6th Sunday of Easter - May 22nd, 2022

# PEACE ILEAVE WITH YOU; MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU.

**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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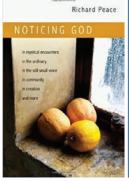
Mass will continue to Live Stream on Facebook and our website: www.ihmparish.net

# A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

Since the second Vatican Council we have come to a greater appreciation of the church not as a building where people come to worship, but the Church as the people of God. In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will come to those who keep His word, and they will make their dwelling with them. Thus, it is not just the church building where God is present in the body of Christ reserved in the tabernacle, but also in the people of God throughout the world.

When we are living out our lives as disciples of Christ we know that God is with us to strengthen and encourage us, that we may bring about His Kingdom. Jesus promises us the Holy Spirit to help us grow in understanding and in holiness that we may reflect God's presence in our lives and the life of the world. Peace, Fr. Mike





#### Summer Spirituality Seminar

God is present in very tangible ways in our world, in our universe. God's presence permeates all of Creation! The problem is that we don't know where to look or what to expect. We need to learn to notice, notice God. We need to develop the spiritual discipline of noticing.

Using the book Noticing God by Richard Peace we can develop this spiritual discipline. This is a very gentle read, a reflective read. **We shall begin on June 28 at 7:15 via Zoom during the summer for 1 hour for 6 weeks.** July 5,12,19,26, August 2. PLEASE if you have any questions or concerns whatsoever, contact me at <u>FrRob@IHMparish.net</u>



The Bishops of New Jersey have **permanently** transferred the observance of the Ascension of the Lord the following Sunday.

In 2022, the Ascension will be celebrated on **Sunday**, **May 29**, with its vigil on the evening (4:00pm or later) of **Saturday**, **May 28**.

**Thursday, May 26, 2022** is the Memorial of St. Philip Neri. The Second Reading and Gospel of the Seventh Sunday of Easter may be read on the Sixth Sunday of Easter.

#### Archdiocese of Newark - COVID-19 Directives - Updated May 15, 2022

**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 is 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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Mass Intentions				For t	he week of May 22nd	l - May 29th, 2022
Saturday May 21	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Joan D'Andrea & Antoinette Carlino+ Michael Fortunato+ Margaret Mulrooney+			By The Carlino Family By Rich & Heba Fortunato By Joan Green	
Sunday May 22		For the People Kevin W Leary+ James J Grossman+			By The Parish By The Family By Maureen Grossma	n
Monday May 23	7:00 am 8:30 am	For the new members at the Rosary Altar Society Lorie Gallagher+			By The Parish By Bernie Beck	
Tuesday May 24	7:00 am 8:30 am	Irina Rivera+ Mary Graham+			By The Tricoche Family By Marguerite, Sean & Isabella McCarthy	
Wednesday May 25	7:00 am 8:30 am	Mary Graham+ Fr John F Kennedy+			By Janice Farrell By The Razal Family	
Thursday May 26	7:00 am 8:30 am	For the people of Ukraine and Russia Mary Graham+			By The Parish By The Haight Family	
Friday May 27	7:00 am 8:30 am	Carol Ann Gallagher+ James R Kennedy+			By Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga By Bryan Finley	
Saturday May 28	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	For the Peop Mary Graha Donald Cam	m+		By The Parish By Betty & Tony Peri By Charlie & Geri Ba	
Sunday May 29	8:00 amEdward & Bobbie Walsh+10:00 amMelanie Zappo+12:00 pmHarold C Knox+			By The Walsh & D'Agostino Families By Louis Zappo By Arlene Knox		
Rose BadalaPaulGeorge BeckerMattLarry BiunnoFranFran BoglioliEdwErin BrennanWillSamantha BridgeColmJames BrownRay		a Cassella Cassidy hew Cassio k Chimento ard Clark	Emily Fleming Mary Foster Dorothy Foulks Nicole Griffin Kathleen Herron Juliann Junio Gregory Kamouh Marie Keller Anna Koch Jillian Lapidus	Maureen Lynch William Maines Jim Malfetti Bill Malone Owen Mike McCabe June McManus Christine Morris Marlene Mosko Hilda Pizza Diane Pricken	Marisol Rodriguez Susan Rozborski Dolores Rust Diana Scariati e Arty Shapiro Elisa Silversey Bernard Slaza Beverly Sopp Ryder Francis Spillane Paul Szeker	Carole Ventre Daniel Ventura Sr. Elizabeth Vermaelen Stephen Voorhees © Please advise if any names can be removed from the



John Burkert

Phyllis Fischer

Eileen Lynch

<u>Hospital Privacy</u> / 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.

