

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 5, 2023

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MATTHEW 5:13

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Mass will continue to Live Stream on Facebook and our website: [www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net)

**A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE**

Today's Gospel is a continuation of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus calls his disciples to be the salt of the earth, the city on the hill, the light of the world. He calls them to not hide their faith, but to proclaim their love for God in all that they do. Faith is not simply about a relationship between an individual and Jesus, but between all of us and Jesus as well. It should be seen in all of our relationships.

How do we do this? We follow the teaching of Isaiah in the first reading and feed the hungry, help those in need, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and remove oppression and malice from our communities. When we do this we let the light of Christ shine through us for all to see.

Peace, Fr. Mike



Spirituality Seminar continues every Tuesday night @ 7:15 pm on Zoom. The name of the book is **Julian's Gospel** by Veronica Mary Rolf.

In a time of the Plague, Civil, Political and Religious strife. How through with and in all of this she found union with God? Please e-mail [FrRob@ihmparish.net](mailto:FrRob@ihmparish.net) for an invite.



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**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 February 5 - February 12, 2023

<b>Saturday February 4</b>	7:00 am	John E. Buckley+ from Charlie & Geri Barcellona
	8:30 am	Bob Swisher+ from Betty Swisher
	5:00 pm	Rose Badala+ from Myrna McManus
<b>Sunday February 5</b>	8:00 am	Mary Jane Bergen (living) from The Women's Prayer Group
	10:00 am	For the People from IHM Parish
	12:00 pm	Patricia Ehrlich+ from The Foley Family
<b>Monday February 6</b>	7:00 am	Dorothy Foulks+ from Marilyn Gialanella
	8:30 am	George, Mary & Georgina Mae Good+ from Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga
<b>Tuesday February 7</b>	7:00 am	William Jurcisin+ from Donna & Joe Conforti
	8:30 am	Silvia Keogh+ from Colm & Geraldine Keogh
<b>Wednesday February 8</b>	7:00 am	Tony Acocella+ from Charlie & Geri Barcellona
	8:30 am	Carmen Ponzio+ from Al Smith
<b>Thursday February 9</b>	7:00 am	Michael D'Agostino+ from Richard & Linda Scannell
	8:30 am	Marion Ficarra+ from The Chimento Family
<b>Friday February 10</b>	7:00 am	Michael D'Agostino+ from Sister Mary Geis
	8:30 am	Evelyn Sullivan+ from Mary & Jerry Mahony
<b>Saturday February 11</b>	7:00 am	Nancy Simon+ from Amanda Malool
	8:30 am	Dot Foulks+ from Marianne Wilson
	5:00 pm	Judith Hilton+ from Arleen & Stephanie
<b>Sunday February 12</b>	8:00 am	Robert Olynic+ from The Sopko Family
	10:00 am	Claudio Romero+ from Jerry & Mary Mahony
	12:00 pm	For the People from IHM Parish




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

John Allen	Samantha Bridge	Kathleen Herron	Bill Malone	Diana Scariati	Stephanie Vernace
George Becker	James Brown	Juliann Junio	Owen Mike McCabe	Arty Shapiro	Stephen Voorhees
Mary Jane Bergen	John Burkert	Gregory Kamouh	June McManus	Elisa Silversey	Ben Wheelock
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Anna Cassella	Phyllis Fischer	Jillian Lapidus	Diane Pricken	Ryder Francis Spillane	
Paul Cassidy	Emily Fleming	Trish Longus	Eileen Quinlan	Paul Szeker	☺ Please advise if
Matthew Cassio	Mary Foster	Eileen Lynch	Carmela Resnick	Phyllis Szeker	any names can be
Frank Chimento	Michele Gamako	Maureen Lynch	Marisol Rodriguez	Carole Ventre	removed from the
Edward Clark	Nicole Griffin	William Maines	Susan Rozborski	Daniel Ventura	sick list. Thank you.
Colm Cosgrove	David Hens	Jim Malfetti	Dolores Rust	Sr. Elizabeth Vermaelen	<a href="mailto:office@ihmparish.net">office@ihmparish.net</a>



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**Special Intentions for the week of February 5 - February 12, 2023**



