3rd Sunday of Lent - March 20th, 2022 "...it may bear fruit in the future."

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

The parable of the fig tree, aimed at the religious leadership of Israel, helps all of us remember that we are always in need of God's mercy and forgiveness. It is only through the intervention of the gardener (God) that there is any hope for the tree.

The leaders that Jesus is talking to are not able to recognize this fact. The goal each year of our Lenten journey is to learn more and more to place our trust in God, to open our hearts and minds to conversion and allow the love of God to nourish us so that we may bear good fruit as disciple of Christ.

It is only when we give attention to our own lives of faith and need of God, a God who is not an abstract, impersonal reality, but the transcendent One who intervenes powerfully in human history as Moses experiences in the 1st reading, that we can then go out and effectively proclaim the good news of God's love, a love so strong that it overcomes even death itself.

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.

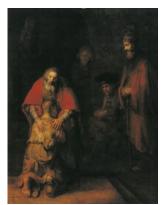
PARISH MEETINGS: Parish meetings in person may resume. Those vaccinated are not required to wear masks for indoor meetings nor are they required to maintain social distancing. The same recommendations for Mass apply to those not vaccinated.

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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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 o	f March 20th - March 27th, 2022
Saturday March 19	7:00 am 8:30 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Robert McCarthy+ Norma Go+ Mass of Anointing Margaret & Patrick Cuddihy+	By Phyllis Fischer By The Lioanag Family By IHM Parish By Eileen Guidi
Sunday March 20	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	For the People Lenore Achiron+ Tom Dwyer+	By IHM Parish By The D'Agostino Family By The Dwyer Family
Monday	7:00 am	Debbie & Frank Varela 30th Wedding Anniversary (living)	By The Varela Family
March 21	8:30 am	Claire Gibbons+	By Anne Gibbons
Tuesday	7:00 am	Fr. Bill Halbing+	By IHM Parish
March 22	8:30 am	Mary Graham+	By Betty Seery
Wednesday	7:00 am	Celebrating a Successful Men's Cornerstone XIII (living)	By IHM Parish
March 23	8:30 am	Mary Graham+	By Maureen Pecoraro
Thursday	7:00 am	Peace between Ukraine & Russia (living)	By IHM Parish
March 24	8:30 am	Jack Foulks+	By Dorothy Foulks
Friday	7:00 am	Prayers for the sick at Center for Hope Hospice (living)	By IHM Parish
March 25	8:30 am	Jeremiah O'Neil+	By Vivian O'Neil
Saturday March 26	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Joseph Connors+ Deceased members of the Licata & Mannell Families+ Romulo Liaonag+	By Fran & George Buzzanca By The Lewis Family By The Lioanag Family
Sunday March 27		Gerard McShane+ Anthony Criscitiello+ Mary Harris+	By Mr & Mrs Walter Schwaneberg By Patricia & Robert Eagan By Her Family



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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

Carmela Resnick Marisol Rodriguez Susan Rozborski **Dolores** Rust Diana Scariati Arty Shapiro Elisa Silversey Bernard Slaza **Beverly Sopp** Paul Szeker

Phyllis Szeker Carole Ventre Daniel Ventura Sr. Elizabeth Vermaelen Stephen Voorhees

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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 tefoleyihm@gmail.com for the Zoom link. 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.



IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group LIVE, In-Person meeting on Saturday March 19 at 7:30AM in the church basement. All men are welcome to come and socialize over coffee & donuts and discuss Sunday's scripture. Contact dndiken@aol.com for info.



Anniversary Masses 2022 Honoring those couples celebrating 5, 25 & 50 years of marriage! At the Cathedral Basilica in Newark. April 24 @ 3pm [5 & 25 years] and May 15 @ 3pm [50 years] Please call our office at 908-889-2100 during business hours to register. Thank you and Happy Anniversary!



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.

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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Minister Assignments - March 26 - 27						
Saturday /Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider			
5:00pm	Chris Zucosky	- Dan Kelly - Janice Good Piga	Fr. Val			
8:00am	Rich Banasiak	- Karen Schwaneberg - Rich Wagner	Fr. Mike			
10:00am	Heba Fortunato	- Jason McCann - David Diken	Fr. Val			
12:00pm	Regina O'Connor	- Diane McGuinness - Carol Kiley	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

Yesterday is **gone**. Tomorrow has **not yet come**. We have only **today**.

