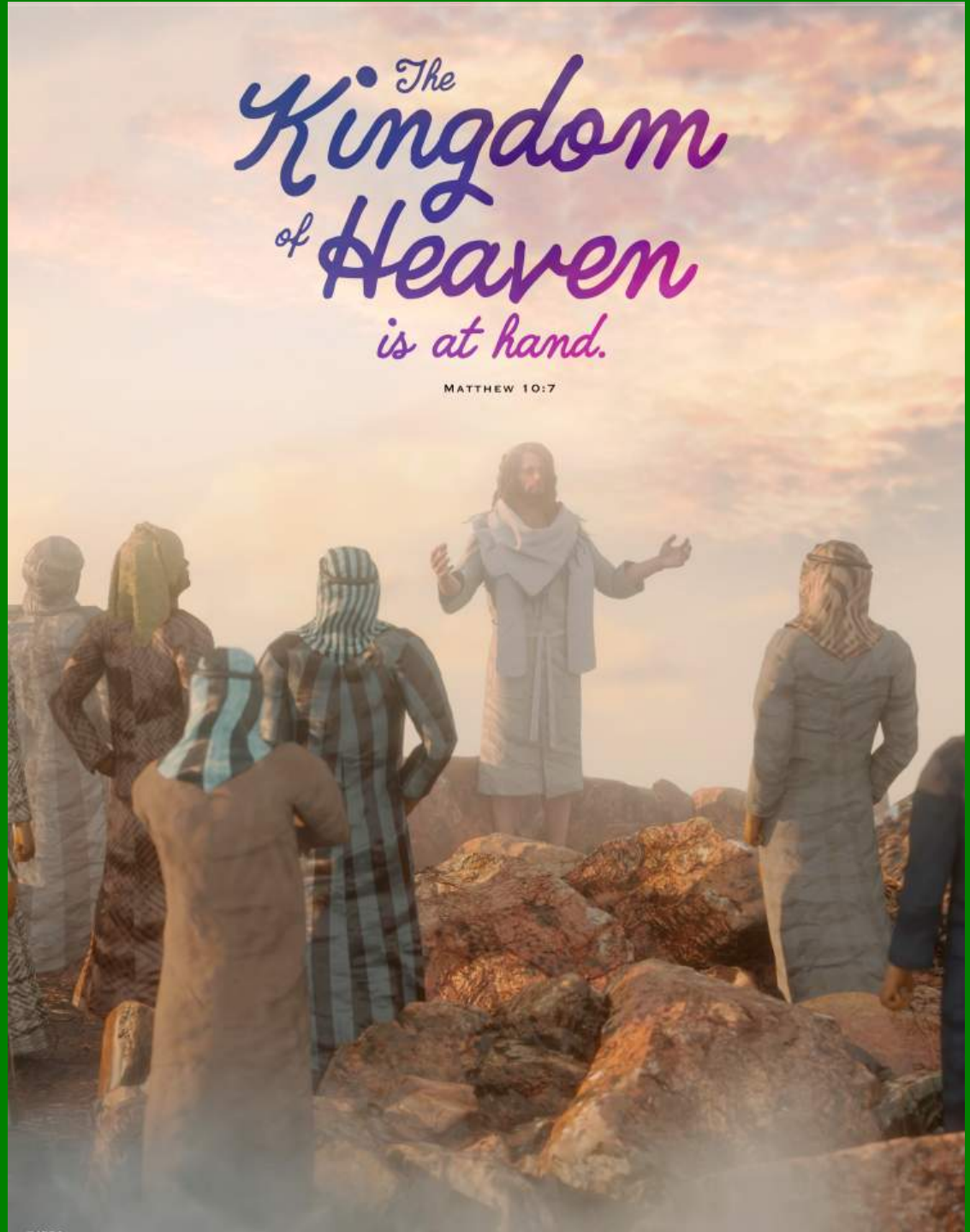


11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 18, 2023

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MATTHEW 10:7

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Mass will continue to Live Stream on Facebook and our website: [www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net)

