Fun Day! A family oriented type of carnival event. An opportunity to help local families in need have some free fun time. There is a committee that works toward planning the event each year. We have worked on several events over the years; this is our 10th annual Family Fun day event. This year the date is **Saturday, September 17th.** Family Fun Day is 3 hours of face painting, games, prizes, family photos, dancing, hotdogs, popcorn, Italian ices, bouncy houses. These are simple pleasures that all families enjoy but are somewhat sweeter when you are in need. Please consider helping us out in any way possible to reach our goal. We are in need of raising money to purchase these essentials. Any monetary donation will be appreciated.

We are also looking for a few volunteers who could help us during the event. Volunteer Help: 9:00am set up 11:00am -2:00pm running the event (leading game stations) 2:00pm - 2:30/2:45pm clean up time.

It is a wonderful experience seeing the happy faces of the people we served and those of our families and friends who joined us to serve them. Here is a link to donate to the event: <https://theelizabethcoalition.networkforgood.com/projects/164793-family-fun-day-2022>

Sincerely, Carina Grajales: Bernice's Place Children's Program Coordinator
cgrajales@theelizabethcoalition.org



Minister Assignments: August 27 - August 28

Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
8/27 5:00pm	Chris Zucosky	Dan Kelly Janice Good Piga	Fr. Mike
8/28 8:00am	Colm Keogh	Karen Schwaneberg Rich Wagner	Fr. Rob
8/28 10:00am	Heba Fortunato	Jason McCann David Diken	Fr. Mike
8/28 12:00pm	Regina O'Connor	Carol Kiley Diane McGuinness	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

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

Website: www.ihmparish.net

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Rosary Altar Society News



TODAY IS A GIFT

Today is the day God has given to me
To do what is needful, a witness to be.
Days come and go, swiftly they're passed,
No one can tell if today is their last.
Today represents all the time that is mine
To work for the Master, for Him to shine.
Needful it is for the future to plan.
But now is the time to do all that we can.
Today is God's gift, given wisely to use,
Not for ourselves, but His will to choose.
Time slips away, very soon sets the sun,
Labor neglected may never be done!
Today it's important to fast fix my eye,
Upon my dear Lord, as the hours go by.
That resting or working I ever shall be,
In fellowship sets, dear Savior with thee.
How can I fear with the Lord by my side,
To comfort, encourage, instruct and to guide?
This is His sweet promise given to me,
As is thy day, so thy strength shall be.
Strength indeed needed for every task,
To do all we can, while we can, thus I ask
"Dear Lord be my helper, may I not delay,
To make by Thy Grace, full use of today."

- S. Host

♥ Thank you to those who attended our Rosary Board Meeting on August 16th. Final planning for the year were completed.

♥ We look forward to welcoming you all back for another IHM Rosarian Year with our first meeting/party of the season on **Tuesday, September 13th at 7PM** in the Nazareth Center. Kindly call Mary Anne Sopko 908-322-0279 by September 7th to confirm your attendance.

♥ We continue to collect costume jewelry items for the children of St. Joseph's Social Services in Elizabeth to select a jewelry item, wrap it, and give it as a Christmas gift to their Mothers, Aunts, Grandmothers, etc. men's costume jewelry/watches are also welcome. Please contact Janice Good-Piga 908-759-6729 with your donations. We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

♥ May God continue to hold you and your families in the palms of His hands. May your days be sunny and bright and your nights be restful and refreshing. We continue to keep you in our daily thoughts and prayers and we wish you a truly Blessed Week Ahead!!

♥ Janice




Weekly Pearl of Wisdom

"Saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Revelation 5:12

Collection Report		August 14, 2022
Weekly Budget Need:		\$11,200.00
Collection:		\$5,327.00
Parish Giving:		\$5,090.27
Surplus/(Deficit)		(782.73)
Fiscal Year to Date:		
Budget		\$78,400.00
Actual:		\$75,108.56
Surplus/(Deficit)		(3,291.44)
Rolling 4 Week Averages:		
Average Collection:		\$10,712.79
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(487.21)

Annual Appeal <small>the 2022</small>	Pledged to Date:	Goal: \$67,107
	\$63,838.24	95.14% of goal



IHM Faith Formation Invites New and Returning Families to **Register for First Communion Preparation!** Children usually prepare to receive First Eucharist in the Spring of Second Grade. Contact johnmcguire@ihmparish.net to find out more about our Faith Formation program.

IHM EVENT CALENDER	
Sunday August 21	
Monday August 22	
Tuesday August 23	
Wednesday August 24	
10:00 am	Food Pantry
8:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday August 25	
Friday August 26	
Saturday August 27	
Sunday August 28	

A Message from the Pastoral Associate John McGuire

Please share this message with anyone who is missing from our assembly this morning. Be they friends, family, neighbors. Assume that you were alive during Jesus’ public ministry. You yourself have not seen the miracles that he had been performing, but maybe a trusted friend had told you about him, as a first hand witness. It is likely in that case that you might write off the initial friend's witness. Then assume another trusted friend told you a similar story. Your skepticism might soften ever so slightly.

Eventually, you would have heard enough stories from enough trusted friends, that you either believe, or you would get so interested and curious that you would seek out Jesus in his public teachings and witness Him yourself. While there are still miracles happening to this day, we cannot actually go out and see Jesus teaching and healing people. The Body of Christ, the Church is now Christ’s representative on earth. The more people believe, and witness to the goodness of God, the more people will hear and believe the Gospel, the more people will become curious and come to see for themselves.

We as a community are lacking, are less than our full potential, when you are not with us. Less people hear, receive, and are changed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Your involvement, participation in the Mass, service as a Catechist, food pantry worker, or member of a small prayer group (or larger group like Alpha) makes all the difference in the world, in someone’s life. In reality, we miss you, and welcome you to come home.

This week, I ask the community to pray for the return of our family and friends who we haven’t seen at Church in a while, that whether it is within our Church, or elsewhere, they find Jesus, and remain committed to following Him in their lives. God Bless, have a wonderful week, and I hope to see you soon! - John McGuire



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