

2nd Sunday of Lent - March 13th, 2022



“This is my CHOSEN SON; listen to him.”

LUKE 9:35

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
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A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

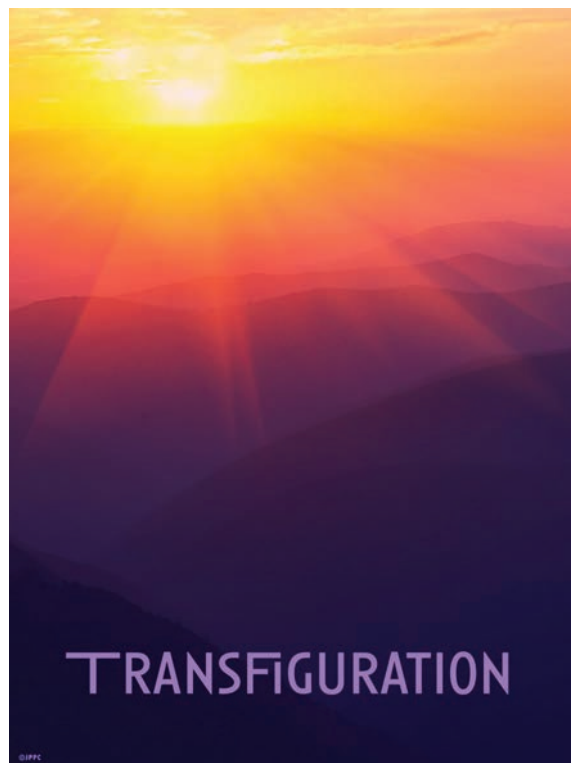
Our gospel reading of the Transfiguration of Jesus reveals to us a glimpse of the true glory and nature of Jesus as He is physically glorified and God reminds us of who He is, His only begotten Son in whom He is pleased.

This is a reminder to us not only of the glory of Jesus, but also the glory to which we are called.

To truly experience that glory we must open our hearts and minds to Christ to help us with repentance and conversion, and to do so with great depth and sincerity.

Thus we are better focused on the goal of our Lenten activities of prayer, discipline and generosity, which encourage and support us in our journey of faithful 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



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.

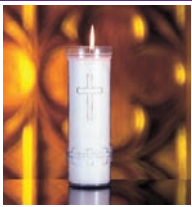
Please contact me at FrRob@ihmparish.net when you are interested. The book we shall use is *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen. Please purchase the hardcover edition on Amazon. There is a link at our homepage on www.ihmparish.net

Mass Intentions

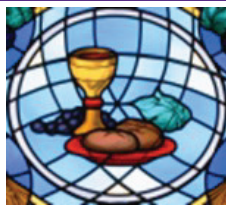
For the week of March 13th - March 20th, 2022

Saturday March 12	7:00 am	Rosemary Clusman+	By The Lundgren Family
	8:30 am	Tommy Wagner+	By Mom & Dad Wagner
	5:00 pm	Keang Fou Hom+	By Mr & Mrs Edward Kalaigian
Sunday March 13	8:00 am	For the People	By The Parish
	10:00 am	Anthony Criscitiello+	By Patricia & Robert Eagan
	12:00 pm	Michael R. D'Ambrosio+	By Dr. & Mrs. Chas Kiley
Monday March 14	7:00 am	Fr. Bill Halbing+	By Betty Swisher
	8:30 am	Albert Kacsur+	By Karen & Joe Schurtz
Tuesday March 15	7:00 am	For Peace between Ukraine & Russia	By The Parish
	8:30 am	Robert Kelly Jr+	By Dan & Ro Kelly
Wednesday March 16	7:00 am	Fr. William Halbing+	By Eileen & Rich Wagner
	8:30 am	Michael Reeves+	By His Family
Thursday March 17	7:00 am	Virginia Travisano+	By The Regal Family
	8:30 am	James R Kennedy+	By Eric Finley
Friday March 18	7:00 am	Joseph Connors+	By The Carlino Family
	8:30 am	Signe Myette O'Donnell+	By Bernie Beck
Saturday March 19	7:00 am	Robert McCarthy+	By Phyllis Fischer
	8:30 am	Norma Go+	By The Lioanag Family
	11:00 am	Mass of Anointing	By The Parish
	5:00 pm	Margaret & Patrick Cuddihy+	By Eileen Guidi
Sunday March 20	8:00 am	For the People	By The Parish
	10:00 am	Lenore Achiron+	By The D'Agostino Family
	12:00 pm	Tom Dwyer+	By The Dwyer Family

