

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 25, 2023

So do not be afraid;
you are worth more than many sparrows.

MATTHEW 10:31



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

Often times we choose not to talk about our faith. The reasons are many. We may be afraid, we may not want to offend someone else, we may think that it is too personal. Jesus calls us in today’s gospel to not let these reasons prevent us from speaking about faith and encouraging one another to greater faith. I recently heard a phrase: “Faith is personal, but it is not private.” Indeed as in any relationship, there is a personal aspect to our relationship with Christ. But it is also something to share with others.

There is definitely a me and Jesus dynamic to our faith life but there is also a “we and Jesus” dynamic as well. Such as we experience at Mass, or in a small faith sharing group, or in discussions with others. As missionary disciples we are called, encouraged and empowered to allow our faith to shine forth in our words and actions. Jesus tells us of the Father’s care and love for us so that we do not have to worry about ourselves and can use our gifts and energy building up God’s Kingdom despite the obstacles that face us.

Peace, Fr. Mike



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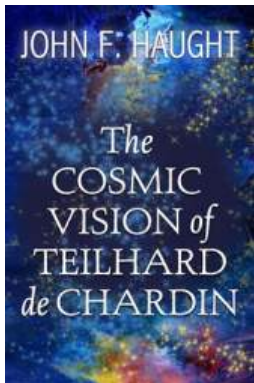
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We end each liturgical year with the *Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*. But what does that title mean? How can a deeper understanding of this solemnity transform our spiritual lives? What is this cosmic kingdom? Our spiritual guide is Teilhard de Chardin...

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

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 25 - July 2, 2023

Saturday June 24	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Father's Day Novena Susan Fauth+ (1st Anniversary) from A Friend Stan Oliva+ from Mildred Babiak
Sunday June 25	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Joseph Amabile+ from Marion, Marc, Julianne, Kevin, Brayden, Steve & Elise Berger Father's Day Novena/For The People from IHM Parish Kevin Brown+ from the Rosary Altar Society
Monday June 26	7:00 am 8:30 am	Father's Day Novena Giacobella Maimone+ from Antoinette Guarna
Tuesday June 27	7:00 am 8:30 am	Deceased members of the Walsh Family+ from Ann Tully Stephen J. Sopko+ (6th Anniversary) from the Sopko Family
Wednesday June 28	7:00 am 8:30 am	John Anderson+ from Donna & Joe Conforti Christopher O'Neil+ from Vivian O'Neil
Thursday June 29	7:00 am 8:30 am	Jack Reuter+ from Harriet, Ira and Lynn Cathi Mondl+ from Doreen Mondl
Friday June 30	7:00 am 8:30 am	Father's Day Novena Thomas Wagner+ from Mom & Dad Wagner
Saturday July 1	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Marie Taravella (living) from Janet & Emil Manfredonia Anna M. Wilk+ from the Laguna Family Grace Milashone+ from Joan Milashone
Sunday July 2	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	For the People from IHM Parish Alice and James Lissemore+ from Maureen Grossman Lee D'Ambrosio (living) from the Kiley & D'Ambrosio families

*"One Day through the Rosary and Scapular
I will save the world."
-Blessed Virgin Mary to Saint Dominic*

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

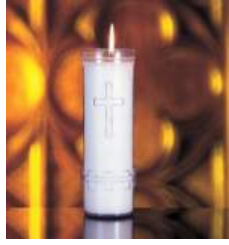
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★ Please advise if any names can be removed from the sick list. Thank you. office@ihmparish.net




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 June 25 - July 2, 2023



Sanctuary Light
For the intention of:
Len & Pat Ehrlich+
requested by:
The Foley Family




Altar Bread & Wine
For the intention of:
Fr. Valentine Ugwuanya
(living)
requested by:
IHM Parish



Flowers for the Blessed Mother
For the wedding anniversary of
her beloved parents:
Mary & Stephen Sopko+
requested by:
Mary Anne Sopko

Remember Our Departed



Claire Ettore+
Matthew Manzo+



Thank you Fr. Valentine Ugwuanya for your service here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, our Scotch Plains Community and the Catholic faith. Good luck at Good Shepard Parish in Irvington, NJ! May God continue to bless you and your family. Amen.



