

5th Sunday of Lent - April 3rd, 2022

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“We reach out to all through prayer and service, as we live our Catholic faith in Christ with Mary.”

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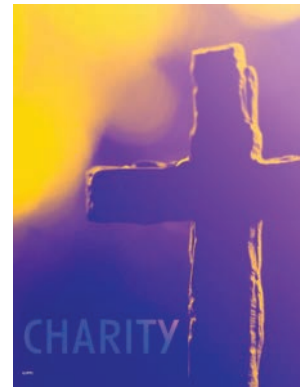
Mass will continue to Live Stream
 on Facebook and our website:
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A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

There is a saying in the church that we are to hate the sin but love the sinner. Jesus gives us a perfect example of how to do this. He does not say the woman did not sin. He does not overrule the law. He does show mercy to the woman caught in adultery. He also instructs her to go and sin no more. How often are we quick to condemn others? How often do we get condemned? How often do we show or receive mercy from one another?

Jesus also tells us to go and sin no more. The Gospel today reminds us to recognize sin as sin, to recognize that we are not perfect either and to encourage one another to grow in holiness. And to know that Jesus is always there to help and support us, to give us His mercy when we fall. To do that we must recognize and share His love and mercy as we grow in holiness.

Peace
 Fr. Mike



Sacred Heart Basilica
 Newark, New Jersey

Chrism Mass: Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., the Archbishop of Newark, will be joined by his auxiliary bishops and dozens of priests from throughout the Archdiocese of Newark on **Monday April 11** to celebrate the Chrism Mass, the second observance of Holy Week. Standing before clergy and parishioners, who fill the Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica's pews, Cardinal Tobin will consecrate the Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumens and the Sacred Chrism for the year ahead. These holy oils were then distributed to the priests, who will use them for Baptism, the anointing of the sick and other sacraments at their parishes. Also during the Mass, the participating priests and bishops reaffirmed their commitment to Christ by renewing their priestly promises.

This year, Fr. Mike has been invited to concelebrate this special Mass in honor of his 25th anniversary of becoming a priest. Mass Begins at 8pm. A group from IHM will carpool to attend this Mass, please be at the Nazareth Center by 5:20 pm sharp if you would like to join us.



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.

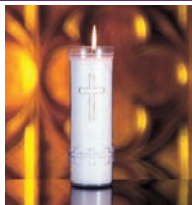
Please contact me at FrRob@ihmparish.net when you are interested. The book we shall use is *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen. Please purchase the hardcover edition on Amazon. There is a link at our homepage on www.ihmparish.net

Mass Intentions

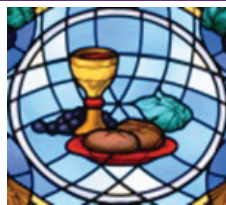
For the week of April 3rd - April 10th, 2022

Saturday April 2	7:00 am	Daniel Harrington+	By Patrick Dowling
	8:30 am	Patricia Long & Margaret Guinan+	By The McGovern Family
	5:00 pm	Charles Takacs Birthday Anniversary+	By Barbara Apgar
Sunday April 3	8:00 am	Christopher Gorka 1st Anniversary+	By Nancy Gorka
	10:00 am	Margaret Licata+	By The Lewis Family
	12:00 pm	Thomas E Graham+	By The Graham Family
Monday April 4	7:00 am	Peace between Ukraine & Russia	By IHM Parish
	8:30 am	Mary Graham+	By Eileen Guidi
Tuesday April 5	7:00 am	Bruno Gialanella+	By Marilyn Gialanella
	8:30 am	MaryAnn Flanagan+	By Kevin & Mary Kate Schiller
Wednesday April 6	7:00 am	Greg Stanzione+	By The Chimento Family
	8:30 am	James R Kennedy+	By Kerry Caspersen
Thursday April 7	7:00 am	For the sick at Center for Hope Hospice	By IHM Parish
	8:30 am	Mary Graham+	By Mary Ann Menichella
Friday April 8	7:00 am	Good Harvest for the IHM Garden	By IHM Parish
	8:30 am	Phyllis & Paul Szeker (living)	By Pam Bonaccolto & Family
Saturday April 9	7:00 am	For The People	By IHM Parish
	8:30 am	Marcus Andrew+	By Rekha Kulkarni
	5:00 pm	Robert A Coats+	By Donna Ayers
Sunday April 10	8:00 am	George E Masenior Jr+	By Donna Ayers
	10:00 am	Salvatore Maria Vincenzo Barone+	By The Buscini Family
	12:00 pm	Kathy Moulton+	By Tom Davis

