WHOEVER DOES NOT CARRY HIS OWN CROSS AND COME AFTER ME cannot be my disciple. **LUKE 14:27**

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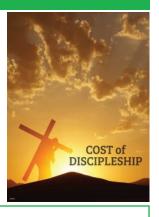


A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

Jesus once again gives us an idea of the cost of discipleship. It may mean giving up much of what we have in order to more closely follow him. The example of Philomon may help us. St. Paul is asking Philomon to give up his slave Onesimus, which may be a great burden to Philomon.

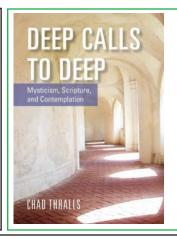
However, St. Paul indicates that in doing this Philomon will gain a new brother in Christ. In other words, the generosity of God will become much more apparent to Philomon because of this selfless act. A good reminder to all of us.

Peace, Fr. Mike





If you have a digital photograph of activities at Fr. Mike's Anniversary party, please send it to me at: tefoleyihm@gmail.com
Thank you! - Tracey Foley



Spirituality Seminar

We are basing ourselves on the book Deep Calls to Deep: Mysticism, Scripture and Contemplation by Chad Thralls. We will meet on Tuesdays on Zoom at 7:15 for 1 hour beginning **Tuesday September 20 at 7:15pm** for 6 weeks.

Please contact Father Rob to register or sign up via FrRob@IHMParish.net
Please send me your e-mail. Thank you sir.

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 September 4th - September 11th, 2022		
Saturday September 3	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Bessie Sullivan MD+ Lourdes Tiangco+ Bart Zucosky+		By The Sullivan Family By The Lioanag Family By Chris & Amy Zucosky
Sunday September 4	10:00 am	Phyllis Manno (living) John & Dolores DeMarco+ For the People		By Rosary Altar Society By Betty & Tony Perfilio By The Parish
Monday September 5	9:00 am	Mary, George & Georgina Ma	e Good+	By Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga
Tuesday September 6	7:00 am 8:30 am	Bob Piasecki+ Manuel Macapinlac+		By The Lestarchick Family By The Valera Family
Wednesday September 7	7:00 am 8:30 am	Joseph & Dorothy Gorka+ Joseph Connors+		By Nancy Gorka By Tracey Foley
Thursday September 8	7:00 am 8:30 am	Robert Piasecki+ Deceased members of the Laz	ur Family+	By Barbara & Carl By Christine Lazur & Family
Friday September 9	7:00 am 8:30 am	Bob Piasecki+ Mary, George & Georgina Go	od+	By Ron & Arlene Meyn By Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga
Saturday September 10	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Russ Wills (living) George Rice+ Lucia Galan+		By Katie By The Thompson Family By Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kalaigian
Sunday September 11		Stanislav Scepko+ James & Mildred Manfredonia Marie Farrell+	1 +	By Nizner Family By Janet & Emil Manfredonia By Janice Reilly

Remember Our Sick

John Allen	Anna Cassella	Dorothy Foulks	Jim Malfetti	Dolores Rust	Sr. Elizabeth
Rose Badala	Paul Cassidy	Nicole Griffin	Bill Malone	Diana Scariati	Vermaelen
Arcadio B. Basco	Matthew Cassio	David Hens	Owen Mike McCabe	Arty Shapiro	Stephanie Vernace
George Becker	Frank Chimento	Kathleen Herron	Brady Susan McDonald	Elisa Silversey	Stephen Voorhees
Larry Biunno	Edward Clark	Juliann Junio	June McManus	Bernard Slaza	Ben Wheelock
Fran Boglioli	William Consovoy	Gregory Kamouh	Christine Morris	Beverly Sopp	
Erin Brennan	Colm Cosgrove	Marie Keller	Marlene Mosko	Ryder Francis Spillane	
Samantha Bridge	Ray Clark	Anna Koch	Hilda Pizza	Paul Szeker	② Please advise
James Brown	Albert Fischer, Jr.	Jillian Lapidus	Diane Pricken	Phyllis Szeker	if any names
Kevin Brown	Phyllis Fischer	Eileen Lynch	Carmela Resnick	Carole Ventre	can be removed
John Burkert	Emily Fleming	Maureen Lynch	Marisol Rodriguez	Daniel Ventura	from the sick list.
Mary Calabrese	Mary Foster	William Maines	Susan Rozborski		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 September 4th - September 11th, 2022



