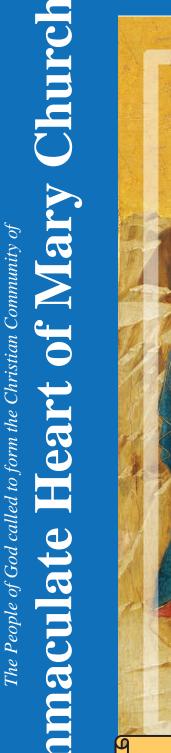
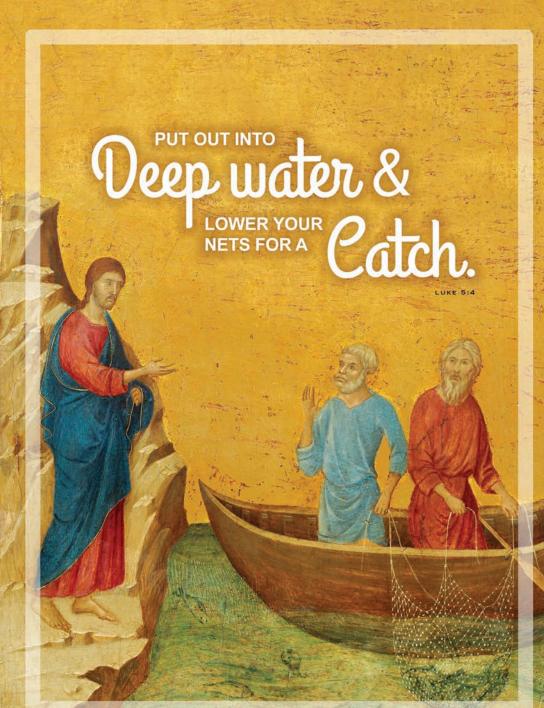
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MISSION STATEMENT "We reach out to all through prayer and service, as we live our Catholic faith in Christ with Mary."



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Mass will continue to Live Stream on Facebook and our website: www.ihmparish.net

A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

Trust in God and follow his commandments and all will be well. It sounds simple and so easy that we think it won't work, yet so often when we apply it to our lives it becomes more and more apparent that it really is true, and it does work. This is what Jeremiah and Paul continue to encourage us to do in our daily lives. Sometimes it is not so clear and easy, yet Jesus continues to encourage us each and every day. The beatitudes ask us to look out from ourselves rather than focusing on ourselves. Rich or poor, hungry or not, laughing or weeping, when we strive to live for others and for Christ, we incorporate the attitude of God's love into our lives. In this way we find that we can experience peace and happiness in our lives, as well as having a deep and abiding hope in the coming of God's Kingdom in its fullness. Fr. Mike



Introduction: Given the reinstatement by the Bishops of New Jersey of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and the lessening of restrictions from the state, the following is provided as an update to the May 25 COVID-19 directives.

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. Masks are still required on public transit and in health care settings, prisons, child-care facilities and schools, among other places. 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 all indoor and outdoor events.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: All ministries may return to full service – altar servers, lectors, ushers, greeters and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Masks are no longer required for all vaccinated ministers, including those distributing Communion (Priests, Deacons, and EMs). However, masks may be worn for those who prefer to wear one during the liturgy.

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 should be done regularly. It is not required after every liturgy.

SIGN OF PEACE: The invitation to share the Sign of Peace should continue. Parishioners could be reminded that it is not required to touch during the sign of peace.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Ushers may take up the collection at the proper time or baskets may be placed at the entrance of the church for the collection. (Beginning July 17, 2021)

BAPTISMAL FONTS: Baptismal fonts and holy water receptacles may be filled.

MUSIC: Vaccinated music ministers (cantors, choirs, etc.) do not require masks or shields. Music ministers who are not vaccinated should wear a mask. All musical instruments are permitted. Hymnals are now permitted.

