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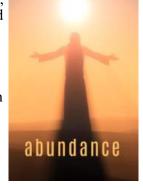
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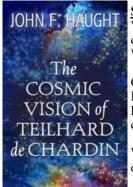
A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

The parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast tell us not only about the Kingdom of God, but also help us to better live out our faith. The Kingdom of God on earth has been initiated by Jesus and will come to its fulfillment, even if it seems small and insignificant at the time. It will be abundant and all encompassing when it comes to its fulfillment.

The parables also remind us that even the smallest act of faith, the smallest act of generosity, kindness or charity can have far reaching and great effect in the kingdom and in the life of another disciple. We are encouraged to let our faith shine through in all we say and do, thus helping to bring about God's kingdom in our midst.



Peace, Fr. Mike



Summer in the Cosmos: Spirituality Seminar Returns!

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 frrob@ihmparish.net

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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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions		For the week of July 23 - July 30, 2023
Saturday July 22	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Gabrida Quintero+ from the Women's Prayer Group John Loughrey+ from Mary & Jerry Mahony Robert Watson+ from the Chimento Family
Sunday July 23	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Maria McGuinness+ from the McGuinness Family For the People from IHM Parish Frank Pecoraro+ from his loving wife & daughters
Monday July 24	7:00 am 8:30 am	Sophie Leung, Rob Rykowski, and Amanda Leung (living) Thank you from IHM Parish MaryAnn Fortunato+ from Rich & Heba Fortunato
Tuesday July 25	7:00 am 8:30am	Justin Ellazar (living) Thank you from IHM Parish Walter Joseph Hamilton+ from Mary Jo Blum
Wednesday July 26	7:00 am 8:30 am	Jacqueline Carlos (living) Thank you from IHM Parish Evelyn Lawler+ from the Dougherty Family
Thursday July 27	7:00 am 8:30 am	Matthew Donnini (living) Thank you from IHM Parish Ramon Valera+ from the Valera Family
Friday July 28	7:00 am 8:30 am	Ashley Hynes (living) Thank you from IHM Parish Magdalena Becker+ from her husband George
Saturday July 29	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Mary Mullen+ from Karen Schurtz Henry Michael Meacock+ from Mary & Mike Kelly George, Mary & Georgina Mae Good+ from Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga
Sunday July 30	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Michael D'Agostino+ from Mike & Dottie Miller MaryJane Bergen+ from Karen & Joe Schurtz For the People from IHM Parish

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

Erin Brennan Anna Cassella Paul Cassidy Matthew Cassio Frank Chimento	John Burkert Ray Clark Albert Fischer, Jr. Phyllis Fischer	Nicole Griffin Ann Marie Harvey David Hens Kathleen Herron Juliann Junio Gregory Kamouh Marie Keller Dorothy Klein Anna Koch	Mary Frances Leon Eileen Lynch William Maines Jim Malfetti Bill Malone Marlene Mosko Hilda Pizza Diane Pricken Carmela Resnick	Marisol Rodriguez Susan Rozborski Dolores Rust Diana Scariati Arty Shapiro Elisa Silversey Bernard Slaza Beverly Sopp	Paul Szeker Phyllis Szeker Daniel Ventura Sr. Elizabeth Vermaelen Stephanie Vernace Stephen Voorhees Ben Wheelock Evelyn Whitehorne
	Mary Foster Michele Gamako	Anna Koch Jillian Lapidus	Carmela Resnick Jacob Rivera	Beverly Sopp Ryder Francis Spillane	
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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 July 23 - July 30, 2023



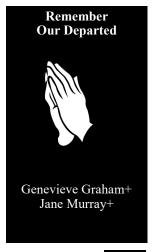
Sanctuary Light For the intention of: Magdalena Becker+ requested by: Husband, Heidi & Ingrid



Altar Bread & Wine For the intention of: George W. Becker Jr.+ requested by: Father & Sisters



Flowers for the Blessed Mother In memory of: Mary Grogan+ requested by: Bea Scully





Farmer Emil's IHM Garden Update

Attention All
Gardeners!
Total produce
harvested as of
today 7/16/2023
IHM 123 lbs
Other 5 lbs
Total 128 lbs
Great Job
Garden Gang
and Praise be to
God!!



LADYBUGS: A SIGN OF OUR LADY?

The Enduring Story of How the Insect Earned its Name by Caroline Perkins for Churchpop

Have you heard the enduring story about how the ladybug earned its name? Ladybugs are associated with various symbols, including luck and good fortune. However, did you know there is a symbol from a Catholic perspective? The story goes that in Europe during the Middle Ages, swarms of pesky insects (aphids) destroyed crops and threatened faithful farming communities with starvation. In desperation, the farmers, who had a devotion to the Blessed Mother, turned to the Virgin Mary for help. Soon after, a cloud of black-spotted, red-orange insects came and devoured the pests, saving the crops! The farmers considered this an answer to their prayers and a sign of Our Lady's intercession. They began referring to these life-saving, beautiful as "Our Lady's Bugs". The bug's red-orange wings represent the mantle of the Blessed Virgin Mary, while black spots symbolize her joys and sorrows.