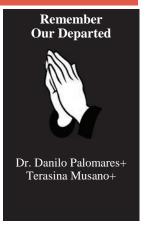
Sanctuary Light For the intention of: Bob Bergen+ Requested by Pat Mazzucca



The Altar Bread & Wine For the intention of: Barbara & Ralph Rays+ Requested by Christine Lazur



Flowers for the Blessed Mother In memory of: Robert Seery+ Requested by **Betty Seery**





The Women's Prayer Group is back!

Thursday September 8 at 7:30PM via

Zoom. The topic will be Phoebe &

Priscilla: Leaders in the Early Church.

Contact tefoleyihm@gmail.com for the

Zoom link. Prayer connects us all!



The IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group will meet LIVE in person Saturday September 10 at 7:30AM in the church basement and on Thursday September 22 at 7:30PM on ZOOM. Contact David at dndiken@aol.com for more info.



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 to 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 <a href="image: image: im



Challenge Complete! Here is a glimpse of all the backpacks and school supplies donated by our generous parishioners for the foster children at CASA. Thank you to everyone involved. And a big thanks to Aiden for bringing in his A-Team of junior volunteers to sort and arrange all the essentials. Thank you Aiden, Jack, Ella and Katie for the assistance! Let's get this new school year started on a positive note!





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!

IHM will be looking for coaches & children to participate in the upcoming CYO Cross Country Season!

There's practice once or twice a week and around 6 events on the weekends at Oak Ridge Park. Contact John at johnmcnulty144@hotmail.com





LECTIO DIVINA/PRAYER GROUP

Are you interested in participating in a weekly prayer gathering using "THE WORD" (LECTIO DIVINA) and "THE SILENCE" (MEDITATION) to help deepen your spiritual relationship with the Lord?

Please call Phyllis at 908-264-7456 for further information regarding this prayer gathering, which is held on Zoom **Thursday mornings, from 9:30 am until 10:45 am**. Meetings start again on **Thursday September 15, 2022**.

Looking forward to praying with you!

BE STILL, KNOW, I AM GOD"

Minister Assignments: September 10 - September 11 Saturday Extra-Ordinary Presider Lectors - Sunday **Ministers** 9/10 Dan Kelly Jim Brennan Fr. Rob 5:00pm Janice Good Piga 9/11 Rich Wagner Rich Banasiak Fr. Val 8:00am Chris Dill 9/11 Heba Fortunato Andy Davis Fr. Rob 10:00am Dave Diken



9/11

12:00pm

Tracey Foley

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Monday - Friday 9:00am - 9:00pm Saturday - 9:00am - 2:00pm Closed on Sundays. Holy Days & Holidays

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Fall/Winter Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

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

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Rosary Altar Society News

A PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

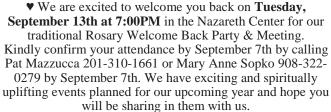
Lord on the Labor Day, We thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day.

We ask for rest when we are weary.
We ask Your guidance
For everyone seeking employment,
And we ask that

You will be with those whose faces
We might never see
But who work tirelessly each day
For the good of us all!!!

AMEN

-Author Unknown



- ♥ Please mark your calendars for our Annual Retreat at St. Joseph's Shrine on **Tuesday**, **October 4th**. This promises to be a wonderfully inspirational day spent at the scenic shrine. The day will consist of presentations, interactive sessions, a wonderful lunch, followed by a beautiful Mass for our attendees. An additional bonus is the beautiful gift shop!

 Details to follow in the upcoming weeks.
- ▼ Thank you so very much to all who have donated and continue to donate wonderful costume jewelry items for our special Christmas donation to St. Joseph's Social Services in Elizabeth. Because of your generous donations, the children will be able to select a special jewelry item, wrap it, and give it to their Mother's, Grandmothers, Aunts Or Fathers (men's donations are also most welcome) at Christmas. In many cases, this may be the only present a loved one receives at Christmas. Please contact Janice Good-Piga 908-759-6729 for questions or to donate. May God Bless you for your kindness & generosity.
- ♥ We continue to kindly ask for volunteers to prepare the weekly and daily Altar Linens. Please contact Betty Perfilio 908-889-4868 if you would like to volunteer. Thank you so very much.
- May your Labor Day Weekend be one of rest and relaxation whether spent enjoying with friends and family or just enjoying the warmth of the summer sun. Please be safe and know that you are always in our daily thoughts and prayers. May God continue to keep you safe and healthy and may you always feel His Loving Embrace.