Carmela Resnick

Phyllis Szeker

sick list. Thank you.



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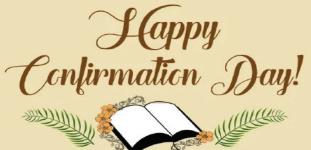
The Women's Prayer Group will meet on Thursday June 2nd at 7:30PM via Zoom. The topic will be "Rest-Full Waters." Please contact tefoleyihm@gmail.com for the Zoom link. Prayer connects us all!



Upcoming IHM Men's Scripture & **Discussion Group Sessions:** 

Thurs May 26 ZOOM @ 7:30pm Sat June 11 LIVE meeting at 7:30am Thurs June 23 ZOOM @ 7:30pm Contact David at dndiken@aol.com

May you and your family always be blessed as you walk the righteous path through life.



### WEEKLY PEARL OF WISDOM



"For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind."

Ecclesiastes 2:26

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY'S CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2022!

Elizabeth Agnello	Christian De Gennaro	Caroline Grandmaison	Giovanni Marrese	Gianna Silva
Evan Benfatti	Jake De Rienzo	Javier Gutierrez	Caden Matulonis	Nicholas Squashic
John Boyle	Carina Di Lollo	Evan Hayeck	Connor Matulonis	Isabella Stepien
Jackson Briamonte	Maria Di Maggio	McKenna Jeans	Logan Mc Donald	Keira St. John
Jack Byrne	Riley Dupuis	Olivia La Porta	Shannon Mc Guinness	Alissa Stumpf
Andrew Ciampa	Justin Ellazar	Amanda Leung	Margaret McNulty	Dominique Tabug
Benjamin Ciampa	Benjamin Filler	Xavier Levy	Rose Messano	William Tombs
Aidan Cichocki	Samantha Friscia	Caroline Lowder	Malissa Morabito	Michael Violante
Alexandra Compierchio	Brenden Gallagher	Jake Lukko	Lana Neto	Evan Weber
William Consoli	Tessa Giordano	Griffin Mack	David Ruiz	Elaina Yick



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.

Very Reverend John J. Chadwick, S.T.D. Vicar General

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Minister Assignments: May 28 - May 29					
Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider		
5/28 5:00pm	Mulrooney	Dan Kelly Janice Good Piga	Fr. Mike		
5/29 8:00am	Colm Keogh	Karen Schwaneberg Rich Wagner	Fr. Val		
5/29 10:00am	Heba Fortunato	Jason McCann David Diken	Fr. Mike		
5/29 12:00pm Edwin Hernandez		Carol Kiley Diane McGuinness	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**

Congratulations to our newly installed officers: President: Janice Good-Piga 1st Vice President: Maureen Pecoraro 2nd Vice President: Mary Anne Sopko Secretary: Janice Reilly Treasurer: Alice Mansfield Smith Director: Mary Jane Bergen Director: Chris Haight

Congratulations to our newly installed Rosarians: Rita Buscini, Linda Colgan, Sophie D. Chan Mackey, Rafaela Ileto, Marie Miller, Karen Ruffner, Madeline Rutkowski, Karen Schurtz, Rosemary Stonack and Joy Wanat. We are truly blessed to have them join us.

• A heartfelt thank you to our previous Executive Team: President Mary Jane Bergen; 1st Vice President Janice Good-Piga; 2nd Vice President Pat Mazzucca; Secretary Barbara Mrozek; Treasurer Barbara Apgar and Director Chris Haight. You not only beautifully guided Rosary with your leadership but also kept the Rosary Altar Society vibrant even during these trying COVID times.

• We continue to thank Father Mike for his guidance as we continue our service to IHM & The Community.

• Thank you to Barbara Mrozek & Barbara Apgar for planning a fabulously elegant Spring Luncheon/Installation Celebration at the Shackamaxon Country Club on May 15th. Every detail was perfect!!