Minister Assignments: July 1 - July 2

Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
7/1 5:00pm	Kathy Mitchell	Janice Good Piga John Torzewski Chris Haight Alice Schaffernoth (C)	Fr. Mike
7/2 8:00am	Karen Schwaneberg	Jean Bagdonas Colm Keogh Rich Wagner (C)	Fr. Rob
7/2 10:00am	Lou Zappo	Connie Boruch David Boruch Eileen Wagner	Fr. Mike
7/2 12:00pm	Michele Gardella	Jean Naugle 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

Spring Office Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 9:00am - 4:00pm | Fri. 9:00am - 2:00pm

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

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Rosary Altar Society News

SUMMERTIME by Katherine Smith Matheny

Summertime is all dressed out, In the latest style,
Roses make a grand debut, Flowers growing wild.

All along a country road, Daisies take a nod,
Seeds are planted in a field, By the hand of God.
I'm sure as I can be, That He must have planned,
Angels with their color brush, Paint the flowers grand.
Tiny, little buttercup, In a bright array,
Angels must have painted you, On a sunny day.

♥ Thank you to our Rosary Board Members for another wonder planning meeting on Tuesday. We have an exciting series of activities and devotional meeting planned for the Fall, Winter and Spring.

♥ Thank you to our wonderful Rosarian bakers what are hosting a Venetian Dessert Table for our Parish Picnic this weekend at the IHM Summer Feast.

♥ Thank you to our dear Father Valentine for his participation over the years in our Rosary activities. We will miss you terribly but are excited for you on your new venture. May God's Blessings continue to protect and guide you.

♥ We invite you to join IHM and Rosary at the HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE (88 Rt. 173 West, Hampton, NJ, minutes off Rt. 78) on SATURDAY, AUGUST 12th for a GOURMET LUNCHEON & THEATRICAL PRODUCTION of REMEMBER ME? starring Three's Company Star JOYCE DEWITT. The Event begins at 11AM and will conclude by 3:30pm. 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. THIS ROMANTIC COMEDY WILL DELIGHT YOU!!!

May the summer be a time of relaxation and reflection for you and may God's Blessings continue to shine brightly upon you and your family members. You remain in our daily thoughts and prayers.

♥ Janice

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Weekly Target:		\$12,558.00
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)		\$10,884.70
Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,673.30)
Fiscal Year to Date:		
Budget		\$615,342.00
Actual:		\$546,529.49
Surplus/(Deficit)		(68,812.51)
Rolling 4 Week Averages:		
Average Collection:		\$11,206.18
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,351.82)

IHM EVENT CALENDER	
Sunday June 25	
7:30am	BOLD Mission Trip @ Drexel Hill, PA Departs
12:00pm	IHM Summer Feast Begins!
Monday June 26	
8:30am	Summer Academy Begins!
6:00pm	Wolves Basketball
Tuesday June 27	
Wednesday June 28	
10:00am	Food Pantry
Thursday June 29: St. Peter & St. Paul Day	
Friday June 30	
5:30pm	BOLD Mission Trip @ Drexel Hill, PA Returns
Saturday July 1	
Sunday July 2	
9:00am	Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast




Annual Appeal ^{the 2023}

\$64,415 pledged (92.43%) of stretch goal of \$69,693!
 Reaching this stretch goal with all money received by June 30
 will get our parish a REBATE and a REDUCTION OF
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**Rutgers University Newark
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 July 10-14, July 17-21, July 24-28 and
 July 31-August 4. Early drop off/Late
 pick up available. One week cost \$185.
 Contact Joe at 973-353-1483 or email
loughran@rutgers.edu

A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire
 Our parish is named for the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We can be proud to be named this, because no heart has ever been as physically close to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, than that of Mary. Not in physical proximity, or in disposition. We look to our patroness, as we strive to grow closer to Jesus, by deepening our faith.

There is no better way to open our two-week Summer Academy, than to celebrate our patronal feast, and our community of faith. That is why we have chosen to count this wonderful celebration, and 12:00 pm Mass as our opening day.

Over the next two weeks, pray for the young people attending our Summer Academy, and be mindful of their presence when visiting the parish during the week. From my office, I can see the entire parking lot, and I've seen the creative ways that people cross it to exit. We'll be spending the next two weeks focusing on the beauty and mystery of the Mass, and the importance of the parish community in their lives, let's just all assure that that message can take root!

God Bless and have a wonderful week!



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