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#### A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

The Magi bring gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. Tradition identifies these gifts as representative of the Kingship of Jesus, the Divinity of Jesus and the redemptive suffering of Jesus. In a way they foretell the mission of Jesus Christ as the incarnate word of God. Gold is the gift for Kings, incense is used in the worship of God, and Myrrh is the fragrant oil used in burial rituals. Christ the King is the ruler of all and leads us into the fullness of His kingdom, He is the second person of our triune God through whom the world was created, and He has redeemed and saved us through his suffering, death and resurrection. All reminders of the great gift of God's love for all of His people that we continue to celebrate in the season of the incarnation of God in Jesus, Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Fr. Mike





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#### 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 January 8th - January 15th, 2023  |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Saturday<br>January 7   | 7:00 am<br>8:30 am<br>5:00 pm   | Mrs. Dorothy Foulks+ by Joan & Ray O'Donnell Laurie Clare+ by Betty & Tony Perfilio Donna Cavanagh Keegan+ by The Cavanagh Family |
| Sunday<br>January 8     | 8:00 am<br>10:00 am<br>12:00 pm | For the People by The Parish Rose Badala+ by Anne Geislinger Dorothy Foulks+ by Betty Seery                                       |
| Monday<br>January 9     | 7:00 am<br>8:30 am              | Gina Soden+ by Patricia & James Feeley<br>Dorothy Foulks+ by Barbara Apgar  |
| Tuesday<br>January 10   | 7:00 am<br>8:30 am              | Rose Badala+ by Janet Bernhard<br>Lena Battaglia+ by Marion & Marc Berger   |
| Wednesday<br>January 11 | 7:00 am<br>8:30 am              | Dorothy Penello+ by Sylvia LaCerra<br>Dorothy Foulks+ by Donna Ayers  |
| Thursday<br>January 12  | 7:00 am<br>8:30 am              | Madeline Grillo+ by Patricia & James Feeley Anthony Sartor+ by Al Smith   |
| Friday<br>January 13    | 7:00 am<br>8:30 am              | Lynne Cotter+ by The Malool Family Dorothy Foulks+ by Karen & Joe Schurtz   |
| Saturday<br>January 14  | 7:00 am<br>8:30 am<br>5:00 pm   | Pauline Zaleski+ by Josephine Piscitelli<br>Jimmy Malfetti+ by Mom & Dad<br>Rose Badala+ by The Piasecki Family                   |
| Sunday<br>January 15    | 8:00 am<br>10:00 am<br>12:00 pm | Dorothy Bass+ by Donna Ayers Fr. Robert Patterson+ by The Lewis Family For the People by The Parish                               |

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

| John Allen       | Colm Cosgrove       | David Hens      | Jim Malfetti      | Diana Scariati         | Sr. Elizabeth                      |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| George Becker    | Samantha Bridge     | Kathleen Herron | Bill Malone       | Arty Shapiro           | Vermaelen                          |
| Mary Jane Bergen | James Brown         | Juliann Junio   | Owen Mike McCabe  | Elisa Silversey        | Stephanie Vernace                  |
| Fran Boglioli    | John Burkert        | Gregory Kamouh  | June McManus      | Bernard Slaza          | Stephen Voorhees                   |
| Erin Brennan     | Ray Clark           | Marie Keller    | Marlene Mosko     | Beverly Sopp           | Ben Wheelock                       |
| Anna Cassella    | Albert Fischer, Jr. | Anna Koch       | Hilda Pizza       | Ryder Francis Spillane | Evelyn Whitehorne                  |
| Paul Cassidy     | Phyllis Fischer     | Jillian Lapidus | Diane Pricken     | Paul Szeker            |                                    |
| Matthew Cassio   | Emily Fleming       | Trish Longus    | Carmela Resnick   | Phyllis Szeker         | <ul><li>Please advise if</li></ul> |
| Frank Chimento   | Mary Foster         | Eileen Lynch    | Marisol Rodriguez | Carole Ventre          | any names can be                   |
| Edward Clark     | Michele Gamako      | Maureen Lynch   | Susan Rozborski   | Daniel Ventura         | removed from the                   |
| William Consovoy | Nicole Griffin      | William Maines  | Dolores Rust      |                        | 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 January 8th - January 15th, 2023



