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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 21, 2024



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A Note from Fr. Mike...

Prepare the way.



In the Story of Jonah and the city of Nineveh we are reminded not just of God's boundless mercy, but also of His unconditional love and unlimited goodness. We compare this with Jonah's fear of preaching repentance and jealousy of God's mercy for the Ninevites and ask ourselves: When have I acted more like Jonah? When have I reflected God's love and mercy in my relationships? Jesus continually invites us to love as God loves. Perhaps we can look for new opportunities to do just that during the week. Like the apostles we are called and sent. Called to build up the kingdom of God in our hearts. Sent to proclaim the Kingdom to others. Called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and sent to bring His mercy and love to others.
Peace, Fr. Mike



What Is Wrong With This Picture???

Our latest Spirituality Seminar is hosting a limited two evening event on Saint Paul. Our presenter is Karen Schurtz. **The conclusion on: January 23, 2024.** This is on ZOOM so you can stay in the warmth of your home! We start at 7:15PM and finish up by 8:30PM. Please register by contacting Fr. Rob at FrRob@ihmparish.net

If you want to do some pre-seminar reading, please read The Acts of the Apostle in your Bible.

Minister Assignments: January 27 - January 28

Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
1/27 5:00pm	Janice Good Piga	Chris Haight Connie Boruch David Boruch	Fr. Mike
1/28 8:00am	Karen Schwaneberg	Jean Bagdonas Colm Keogh	Fr. Rob
1/28 10:00am	Lou Zappo	Jason McCann David Diken Anthony Carlino	Fr. Mike
1/28 12:00pm	Carol Kiley	Jean Naugle Diane McGuinness	Fr. Rob

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Winter Office Hours:
 Mon - Thurs 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Fri 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Mass Intention Reservations:

Call or leave a message at the office (908)889-2100
 or send an email to 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. Call (908) 889-2100.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 4:15 - 4:45 pm
 Arrangements can be made at any time for a private confession. Please call the office at (908) 889-2100

Parish Schools:

St. Bartholomew Academy (908) 322-4265
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For more information contact Kerby at:
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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 21, 2024 - January 28, 2024

Saturday January 20	7:00 AM	Jean Magerl+ from Bernie Beck
	8:30 AM	Claudine Tariche+ from the Skara Family
	5:00 PM	Betty Flammia Barnes+ from the Barcellona Family
Sunday January 21	8:00 AM	For the People of IHM Parish
	10:00 AM	Sr. Anne Stephen Hajducek, O.P.+ 107th Birthday from Mary Ann Sopko
	12:00 PM	Bessie Sullivan MD+ from the Sullivan Family
Monday January 22	7:00 AM	Hilda Zalutsky+ from Karen Schurtz
	8:30 AM	Helen Sullivan+ from Mary & Jerry Mahony
Tuesday January 23	7:00 AM	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr+ from IHM Parish
	8:30 AM	Paul Walsh (living) from Karen & Joe Schurtz
Wednesday January 24	7:00 AM	Nancy Santanello+ from IHM Parish
	8:30 AM	Gerry Perfilio+ from Pat & John Hennessy
Thursday January 25	7:00 AM	Charles Kiley+ from IHM Parish
	8:30 AM	James R. Kennedy+ from Kathy Murphy
Friday January 26	7:00 AM	Mike D'Agostino+ from IHM Parish
	8:30 AM	Joe Gray Butler & Paula Jeffries (living) from Anne Butler
Saturday January 27	7:00 AM	Claudine Tariche+ from IHM Parish
	8:30 AM	Kennedy Anne Horton+ from Nancy Schreck
	5:00 PM	Sean Foley+ from Connie & David Boruch
Sunday January 28	8:00 AM	For the People of IHM Parish
	10:00 AM	Barbara Mastroianni+ from her mom Gilda DeCristofaro
	12:00 PM	John Reilly+ from the Farrell & Reilly Families

Special Intentions for the week of January 21 - January 28, 2024

<p><u>Sanctuary Light</u> For the intention of: Karen Schurtz (living) Requested by: IHM Parish</p>	<p><u>Altar Bread & Wine</u> For the intention of: David Diken (living) Requested by: IHM Parish</p>	<p><u>Flowers for the Blessed Mother</u> In honor of: Sr. Anne Stephen Hajducek 107th Birthday+ Requested by: Mary Ann Sopko</p>	<p>Remember Our Departed Charles Kiley+</p>
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Kindly keep our parishioner's family and friends, with health and other challenges, in your prayers

John Allen	David Connell	Mary Foster	Jillian Lapidus	Jaxson Rivera	Daniel Ventura
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Edward Clark	Emily Fleming	Anna Koch	Jacob Rivera	Ryder Francis Spillane	



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Bereavement Support @ Church of the Little Flower
Journey Through Grief - starting on 1/22. Mondays 7 - 8:30 PM
www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EABA722A1FB6-46988465-journey#/
Grief Share - January 24 from 10 AM - 12 PM
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Located at 290 Plainfield Ave. Berkeley Heights. 908-464-1585

Bereavement Support @ St. Bartholomew Church
If you have lost a loved one to death, we invite you to join us as we navigate this difficult journey. The group will meet on **Wednesdays from 7PM- 8:30PM** starting in April in the St. Bart's cafeteria. All are welcome to join. Please reach out to JoAnne at 908-889-7790 or Bernadette at 908-510- 0995, or contact Steven at: sserafin@stbartholomewchurch.org

The Rosary Altar Society Update

A Time Of Year

Catherine Pulsifer

Winter is a time of year
That some look forward to and cheer
But for others, winter feels cold
They just sit back and grow old.

