

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 7th, 2021

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



**“She, from her poverty,  
has contributed all she had,  
her whole livelihood.”**  
MARK 12:44

**MISSION STATEMENT**

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

Mass will continue to live stream on Facebook & our Website:  
[www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net)

Reconciliation is now available on Saturdays from 4:15 – 4:45 p.m. If you are in need of assistance or have questions please call or email the office. We are monitoring our phones & email and look forward to helping you in any way we can.

The IHM Office is closed to the public until further notice.  
**The new Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is now open!**

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



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## A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

Why is the widow in today's gospel raised up as an example to follow in our lives of discipleship? Her contribution is small in amount but grand in faith and love. She recognizes that it is not about her and what she can do, but about God and God's unconditional love for her. As human beings we are limited, but we can recognize the unlimited love of God, if we choose to. The widow sees that without God she can do nothing, thus opening herself up to all the possibilities that come with that profound relationship with God. Our reading from the book of Kings hints at the possibilities as Elijah, another widow and her son are able to eat for a year by trusting in God's providence. May we have the faith of the widows so that we too can trust more completely in God's boundless love and providence.

Peace, Fr. Mike



### EUCHARIST SPIRITUALITY: A JOURNEY

From the table of the manger in Bethlehem, to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, the stories of the Eucharist are foundational and permeate the New Testament and our lives today. We shall use the text: With Burning Hearts: A Meditation on the Eucharist Life By Henri Nouwen.

This is a very easy read but can stir the spirit profoundly. I have some articles to supplement the text. We shall meet via Zoom on Tuesdays beginning November 30 at 7:15 for one hour. This is a reflection group. If you are interested, please contact me [FrRob@IHMParish.net](mailto:FrRob@IHMParish.net) I shall have books available, but I need to know the number participants.

*May our hearts burn within us as we journey through Advent to Christmas.*



### THE IHM 2022 MASS BOOK IS ALMOST FULL!

Please fill out the order form that is available on the IHM website (printed copies are in the plastic box outside of the Nazareth Center) and drop it off with a \$10 per mass donation in the black mailbox in front of the Nazareth Center.

We will call you with any questions and to confirm your order. There will be a limit of 4 masses per person. Please indicate if you need to send a Mass Card. We will arrange for you to pick up the cards at the entrance to the Nazareth Center. You may also order a Sanctuary Candle or Altar Bread and Wine for the week at a cost of \$20. Contact our office if you need assistance: [office@ihmparish.net](mailto:office@ihmparish.net) or call us at 908-889-2100.

### Our Mass schedule is as follows:

Saturday (Anticipated): 5 pm  
Sundays - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon  
Weekdays and Saturdays - 7:00 am and 8:30 am  
National Holidays - 9:00 am  
Holy Days - 7:00 pm, 7:00 am, 12 noon, 7:00 pm

\* Schedules are Subject to Change

## Updated Directives for Covid-19 Pandemic

**Introduction:** Given the reinstatement by the Bishops of New Jersey of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and the lessening of restrictions from the state, the following is provided as an immediate update to the May 25 directives.

**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.** Masks are still required on public transit and in health care settings, prisons, child-care facilities and schools, among other places. 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 all indoor and outdoor events.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:** All ministries may return to full service – altar servers, lectors, ushers, greeters and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Masks are no longer required for all vaccinated ministers, including those distributing Communion (Priests, Deacons, and EMs). However, masks may be worn for those who prefer to wear one during the liturgy.

**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.

**SIGN OF PEACE:** The invitation to share the Sign of Peace should continue. Parishioners could be reminded that it is not required to touch during the sign of peace.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Ushers may take up the collection at the proper time or baskets may be placed at the entrance of the church for the collection.

(Beginning July 17, 2021)  
**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:** The procession to present the gifts of bread and wine and the collection can be resumed. (Beginning July 17, 2021)

**BAPTISMAL FONTS:** Baptismal fonts and holy water receptacles may be filled.

**MUSIC:** Vaccinated music ministers (cantors, choirs, etc.) do not require masks or shields. Music ministers who are not vaccinated should wear a mask. All musical instruments are permitted. Hymnals are now permitted.

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

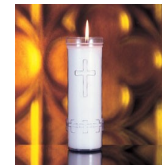
**PARISH MEETINGS:** Parish meetings in person may resume. Those vaccinated are not required to wear masks for indoor meetings nor are they required to maintain social distancing. The same recommendations for Mass apply to those not vaccinated.

