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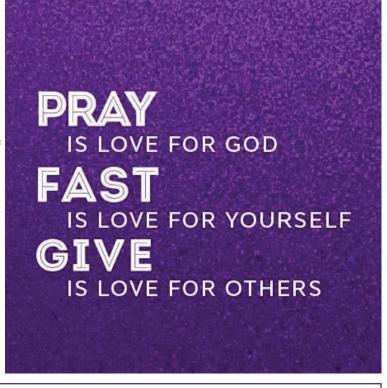
A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

Food, power, glory and ego are what the devil uses to tempt Jesus. The devil does not succeed in getting Jesus to sell himself out. Rather, Jesus shows a tremendous self awareness and authenticity, and in the process rejects each of the devil's offers.

Each of us is called to do the same. To be aware of ourselves as disciples of Christ and to have the trust in God to take the risk of living authentic Christian love. We also know that sometimes we can fail miserably.

Let us take this time of Lenten preparation to come to a deeper awareness of God's love in our lives leading us to a greater love of God, neighbor and self and so come to a greater capacity to live out our lives with authentic faith and discipleship.

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



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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.

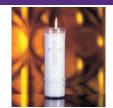
Please contact me at FrRob@ihmparish.net when you are interested. The book we shall use is The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen. Please purchase the hardcover edition on Amazon. There is a link at our homepage on www.ihmparish.net

Mass Intentions

For the week of March 6th - March 13th, 2022

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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		For the People Anthony DeSando+ Margaret Franciscus+	By The Parish By Betty & Tony Perfilio By The O'Grady Family
Monday	7:00 am	Thomas Uzdavinis+	By Al Smith
March 7	8:30 am	Ruben R. Razal+	By His Family
Tuesday	7:00 am	Mary Burke+	By Mary Beth & Edward Winsor
March 8	8:30 am	Deceased members of Reilly & Molnar Families+	By The Reilly & Farrell Families
Wednesday	7:00 am	Mary DiBella+	By The Veglia Family
March 9	8:30 am	Michael Hofmann+	By Karen & Joe Schurtz
Thursday	7:00 am	Maureen Federici+	By The Chimento Family
March 10	8:30 am	Louis Lewis+	By Kathy Mitchell
Friday	7:00 am	Jean Vigani+	By Rose Badala
March 11	8:30 am	Ed Clancy+	By Mary & Jerry Mahony
Saturday March 12	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Rosemary Clusman+ Tommy Wagner+ Keang Fou Hom+	By The Lundgren Family By Mom & Dad Wagner By Mr & Mrs Edward Kalaigian
Sunday March 13		For the People Anthony Criscitiello+ Michael R. D'Ambrosio+	By The Parish By Patricia & Robert Eagan By Dr. & Mrs. Chas Kiley

Special Intentions for the week of March 6th - March 13th, 2022



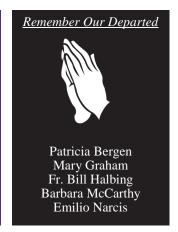
Sanctuary Light For the intention of: Ava Putter+ Requested by The Chimento Family



The Altar Bread & Wine For the intention of: Mary Graham+ Requested by Dan & Ro Kelly



Flowers for the Blessed Mother In memory of: Ann Ruppert+ Requested by Barbara Apgar



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

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The IHM Women's Prayer Group will meet via Zoom on Thursday, April 7th at 7:30 pm. Our theme will be "Sr. Faustina & Divine Mercy". All women are welcome to join! Please email Tracey Foley at tefoleyihm@gmail.com for Zoom link. Prayer connects us all!



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.

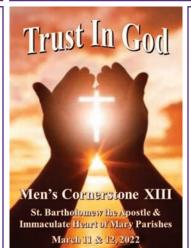


Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Thursday mornings at 9:30 am on Zoom

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.



SAVE THE DATE!



Sunday, June 26, 2022 Celebrating Fr. Mike's 25th Anniversary plus the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary! Mass at 12 noon followed by outdoor music/food festival.



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.

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.

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Minister Assignments - March 12 - 13					
Saturday /Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider		
5:00pm	Jim Brennan	- Dan Kelly - Chris Zucosky	Fr. Mike		
8:00am	Karen Schwaneberg	- Rich Wagner - Chris Dill	Fr. Rob		
10:00am	Andy Davis	Dave DikenHeba Fortunato	Fr. Mike		
12:00pm	Edwin Hernandez	Jean NaugleCarol Kiley	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

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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

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Rosary Altar Society News



The following quotes are from the book "Thirsting for God daily meditations by Mother Teresa:

- "During Lent, free your mind from all that is not Jesus. This will improve your spirit of prayer and recollection. If you find it difficult to pray, then say again and again: "Jesus, come into my heart. Pray in me and with me that I may learn from you how to pray." Praying the rosary as you walk or travel is a beautiful means to constant prayer.'
- 1. Rosarians and ladies of the parish, our meeting this Tuesday, March 8th will be in the Nazareth Center Meeting room at 1 pm. Our speaker and author is Jamie Novak on "How to Alleviate Clutter". Please call Betty Perfilio to register at 908-889-4868, today. Just think of the possibilities for Spring Cleaning! Our slate of officers for 2022-24 will also be announced at this meeting.
- 2. Have you attended one of the sessions of the 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. Please mark your calendar in April for two events that the Rosary Altar Society is hosting!
- The first is Sunday, April 3rd after the 12noon Mass we will be hosting a 2 hour retreat on the Stations of the Cross. A flyer will be coming shortly with more details.
- The second is on **Tuesday**, **April 5th at 7pm** where we will be hosting Creative Glass by Katie Wills in the Nazareth Center Meeting room. Registration closes March 22 and the cost for materials is \$20. To register send your information and check to Barbara Apgar at 427 LaGrande Ave, Fanwood, NJ 07023.
- 4. Parishioners, do you like being totally alone? We have 14 critical openings at the Adoration Chapel when there is no one to come and visit with Our Lord! Please if you can spare some time call Erin Miller at 908-531-0128 to obtain the code and check on those critical hours! Thank you.
- 5. We are still looking for any one who can help with the Altar Linens! Please call Betty Perfilio at 908-889-4868. Don't you think that Our Lord deserves clean linens?

Final quote is from the same source as above - "Be extra careful to do penance, especially during the Holy time of Lent. Make it a point to be faithful in small details. Jesus said that penance is necessary if we want to conquer the world, the flesh, and the devil."

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

Collection Report	February 27, 2022			
Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,300.00			
Collection:	\$5,591.00			
Parish Giving:	\$2,337.62			
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,371.38)			
Fiscal Year to Date:				
Budget	\$395,500.00			
Actual:	\$355,675.78			
Surplus/(Deficit)	(39,824.22)			
Rolling 4 Week Averages:				
Average Collection:	\$ 9,825.70			
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,474.31)			

Annual Appeal Pledged to Date: \$41,570.00

Goal: \$67,107 61.95% of goa



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Get Ready for the BEST Week of the Year on Catholic Heart Work Camp, our Summer Service Trip! **Registration is OPEN!**

Who: All High School Teens (8th Graders-Graduating Seniors) What: Summer Mission Trip with Catholic Heart Workcamp

When: Sunday, June 26th - Friday, July 1st

Where: Bridgeport, CT (transportation provided via carpool) *Previously based out of Hartford, CT*

Why: Join us for a great week of service, friendships, spiritual growth, and memories that will last a lifetime. Here's your chance to inspire others to live as disciples of Christ through a life of service. Plus, we have a blast!

Registration Cost: \$375. In addition to the registration fee, all teens must fundraise a minimum of \$275 toward the trip.

Register at www.boldym.com/chwc

Contact Rachael Flanagan with any questions!

Email ihmsp@boldym.com or Call / Text (908) 280-2893

	IHM EVENT CALENDER			
Sunday March 6				
8:45 am 9:00 am 7:00 pm	Families of Faith March Gathering Holy Name Society Meeting/Breakfast BOLD Night			
Monday March 7				
7:15 pm	St. John of the Cross via Zoom			
Tuesday March 8				
1:00 pm 7:30 pm	Rosary Altar Society "Keep This Toss That" Alpha			
Wednesday March 9				
8:45 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Union Catholic Day of Recollection Food Pantry DVD Bible Study Confessions Holy Hour: Last Words of Christ Choir Practice			
Thursday March 10				
9:30 am 7:30 pm	Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Zoom Women's Prayer Group			
Friday March 11				
12:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross Men's Cornerstone Retreat XIII			
	Saturday March 12			
All Day 10:00 am	Men's Cornerstone Retreat XIII 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat			
Sunday	March 13 (Daylight Sayings Time Starts)			

Sunday March 13 (Daylight Savings Time Starts)

8:45 am First Communion Prep 10:00 am Food Pantry Sunday

Faith Formation March Madness Event Schedule

March Gathering: **Sunday 3/6** | 8:45 am on Zoom Info Meeting for Parents: **Wednesday 3/9** | 7:00 pm on Zoom 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat: Saturday 3/12 | 10:00 am First Communion Prep: Sunday 3/13 | 8:45 am 8th Grade Confirmation Session 5: Monday 3/14 | 7:00 pm 8th Grade Rite of Sponsors: Sunday 3/20 | 10:00 am First Communion Prep: Sunday 3/27 | 8:45 am Summer Program 2022: Monday 6/27 - Friday 7/8

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