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.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: The procession to present the gifts of bread and wine and the collection can be resumed. (Beginning July 17, 2021)

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

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A Lenten Seminar Series The Return of the Prodigal Son

The Rembrandt painting of *The Prodigal Son* reflects the story so well known by us. Through the themes of sin, forgiveness, mercy and reconciliation we are invited to be loved like the son and to love as the father. God's eternal love for us is the ultimate revelation of this parable and all of scripture.

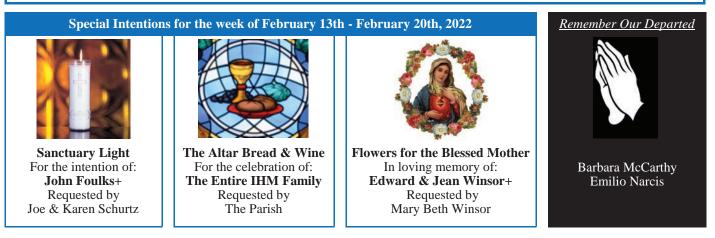
This 5 week Lenten series begins Monday, March 14th at 7:15 pm until 8:15 pm on Zoom. It continues through Mondays March 21 and 28. Also April 4 and 11.

Please contact me at FrRob@ihmparish.net when you are interested. The book we shall use is The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen. Please purchase the hardcover edition on Amazon. There is a link at our homepage at www.ihmparish.net

Jass Intentions

For the week of February 13 - February 20, 2022

Saturday February 12	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Nancy Bonicioli+ Angela Kiriakou+ Stephen Gawryluk+	By The Howard Family By Bernie Beck By Charles Barcellona
Sunday February 13		Bielawski Family+ Gregory Francis Ruppert Birthday (living) For the People	By Mary Young By Barbara Apgar By The Parish
Monday	7:00 am	Fr. Sean Cunneen+	By The Nizner Family
February 14	8:30 am	Richard Gibbons+	By Ann Gibbons
Tuesday	7:00 am	Grace Ann Sce+	By Lucy Wang
February 15	8:30 am	Dennis Schneider+	By Tracey Foley
Wednesday	7:00 am	For those living with Illness	By The Parish
February 16	8:30 am	James R Kennedy+	By Eric Finley
Thursday	7:00 am	Lucianna Palomino (living)	By RoseMarie DiStefano
February 17	8:30 am	Ed Clancy+	By Mildred & Dennis Yarcheski
Friday	7:00 am	Dr. Guillermo Sanchez+	By Art Lundgren
February 18	8:30 am	Ed Clancy+	By The Carlino Family
Saturday February 19	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	For those living in Poverty+ Louis Lewis+ Irene McElroy+	By The Parish By The Carlino Family By Lynne & Jim O'Connor
Sunday February 20		For the People Anthony Criscitiello+ Marie Farrell+	By The Parish By Patricia & Robert Eagan By The Farrell Family



Remember Our Sick Mary Calabrese John Allen Rose Badala George Becker Larry Biunno Fran Boglioli Erin Brennan Samantha Bridge James Brown Kevin Brown John Burkert

Anna Cassella Paul Cassidy Matthew Cassio Frank Chimento Edward Clark William Consovoy Anna Koch Colm Cosgrove Ray Clark Albert Fischer, Jr. Phillis Fischer

Emily Fleming Mary Foster Nicole Griffin Kathleen Herron Juliann Junio Marie Keller Jillian Lapidus Gus Long Eileen Lynch Maureen Lynch

William Maines Jim Malfetti Bill Malone Owen Mike McCabe Laurel McKenzie June McManus Christine Morris Thomas Moore Marlene Mosko Hilda Pizza **Diane Pricken**

Marisol Rodriguez Susan Rozborski Dolores Rust Diana Scariati Elisa Silversey Bernard Slaza Beverly Sopp Ryder Francis Spillane Paul Szeker Phyllis Szeker Carole Ventre

Daniel Ventura Sr. Elizabeth Vermaelen Stephen Voorhees Christy Ward



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.



The IHM Women's Prayer Group will meet via Zoom on Thursday, March 3rd at 7:30 pm. Our theme will be "Esther & the Feast of Purim". All women are welcome to join! Please email Tracey Foley at tefoleyihm@gmail.com if you want to join. Prayer connects us all!



Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Thursday mornings at 9:30 am on Zoom

Centering Prayer is a Contemplative method of Prayer, also known as The Prayer of the Heart or The Prayer of Quiet. It helps you to deepen your Personal Relationship with the Lord. It consists of Lectio Divina, Reflection, Sharing and Meditation. You LISTEN to the Stirrings of the Holy Spirit deep within your Heart and Soul. Words do not matter as much as the SPIRIT in which you pray them. This is a way of LISTENING and DISCERNING with the "EYES OF YOUR HEART'

"BE STILL AND KNOW, I AM GOD" Experience this method of Praver. We meet on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am on Zoom. Please call Phyllis at 908-264-7456 for information and the Zoom link.

The IHM Food Pantry Needs Donations!



- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Salmon
- Toothpaste
- Canned Fruit Juice
- Soap
- Pancake Mix & Syrup Deodorant
- Pasta
- Rice Peanut Butter & Jelly
 Mac & Cheese

Diapers

Snacks

Baby Products

Boxed Potatoes

• Feminine Products Cake Mix

Items needed include non-perishable food items, personal toiletry items and

baby products. Please bring your

donations to the back of the church.

Place the items in the red bins near

the backdoors. You may also drop

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donations off at the Nazareth Center.

- Hot & Cold Cereals Shelf Stable Milk
 - Cooking Oils
 - Canned Veggies
 - Tomato Sauce
 - Canned Fruit
 - Canned Soup
 - Coffee
 - Canned Beans



Men's Scripture & Discussion Group "Live" in-person meeting will gather on Saturday, March 19th at 7:30 am in the church basement. (Donuts & Coffee will be served) Contact David Diken at dndiken@aol.com for more information.



Saturday February 5th: Big thanks to our local Girl Scout *Troop for visiting the IHM Food Pantry! They brought a huge* donation of food to share with our families in need. The girls also learned about organizing and sorting different varieties of food and preparing packages for our guests on Wednesdays. We had a lot of fun and learned a bunch of handy new skills. Thank you to the Daisies, the parents and volunteers for making this Food Pantry trip really special!



Monday February 7th: Wow! That is a TON of food. Donated by our neighbors from Temple Emmanuel at Westfield. Plenty of food to share with our families in need. *Good people helping other* people, regardless of faith. We can accomplish great things when we work together. The IHM Food Pantry is open every Wednesday from 10:00 am until 12 noon. And open the 2nd Sunday of every month from 10 until noon.

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Minister Assignments - February 19 - 20				
Saturday /Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider	
5:00pm	Janice Good Piga	- Chris Zucosky - John Torzewski	Fr. Mike	
8:00am	Karen Schwanenberg	- Rich Banasiak - Ed Sullivan	Fr. Rob	
10:00am	Jane McClellan	- Lou Zappo - Anthony Carlino	Fr. Mike	
12:00pm	Carol Kiley	- Regina O'Connor - Eileen Wagner	Fr. Val	



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

► IHM Office is closed to the public until further notice...

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



This week we will be celebrating St. Valentine's Day, so I chose quotes from St. Basil the Great and George Eliot on self reflection. The first quote is from St. Basil the Great, "A tree is known by its fruit, a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship and he who plants kindness gathers love."

1. **February 15th** is the Rosary Altar Society Executive Board Meeting at 11:30am in the Nazareth Center. You are a member of this board if you are an officer, and a committee chair both standing or monthly event. Please RSVP by Sunday, February 13th to me at 908-753-2161. Thank you.

2. Rosarians next month will be an exciting month! We will have a surprise speaker and our first election under the new Bylaws. Please keep checking the bulletin for updates.

3. The San Alfonso Women's Retreat is **March 4-6th** and the theme is "Real Presence: Gift of God and Blessing to One Another ." This Retreat will invite us into a deeper awareness of the grace and power of real presence with God, with ourselves, with others and with all creation. Don't miss out! To register and for more information please contact Chris Haight, Chairwoman, at 908-322-6462.