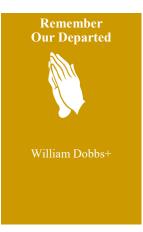
Sanctuary Light For the intention of: **Dorothy Foulks+** Requested by Donna Ayers



Altar Bread & Wine For the intention of: **Dorothy Foulks+** Requested by Barbara Apgar



Flowers for the Blessed Mother For my beloved husband Art+ Love, Elizabeth



#### SAVE THE DATE! SENIOR BRUNCH + BINGO

Monday January 16th, 2023 10am @ Nazareth Center. Call 908-889-2100



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The Winter/Spring 2023 Alpha series starts with a LIVE dinner/presentation on **Monday February 13, 2023** followed by several ZOOM sessions throughout the season. Seating is limited! Sign up today at www.ihmparish.net/alpha



Questions? Contact Jean at ihmsp@boldym.com

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<u>ATTENTION:</u> If you submitted a photo for the All Souls Mass, please stop by the Nazareth Center and pick up your pictures. Call the office 908-889-2100



#### RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH JANUARY 20, 2023

The Knights of Columbus is organizing a bus trip to Washington DC on January 20, 2023 for the March for Life. Roe V Wade was overturned, however the fight is NOT over by any means. Join the Knights of Columbus this Jan 20 on a bus trip to Washington DC to march with other pro-lifers. For more information, contact John at <a href="mailto:itorzewski@aol.com">itorzewski@aol.com</a>



#### Minister Assignments: January 14 - January 15 Saturday Extra-Ordinary Presider Lectors - Sunday **Ministers** 1/14 Chris Haight Jim Brennan Fr. Mike 5:00pm Jack Haight 1/15 Rich Banasiak Karen Schwaneberg Fr. Rob 8:00am Ed Sullivan 1/15 David Diken MaryKate Schiller Fr. Mike 10:00am Jason McCann 1/15 Tracey Foley Regina O'Connor Fr. Rob 12:00pm Diane McGuinness

Attention Lectors! Pick up your workbooks in the Sacristy after Mass!



**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**

Winter 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

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**

#### PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace, Where there is hatred, let me sow your love. Where there is injury, pardon, Where there is doubt, faith, Where there is despair, hope, Where there is darkness, light, And where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console: To be understood, as to understand: To be loved, as to love: For it is in giving that we receive, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned: And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life!

- ♥ Thank you to our Rosary Board Members, our Rosarians. and to our wonderful Priests (especially Father Mike for his guidance) for making 2022 a wonderful year for our Rosary Altar Society. I am Blessed to be a part of your team. May God & Virgin Mary continue to Bless us and guide us as we embark on a new year.
- ♥ For those who participated in the Fused Glass Jewelry Event, your designs are ready to be picked up at the Nazareth Center Office. Thank you to our dear Katie Wills for putting the "finishing touches" on our creations.
- ♥ Kindly remember that our Annual Winter Luncheon begins at 12 Noon On January 10th. Please call Janice 908-759-6729 with any questions.
- ♥ Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 7th beginning at 8:30 with Mass followed by our In House Retreat hosted by our own Rosarian Phyllis Manno. The presentation, entitled "Dry Bones" will be an inspirational and thought provoking discussion and one certainly not to be missed.

May your week be a BLESSED & JOYOUS one filled with special surprises and welcoming embraces. May you be Blessed with good health, a comfortable home, loving family and friends, and prayerful hearts. You and your families continue to be in our daily thoughts and prayers. Here's to a beautiful 2023!