But when you see that first snow fall
Childhood days can be recalled
Day of building a snowman
With friends and family, the clan.

If open your eyes you will see
The beauty of the season, it can be
When the icicles shimmer in the sun
The beauty is like no other one.

Winter brings Christmas cheer
Spending it with people who are so dear
Friends and family around the fire
Will fulfill all of your heart's desire.

So when winter arrives this year
Don't sit back, get out in full gear
Enjoy the time this season brings
Before you know it, it will be spring!

♥ Thank you to those who attended our Annual Winter Luncheon on Tuesday. It was an afternoon filled with wonderful food and wonderful friends. Thank you to Max from Max's Pizza & Bistro for making our day so very delicious!

♥ Join us for our ON-SITE MINI-RETREAT on Tuesday February 6th beginning with 8:30 Mass, then the retreat discussion in the Nazareth Center at 9:00. Phyllis Manno will be hosting the discussion "Spiritual Freedom/Discipleship". Please contact Mary Anne Sopko 908-322-0279 to reserve your place. There is NO FEE for this wonderful half day of reflection.

♥ Our Annual SAN ALFONSO RETREAT is March 8-10, 2024. The Theme is "The Eucharist And The Hungers Of The Human Heart". The Cost is \$300 per person. A One Day Pass will be \$100. Please Contact Chris Haight 908-322-6462 for details. This is one of the most relaxing, and spiritually fulfilling events.

♥ We welcome you to consider joining our wonderful Rosary Altar Society. For more information please contact Janice Good-Piga at 908-759-6729. Whether you can attend all or only some of our meetings and events, we know that you will find in very fulfilling. May your week ahead be a Blessed one filled with special surprises. Please remember to take a moment to breathe in the fresh, crisp air, and to thank God for all of the beautiful gifts that he showers upon us daily. May you find a renewed sense of peace and joy this NEW YEAR, and may your year be filled with hope, good health, and a yearning to be closer to God. You remain in our daily thoughts and prayers. May your Blessings be countless!

♥ Janice



The next meeting of the Women's Prayer Group will be **Thursday night February 1st, 2024 at 7:30PM on ZOOM**. The topic will be "Rainbows and Covenants". Please contact Tracey at tefoleyihm@gmail.com for more details. Prayer connects us all!



Join us for Lectio Divina: Reflection, Discussion & Quiet. We will be taking a break for the winter. But Prayer Group will return Thursday March 7 from 9:30 AM until 10:45 AM. Contact Phyllis at man18912@comcast.net or call the office at 908-889-2100.



The next Men's Scripture & Discussion group meeting will be a VIRTUAL session on **Thursday night January 25, 2024 at 7:30 PM on ZOOM**. Contact David at dndiken@aol.com for more details.



Highlights from the Martin Luther King Jr Senior Lunch & Bingo event on Monday January 15th. Thank you to our volunteers and friends who helped that day!



Are you Spiritual? Seeking? Curious?

COME & SEE

The Alpha Winter/Spring 13-week program begins at no cost to you

Monday February 5, 2024

7:00 PM LIVE @ The Nazareth Center. Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. 1571 South Martine Ave. Scotch Plains. Please register before 1/29/24. More details available at www.ihmparish.net/alpha



A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire

Out of Order Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Pt. 3 Piety

This is the Gift of the Holy Spirit that I always forget when I am trying to recall the seven gifts in a discussion with parents or youth. That's probably because of my internal biases, and a misconception over what the gift is.

You see, when I think of piety, I think of a certain level of

pompousness. When we envision the pious saint, they are the one dressed all in white, with their hands folded neatly, and an emotionless gaze to heaven. If that is what Piety is, I don't want anything to do with it, at least that's the internal, erred monologue.

Piety simply boils down to obeying God out of love instead of fear of hell and damnation. The gift of Piety is a gift of extraordinary love. Think back to the old canned Act of Contrition, 'I have sinned against you who I should love above all things'. We can build piety by praying that line intentionally enough that it becomes a part of our being.

This gift helps us to mature in faith. For an adult to obey out of fear instead of love is childish (not child like). After all a pet or livestock can be made to obey commands out of fear. This gift of the Holy Spirit helps us to, and calls us to grow into a mature sense of faith. To obey God out of love doesn't have to be boring or sanitized. No it can call us to supernatural resolve, and love of our neighbors and those around us. To be on fire with this and the other gifts is to be fully alive in Christ.

This week, let's pray to, and seek to grow in piety, to love instead of fear the Lord, and that the young people preparing for Confirmation might begin to grow in this way as well! (N.B. Fear of the Lord, the other gift of the Holy Spirit does not negate this gift, because it can be better envisioned as Awe.) God Bless and have a wonderful week!