**A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE**

God’s conversation with Moses and Paul’s words to the Romans echo the actions of Christ in today’s Gospel. Jesus sends the twelve out to the people of Israel because of his love and compassion for them. He wants them to understand the depth of God’s love, care and compassion, and he uses the ministry of the apostles to do that, and he tells the apostles that just as they have encountered God’s love and mercy, so they are to share it with others. They are to give evidence of that love by showing the signs of the Kingdom: healing the sick, cleansing lepers, raising the dead and driving out demons. In many and varied ways, using our own gifts and talents, we are called to follow in their footsteps. To share the love and compassion of Christ with others freely with the same love and compassion.

Peace, Fr. Mike



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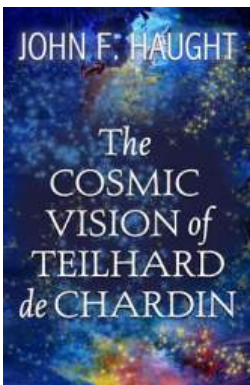
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Our book is **The Cosmic Vision of Teilhard de Chardin by John F. Haught** available on Amazon. Each chapter explores a different topic—including the cosmos, spirituality, suffering, thought, God, and life—and how each topic has developed the author’s own theology. In particular, the book focuses on the cosmic future and the implications of Teilhard’s thought for this century and beyond.

We shall gather on **Tuesday evenings beginning July 25, 2023 at 7:15pm for one hour on Zoom**. Any questions or to register, please contact Fr. Rob at [frob@ihmparish.net](mailto:frob@ihmparish.net)

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Schedule for Mass & Worship (schedules are subject to change)**

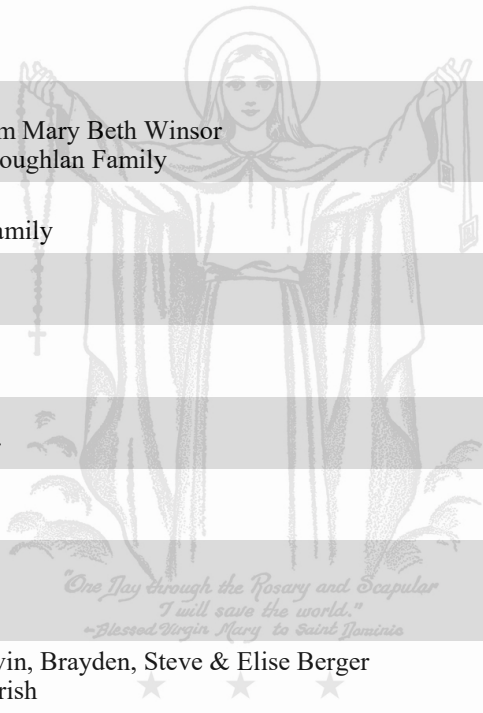
Saturday (Anticipated) 5:00 pm  
Sundays - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon  
Weekdays & Saturdays - 7:00 am and 8:30 am  
National Holidays - 9:00 am  
Holy Days - 7:00 am, 12:00 noon, 7:00 pm