MASS INTENTIONS			November 7 - November 14, 2021
<b>Saturday November 6</b>			
7:00am	All Souls Novena	By The Parish	
8:30am	Eliseo Mario Lucchesi+	By Annete Palumbo & Carol Lucchesi	
5:00pm	For the People	By The Parish	
<b>Sunday November 7</b>			
8:00am	All Souls Novena	By The Parish	
10:00am	Frances Takacs+	By Barbara Apgar	
12:00pm	William McManus 57th Anniversary (living)	By His Wife	
<b>Monday November 8</b>			
7:00am	All Souls Novena	By The Parish	
8:30am	All Deceased Members of the Barone & Buscini Families+	By The Barone & Buscini Families	
<b>Tuesday November 9</b>			
7:00am	All Souls Novena	By The Parish	
8:30am	All Deceased Members of the Barone & Buscini Families+	By The Barone & Buscini Families	
<b>Wednesday November 10</b>			
7:00am	All Souls Novena	By The Parish	
8:30am	For our Parents+	By Dan & Roe Kelly	
<b>Thursday November 11</b>			
7:00am	Connie Prato+	By Jason & Lauren Keegel	
8:30am	Michael Trivisano+	By Terry Clark	
<b>Friday November 12</b>			
7:00am	Joseph Finnerty+	By Chimento Family	
8:30am	Dino Velez+	By Olive Velez	
<b>Saturday November 13</b>			
7:00am	For the People	By The Parish	
8:30am	Christopher O'Neil+	By Vivian O'Neil	
5:00pm	Kevin McAuley	By Colm & Geraldine Keogh	
<b>Sunday November 14</b>			
8:00am	Bob Seery+	By Jack & Dorothy Foulks	
10:00am	Peg Katims+ (12th Anniversary)	By Ron Katims	
12:00pm	James R. Kennedy+	By Kerry Caspersen	

For the week of November 7th



**The Altar Bread & Wine**  
For the intention of:  
**Our Family & Friends**  
Requested by  
The Parish



**Sanctuary Light**  
For the intention of:  
**John Hrynyk+**  
Requested by  
Stephen & Donna D'Annunzio



**Flowers for the Blessed Mother**  
In Loving Memory of:  
**Frances Takacs+**  
Requested by Barbara Apgar



Remember Our Departed  
Nenita Ayeras  
Mark Czeropski  
Marie DeVito  
Dorothy Simko

<u>Remember Our Sick</u>	John Burkert	Sarah Dubay	Maureen Lynch	Susan Rozborski	Daniel Ventura
John Allen	Mary Calabrese	Albert Fischer, Jr.	Bill Malone	Dolores Rust	Sr. Elizabeth
Rose Badala	Anna Cassella	Emily Fleming	Owen Mike McCabe	Diana Scariati	Vermaelen
George Becker	Paul Cassidy	Mary Foster	June McManus	Elisa Silversey	Stephen Voorhees
Larry Biunno	Matthew Cassio	Nicole Griffin	Christine Morris	Bernard Slaza	Christy Ward
Fran Boglioli	Frank Chimento	Kathleen Herron	Thomas Moore	Beverly Sopp	
Erin Brennan	William Consovoy	Juliann Junio	Marlene Mosko	Ryder Francis Spillane	
Samantha Bridge	Colm Cosgrove	Anna Koch	Hilda Pizza	Paul Szeker	
James Brown	Edward Clark	Jillian Lapidus	Diane Pricken	Phyllis Szeker	
Kevin Brown	Ray Clark	Eileen Lynch	Marisol Rodriguez	Carole Ventre	



**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.





**Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina**  
Meetings will resume every Thursday on Zoom

Centering prayer is a contemplative method of prayer which helps you deepen your personal relationship with the Lord, using Lectio Divina, Reflection and Meditation. This prayer is also known as “The Prayer of Quiet” or “The Prayer of the Heart”. It’s talking less and listening more, as you allow the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart. The words you pray do not matter as much as in the spirit you pray them. It’s a way of reading and listening and discerning with the “eyes of your heart.”

“**BE STILL, KNOW, I AM GOD**” If you would like to experience this prayer method which helps to deepen your spiritual journey with the Lord **we meet on Thursday mornings at 9:30am on Zoom**. Please call Phyllis at **908-264-7456** for further information and to receive the Zoom link.