4. Ladies encourage your men to register for the Men's Corner Stone. And please pray for the success of this event. Remember how important the corner stone is in the structure of a building! Without the corner stone the building will not stand!

5. As the Rosary Altar Society, we need your help with the washing and ironing of our Altar Linens. If you can iron a man's handkerchief, you qualify! Please call Betty Perfilio at 908-889-4868 or Erin Miller at 908-531-0128.

6. Do you have an hour to spend with Our Lord at the Adoration Chapel? Please check your schedule with Erin Miller at 908-531-0128. So Our Lord will not be alone! Thank you.

The final quote is from George Eliot, "What do we live for, if not to make life less difficult for each other?"

We are still praying for you, our parish, and the world! Thank you. God Bless! MaryJane



WEEKLY PEARL OF WISDOM

"Doing wrong is like a joke to a fool, but wisdom is pleasure to a man of understanding." **Proverbs 10:23**

Collection	Report <u>Fe</u>	bruary 6, 2022	
Weekly Bu	ıdget Need:	\$11,300.00	
Collection	:	\$6,480.00	
Parish Giv	ing:	\$4,518.69	
Surplus/(D	eficit)	(301.31)	
Fiscal Yea	r to Date:		
Budget		\$361,600.00	
Actual:		\$327,371.69	
Surplus/(D	eficit)	(34,228.31)	
Rolling 4	Week Averages:		
Average C	ollection:	\$9,327.96	
Average S	urplus/(Deficit)	(1,972.05)	
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	IHM EVENT CALENDER	R	
	Sunday February 13		
10:00 am	Food Pantry	1.1 1 1	
11:00 am	Families of Faith Bus Trip to C		
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	Tuesday February 15		
11:30 amRosary Executive Board Meeting7:30 pmAlpha			
	Wednesday February 16		
10:00 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting		
	Thursday February 17		
9:30 am	Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina	a Zoom	
	Friday February 18		
	Saturday February 19		
	Sunday February 20		



Faith Formation Program Options & Basic Info for 2022-2023

Sacrament Preparation Programs: All preparation programs for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation (8th & 9th gr) will remain unchanged from this current year's in-person format. Details for 2022-2023 will be shared in separate emails to families whose children will be preparing for these sacraments.

"New" Summer Families of Faith 2022: Building on our previous "pre-covid" Summer Academy model, there will be one on-site session for children which will run from Mon., June 27th - Fri. July 8th, with the day off on Mon., July 4th for the holiday. For the morning component for the children (which will look very much like our pre-covid Summer Academy Program), we are planning to offer PreK 3/4 through 8th grade, from 8:45am - 1pm. Please note that our ability to offer each grade level will hinge on whether we can identify catechists for each grade. Please let me know if you would like information about serving as a grade level catechist.

Sth grade Discipleship Academy: Assuming we have sufficient catechists and parent coverage for this program, 8th gr Discipleship Academy will take place on-site during the same time frame as Summer Families of Faith. No separate registration is required, it is the program for any rising 8th grader who is signed up for Summer Families of Faith. Although this program is not required for Confirmation preparation, it is highly recommended as it offers an excellent opportunity for fellowship, learning and group service projects.

Fall - Spring Families of Faith 2022-2023: During the school-year, Families of Faith will run from October through April, meeting on two Sunday mornings of each month. Families will gather from 8:30 - 9:45am for a variety of activities including learning, service projects, and fellowship. The group will then attend the 10am Mass together.

<u>At Home Families of Faith 2022-2023</u>: For any family who does not feel comfortable coming back in person to the parish or who cannot participate in one of the onsite Families of Faith programs due to scheduling conflicts or for other reasons, they may opt to register for At-Home Families of Faith.

<u>Registration for 2022-2023 Programs:</u> Registration will begin on March 1st. The deadline will be June 1st.

For full details and fees please visit our Youth & Families page at: **www.ihmparish.net/childrensfaithformation**



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