♥ Janice



The Women's Prayer Group will gather on Thursday February 2, 2023 at 7:30pm via Zoom. The topic will be "Looking for God: The Story of Elijah". Email tefoleyihm@gmail.com for the Zoom link.



#### CENTERING PRAYER/LECTIO DIVINA

Reflection, Discussion, Meditation in the Mysuc and Contemplative way of prayer. Call Phyllis at 908-264-7456 for information & the Zoom link.



The next meeting for the IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group will be Thursday January 14th at 7:30am in the Church Basement. For more info contact David at dndiken@aol.com

| <b>Collection Report</b>             | <b>December 18, 2022</b>                   | 2 IHM EVENT CALENDER   |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Weekly Target:                       | \$12,558.00                                | Sunday January 8   |  |  |
| Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)    | \$11,473.08                                | 10:00am Food Pantry Sunday   |  |  |
| Surplus/(Deficit)                    | (1,084.92)                                 | 7:00pm BOLD Discipleship Night   |  |  |
| Fiscal Year to Date:                 |  | Monday January 9   |  |  |
| Budget                               | \$313,950.00                               | 1:30pm Deanery Meeting 7:00pm 9th Grade Christmas Afterparty Gathering |  |  |
| Actual:                              | \$275,866.09                               | Tuesday January 10   |  |  |
| Surplus/(Deficit)                    | (38,083.91)                                | 12:00pm Rosary Altar Society Luncheon @ Max's Bistro                   |  |  |
| Rolling 4 Week Averages:             |  | Wednesday January 11   |  |  |
| Average Collection:                  | \$11,854.15                                | 10:00am Food Pantry  |  |  |
| Average Surplus/(Deficit)            | (711.35)                                   | 7:00pm Pastoral Council<br>8:00pm Choir Practice                       |  |  |
| Christmas Collection to Date:        | \$44,775.79                                | Thursday January 12  |  |  |
| "Arise, shine, for your light has co | ome and the glory of                       | 9:30am Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Zoom                             |  |  |
| the Lord has risen upon you          | ." - Isaiah 60:1                           | Friday January 13  |  |  |
| I : A HIM D                          | CL LMC                                     |  |  |  |
|                                      | yer Shawl Ministry! hawls for parishioners | Saturday January 14  |  |  |
| who are ill and we                   | make scarves & hats                        | 7:30am Men's Scripture Group LIVE                                      |  |  |
| for the needy. Our Sunday, January   | 22 @ 11am. Please                          | Sunday January 15  |  |  |



contact Marion at 908-433-2829.

#### A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate John McGuire:

On Monday, January 9th the Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. To fully consider what this event means, we have to take a moment, and set aside our modern understanding of baptism.

No, Jesus was not an infant brought to Church by parents, godparents, friends, and family. He had grown in age, stature, and wisdom, and was on the cusp of beginning His public ministry. While Jesus was not in need of repentance, this meeting with John the Baptist was the fulfillment of prophecy. The voice calling out in the desert, and making straight the way of the Lord, was finally recognizing his cousin as the long promised Messiah. At first he protested at the prospect of baptizing, but it had to be done. Jesus insisted.

In the moment, Jesus was cleansed in water, through John's baptism, much like infants and adult initiates are. However, we might also recognize a moment that looks a lot like our Confirmation. The dove descends upon Jesus, and a voice is heard, This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Jesus is anointed, and commissioned to fulfill His call, like so many young people will be during the Easter season. This week, as we commemorate the Baptism of the Lord, let us pray that we can hear and understand what we are called to, and forever set out to do what God has set aside for us. God Bless and have a great week. <a href="https://www.ihmparish.net/childrensfaithformation">www.ihmparish.net/childrensfaithformation</a>



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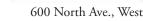
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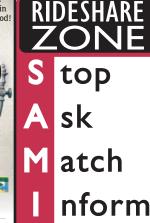
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