Each Day Is A Gift. Unwrap it slowly, with gratitude and prayerfully!

♥ Janice

Faith Formation Volunteer Wine and Cheese

All former, current, and future Faith Formation volunteers are invited to join us for a gathering on **Wednesday**, **September 21st at 7:00 pm** for a Wine and Cheese social hour. We'll have light snacks, beverages, and great conversations about youth and family programs. Contact Janet Manfredonia by email at janet@ihmparish.net by September 16th to reserve your spot, feel free to bring a friend!

Collection Report	August 28, 2022
Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,200.00
Collection:	\$6,353.00
Parish Giving:	\$2,602.65
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,244.35)
Fiscal Year to Date:	
Budget	\$100,800.00
Actual:	\$94,051.43
Surplus/(Deficit)	(6,748.57)
Rolling 4 Week Averages:	
Average Collection:	\$10,893.37
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(306.63)

Annual Appeal	Pledged to Date: \$65,935.14	Goal: \$67,107 98.25% of goal

A Message from the Pastoral Associate John McGuire

Where do we go to learn about our faith? By that, I mean what sources do we use to form ourselves as Catholics, as followers of Jesus Christ. Those of us reading the bulletin, will probably say that we attend the Mass. That is the best start for sure, but it has its limitations.

We of course learn through the Liturgy of the Word, and through the Eucharistic Liturgy. However, the most direct intellectual and spiritual formation that we receive comes from the Homily.

IHM EVENT CALENDER				
	Sunday September 4			
Monday September 5				
All Day	Happy Labor Day! (Office & Chapel closed)			
	Tuesday September 6			
9:30 am	Union Catholic Orientation			
Wednesday September 7				
9:30 am 10:00 am 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Union Catholic Orientation Food Pantry Knights of Columbus Meeting Choir Practice			
7	Thursday September 8: Nativity of Mary			
9:30 am 7:30 pm	Union Catholic Orientation Women's Prayer Group Zoom			
Friday September 9				
9:30 am	Union Catholic Orientation			
Saturday September 10				
7:30 am All Day	Men's Scripture & Discussion Group LIVE Center for Hope Raffle			
Sunday September 11				
10:00 am All Day	Food Pantry Sunday Center for Hope Raffle			

When Father stands before us, to preach, the Institutional Church holds him liable to instruct us on the Catechism of the Church, faith and morals, Holy Scripture, Sacraments, and Catholic Social teaching, as the bare minimum. The average homily will generally last between 5 and 10 minutes. Imagine having to teach the totality of Catholic Faith and Tradition in that time frame. Decisions have to be made. "Do I focus on the Scripture or do I focus on the importance of the Sacraments?" "Should I preach on this grave moral evil, or give the pitch for the Archdiocesan Appeal?"

The reality is that we cannot come out as a fully formed Catholic without seeking Jesus and community outside of Sunday Mass. The lucky thing is that our parish is engaged in many different opportunities to expand our faith life. You can #TryAlpha for a deeper delve into faith as a part of our community. We have a men's prayer group, a Rosary and Altar Society, and various studies. If you have not yet participated yet, look out for Fr. Rob's book discussion group!

Additionally, in the coming year, Families of Faith is going to continue the work of creating a community of Faith. We will be grouping families together, so that Parents can grow together in faith alongside their children, engaging the ministries of our

This week, let us reflect on the opportunities that are available to us, to expand our faith, and grow together in community, and pray for all of our families as their schedules change, and life gets busy once again. Next week we'll be resuming our discussion of stewardship. God Bless and have a wonderful week.

parish to help build a stronger community network, and putting a strong emphasis on attending Mass as families.

- John McGuire

johnmcguire@ihmparish.net



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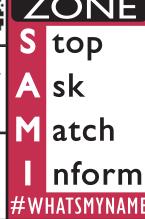




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