• We continue to seek volunteers to help prepare the Altar Linens. If you can help prepare then please contact Betty Perfilio 908-889-4868.

• We are currently planning our 2022-2023 Calendar of Events and would welcome your recommendations ASAP. Please contact Janice Good-Piga 908-759-6729 or any member of our executive board with your suggestions.

• St. Joseph's Social Services in Elizabeth sincerely thanks IHM & The Rosary Altar Society for the donations of costume jewelry. The school children were able to select a special piece of jewelry, wrap it & give it to their mothers, grandmothers, aunts and other special women in their lives for Mother's Day. We will CONTINUE the Jewelry Collection through December to provide them the opportunity to select gifts for the Christmas season. Please contact Janice at 908-759-6729.

• On a personal note, I am truly honored to once again be given the opportunity to serve as your Rosary President and I am excited about the months to come. I consider this to be a wonderful blessing in my life.

- Fondly, Janice

"Faith is like a bright ray of sunlight. It enables us to see God in all things, as well as all things in God." - Saint Francis de Sales

You are in our continuous thoughts and prayers!

Collection Report	May 15, 2022		Sunday May 22		
Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,300.00	9:30 am	YMCA Scotch Plains 5K (Streets Closed)		
Collection:	4,973.00	All day 7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Charity Collection BOLD Senior Celebration		
Parish Giving:	5,468.43	r i i i i i	Monday May 23		
Surplus/(Deficit)	(858.57)		11011uu 1111 20		
Fiscal Year to Date:			Tuesday May 24		
Budget	\$508,500.00	7.00			
Actual:	\$467,570.25	7:00 pm St John of the Cross Zoom			
Surplus/(Deficit)	(40,929.75)	Wednesday May 25			
Rolling 4 Week Averages:		10:00 am 7:00 pm	Food Pantry Pastoral Council		
Average Collection:	\$10.831.99	8:00 pm	Choir Practice		
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(468.01)		Thursday May 26		
Easter Collection to Date:	\$48,324.42	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Zoom Men's Scripture & Discussion Zoom		
Annual Appeal Pledged to Date: \$56,455.00	Goal: \$67,107 84.13% of goal		Friday May 27		
Rutgers University Summ	<b>Rutgers University Summer Basketball</b>		Saturday May 28		
For children ages 6-17. Pro 11-15, July 18-22, July 25-	grams run July 29 and August	All day	Veteran's Poppy Collection		
1-5 from 8:30am until 4:00	1-5 from 8:30am until 4:00pm. For more		Sunday May 29		
information call Joe Lough 1483 or e-mail <u>loughran@</u>		All day	Veteran's Poppy Collection		

#### Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to the return of our in-person summer program. Summer Families of Faith 2022 is the "new and improved" version of our old Summer Academy. The program will run from **Monday June 27 - Friday July 8**. The morning program for children happens from 8:45am - 1:00pm. It is a lot of fun for the kids and everyone involved.

For Summer Families of Faith to happen each morning, we need a volunteer catechist (teacher) for each grade. Currently, we have 83 children registered for grades Kindergarten through 8th and expect quite a few more by the June 1st registration deadline. While we are so grateful to have our catechists in place for our older grades, we are in need of six additional catechists for the younger grades.

Recognizing that life is quite busy and can be stressful for parents as we juggle the many responsibilities, I still invite you to consider serving as a catechist during Summer Families of Faith. It is one of the most rewarding roles anyone can play. From my own personal experience, I guarantee that your faith will grow should you say "yes" to this invitation! We have had many creative situations for volunteers who wanted to say yes but couldn't see how. Over the years we have had grade level "teams" who work together to cover a particular grade. Often we have had college students and sometimes confirmed high school students under supervision come forward to volunteer.

And, we can never forget our "wisdom" parishioners, many of whom have continued to serve as catechists long after their children have outgrown the program. Please, don't dismiss this invitation out of hand, please consider becoming part of the Summer Families of Faith village! :)

If you feel the urge to help, listen to your heart and contact me or Janet Manfredonia or Father Mike to discuss! This may very well be the Holy Spirit prompting you to embark on a new adventure that will lead you and our parish children closer to Jesus Christ!

Peace, Easter blessings and many thanks, - Mary Clinton





#### Want to donate but don't have any cash on hand?

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