Special Intentions for the week of March 13th - March 20th, 2022



Sanctuary Light
For the intention of:
Thomas E Graham+
Requested by
His Family



The Altar Bread & Wine
For the intention of:
Friends of IHM (living)
Requested by
The Parish



Flowers for the Blessed Mother
In memory of:
**Birthday Anniversary for
George Scmitt & Helen Bergen+**
Requested by
Mary Jane Bergen

Remember Our Departed



Joseph Connors+
Mary Graham+
Fr. Bill Halbing+
Megan Johnson+

<u>Remember Our Sick</u>	Mary Calabrese	Emily Fleming	William Maines	Carmela Resnick	Phyllis Szeker
John Allen	Anna Cassella	Mary Foster	Jim Malfetti	Marisol Rodriguez	Carole Ventre
Rose Badala	Paul Cassidy	Nicole Griffin	Bill Malone	Susan Rozborski	Daniel Ventura
George Becker	Matthew Cassio	Kathleen Herron	Owen Mike McCabe	Dolores Rust	Sr. Elizabeth
Larry Biunno	Frank Chimento	Juliann Junio	Laurel McKenzie	Diana Scariati	Vermaelen
Fran Boglioli	Edward Clark	Marie Keller	June McManus	Arty Shapiro	Stephen Voorhees
Erin Brennan	William Consovoy	Anna Koch	Christine Morris	Elisa Silversey	
Samantha Bridge	Colm Cosgrove	Jillian Lapidus	Thomas Moore	Bernard Slaza	
James Brown	Ray Clark	Gus Long	Marlene Mosko	Beverly Sopp	
Kevin Brown	Albert Fischer, Jr.	Eileen Lynch	Hilda Pizza	Ryder Francis Spillane	
John Burkert	Phyllis Fischer	Maureen Lynch	Diane Pricken	Paul Szeker	

© Please advise if any names can be removed from the sick list. Thank you.



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 Women's Prayer Group will meet on **Thursday April 7 at 7:30PM** via Zoom to explore Sr. Faustina and the Novena to the Divine Mercy. Pamphlets are available outside the Nazareth Center. Bring a Rosary to our meeting! Contact tfoleyihm@gmail.com for the 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.

♥ Many thanks to Rich Wagner, Rich Fortunato, Dan Kelly and Glenn Vaughn for setting up our outdoor Stations of the Cross. Chris Zucosky, Mary Kate Schiller, Dan Kelly, Fr. Mike and Fr. Val for decorating our Church for Lent.



ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK
2022 Lenten Regulations

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 19 - 20

Saturday /Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00pm	Janice Good Piga	- Chris Zucosky - John Torzewski	Fr. Rob
8:00am	Colm Keogh	- Rich Banasiak - Ed Sullivan	Fr. Val
10:00am	Jane McClellan	- Lou Zappo - Anthony Carlino	Fr. Rob
12:00pm	Tracey Foley	- Eileen Wagner - Regina O'Connor	Fr. Mike



Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 9:00pm
Saturday - 9:00am - 2:00pm
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For more information contact Erin Miller at:
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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
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Rosary Altar Society News



**"It is not how much we do,
but how much love we put in the doing.
It is not how much we give,
but how much love we put in the giving."**