Prayer to St. Fiacre: Patron Saint of Gardeners



Dear God our Father, Giver of all good, we lift up our hearts to You in thanksgiving for who You are and for the power and majesty You manifest in the earth. We thank You for the sun, the rain, and the abundant fruits, flowers, vegetables, and herbs You cause to spring forth in our gardens, fields, and flowerpots, all signs of Your never-ending love. Through the intercession of St. Fiacre, patron of gardeners, please bless our fields and gardens with Your verdant blessings. Give us the strength and wisdom to tend our plants and all living things with care, diligence and joy. May we bring forth a good harvest in due season. In Jesus' name. Amen

Prayer to St. Isidore: The Farmer



Grant, O Lord, that through the intercession of St. Isidore, the farmer, we may follow his example of patience and humility, and so walk faithfully in his footsteps so that, in the evening of life, we maybe able to present to You an abundant harvest of good fruits, You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.



IHM SNEAKER DRIVE

Collecting men, women and children sneakers until Saturday July 29. Bring donations to church or the Nazareth Center. All donations will support St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark, NJ.



"Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains."

James 5:7

IHM WORD SEARCH PUZZLE									
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Circle all the words you can find! Look for clues in the Breaking Bread 2023 book on page 176



Minister Assignments: July 29 - July 30					
Saturday - Sunday Lectors		Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider		
7/29 5:00pm	Mulrooney	Dan Kelly Janice Good Piga Chris Haight Alice Schaffernoth (C)	Fr. Mike		
7/30 8:00am	TBD	Geraldine Keogh Colm Keogh Rich Wagner	Fr. Mike		
7/30 10:00am	Lou Zappo	Jason McCann Anthony Carlino	Fr. Rob		
7/30 12:00pm	Michelle Gardella	Eileen Wagner Carol Kiley	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

Summer 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

Parish Schools: St. Bartholomew Academy (908) 322-4265 Union Catholic Regional High School (908) 889-1600

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Rosary Altar Society News



SUMMER DAY - By Bonnie J. Lyons I was awakened very early

On a Summer day; The sun was shining through a window In a special kind of way. I had so much to praise God for--His presence seemed serene, I knew that God had planned this day; It wasn't just a dream. I thanked Him for His beauty And I praised His holy name,

In His own miraculous way. Yes, He sent the sun with all its splendor As He sent His love that day; So, I realized how much He loved me In His very special way.

'Cause, I knew that He had planned it

♥ 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!!!

Sending you all our wishes and prayers for Love, Health & Happiness. May your days off be relaxing and refreshing and filled with special Blessings.

♥ Janice

Collection Report	July 16, 2023				
Weekly Target:	\$10,785.00				
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)	\$13,225.73				
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$2,440.73				
Fiscal Year to Date:					
Budget	\$32,335.00				
Actual:	\$36,100.42				
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$3,745.42				
Rolling 4 Week Averages:					
Average Collection:	\$11,304.89				
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	\$76.74				



"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it." Proverbs 3:27



Dear Community of Immaculate Heart of Mary, The Congregation of the Sisters of St. John the Baptist, also known as Baptistines, was founded on September 26, 1878 by Saint Alfonso Maria Fusco who came from a small town in Italy, called Angri. The community is first and foremost "missionary" with missions situated in 18 countries in the world. The Philippine Mission was opened on April 29, 1983. The Sisters now staff four children's homes and are responsible for providing the basic needs, good education and faith formation for these children. The Sister's Mission/Charism goes beyond running the children's home. I look forward to sharing with you more of the Vocation-Mission of the Baptistine Sisters in the Philippines on July 29-30, 2023. God bless you all!

Sr. Liceria Sayon, C.S.JB. www.baptistines.org



Employment Opportunity at St. Bartholomew Academy!

Middle School Science Teacher (Grades 6-8)

Part Time Position- Flexible Hours. Should have NJ Teacher Certification or Experience. Will need NJDOE fingerprinting and take a Protecting God's Children course. If interested, please email your resume to: Kimberly Harrigan, Principal to sbaprincipal@stbacademy.org



A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire

Have you ever been asked to volunteer in the parish? Has a friend or a priest called out your strengths and invited you to put them to the service of our parish or greater community? If not, have you ever felt called by God to serve in some way? What has led you to accept the invitation, or file it in the maybe tomorrow pile?

We all lead busy lives. Whether a parent or single, retired or employed there are many demands on our time. It is hard to give up such a limited resource as our time, and that can be a barrier, even to something that would be meaningful and lifegiving.

Additionally, each parish tends to have an amazingly dedicated (small) group of volunteers that will lead and do everything. We see how effective they are and how devoted they are, and we wonder what we could possibly give. They may be more than welcoming when we show up, but how do we find our way in? There are many reasons we might feel intimidated, or maybe even excused from putting our talents to use in our parish community. However, please know that whether you are called by God or your neighbor, you are needed, you are wanted, and most importantly you are wanted.

God Bless and have a great week.



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