Special Intentions for the week of April 3rd - April 10th, 2022



Sanctuary Light
For the intention of:
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Requested by
Love, Grandma

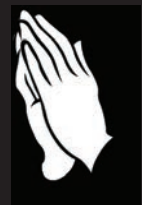


The Altar Bread & Wine
For the intention of:
Our Community
Requested by
IHM Parish



Flowers for the Blessed Mother
In memory of:
Charles Takacs' Birthday+
Requested by
Barbara Apgar

Remember Our Departed



Joan Marie Guarino+
Brian Keller+
David Regal+

<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 tefoleyihm@gmail.com for the Zoom link. Prayer connects us all!



IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group: Next in-person meeting is **Saturday April 9th 7:30am** Live in the church basement. Coffee and donuts will be served. Contact David Diken at dndiken@aol.com for more info.



Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

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.

"BE STILL AND KNOW, I AM GOD"

As an FYI and to avoid confusion about when we will be meeting for Centering Prayer below are the dates we will be gathering in April:

Sunday April 3: Lenten Retreat on the Stations at IHM: Retreat Hours: 1-3pm (Sponsored by the Rosarians)

Thursday April 21 and Thursday April 28 both at 9:30am
Please call Phyllis at 908-264-7456 for information and the Zoom link. Peace and Prayers!



Our First Communion Families experienced a joy-filled event of serving others by assembling Easter baskets for our brothers and sisters who are served by our parish Food Pantry. Thanks to our parishioners who donated the items for the Easter Baskets.



We are really proud of our 8th grade students who came together to finish making Easter Baskets for our food pantry guests. Thank you!



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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 - April 9 - 10

Saturday /Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
5:00pm	Jim Brennan Janice Good Piga	- Dan Kelly - John Torzewski - Alice Schaffernoth	Fr. Rob
8:00am	Colm Keogh Ed Sullivan	- Rich Wagner - Chris Dill	Fr. Val
10:00am	Jane McClellan Lou Zappo	- MaryKate Schiller - Dave Diken - Chris Zucosky	Fr. Rob
12:00pm	Carol Kiley Edwin Hernandez	- Eileen Wagner - Jean Naugle - Tracey Foley	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
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Rosary Altar Society News

The quotes this weekend are from the book of "The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen": *"Our Blessed Lord was hopeful about humanity. He always saw men the way He originally designed them. He saw through the surface, grime, and the dirt to the real man underneath. He never identified a person with sin. He saw sin as something alien and foreign which did not belong to man. Sin had mastered man but he could be freed from it to be his real self. Just as every mother sees her own image and likeness on her child's face, so God always saw the divine image and likeness beneath us."*

1. Reminders if you have registered for first the **Retreat of Journey of the Stations of the Cross that it is this Sunday at 1pm** in the Church. Secondly, the Creative Glass workshop is this **Tuesday night April 5** in the Nazareth Center Gym at 7:00pm. Thank you.

2. At the 10:00 am Mass on **May 15, 2022** our slate of officers for the 2022-2024 term will be installed. All new members of the past Two years will be also installed and received their Miraculous Medal. I will be inviting you to that installation. If you do not receive an invite by April 20th please call me at 908-753-2161. Thank you.

3. Reminder to all Executive Board Members that there is a Board Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, April 19th at 6:15pm** at the Nazareth Center Meeting room. All new and retiring officers and committee chair ladies are invited. Please RSVP by April 14th to me at 908-753-2161. Thank you.

4. All ladies of the parish mark your calendar for The Rosary Altar Society Communion Luncheon will be held on **May 15th** at the Shackamaxon Country Club. More info to follow...