- Mother Teresa

The quotes are from the book "Thirsting for God - Daily Meditations by Mother Teresa. *"Prayer is nothing but that oneness with Christ. As Scripture says in St. Paul, "I live no longer, but Christ lives in me." Christ prays in me, Christ thinks in me, Christ looks through my eyes, Christ speaks through my words, Christ works with my hands, Christ walks with my feet, Christ loves with my heart."*

1. I want to thank Betty Perfilio and MaryAnne Sopko for their help in our watch party on "How to Alleviate Clutter and Be Ready for any Emergencies." Jamie Novak did a terrific presentation! All who attend enjoyed the tips on Spring Cleaning and the special Eight Tab Notebook! Thanks, again, to MaryAnne Sopko who provided the refreshments. Special thanks to Fr. Mike for his technical support. Without him the show would not have happened.

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 IHM office to register at 908-889-2100. Thank you.

3. **Sunday, April 3rd after the 12 noon Mass**, we will be hosting a 2 hour retreat on the Stations of the Cross in the church. Give your self a gift of renewal and bring the Stations alive for the crosses we carry in today's world. Please register by calling Margaret Lewis at 908-279-3939 by March 27th. Thank you. See flyer.

4. **Tuesday, April 5th at 7pm**, we will be hosting Creative Glass by Katie Wills in the Nazareth Center Meeting room. Registration closes March 22 and the costs for materials is \$20. To register send your information and check to Barbara Apgar at 427 LaGrande Ave, Fanwood, NJ 07023.

5. 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 openings! Thank you.

6. Do you like clean linens? Don't you think that Our Lord deserves clean linens? We are still looking for any one who can help with the Altar Linens! Please call Betty Perfilio at 908-889-4868.

From the same source as above - *"We have to love until it hurts. It is not enough to say, "I love." We must put that love into a living action. And how do we do that? By giving until it hurts."*

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

Collection Report		March 6, 2022
Weekly Budget Need:		\$11,300.00
Collection:		\$7,121.00
Parish Giving:		\$4,792.14
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$613.14
Fiscal Year to Date:		
Budget		\$406,800.00
Actual:		\$367,588.92
Surplus/(Deficit)		(39,211.08)
Rolling 4 Week Averages:		
Average Collection:		\$10,054.31
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,245.69)

Annual Appeal ^{the 2022} Pledged to Date: **Goal: \$67,107**
 \$42,545.00 **63.40% of goal**



HIGH SCHOOL TEENS!
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



@ St. Barts: Congratulations to our 8th grade Patriot's Pen contest winners Diane -Jane Ngumah, Gracie Taylor, & Colleen Kennedy. Thank you to the Scotch Plains Veterans of Foreign Wars for sponsoring the contest & Joe McCourt for coming to present the awards.

IHM EVENT CALENDER	
Sunday March 13 (Daylight Savings Time Starts)	
8:45 am	First Communion Prep
10:00 am	Food Pantry Sunday
Monday March 14	
7:00 pm	8th Grade Confirmation Prep Session 5
7:15 pm	Prodigal Son Webinar Begins via Zoom
Tuesday March 15	
11:30 am	Rosary Altar Society Exec. Bd. Meeting
7:30 pm	Alpha
Wednesday March 16	
10:00 am	Food Pantry
1:00 pm	DVD Bible Study
6:30 pm	Confessions
7:00 pm	Holy Hour: Last Words of Christ
8:00 pm	Choir Practice
8:00 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday March 17 (St Patricks Day) ♣	
9:30 am	Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Zoom
Friday March 18	
12:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday March 19	
7:30 am	Men's Scripture & Discussion Group
11:00 am	Mass of Anointing
Sunday March 20	
10:00 am	8th Grade Confirmation Rite of Sponsors
7:00 pm	BOLD 8th Grade Service Night

Faith Formation March Madness Event Schedule

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
 Registration Deadline 2022-2023 Programs: **Ends 6/1**
 Summer Program 2022: **Monday 6/27 - Friday 7/8**

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

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