**IHM Men’s Scripture & Discussion Group**

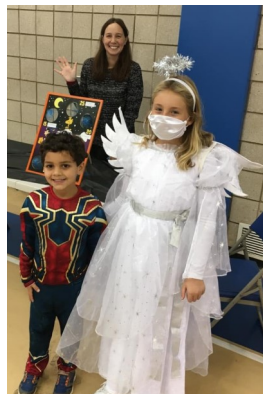
Our next live session will be on **Saturday morning November 13th at 7:30AM** in the church basement. If you wish to participate please email David Diken at [dndiken@aol.com](mailto:dndiken@aol.com) for an invitation to the session.



**YOU ARE MINE**

**LGBTQ Parents & Allies Support Group**

Find a space for respectful conversation that allows family of LGBTQ members to share their stories.  
3rd Thursday every month | **Thurs. November 18 @ 7 pm**  
Plus a Bible discussion on Exodus 3:1-12  
Little Flower Church, 310 Plainfield Ave. Berkeley Heights  
Contact 908-464-1585 or youaremine.LF@gmail.com



Highlights from our children’s Halloween Party/Trunk or Treat on Sunday October 31, 2021 @ The Nazareth Center. More photos on Facebook & Instagram! #ihmnj #ihmparish\_sp

**8th Grade Confirmation Preparation 2021-2022**

**Mon. November 15:** Prep. Session 1 | 7 - 8:30 pm  
**Mon. December 6:** Session 2 | 7 - 8:30 pm  
**Sun. December 12:** Rite of Names | 10 am Mass  
**Mon. January 10:** Session 3 | 7 - 8:30 pm

**9th Grade Confirmation Preparation 2021-2022**

**Sat. December 11:** Advent Gathering - (Gift of the Incarnation) (4:30 - 7:30pm)  
**Sat. January 8:** Christmas Gathering (4:30 - 7:30pm)

**IHM Women’s Prayer Group**

The IHM Women’s Prayer Group will meet via **Zoom** on **Thursday, December 2 at 7:30PM**. The theme is Joseph: The Silent Partner. All women are welcome to join! Please email Tracey Foley at [tefoleyihm@gmail.com](mailto:tefoleyihm@gmail.com) if you would like to participate.

Prayer connects us all. If you have a special intention, please let us know and you will be lifted up in prayer.

**IHM Word Search | 10 Hidden Words! Can you find them all?**

A	E	H	E	A	V	E	N	I	H
S	O	U	A	P	B	C	D	F	O
H	K	I	N	G	S	G	H	J	L
E	L	B	K	L	M	A	Q	R	Y
P	O	S	R	T	V	W	L	X	Z
A	R	B	C	E	W	G	D	M	F
R	D	A	G	H	A	O	J	K	L
D	M	N	Y	P	T	D	Q	R	S
T	V	W	X	E	E	Y	Z	B	C
D	F	G	I	S	R	A	E	L	J

Minister Assignments - November 13 - 14			
Saturday /Sunday	Lectors	Extra-ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00pm	Kathy Mitchell	- Alice Schaffernoth - Chris Zucosky	Fr. Rob
8:00am	Rich Banasiak	- Anne Gibbons - Chris Dill	Fr. Val
10:00am	Lou Zappo	- Dave Diken - Deacon Jack	Fr. Rob
12:00pm	Carol Kiley	- Eileen Naugle - Jean Naugle	Fr. Val



**Lectors:**  
Please pick up your lector workbook in the Church Sacristy if you have not already done so. Thank you!

IHM Parish Information

**Religious Education:** Faithformation@ihmparish.net

**Baptisms:** Please call the office at (908) 889-2100.

**Adoration Chapel:** The new Adoration Chapel is open. Contact Betty Swisher at (908) 889-4123 for details. Chapel closed on Holy Days & Holidays.

**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 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 at any time.

**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.

**Parish Schools:** St. Bartholomew Academy (908) 322-4265  
Union Catholic Regional High School (908) 889-1600.

Website: [www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net)  
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Follow us on Instagram: **ihmparish\_sp**



**Rosary Altar Society News**

*“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



1. All parishioners, I hope your bags are packed and ready to join us on our trip to France. It starts at 1:15 in the Nazareth Center today, Sunday, for the movie of the Life of Saint Therese of Lisieux, some French refreshments of croissants with jams and teas.

