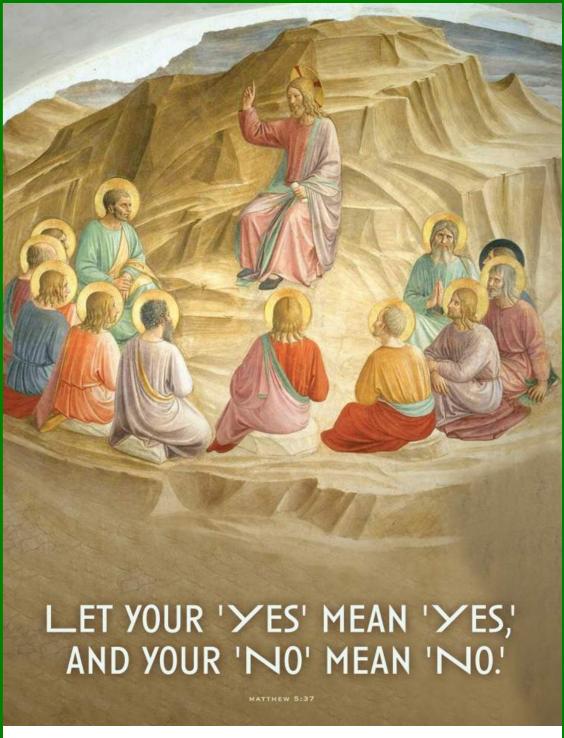
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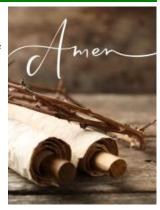
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A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

Continuing his Sermon of the Mount in Matthew's Gospel today, Jesus challenges us to choose obedience and life by fulfilling the commandments and beatitudes. But he is asking us to not simply fulfill the letter of the law, but to fulfill the spirit of the law as well. To do this he helps us explore the full meaning of the commandments so that we have a better understanding of the spirit of the law. Thus in the commandment: "Thou shall not kill", killing means not just physical death, but inflicting emotional and spiritual wounds as well.

Fortunately for us, Jesus gives us the grace necessary to fulfill not just the letter of the law, but the spirit as well, allowing us to live in right relationship with God and with one another, In this way, instead of not doing this or not doing that, we do. We share God's love, we help those in need, we praise our God with hearts washed clean, we allow our experience of peace and joy on our relationship with Christ to free us to love with all our heart mind and soul our God and our neighbor. Peace, 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 February 12 - February 19, 2023
Saturday February 11	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Nancy Simon+ from Amanda Malool Dot Foulks+ from Marianne Wilson Judith Hilton+ from Arleen & Stephanie
Sunday February 12	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Robert Olynic+ from The Sopko Family Claudio Romero+ from Jerry & Mary Mahony For the People from IHM Parish
Monday	7:00 am	Dorothy Foulks+ from Paula Criscuolo
February 13	8:30 am	Bruce Richmond+ from Bernie Beck
Tuesday	7:00 am	Rosemary Hannigan+ from The Nieva Family
February 14	8:30 am	Richard Gibbons+ from Anne Gibbons
Wednesday	7:00 am	Paul Howard+ (brother of Anne Howard) from Maureen Gottlick & Family
February 15	8:30 am	Michael D'Agostino+ from Heba & Rich Fortunato
Thursday	7:00 am	James Lambert+ from Robert, Paula, Robbie & Dan Criscuolo
February 16	8:30 am	James R. Kennedy+ from Jessica Cantor
Friday	7:00 am	Melissa Gara (living) Happy Birthday! From Christopher Lundgren
February 17	8:30 am	Dave & Ceil's 50th Anniversary (living) from Dave & Ceil D'Agostino
Saturday February 18	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Paul Shinn+ from The Malool Family Phyllis Biunno+ from The Lewis Family For the People from IHM Parish
Sunday February 19	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Dorothy Foulks+ from Mary Ann Sopko Dorothy Foulks+ from Maureen Pecoraro Living & Deceased Members of the Knox & Gorski Families+ from Arlene Knox

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

John Allen	Samantha Bridge	Kathleen Herron	Bill Malone	Arty Shapiro	Stephen Voorhees
George Becker	James Brown	Juliann Junio	June McManus	Elisa Silversey	Ben Wheelock
Mary Jane Bergen	John Burkert	Gregory Kamouh	Marlene Mosko	Bernard Slaza	Evelyn Whitehorne
Fran Boglioli	Ray Clark	Marie Keller	Hilda Pizza	Beverly Sopp	-
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Anna Cassella	Phyllis Fischer	Jillian Lapidus	Eileen Quinlan	Paul Szeker	
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Matthew Cassio	Mary Foster	Eileen Lynch	Marisol Rodriguez	Carole Ventre	any names can be
Frank Chimento	Michele Gamako	Maureen Lynch	Susan Rozborski	Daniel Ventura	removed from the
Edward Clark	Nicole Griffin	William Maines	Dolores Rust	Sr. Elizabeth Vermaelen	sick list. Thank you.
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Special Intentions for the week of February 12 - February 19, 2023



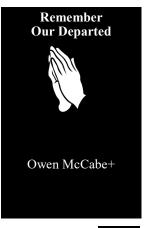
Sanctuary Light For the intention of: Michael D'Agostino+ Requested by John & Michelle Savoca



Altar Bread & Wine For the intention of: Success for the Alpha Winter/Spring 2023 Season Requested by **IHM Parish**



Flowers for the Blessed Mother In loving memory of: Ed Ryan+ Requested by Kathleen Ryan



Share thoughts questions doubts hopes



Alpha begins Monday February 13 @ 7pm



Prayers to the Alpha Team & Guests. #tryalpha





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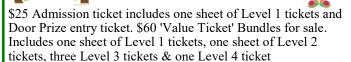
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For tickets or questions email: giftauction@motherseton.org
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IHM Pearl of Wisdom

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him."—James 1:5



A Prayer by Pope Francis

We come to You Lord, as brothers and sisters of a parish community. We are fragile and we are not always in communion. We need to be a community of communities that always put people in the center, accepting what each one is and has. Send your Spirit upon us so that we build a true Christian community born of shared faith, the fraternity lived and welcoming those most in need. Help us, Father, to build spaces of lively participation, and communion imbued with a missionary spirit. Give us the grace to be a parish community that evangelizes and allow us to be evangelized by the poorest, as a sign that all love and hope are found in You. Amen.