- Mother Teresa

The quotes are from the book "Thirsting for God-Daily Meditations by Mother Teresa" - "Be faithful to the time spent in prayer and make sure that at least half of your prayer is spent in silence. This will bring you closer to Jesus. If you deepen your prayer life you will grow in holiness and obtain many graces for the souls entrusted to your care. Deepen your love for one another by praying for each other and by sharing thoughts and graces you have received in prayer and reading."

1. **Sunday, April 3rd** after the 12noon Mass, we will be hosting a 2 hour retreat on the Stations of the Cross in the IHM Church. All parishioners are invited to give themselves 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.

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

3. 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 9:30-11:30am** in the Nazareth Center Meeting room. Please call IHM office to register at 908-889-2100. Thank you.

4. Announcing our slate of officers for the 2022-24 term and will be installed on **May 15, 2022** as follows: President Janice Good-Piga, 1st Vice President Maureen Pecoraro, 2nd Vice President MaryAnne Sopko, Treasurer Alice Mansfield-Smith, Secretary Janice Reilly. Congratulations!

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. 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. Thank you.

7. Save the date: June 8th!!

Final quote: "On the Cross they tried to give Jesus a bitter drink, like a drug, but He did not use it because His thirst was for love, for souls, for you and me."

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

Collection Report	March 13, 2022		IHM EVENT CALENDER			
Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,300.00		Sunday March 20			
Collection:	\$6,668.00	10:00 am	8th Grade Confirmation Rite of Sponsors			
Parish Giving:	\$4,596.14	7:00 pm	BOLD Leadership Night			
Surplus/(Deficit)	(35.86)		Monday March 21			
Fiscal Year to Date:		7:15 pm	Prodigal Son Webinar via Zoom			
Budget	\$418,100.00		Tuesday March 22			
Actual:	\$378,853.06	7:30 pm	Alpha			
Surplus/(Deficit)	(39,246.94)	Wednesday March 23				
Rolling 4 Week Averages:		10:00 am	Food Pantry			
Average Collection:	\$10,226.08	1:00 pm 6:30 pm	DVD Bible Study Confessions			
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,073.92)	7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Holy Hour: Last Words of Christ Choir Practice			
Annual Appeal Pledged to \$43,265.00	Date: Goal: \$67,107 64.47% of goal	1	Thursday March 24			
@ St. Barts: 0	Celebrating Read	9:30 am	Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Zoom			
	ca. Students did serval their 3rd grade prayer		Friday March 25			
buddies and pa	articipated in Drop	12:00 pm	Stations of the Cross			
	d Read Day where the PJ's to school and read	1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Soup & Salad at the Nazareth Center Stations of the Cross			
books together	books together by flashlight!		Saturday March 26			
	2021-22 Union County CYO Basketball n is officially over and in the books. IHM teams out of 6 make it to the final game of layoffs for Union County and had over 70		Synod Last Call Live Meeting			
had 3 teams out of 6 ma			Sunday March 27			
players between the 4th	and 8th grade Boys and	8:45 am 7:00 pm	First Communion Prep			
road with Covid but it w	Girls teams. We still faced some bumps in the road with Covid but it was nice to see the kids		BOLD 8th Grade Service Night			
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Catholic Heart Work Camp: BOLD S Who: All High School Teens (8th Grade What: Summer Mission Trip with Catho When: Sunday, June 26th - Friday, Jun Where: Bridgeport, CT (transportation p Why: Join us for a great week of service growth, and memories that will last a life Registration Cost: \$375 + \$275 fundraise Register at www.boldym.com/chwc	rs-Graduating Seniors) lic Heart Workcamp ly 1st rovided via carpool) , friendships, spiritual etime. It's a blast!	Sun 4/3 10:00 am - Families of Faith Closing Mass Mon 4/4 7:00 pm - 8th Grade Confirmation Prep #6 Sat 4/9 9:00 am - First Communion Jesus Day Retreat Sun 4/24 10:00 am - 8th Grade Confirmation Rite of Service Sat 4/30 10:00 am - Reception of First Communion Sat 4/30 4:30 pm - 9th Grade Confirmation Easter Gathering Registration Deadline 2022-2023 Programs: Ends 6/1 Summer Program 2022: Monday 6/27 - Friday 7/8				
Contact Rachael Flanagan with any ques Email <u>ihmsp@boldym.com</u> or Call / Tex		For full details and fees please visit our Youth & Families page at: www.ihmparish.net/childrensfaithformation				
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