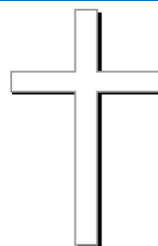
2. Attention all Executive Board Members, on November 16th at 11:30am, there will be a Board Meeting in the Nazareth Center. Just a reminder that this includes officers, all chairwomen of standing committees and monthly meetings. Please RSVP to me by November 14th at 908-753-2161.

3. Did you donate 2022 Flowers for the Blessed Mother? Remembrance Cards are now available for honoring a loved one or offering an intention. You can pick up cards from the plastic bin outside the doors of the Nazareth Center. Look for a bag labeled “Blessed Mother Flowers”—Remembrance Cards. For questions, please contact Betty Perfilio at 908-889-4868.

4. Come and See IHM Adoration Chapel. Visit with Our Lord, He is waiting for you. Call or text Erin Miller at 908-232-0394 or email her at Erins310@gmail.com for the code.

*“He seeks us before we dream of seeking Him; He knocks before we invite Him in; He loves us before we respond.” - Bishop Fulton Sheen*

We are still praying for you, our parish, and the world! Thank you and God Bless!  
MaryJane




SAVE THE DATE → 3/11+ 3/12/2022

**Men’s Cornerstone Retreat**

*“Reinvigorate your relationship with God.”* Starts Friday evening - Ends Saturday evening. Located at St.Bart’s in Scotch Plains, NJ. Contact David Diken at [dndiken@aol.com](mailto:dndiken@aol.com) or Colm Keogh at [ckeogh925@yahoo.com](mailto:ckeogh925@yahoo.com)

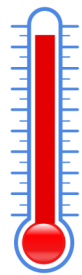


Collection Report		October 31, 2021
Weekly Budget Need:		\$11,300.00
Collection:		7,338.00
Parish Giving:		2,630.56
Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,361.44)
<b>Fiscal Year to Date:</b>		
Budget		\$203,400.00
Actual:		\$188,855.35
Surplus/(Deficit)		(14,544.65)
<b>Rolling 4 Week Averages:</b>		
Average Collection:		\$10,886.54
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(420.96)



### Archbishop's Annual Appeal 90.13%


The 2021 Annual Appeal is now underway. We have \$62,813.09 already pledged. **Our goal is \$69,693.00 = 90.13%.** The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing). Thank you for your prayers and support.



### IHM EVENT CALENDER

<b>Sunday November 7</b>	
8:45am	Faith Formation November Gathering
9:00am	Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast
1:15pm	"A Trip to France"
<b>Monday November 8</b>	
7:30pm	Alpha 6
<b>Tuesday November 9</b>	
7:15pm	St. John of the Cross Seminar
<b>Wednesday November 10</b>	
8:45am	UC Day of Recollection
10:00am	Food Pantry
7:00pm	Pastoral Council Meeting
8:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday November 11—Veterans Day</b>	
9:30am	Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Zoom
7:30pm	Women's Prayer Group
<b>Friday November 12</b>	
6:00pm	BOLD Retreat: True North Departure
6:30pm	First Reconciliation: The Potter Retreat
<b>Saturday November 13</b>	
7:30am	Men's Scripture & Discussion Group
All Day	BOLD Retreat: True North
<b>Sunday November 14</b>	
8:45am	First Reconciliation Prep
10:00am	Food Pantry Sunday
12:00pm	BOLD Retreat: True North Returns

### The IHM Food Pantry Needs Donations!



Items needed include non-perishable food items, personal toiletry items and baby products. Please bring your donations to the back of the church. Place the items in the red bins near the backdoors. You may also drop donations off at the Nazareth Center. For a list of items visit [ihmparish.net/food-pantry](http://ihmparish.net/food-pantry). Thank you for your generosity!






**BOLD**  
Becoming Our Lord's Disciples

**WHO:** Open to all in grades 9th-12th  
**WHAT:** EMBOLDEN Retreat 2021  
**WHERE:** Camp Tecumseh in Pittstown, NJ  
**WHEN:** Departing Friday, November 12th around 6pm and returning on Sunday, November 14th by lunch.  
**COST:** \$175 for the weekend: includes transportation, all meals, overnight accommodations, activities, and a special give-away!  
**Contact Rachael Flanagan at [IHMSP@boldym.com](mailto:IHMSP@boldym.com)**

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