

4th Sunday of Easter - May 8th, 2022

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**“My sheep  
hear my  
voice.”**

JOHN 10:27



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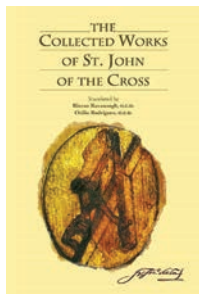


Mass will continue to Live Stream on Facebook and our website:  
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## A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

St. Paul urges us to continue to live out the grace that we have received. By proclaiming God's love in our words and actions, by allowing the Good Shepherd to guide us and love us we can follow Paul's advice. We know that Jesus loves and cares for us, even more than a shepherd cares for his flock. We also are called to care for and love one another as a reflection and sign of God's love in our lives.

The closing statement of the Gospel reading that Jesus and the father are one reminds us of the prologue of the same Gospel, indicating the full unity of Jesus and the father, not just in thought and action but in full reality. So we can see not just the basis of our doctrinal belief in the unity of the father and son (part of the basis of faith expressed in the Nicene Creed) but also the historical response of the son to the Father's will. This is also a reminder of our calling to respond to God's will in our interior assent to the love of God and in our words and actions  
 Peace, Fr. Mike



### The Collected Works of St. John of the Cross Returns!

We shall continue our discovery of the Christian Mystics beginning Tuesday April 26, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join us as we take up the spiritual writings of St. John of the Cross. Our Tuesday Zoom seminars are one hour and begin at 7:00 pm and ends 8:15pm. Our book is: The Collected Works of St. John of the Cross. Our first session is April 26, 2022 at 7:00 pm. **This program is estimated to run until June 7th.** I have limited copies of these classic writings of St. John of the Cross. So please contact me to get your book at [FrRob@ihmparish.net](mailto:FrRob@ihmparish.net) or see me after Mass on Sunday. Thank you!  
 Fr. Rob



**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

**Mass Intentions** For the week of May 8th - May 15th, 2022

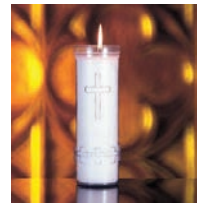
<b>Saturday May 7</b>	7:00 am	Thomas Moore+	By Anthony & Gabriella Carlino & the Girls By Betty & Tony Perfilio By Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga
	8:30 am	Karen Mannix+	
	5:00 pm	Kenneth Biddulph+	
<b>Sunday May 8</b>	8:00 am	Peg Campbell+	By Arnold & Patricia Manzo By Janet & Emil Manfredonia By The Parish
	10:00 am	Frank & Elise Marcigliano+	
	12:00 pm	For the People	
<b>Monday May 9</b>	7:00 am	Brian Flynn+	By Giovanna Flynn By The Parish
	8:30 am	Mother's Day Novena	
<b>Tuesday May 10</b>	7:00 am	Mother's Day Novena	By The Parish By Mary Jo Blum
	8:30 am	Mary DiBella+	
<b>Wednesday May 11</b>	7:00 am	Mother's Day Novena	By The Parish By Mary Beth & Edward Winsor
	8:30 am	Mary Graham+	
<b>Thursday May 12</b>	7:00 am	Mother's Day Novena	By The Parish By Phyllis Fischer
	8:30 am	Charles Gero+	
<b>Friday May 13</b>	7:00 am	Mother's Day Novena	By The Parish By Mary & Jerry Mahony
	8:30 am	Brendan Loughrey+	
<b>Saturday May 14</b>	7:00 am	Mother's Day Novena	By The Parish By Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga By The Hennessy Family
	8:30 am	Pietra Macaluso+	
	5:00 pm	Deceased members of Browne & Curtin Families+	
<b>Sunday May 15</b>	8:00 am	Mother's Day Novena	By The Parish By Chris & Amy Zucosky By Maureen Pecoraro & Family
	10:00 am	Bart & Mary Zucosky+	
	12:00 pm	Ignatius & Robert Janusz+	

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

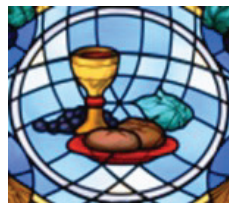


**Hospital Privacy** / Please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow hospitals/pastoral care offices to contact parishes. If you or a loved one are in the hospital and want a priest to visit, please call the IHM office at (908) 889-2100.


