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

## A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

Jesus tells us that "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher". These are good words to keep in mind as we approach the season of Lent. As disciples we are called to learn from and emulate our Teacher, Jesus Christ. Our Lenten observances of Prayer, Almsgiving and Fasting help us to do just that.

In Prayer we are paying more attention to our relationship with Christ, growing in our recognition of His love for us. In our Almsgiving, or Generosity, we share that love in material ways with others.

In Fasting, or Discipline, we learn from Christ and others about desiring the things that are from above, namely God's enduring love and mercy, and sacrifice for the benefit of others. And all three help us in applying God's love to our daily lives. May our Lenten practices this year help us to grow in faith, holiness and love for Christ and for one another.

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

8th 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 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 on www.ihmparish.net

# Intentions Mass

For the week of February 27th - March 6th, 2022

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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 Young Family+ Anthony Criscitiello+ Frank Russo+	By Mary Young By Patricia & Robert Eagan By Dr & Mrs Stephen Bosonac
Monday February 28	7:00 am 8:30 am	Gerald McAuley+ Leon Uzdavinis+	By Geraldine & Colm Keogh By Al Smith
Tuesday March 1	7:00 am 8:30 am	Patricia Bergen+ Virginia Doran+	By Carlino Family By Bob & Kate Franciscus
Wednesday March 2	7:00 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Michael Mengel+ Anna Marie Ruppert+ Grace Caramico+ Carol Ann Caivano+	By IHM Alpha Team By Barbara Apgar By The Carlino Family By Nancy Malool
Thursday March 3	7:00 am 8:30 am	Brian Flynn+ Ed Clancy+	By Giovanna Flynn By Rich & Heba Fortunato
Friday March 4	7:00 am 8:30 am	Robert Parkinson+ My beloved grandparents Francis & Elizabeth Daly+	By Art Lundgren By Mary Beth Winsor
Saturday March 5	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Anthony Cuccurullo+ Lucille Santos Paiva+ Marta Maria Capozziello+	By Paul Malool & Family By The Malool Family By Marlene Kalaigian
Sunday March 6	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	For the People Anthony DeSando+ Margaret Franciscus+	By The Parish By Betty & Tony Perfilio By The O'Grady Family



<u>Remember Our Sick</u> 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 Arty Shapiro 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.



I. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

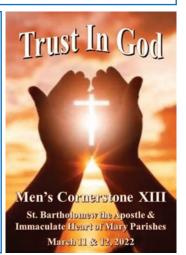
On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.



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.





II. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

III. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

IV. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2022 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 12, 2022.

\* Canon 920, §1: All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

Very Reverend John J. Chadwick, S.T.D. Vicar General

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February 27th, 2022

Minister Assignments - March 5 - 6				
Saturday /Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider	
5:00pm	Kathy Mitchell	- Janice Good Piga - John Torzewski	Fr. Val	
8:00am	Ed Sullivan	- Lou DiBella - Bob Speth	Fr. Mike	
10:00am	Lou Zappo	<ul> <li>Anthony Carlino</li> <li>Jason McCann</li> </ul>	Fr. Val	
12:00pm	Carol Kiley	- Eileen Wagner - Diane McGuinness	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**

► 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

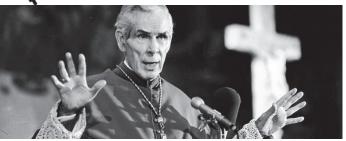
**RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:** Religious education for adults who are either not Baptized or who are Catholic, but have not received all of their sacraments and would like to be Confirmed or receive Communion. We have flexible hours. Call (908) 889-2100. All are welcome!

**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



We begin with a quote from Bishop Fulton Sheen: "God's delays are mysterious; sorrow is sometimes prolonged for the same reason for which it is sent. God may abstain for the moment from healing, not because Love does not love, but because Love never stops loving, and a greater good is to come from the woe. Heaven's clock is different from ours."

1. Rosarians and ladies of the parish, our meeting on **Tuesday March 8th** will be in the Nazareth Center Meeting room at 1PM. Our speaker and author will be Jamie Novak on "How to Alleviate Clutter". Please call Betty Perfilio to register at 908-889-4868 by March 4th. If you wish to zoom this presentation you must also register and leave your phone number with Betty. Just think of the possibilities for Spring Cleaning!

2. Have you attended one of the sessions of Synod on Synodality or filled out the survey? If not, you have one more opportunity to express your thoughts and opinions! So mark your calendar for **Saturday March 26th** at 9:30-11:30 am in the Nazareth Center Meeting room. Please call the IHM office to register at 908-889-2100. Thank you!

3. At our March 8th meeting, members will be given the opportunity to vote in our first election of officers by members. The slate of officers will be announced at our April meeting. Thank you.

4. 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.

5. 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 sometime call Erin Miller at 908-531-0128 to obtain the code! Thank you.

Final quote is from St. Francis of Assisi, "Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

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



WEEKLY PEARL OF WISDOM

"When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom." - Proverbs 11:12

Collection Report	February 20, 2022			
Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,300.00			
Collection:	5,943.00			
Parish Giving:	3,855.41			
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,501.59)			
Fiscal Year to Date:				
Budget	\$384,200.00			
Actual:	\$347,747.16			
Surplus/(Deficit)	(36,452.84)			
Rolling 4 Week Averages:				
Average Collection:	\$ 9,779.06			
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,520.94)			
Annual Appeal Pledged to D \$40,695.00	ate: Goal: \$67,107 60.64% of goal			



#### St Bart's Academy

This winter has been very busy at the Academy! 100 days of school so the kids dressed as their 100 year old selves!!!

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5364,200.00 5347,747.16	7:00 pm	BOLD Leadership Night			
(36,452.84)	Monday February 28				
	7:15 pm 7:30 pm	St. John of the Cross via Zoom Alpha Mass/Reunion			
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al: \$67,107 .64% of goal	Wednesday March 2 - Ash Wednesday				
Options	10:00 am 8:00 pm	Food Pantry Choir Practice			
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who cannot of to register	Faith Formation March Madness Event ScheduleRegistration for Summer Programs: Starts 3/1 = Deadline 6/1March Gathering: Sunday 3/6   8:45 am on ZoomInfo Meeting for Parents: Wednesday 3/9   7:00 pm on Zoom				
on will begin	9th Grade Confirmation Retreat: <b>Saturday 3/12</b>   10:00 am First Communion Prep: <b>Sunday 3/13</b>   8:45 am 8th Grade Confirmation Session 5: <b>Monday 3/14</b>   7:00 pm				
z Families <b>rmation</b>	8th Grade Rite of Sponsors: <b>Sunday 3/20</b>   10:00 am First Communion Prep: <b>Sunday 3/27</b>   8:45 am Summer Program 2022: <b>Monday 6/27 - Friday 7/8</b>				



## Faith Formation Program Options & Basic Info for 2022-2023

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

"New" Summer Families of Faith 2022: from Mon. June 27 - Fri. July, with the day off on Mon. July 4 for the holiday. For the morning component, we are planning to offer PreK 3/4 through 8th grade from 8:45 am -1:00 pm. Deadline is June 1st.

**<u>8th grade Discipleship Academy:</u>** No separate registration is required. This program is for any 8th grader who signed up for Summer Families of Faith. This program isn't required, but highly recommended.

**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 activities. Then attend the 10am Mass together.

<u>At Home Families of Faith 2022-2023</u>: For those who cannot participate due to scheduling conflicts, they may opt to register for At-Home Families of Faith.

Registration for 2022-2023 Programs: Registration will begin on March 1st.

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



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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