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 June 18 - June 25, 2023**

<b>Saturday June 17</b>	7:00am	Julie M. Fornaro+ from Mark E. Margiotta
	8:30 am	Sara Riggio+ from the Laguna Family
	5:00 pm	Brian Flynn+ from Giovanna Flynn
<b>Sunday June 18</b>	8:00 am	For the People from IHM Parish
	10:00 am	Happy Birthday Edward Daniel Winsor (living) from Mary Beth Winsor
	12:00 pm	William Jennings+ and John Coughlan+ from the Coughlan Family
<b>Monday June 19</b>	7:00 am	Father's Day Novena
	8:30 am	Vincenzo Giovanni Francesco+ from the Buscini Family
<b>Tuesday June 20</b>	7:00 am	Father's Day Novena
	8:30 am	Jack & Dorothy Foulks+ from Mary Beth Winsor
<b>Wednesday June 21</b>	7:00 am	Father's Day Novena
	8:30 am	Robert Watson+ from the IHM Food Pantry Team
<b>Thursday June 22</b>	7:00 am	Father's Day Novena
	8:30 am	Bob & Mary Jane Bergen+ from Mary Beth Winsor
<b>Friday June 23</b>	7:00 am	Father's Day Novena
	8:30 am	Henry Meacock+ from Edna & George Knudsen
<b>Saturday June 24</b>	7:00am	Father's Day Novena
	8:30 am	Susan Fauth+ (1st Anniversary) from A Friend
	5:00 pm	Stan Oliva+ from Mildred Babiak
<b>Sunday June 25</b>	8:00 am	Joseph Amabile+ from Marion, Marc, Julianne, Kevin, Brayden, Steve & Elise Berger
	10:00 am	Father's Day Novena/For The People from IHM Parish
	12:00 pm	Kevin Brown+ from the Rosary Altar Society



*Kindly keep our parishioner's family and friends, with health and other challenges, in your prayers*

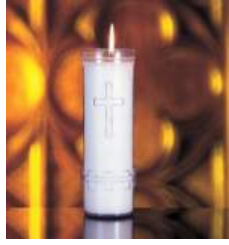
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| Edward Clark   | Mary Foster         | Jillian Lapidus   | Jacob Rivera    | Ryder Francis Spillane |                         |
| David Connell  | Michele Gamako      | Mary Frances Leon | Jaxson Rivera   | Paul Szeker            |                         |

★ Please advise if any names can be removed from the sick list. Thank you. [office@ihmparish.net](mailto:office@ihmparish.net)




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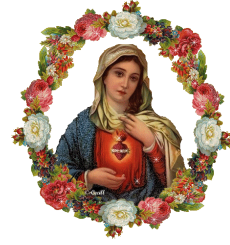
**Special Intentions for the week of June 18 - June 25, 2023**



**Sanctuary Light**  
For the intention of:  
**David Swanz+**  
requested by:  
Lori & Kerry Lee




**Altar Bread & Wine**  
For the intention of:  
**George J. Johnson+ and  
George G. Johnson (living)**  
requested by:  
Eleanor L. Johnson



**Flowers for the Blessed Mother**  
For the birthday celebration of:  
**Edward Daniel Winsor (living)**  
requested by:  
His Mother

**Remember  
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Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
6/24 5:00pm	Janice Good Piga	Chris Haight Dan Kelly John Torzewski	Fr. Val
6/25 8:00am	Phyllis Manno	Karen Schwaneberg Rich Wagner Rich Banasiak	Fr. Val
6/25 10:00am	Jane McClellan	Jason McCann David Diken Betty Perfilio Lou Zappo	Fr. Rob
6/25 12:00pm	Ed Sullivan Carol Kiley	Eileen Wagner Diane McGuinness	Fr. Mike



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**Mass Intention Reservations:** Call or leave a message at the office (908)889-2100 or email [office@ihmparish.net](mailto:office@ihmparish.net)

**Religious Education:** [faithformation@ihmparish.net](mailto: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](http://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

### A POEM TO JESUS by Author Unknown

Jesus, the very thought of Thee  
With sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see,  
And in Thy presence rest.  
Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,  
Nor can the memory find,  
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,  
O Savior of mankind.  
O hope of every contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek,  
To those who fall, how kind Thou art!  
How good to those who seek!  
But those who find Thee find a bliss  
Nor tongue nor pen can show:  
The love of Jesus, what it is,  
None but His loved ones know.

♥ We will be hosting a DESSERT TABLE at the Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 25th. Please contact Janice Good-Piga 908-759-6729 or Mary Anne Sopko 908-322-0279 and kindly let us know what special dessert you will be baking/bringing.