**Special Intentions for the week of May 8th - May 15th, 2022**



**Sanctuary Light**  
For the intention of:  
**James Lissemore+**  
Requested by  
Maureen Grossman




**The Altar Bread & Wine**  
For the intention of:  
**Deceased members of Wood  
& Verdic Families+**  
Requested by The Verdic Family



**Flowers for the Blessed Mother**  
For the intention of my parents:  
**Elizabeth & John McKenna+**  
Requested by  
Elizabeth Sandiford

Remember Our Departed



Ed Celardo



The Women's Prayer Group will meet on **Thursday June 2nd at 7:30PM** via Zoom. The topic will be "Rest-Full Waters." Please contact [tefoleyihm@gmail.com](mailto:tefoleyihm@gmail.com) for the Zoom link. Prayer connects us all!



IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group: Next in-person meeting is **Saturday May 14, 2022 @ 7:30am** in the church basement. Donuts & Coffee will be served! Contact David Diken at [dndiken@aol.com](mailto:dndiken@aol.com) for more info.

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### Annual Feast of Padre Pio

Will be celebrated at St. Theresa's Church  
**Saturday May 21st, 2022**

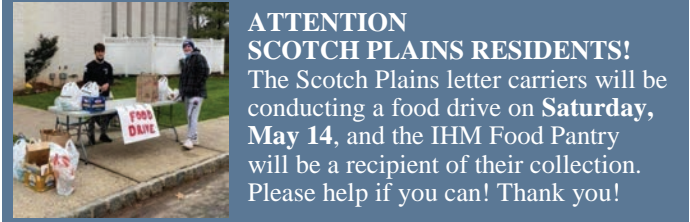
Solemn Mass at 3:00pm at church, followed by a procession through the streets of our neighborhood.  
541 Washington Ave. Kenilworth, NJ 07033  
Light refreshments in McVeigh Hall after the procession.



**BUY A BRICK SPRING 2022**

**ORDER DEADLINE IS FRIDAY MAY 13!**

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 forms are by the doors in church.



### ATTENTION

#### SCOTCH PLAINS RESIDENTS!

The Scotch Plains letter carriers will be conducting a food drive on **Saturday, May 14**, and the IHM Food Pantry will be a recipient of their collection. Please help if you can! Thank you!

### Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Word Search

L	E	B	L	C	G	W	O	R	D
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Look for clues in the *Breaking Bread 2022* book page 158



### 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.



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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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**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give

## Minister Assignments: May 14 - May 15

Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
5/14 5:00pm	Jim Brennan	Dan Kelly Chris Zucosky	Fr. Rob
5/15 8:00am	Rich Banasiak	Jean Bagdonas Chris Dill	Fr. Val
5/15 10:00am	Andy Davis	Dave Diken Heba Fortunato	Fr. Mike
5/15 12:00pm	Ed Sullivan	Eileen Naugle Jean Naugle	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  
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## Rosary Altar Society News

I would like to wish all women of the parish a very Beautiful, Blessed, and Joyful Mother's Day! We begin with a quote of the book - "The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen"

*"Joy is the happiness of love—love aware of it's own inner happiness. Pleasure comes from without, and joy comes within, and it is, therefore, within reach of everyone in the world..."*

1. The Rosary Altar Society is offering a trip to New York's Botanical Garden on **Wednesday, June 8th**. The trip includes luxury transportation to and from, admissions to the Garden, a tram ride through out the Garden, and lunch all for \$87. **Please complete your registration form on the flyer by Thursday, May 12**, with your choice of lunch and your check to Barbara Apgar at 427 LaGrande Ave, Fanwood, NJ 07023. Any questions please call Pat Mazzucca at 201-310-1661.