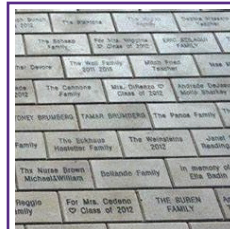
5. Parishioners, we still have 14 critical openings at the Adoration Chapel when there is no one to come and visit with Our Lord. Please if you can spare some time call Erin Miller at 908-531-0128 to check on those critical openings! Thank you.

6. Do you like clean linens? We still need your help! Our Lord deserves clean linens! If you can iron a man's handkerchief, you qualify for this opportunity to thank Our Lord for all he has done for you. Please call Betty Perfilio at 908-899-4868. Thank you.

7. **Save the Date: June 8th!!** Our first bus trip in 2 years! Planning on a trip to the Botanical Gardens!

Final quote: *"We lose our souls not only by the evil we do but also by the good we leave undone."*

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



BUY A BRICK SPRING 2022

Please donate a brick and place an everlasting memento in the walkway & patio of "Our Lady of Fatima" garden. We are offering 2 sizes of bricks: 4x8 and 8x8. **Order deadline is May 13!** Order forms are by the doors in church.

Collection Report		March 20, 2022
Weekly Budget Need:		\$11,300.00
Collection:		\$6,222.00
Parish Giving:		\$2,512.84
Surplus/(Deficit)		(2,565.15)
Fiscal Year to Date:		
Budget		\$440,700.00
Actual:		\$398,084.01
Surplus/(Deficit)		(42,615.99)
Rolling 4 Week Averages:		
Average Collection:		\$10,602.06
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(697.94)

Annual Appeal <small>the 2022</small>	Pledged to Date:	Goal: \$67,107
	\$52,145.00	77.70% of goal

FREE TOUR with THIS COUPON

Present this coupon at our BOLD Night on **Sunday, April 3 at 7pm**
To receive a free tour from *AfterLife Tours!*

Offer valid for **teens in grades 9-12**.
See participating Youth Minister for details.
Offer valid while supplies last. *AfterLife Tours* are not responsible for any life-changing questions or revelations. For more information, talk to God.

IHM BOLD Youth Ministry ~ THIS SUNDAY!

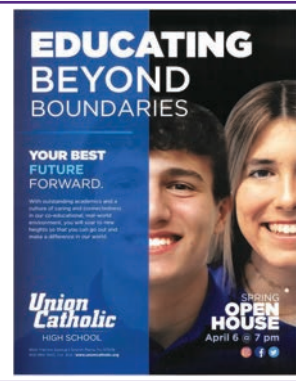
Calling all high school teens! Join IHM BOLD Youth Ministry for a truly HEAVENLY Event. Please clip the attached coupon for a FREE TOUR with AfterLife Tours and bring it with you **Sunday, April 3 from 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Nazareth Center.**

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP: ~ PARENT INFO SESSION ~

Do you have questions about our Summer Service Camp for high school teens (Catholic Heart Work Camp)? Attend our ZOOM Info Session on **Sunday, April 10 at 3pm**. Contact Rachael at IHMSP@boldym.com

Union Catholic HIGH SCHOOL

Union Catholic High School **SPRING OPEN HOUSE**
Wednesday April 6 @ 7:00pm
For Students in Grades 5-7
Contact Betsy Thornton at 908-889-1600 x302
bthornton@unioncatholic.org



IHM EVENT CALENDER	
Sunday April 3	
9:00 am	Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast
10:00 am	Families of Faith Closing Mass
1:00 pm	Stations of the Cross Retreat
7:00 pm	BOLD Night: AfterLife Tours
Monday April 4	
7:00 pm	8th Grade Confirmation Session 6
7:15 pm	Prodigal Son Webinar via Zoom
Tuesday April 5	
7:00 pm	Creative Glass Workshop
Wednesday April 6	
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
Thursday April 7	
9:30 am	Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Zoom
7:00 pm	Confessions
7:30 pm	Women's Prayer Group
Friday April 8	
12:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
1:00 pm	Soup & Salad at the Nazareth Center
7:00 pm	Musical Stations of the Cross
Saturday April 9 Jesus Day	
7:30 am	Men's Scripture Group LIVE
Sunday April 10 Palm Sunday	
10:00 am	Sunday Food Pantry
1:00 pm	BOLD Living Stations Rehearsal

Faith Formation Spring 2022 Event Schedule

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

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

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