Families of Faith Upcoming Events

- Sunday January 21 @ after 10:00AM Mass
Scotch Plains Community Baby Shower
- Monday January 22 @ 7:00PM - 8:30PM
Confirmation [Year 1] Prep Session 3
- Sunday February 4 @ 8:45AM - 11:00AM
Families of Faith February Gathering
- Sunday February 4 @ 9:30AM - 10:30AM
Family Choir Practice
- Monday February 12 @ 7:00PM - 8:30PM
Confirmation [Year 1] Prep Session 4
- Sunday February 25 @ 8:45AM - 10:00AM
Lenten Family Gathering/ Easter Basket Drive
- Monday January 26 @ 7:00PM - 8:30PM
Confirmation [Year 2] Prep Session 3
- Sunday March 3 @ 8:45AM - 12:15PM
First Communion Families Morning of Reflection



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Donations Accepted now through Baby Shower Event 1/21

Come to our Baby Shower!

Bring your donations to the Church Basement following the 10am Mass on Sunday, January 21 and stay for cake, coffee & fellowship, and to hear about the mission of **Mercy House in Newark!**



HS YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHT

Parallel Universe

Calling all High School Teens to an epic night on the seen and unseen! Bring your friends for snacks, prayers and explore the mystery of grace and more!

Sunday, January 28th
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QUESTIONS? CONTACT: RACHAEL FLANAGAN AT [IHMSp@BOLDYM.COM](mailto:ihmsp@boldym.com)
OR CALL/TEXT 908-280-2893

Collection Report	January 14, 2024
Weekly Target:	\$11,765.00
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)	\$12,776.82
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,011.82
Fiscal Year to Date:	
Budget	\$326,760.00
Actual:	\$324,208.25
Surplus/(Deficit)	(14,221.75)



Christmas Collection to Date: \$62,966.56
Budget: \$65,000


Charitable Contribution Forms for 2023
 There are several ways to receive tax forms from IHM:

- **Collection Envelopes:** If you are using envelopes for your Sunday collection contribution, you should receive a form in the mail from our envelope company later this month if you contributed \$100 or more in 2023.
- **Parish Giving:** You will be able to print a contribution history activity form for all electronic fund transfer contributions through Parish Giving by visiting your account at www.parishgiving.org. If you have any further questions, contact Tracey at 908-889-2100 or tefoleyihm@gmail.com



ANNUAL APPEAL 2024
MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY

The 2024 Annual Appeal has begun! You should have received an invitation in the mail from Cardinal Tobin to consider making a financial sacrifice to support this year's Annual Appeal. We are grateful for your generosity and we rely on it because it helps support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. If we reach this goal in cash by June 30th, our Parish is eligible for a rebate, which comes back to our Parish! Please consider taking a step with us on this Stewardship journey by responding to Cardinal Tobin's invitation to support the Appeal. You can make a gift using the envelopes which will be available on February 3-4. Or you can also make a gift online through our Parish Giving Link on our website or by going directly to www.rcan.org/sharing



In this year of Revival in Eucharistic Spirituality we shall be reflecting on the very roots of our Eucharist, the source and summit of our spiritual life. How did Christians refer to the Eucharist before it had that name? How was the Eucharist celebrated at the very beginning? There is no better way to prepare for Easter than to contemplate the biblical foundation of the Eucharist. **Beginning on Zoom February 13th, 2024 at 7:15PM.** Please register at FrRob@IHMParish.net

IHM SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK
Sunday January 21 10:00AM - Scotch Plains/Fanwood Community Baby Shower 11:00AM - Prayer Shawl Knitting Group Meeting
Monday January 22 7:00PM - Confirmation (Year 1) Prep Session 3 @ Naz. Center
Tuesday January 23 7:15PM - Spirituality Seminar: St. Paul Part II on ZOOM
Wednesday January 24 10:00AM - Food Pantry (Open until 11:30AM) 7:00PM - Adult Choir Practice
Thursday January 25 7:30PM - Men's Scripture Group ZOOM
Friday January 26
Saturday January 27 ALL DAY - Saturday Basketball 9:30AM - Parish Council Day of Reflection
Sunday January 28 9:00AM - Pancake Breakfast (Open until 12:00PM) 11:30AM - St. Bartholomew Academy Open House



Congratulations Award Recipients

IHM Teens & Adult Volunteer Receive Recognition by the Archdiocese at the Sacred Heart Cathedral

Zachary Wills, Gabriella Rijo and Catie Skwirut (high school seniors and members of the IHM Youth Ministry Leadership Team) received the Discipleship Award by the Archdiocese last month, which is presented to youth who respond to the call to discipleship through service or ministry to their parish and have shown exceptional commitment. **Mary Frances Malone** (Adult Volunteer) received the Adult Light of the World Award, which is presented to express appreciation and gratitude to adults who have demonstrated a commitment to young people and youth ministry in their parish.

Congratulations to this year's award winners, and thank you for your outstanding dedication to bring Christ to the young people in our community!

Please help us update our Parishioner Contact information! Scan the code below and fill out the form. Thank you!





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