♥ We invite you to join IMH & Rosary at the HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE on SATURDAY, AUGUST 12th for a GOURMET LUNCHEON & SHOW. Enjoy this wonderful lunch/dinner theater venue including scenic grounds, wonderful food, a gift shop and a bakery. Please contact Janice Good-Piga 908-759-6729 ASAP to reserve your place & kindly mail your check (payable to IHM Rosary Altar Society for \$80) to Alice Mansfield-Smith, 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark, NJ 07066. The show is REMEMBER ME? starring THREE'S COMPANY STAR JOYCE DEWITT. A ROMANTIC COMEDY NOT TO BE MISSED! Rideshares can be coordinated if you desire. Tickets are limited. PLEASE JOIN US! FRIENDS & FAMILY ARE INVITED!

May your days be sunny and bright, filled with loving signs from God above. May Father's Day be a special day of both sharing and remembering. We include you and your families in our daily prayers and Rosaries.

♥ Janice



The Women's Prayer Group will be taking a break for the summer and will gather again on **Thursday September 7 at 7:30pm via Zoom**. Email [tefoleyihm@gmail.com](mailto:tefoleyihm@gmail.com) for more details. Prayer connects us all!



**CENTERING PRAYER/LECTIO DIVINA**  
Centering Prayer will be taking a Sabbatical after June 15th and will resume on **Thursday September 7 at 9:30am on Zoom**. Please call Phyllis at 908-264-7456 for information. Peace!




The next meeting for the IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group will be **Thursday night June 22 at 7:30pm on Zoom**. Contact [dndiken@aol.com](mailto:dndiken@aol.com) for more info.

Collection Report	June 11, 2023
Weekly Target:	\$12,558.00
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)	\$13,604.61
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,046.61
<b>Fiscal Year to Date:</b>	
Budget	\$602,784.00
Actual:	\$535,644.79
Surplus/(Deficit)	(67,139.21)
<b>Rolling 4 Week Averages:</b>	
Average Collection:	\$11,266.69
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,291.31)




**Annual Appeal <sup>the 2023</sup>**

\$63,890 pledged (91.61%) of stretch goal of \$69,693!  
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IHM EVENT CALENDER	
<b>Sunday June 18: Father's Day</b>	
<b>Monday June 19</b>	
6:00pm	Wolves Basketball
6:00pm	CPR Workshop @ Nazareth Center
<b>Tuesday June 20</b>	
6:00pm	Rosary Altar Board Meeting
<b>Wednesday June 21</b>	
10:00am	Food Pantry
7:00pm	Finance Council Meeting
7:30pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
<b>Thursday June 22</b>	
7:30pm	Men's Scripture Group Zoom
<b>Friday June 23</b>	
<b>Saturday June 24</b>	
6:00pm	Fr. Valentine Farewell Celebration
<b>Sunday June 25</b>	
7:30am	BOLD Mission Trip @ Drexel Hill, PA Departs
12:00pm	IHM Summer Feast Begins!



**A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire**

Happy Fathers' Day to all of the men in our parish who dutifully play this important role in the lives of their children, and other young people in their orbit who go without a strong role model. The work we do to mentor and lead the next generation is important, while often underrated.

Want to know how important the role of a father can be in the lives of our children? Just look at the fact that Jesus Christ had two fathers. God the Father, and Joseph his stepfather. I guess that is what it takes to raise the Savior of the World.

We can glean two aspects of fatherhood from this arrangement. God the Father shows us the role of the spiritual father. A man raising his children can have a great deal of influence in the faith lives of their children. While children can grow in faith based solely on their mother's faith, studies have shown that fatherly influence can be a very powerful factor in adoption of lifelong faith.

St. Joseph guided Jesus and Mary to safety as Herrod sought to kill the innocent. Then later in life, went on to teach the Lord life skills and a trade. A father can be a protector and provider for children in a way that is more than financial. Children crave to be cared for and supported by their father.

This week, let us pray for all of our fathers, and father figures both living and deceased, that they may cherish the role that they have been called to, and live up to it, even if they've failed in the past. God Bless and have a wonderful week.



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