

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

Our readings today speak of loving our enemies, something that is not always easy. Jesus calls us to respect and forgive others.

We know that that is sometimes very difficult, yet the very decision to try and forgive and respect is a great beginning, even if we do not yet feel it in our hearts.

David gives us a good example when he reminds us that Saul is the anointed one, and thus refuses to kill him, even though Saul was trying to kill him. It is a sign of respect for Saul as one who was anointed by the Lord.



We too are called to respect and love one another when it is easy and when it is hard because we are all created in the image and likeness of God, and even more profoundly because in baptism we have been anointed in the Lord. Just as God offers us his love, mercy, respect and compassion, so to we should offer that same love, mercy, respect and compassion to one another, and in doing so we gain a better experience and understanding of Christ's presence in our lives.

Peace 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 an update to the **February 16, 2022** 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. 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 should be 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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Return of the Prodigal Son

A Lenten Seminar Series. 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 <u>FrRob@ihmparish.net</u> 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 on <u>www.ihmparish.net</u>

Mass	nter	ntions	For the week of	February 20 - February 27, 2022
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	10:00 am	For the People Anthony Criscitiello+ Marie Farrell+		By The Parish By Patricia & Robert Eagan By The Farrell Family
Monday February 21	9:00 am	Patricia Bergen+		By Karen & Joe Schurtz
Tuesday February 22	7:00 am 8:30 am	For peace in Russia & Ukraine Joan C Paradiso+		By The Parish By Linda & Bernie Whalen
Wednesday February 23	7:00 am 8:30 am	For the Students at Mt. Saint Mary Mary Coughlan+		By The Parish By The Coughlan Family
Thursday February 24	7:00 am 8:30 am	For the athletes at the Winter Olympics Jack Foulks+		By The Parish By Dorothy Foulks
Friday February 25	7:00 am 8:30 am	For the Students at Union Catholic Tony Acocella+		By The Parish By The Carlino Family
Saturday February 26	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	For the People Nancy Nagel+ Francesco Buscini+		By The Parish By Mr & Mrs Schiller By The Buscini Family
Sunday February 27		Deceased members of the Y Anthony Criscitiello+ Frank Russo+	oung Family+	By Mary Young By Patricia & Robert Eagan By Dr & Mrs Stephen Bosonac



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. Phyllis 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 Prayer. 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!

Baby Products

Boxed Potatoes

Diapers

Snacks



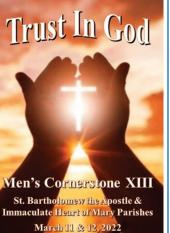
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Salmon
- Toothpaste
- Canned Fruit Juice
- Soap
- Pancake Mix & Syrup Deodorant
- Pasta
- Rice Peanut Butter & Jelly
 Mac & Cheese
- Feminine Products Cake Mix

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 donations off at the Nazareth Center. www.ihmparish.net/food-pantry

- 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.





"Help Us To Help Others"

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please help run our Thrift Shop at 1741 E. Second St. in Scotch Plains. Proceeds go to Grants for Union County Organizations & Local Student Scholarships. Contact Arlene at 908-233-1988 or Helen 908-500-2187



You may have noticed the big book near the front entrance? That is our new Prayer Book! We welcome you to add your prayer intentions inside the book. Our priests and parishioners will keep those intentions in mind as they participate in the Eucharist and in Adoration. So please share your thoughts and prayers inside the Prayer Book. "Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you." - Jer. 29:12

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Minister Assignments - February 26 - 27					
Saturday /Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider		
5:00pm	Mulrooney	- Dan Kelly - Janice Good Piga	Fr. Rob		
8:00am	Colm Keogh	- Karen Schwaneberg - Rich Wagner	Fr. Val		
10:00am	Heba Fortunato	- Jason McCann - David Diken	Fr. Mike		
12:00pm	Edwin Hernandez	- Carol Kiley - Diane McGuinness	Fr. Rob		



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



I associate February as a month for loving and giving to others. I found this quote from the book "The Generosity Habit" by Matthew Kelly. "Do Something to make someone's day. The creative genius of generosity is alive and well within you. Seek its counsel and then act accordingly." Please remember our food pantry! The Rosary Altar Society Just donated \$250 in Shop Rite gift cards.

1. **February 22nd** is the rescheduled date for 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, or a committee chair both standing or monthly event. Please RSVP by Sunday, February 20th to me at 908-753-2161. Thank you.

2. Rosarians - March 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 approaching fast - **March 4-6th** and the theme is "Real Presence: Gift of God and Blessing to One Another". To register and for more information please contact Chris Haight, Chairwoman, at 908-322-6462.

4. Men's Corner Stone is another event that is approaching fast also! So let's pray for the success of this event. Ladies encourage your men to sign up!

5. Parishioners: can you iron a man's handkerchief, then you qualify to join a special group to care for the Altar Linens. Please call Betty Perfilio at 908-889-4868 or Erin Miller at 908-531-0128.

6. Parishioners, do you like being totally alone? How do you think Our Lord feels, when there is no one to come and visit with Him in the Adoration Chapel? Please if you can spare some time call Erin Miller at 908-531-0128 to obtain the code! Thank you!

The final quote is from the book "13 Powerful Ways to Pray" by Eamon Tobin and relates to #6. "We should concentrate on creating space in our lives to ponder and be present to the loving Presence of God."

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



WEEKLY PEARL OF WISDOM

"How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver." **Proverbs 16:16**

Collection Report	February 13, 2022			
Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,300.00			
Collection:	6,066.00			
Parish Giving:	4,511.06			
Surplus/(Deficit)	(722.94)			
Fiscal Year to Date:				
Budget	\$372,900.00			
Actual:	\$337,948.75			
Surplus/(Deficit)	(34,951.25)			
Rolling 4 Week Averages:				
Average Collection:	\$9,760.55			
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,539.45)			

Annual Appeal Pledged to Date: \$35,225.00

Goal: \$67,107 52.49% of goal

IHM EVENT CALENDER

Sunday February 20

Monday February 21 - President's Day

7:15 pm St. John of the Cross via Zoom Tuesday February 22

11:30 amRosary Executive Board Meeting7:30 pmAlpha

Wednesday February 23

10:00 amFood Pantry8:00 pmChoir Practice

Thursday February 24

9:30 am Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Zoom

Friday February 25

Saturday February 26

Sunday February 27

7:00 pm BOLD Leadership Night



Faith Formation Program Options & Basic Info for 2022-2023

<u>Sacrament Preparation Programs</u>: Details for 2022-2023 will be shared in separate emails to families whose children will be preparing for these sacraments.

<u>"New" Summer Families of Faith 2022:</u> 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, we are planning to offer PreK 3/4 through 8th grade, from 8:45am - 1pm.

<u>8th grade Discipleship Academy:</u> 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, it is highly recommended as it offers an excellent opportunity for fellowship, learning and group service projects.

Fall - Spring Families of Faith 2022-2023: 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. The group will then attend the 10am Mass together.

<u>At Home Families of Faith 2022-2023</u>: For any family who cannot participate in one of the onsite Families of Faith programs due to scheduling conflicts, 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: <u>www.ihmparish.net/childrensfaithformation</u>



What a very nice trip we had to our cathedral this past Sunday! We learned a bit about the importance and purpose of a cathedral, and took in the beauty and detail of our Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica. Thank you to Fr. Bismarck Chau!



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Want to donate but don't have any cash on hand?

Parish Giving is fast, safe & secure. Scan the QR code with your smart phone or tablet. This code will link you directly to our Parish Giving website. No sign-up required. Just click the "Pay Now" button. Thank you for your continued support to our community!



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