2. An advance thank you to all the Rosarians who have and are helping to distribute the Mother's Day Holy Cards!

3. Reminder to all our new officers and new members from the past two years of the Rosary Altar Society that the installation will be during the 10:00 AM MASS next **Sunday, May 15th**. Looking forward to seeing you there.

4. All Executive Board Members past and present, there is a Board Meeting on **Tuesday night at 6:30pm on May 17th** in the Nazareth Center Meeting room. This is the transitional meeting. Thank you.

5. How many of us enjoy the opportunity to go and visit with Our Lord in the Adoration Chapel? Parishioners, we still need your help with some critical openings at the Adoration Chapel when there is no one to come and visit with Our Lord. Please call or text Erin Miller at 908-531-0128 if you can help!

6. Even though we are 1/3 through the year, if you can iron a cloth napkin or placemat, congratulations! You qualify to help with the Altar Linens. Please call Betty Perfilio at 908-889-4868 even if it's to pick up one time slot - one week!

7. For those who participated in the Creative Glass event, your candy dish is ready! The dishes are in their individual bags with your name on them. You can pick up your bag at the Nazareth Center during office hours of the Center. Thank you and enjoy!

The final quote is from Father Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, OP, which pertains to the Holy Card. *"The mysteries of the Rosary should be reproduced in our lives. Each mystery is a lesson in some virtue—particularly in the virtues of humility, trust, patience, and love."*

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



<b>Collection Report</b>		<b>May 1, 2022</b>
Weekly Budget Need:		\$11,300.00
Collection:		\$7,574.00
Parish Giving:		\$2,486.52
Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,239.48)
<b>Fiscal Year to Date:</b>		
Budget		\$485,900.00
Actual:		\$442,588.53
Surplus/(Deficit)		(43,311.47)
<b>Rolling 4 Week Averages:</b>		
Average Collection:		\$11,126.13
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(173.87)
<b>Easter Collection to Date:</b>		
		\$47,454.42

<b>Annual Appeal</b> <small>the 2022</small>	Pledged to Date:	Goal: \$67,107
	\$55,480.00	82.67% of goal



**TRIP TO SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE**

**Sunday May 15, 2022**  
Bus departs @ 9:00am




**QUESTIONS?** Reach out to our Youth Ministry Coordinator Rachael Flanagan with any questions! [ihmsp@boldym.com](mailto:ihmsp@boldym.com)



**World Youth Day with Pope Francis @ Lisbon, Portugal.**  
Who: Teens (16 years and older) and young adults!  
Date: July 28th to August 7th  
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<b>IHM EVENT CALENDER</b>	
<b>Sunday May 8 Mother's Day</b>	
10:00 am	Sunday Food Pantry
<b>Monday May 9</b>	
7:00 pm	BOLD World Youth Day Webinar via Zoom
<b>Tuesday May 10</b>	
7:00 pm	St John of the Cross Zoom
<b>Wednesday May 11</b>	
10:00 am	Food Pantry
8:00 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday May 12</b>	
9:30 am	Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Zoom
<b>Friday May 13</b>	
6:30 pm	9th Grade Confirmation Practice Zoom
<b>Saturday May 14</b>	
7:30 am	Men's Scripture & Discussion Group LIVE
11:00 am	9th Grade Confirmation Mass
2:30 pm	9th Grade Confirmation Mass
<b>Sunday May 15</b>	
9:00 am	BOLD Trip to Six Flags - Bus Departure
11:00 am	Rosary Altar Brunch @ Shackamaxon

**Faith Formation Spring - Summer 2022 Event Schedule**  
**Fri 5/13 - 6:30 pm - 9th Grade Confirmation Practice Zoom**  
**Sat 5/14 - 11 am + 2:30pm - 9th Grade Confirmation Masses**  
**Wed 5/18 - 7:00 pm - Parent/Child Inquiry Meeting**  
**Registration Deadline 2022-2023 Programs: Ends 6/1**  
**Summer Program 2022: Monday 6/27 - Friday 7/8**

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