MEN'S CORNERSTONE
March 10 & 11, 2023

@ St. Bartholomew Church
www.stbartholomewchurch.
org/mens-cornerstone



<u>February 24:</u> Family Lent Night 7:00pm - 8:30pm <u>March 5:</u>Youth Ministry Discipleship Night 7:00pm - 8:30pm Questions? Contact Jean at <u>jstroud@fiatventures.com</u>

Minister Assignments: February 18 - February 19					
Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider		
2/18 5:00pm	Jim Brennan	Connie Boruch David Boruch	Fr. Val		
2/19 8:00am	Colm Keogh	Rich Banasiak Ed Sullivan	Fr. Rob		
2/19 10:00am	Mary Kate Schiller	Heba Fortunato Steve Prato	Fr. Val		
2/19 12:00pm	Carol Kiley	Regina O'Connor Eileen Wagner	Fr. Mike		



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 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

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

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Rosary Altar Society News

THE VERY THOUGHT OF JESUS by Author Unknown Jesus, the very thought of Thee, With sweetness fills my breast; But sweeter far Thy face to see, And in Thy presence rest. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, Nor can the memory find, A sweeter sound than Thy blest name. O Saviour of mankind. O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek! But those who find Thee find a bliss, Nor tongue nor pen can show: The love of Jesus, what it is, None but His loved ones know.



- ♥ Thank you to our dear Rosarian Phyllis Manno for her wonderful inspirational spiritual presentation this past Tuesday. Those of us who attended felt very uplifted and inspired to begin our Lenten journey with joy in our hearts. Many thanks to Mary Ann Sopko for adding those "special touches" to the event.
- ♥ We welcome all IHM parishioners and friends to join us on Tuesday, March 7th at 7PM for our "HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH" event. This presentation will be done by a health coordinator from the YMCA. Please contact Mary Ann Sopko at 908-322-0279 to register by March 1st. Start the Spring by feeling healthy & energetic!
- ♥ It's not too late to register for our yearly San Alfonso Retreat on the ocean's edge in Long Branch. The Retreat will be from March 10-12. ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. The cost for the three day event (Including Housing & Meals) will be \$285 per person. There MAY also be an opportunity to attend a single day session. Please contact Chairperson Chris Haight at 908-322-6462 or chrishaight@verizon.net.
- ♥ Please see next week's bulletin flyer insert for registration information for our Parish Entertainment Event on Friday, April 21st at 7PM. Kindly mark your calendars ASAP. You are all ALWAYS in our thoughts and prayers. May you have a week filled with many Blessings and many miracles! **♥** 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 for the Zoom link.



CENTERING PRAYER/LECTIO DIVINA

Every Thursdays from 9:30 - 10:45 am on Zoom. Reflection, Discussion, Meditation in the Mystic Heart 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 announced soon. Save the date for Men's Cornerstone March 10-12. Contact David at dndiken@aol.com

Collection Report	February 5, 2023
Weekly Target:	\$12,558.00
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)	\$9,811.11
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,746.89)
Fiscal Year to Date:	
Budget	\$389,298.00
Actual:	\$344,897.96
Surplus/(Deficit)	(44,400.04)
Rolling 4 Week Averages:	
Average Collection:	\$10,408.05
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,157.46)
Christmas Collection to Date:	\$60,764.06 (93.4%)
Christmas Collection Goal:	\$65,000.00

Annual Appeal \$7,175.00 pledged 11.55% of \$62,125.00 goal

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
- Contact Tracey at 908-889-2100 or tefoleyihm@gmail.com



Friday February 17

Saturday February 18

All Dav CYO Basketball

Sunday February 19

5:00pm Ukraine Benefit Concert @ Fanwood Presbyterian



30 Minute Chair Exercise Class

Tuesday March 7th @ The Nazareth Center Party starts at 7:00pm. Call Mary Ann Sopko if you'd like to participate 908-322-0279



A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate John McGuire:

This week we will take a non-extensive look at the Benedictine Order! To understand this group, you have to take into account that St. Benedict of Nursia lived from around 480-547. The document that he created to guide his early community, the Rule of St. Benedict has been the source that has inspired many religious communities that would come to follow. St. Benedict was a trailblazer of monastic life. A non exhaustive list of the core values of the Benedictine Order (OSB-Order of St. Benedict) are, moderation, the dignity of work, listening, the common good, stewardship, and justice. We won't unpack each of these values, but a couple that struck me!

First we have listening, popular understanding would have us understand that the Benedictines take a vow of silence. This is not true. However, as they practice silence as a disciple, which allows them to hear God, and the needs of others. In listening, ideally they develop mindfulness, and better discipline over their speech, avoiding hurtful language and gossip. Next, we consider the dignity of work. Have you ever heard the term Ora et Labora, it means work and prayer. While dedicated to prayer and communal life, members of the Benedictine order will take part in work to sustain their community. In some cases this will mean operating a school or retreat center. It can also mean making candy or confections, roasting coffee, or even the cultivation of an herbed Liquor called Benedictine, or Brandy.

Read the full article at: www.ihmparish.net/childrensfaithformation



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