**Sanctuary Light**  
For the intention of:  
**Mary Jane Bergen (living)**  
Requested by  
Betty & Tony Perfilio




**Altar Bread & Wine**  
For the intention of:  
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**Flowers for the Blessed Mother**  
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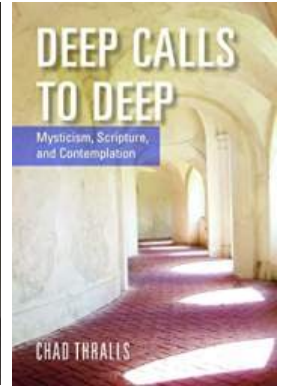
### Lenten Retreat: Tuesday February 7, 2023

8:30am Mass (in Chapel) Followed by the "Dry Bones" program at The Nazareth Center. Hosted by Phyllis Manno. **Please register by calling Mary Anne at 908-322-0279**

### IHM VIRTUAL SPEAKER SERIES: CHAD THRALLS

**Thursday February 9, 2023 at 7:00pm on Zoom**

Internet access is needed for Zoom. No cost, but registration is required. Please sign up at [www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net) and we'll send you the Zoom link to join the party.



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The Winter/Spring 2023 Alpha series starts with a FREE Dinner & presentation on **Monday February 13, 2023 at 7pm** followed by several ZOOM sessions throughout the season. Seating is limited! Sign up today at [www.ihmparish.net/alpha](http://www.ihmparish.net/alpha)

## Benefit Concert for Ukraine

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**Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

(Snowdate: Sunday, February 26, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.)

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### MEN'S CORNERSTONE

**March 10 & 11, 2023**

[www.stbartholomewchurch.org/mens-cornerstone](http://www.stbartholomewchurch.org/mens-cornerstone)

IHM YOUTH MINISTRY Discipleship Night

Have U given God a chance to be amazing in your life?

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For: All HighSchool Teens

When: Sunday  
February 5, 2023

7:00-8:30pm at IHM

Bring a friend!



## Coffee and Conversation

Discuss the challenges & joys of single life

All those who are single, divorced, separated, widowed, never married, etc. are invited to attend monthly gatherings.

**Friday, February 10th**

**7:30 - 9 pm**

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## Minister Assignments: February 11 - February 12

Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
2/11 5:00pm	Chris Zucosky	Dan Kelly Janice Good Piga	Fr. Mike
2/12 8:00am	Karen Schwaneberg	Jean Bagdonas Chris Dill	Fr. Val
2/12 10:00am	Andy Davis	Lou Zappo Anthony Carlino	Fr. Mike
2/12 12:00pm	Tracey Foley	Eileen Wagner Jean Naugle	Fr. Rob



### Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

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 Saturday - 9:00am - 2:00pm  
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## 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](mailto:office@ihmparish.net)

**Religious Education:** [faithformation@ihmparish.net](mailto: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](http://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  
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## Rosary Altar Society News

### MEND MY HEART

Mend my heart, oh God, From the wounds of many yesterdays. Heal my body so that I might serve You in grace and holiness. Lift up my soul, where I have been worn down, From discouragement and anxiety. Give me hope to make a fresh beginning today. Fill me with a greater awareness of Your presence, So that I may stand and walk with a little more confidence, Courage, love and serenity. Help me to be a person of compassion and understanding, So that something of my life may soothe the wounds of those whose paths I cross today. I thank You, God, for this day in which to know you through your love incarnate Jesus Christ.  
 -Author Unknown

♥ We still have a few additional seats available for our Tuesday, February 7th Spiritual Presentation "Dry Bones" hosted by Phyllis Manno. The event will begin with Mass at 8:30AM in the Chapel, followed by the presentation in the Nazareth Center. Come join us for some spiritual reflection and coffee and cake. Kindly register by calling Mary Ann Sopko at 908-322-0279.

♥ On Tuesday, March 7th at 7PM, we will have a "HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH" event. We will have a presentation hosted by a health coordinator from the YMCA/YWCA. Please register by calling Mary Ann Sopko at 908-322-0279 by March 1st. Start the Spring off by feeling healthy!!

♥ Our yearly San Alfonso Retreat, held at the San Alfonso Retreat House on the ocean's edge in Long Branch, will be held from March 10-12. ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. The cost for the three day event (including housing & food), will be \$285 per person. For information & to register, please contact Chris 908-322-6462 or at [chrishaight@verizon.net](mailto:chrishaight@verizon.net).

♥ Please mark your calendars for Friday, April 21st at 7PM for a very special in-house entertainment event. Details to follow in next week's bulletin!! We send our loving thoughts and prayers to each of you and to your families each day as we remember you all in our Rosary prayers. May your cares be light and your Blessings be plentiful and may your week ahead be one filled with special surprises.

♥ Janice



The Women's Prayer Group will gather on **Thursday March 2, 2023 at 7:30pm** via Zoom. The topic will be "The Transfiguration of Christ". Email [tefoleyihm@gmail.com](mailto:tefoleyihm@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.



### CENTERING PRAYER/LECTIO DIVINA

Every Thursdays from 9:30 - 10:45 am on Zoom. Reflection, Discussion, Meditation in the Mystic 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 is **Saturday 2/11 at 7:30am in the Church Basement**. Donuts & Coffee will be served! Contact David at [dndiken@aol.com](mailto:dndiken@aol.com)

<b>Collection Report</b>		<b>January 29, 2023</b>
Weekly Target:		\$12,558.00
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)		\$9,984.56
Surplus/(Deficit)		(2,573.44)
<b>Fiscal Year to Date:</b>		
Budget		\$376,740.00
Actual:		\$335,086.85
Surplus/(Deficit)		(41,653.15)
<b>Rolling 4 Week Averages:</b>		
Average Collection:		\$11,824.47
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(748.53)
Christmas Collection to Date:		\$59,744.06 (91.1%)
Christmas Collection Goal:		\$65,000.00

**Charitable Contribution Forms for 2022**

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 2022.
- **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](http://www.parishgiving.org)
- Contact Tracey at 908-889-2100 or [tefoleyihm@gmail.com](mailto:tefoleyihm@gmail.com)

**“You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?” - Matthew 5:13**

<b>IHM EVENT CALENDER</b>	
<b>Sunday February 5</b>	
9:00am	Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast
7:00pm	BOLD Youth Ministry Discipleship Night
<b>Monday February 6</b>	
7:00pm	Confirmation Prep Session 4 (8th Grade)
7:00pm	Alpha Core Team Training
<b>Tuesday February 7</b>	
8:30am	Rosary Altar Society Lenten Retreat
7:15pm	Julian of Norwich Spirituality Seminar @ Zoom
<b>Wednesday February 8</b>	
10:00am	Food Pantry
7:30pm	KOC Meeting
8:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday February 9</b>	
9:30am	Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Zoom
7:00pm	Chad Thralls Webinar on Zoom
<b>Friday February 10</b>	
8:30am	Union Catholic Day of Recollection
3:00pm	BOLD Ski Trip to Vermont Departure
<b>Saturday February 11</b>	
7:30am	Men’s Scripture & Discussion Group LIVE
All Day	CYO Basketball
<b>Sunday February 12</b>	
10:00am	Food Pantry Sunday
7:00pm	BOLD Ski Trip from Vermont Arrival



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

Are you ready for a limited bulletin series? For the next few weeks we are going to travel through the spirituality of the faith communities I had name checked in last week’s message! We will consider the major pillars of that community’s spirituality. We will introduce a few of the order’s most notable saints, writings, and prayers for you to dive into yourself if you so wish. Most religious orders rose up as a response to an unmet need in the world. The Dominicans, or Order of Preachers stepped into place as a group of lay preachers, sharing in the work of the Bishops and Apostles, bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the World.

The 4 pillars of the life and spirituality of the Dominican Order are study, prayer, common life, and preaching. It is easy to remember these if you think of them as a progression. You love what you do not know, so you study. Knowledge alone does not form a heart connection, so you pray. God exists in community, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and Jesus ministered with and through His apostles and disciples, so you share a common life. You cannot give what you do not have, so through study, prayer, common life, you have a foundation for your preaching. If you would like to learn more about these pillars, check out this website: [www.opcentral.org/about/spirituality](http://www.opcentral.org/about/spirituality)

Read the full article: [www.ihmparish.net/childrensfaithformation](http://www.ihmparish.net/childrensfaithformation)

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