

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 24th, 2022

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“We reach out to all through prayer and service, as we live our Catholic faith in Christ with Mary.”

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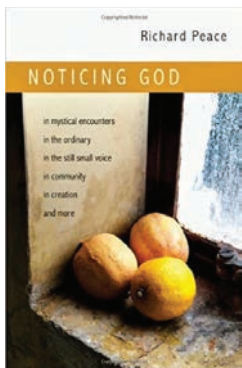
Mass will continue to Live Stream on Facebook and our website: [www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net)

**A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE**

Both Abraham and Jesus show us the need for persistence. Abraham continues to plead for mercy for the righteous inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus teaches that we need to continue to pray, even when it seems our prayers go unanswered, and gives us the perfect prayer to help us.

Engaging more in our relationship with Christ and allowing His love to support and guide us we can overcome the feeling of being overwhelmed in our daily lives, and with faithful persistence, know that God will continue to guide and help us so that we reflect His love and life in our thoughts, words and actions.

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 (189 pages), 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 [FrRob@IHMParish.net](mailto:FrRob@IHMParish.net)

**We Need Help Live-Streaming Mass!**  
Typically morning Mass lasts between 25-55 minutes. No technical background required. We will teach you everything we know! There is no long term commitment. Please contact the parish office at 908-889-2100 or email [office@ihmparish.net](mailto:office@ihmparish.net).

**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  
Novena to the Miraculous Medal & St. Jude: Saturdays after 8:30 am  
Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15 - 4:45 pm



## Mass Intentions

For the week of July 24th - July 31st, 2022

<b>Saturday July 23</b>	7:00 am	Helen A. McLane+	By The Tricoche Family
	8:30 am	Ramon Valera+	By The Yabut Family
	5:00 pm	Anthony F. Acocella+	By The Barcellona Family
<b>Sunday July 24</b>	8:00 am	Margot & Bernhard Hinner+	By Martina & Stanley Kosloski
	10:00 am	Mary Ann Fortunato+	By Rich & Heba Fortunato
	12:00 pm	Frank Pecoraro+	By Maureen Pecoraro & Daughters
<b>Monday July 25</b>	7:00 am	Deceased members of the Walsh family+	By Ann Tully
	8:30 am	Giovanni & Antonina Buscini+	By The Buscini Family
<b>Tuesday July 26</b>	7:00 am	Mary Ann Wittek Daneke+	By Joe & Karen Schurtz
	8:30 am	William & Evelyn Lawler+	By Evelyn Dougherty
<b>Wednesday July 27</b>	7:00 am	Rennier Marc B. Razal (living)	By The Del Rosario Family
	8:30 am	Ramon Valera+	By The Valera Family
<b>Thursday July 28</b>	7:00 am	Magdalena R. Becker+	By Her husband George W. Becker
	8:30 am	Jack Brown+	By The Reilly & Farrell Families
<b>Friday July 29</b>	7:00 am	Edwar Faros+	By Cornelia Fernandez
	8:30 am	Carol Rachko+	By The Foley Family
<b>Saturday July 30</b>	7:00 am	For the People	By The Parish
	8:30 am	Mary Graham+	By Lewis Family
	5:00 pm	George & Mary Good+	By Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga
<b>Sunday July 31</b>	8:00 am	Teresa Schmitt Anniversary of Death+	By Mary Jane Bergen
	10:00 am	Emilio Narcis+	By The Frazier Family
	12:00 pm	Robert Grier & Nancy Cortell Rosenthal+	By Joanne & Gary Cogswell

<u>Remember Our Sick</u>	John Burkert	Phyllis Fischer	Eileen Lynch	Carmela Resnick	Phyllis Szeker
John Allen	Mary Calabrese	Emily Fleming	Maureen Lynch	Marisol Rodriguez	Carole Ventre
Rose Badala	Anna Cassella	Mary Foster	William Maines	Susan Rozborski	Daniel Ventura
Arcadio B. Basco	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	Stephanie Vernace
Fran Boglioli	Edward Clark	Juliann Junio	June McManus	Elisa Silversey	Stephen Voorhees
Erin Brennan	William Consovoy	Gregory Kamouh	Christine Morris	Bernard Slaza	© Please advise if
Samantha Bridge	Colm Cosgrove	Marie Keller	Marlene Mosko	Beverly Sopp	any names can be
James Brown	Ray Clark	Anna Koch	Hilda Pizza	Ryder Francis Spillane	removed from the
Kevin Brown	Albert Fischer, Jr.	Jillian Lapidus	Diane Pricken	Paul Szeker	sick list. Thank you.



**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 24th - July 31st, 2022



### Sanctuary Light

For the intention of:  
**Magdalena R. Becker+**  
Requested by  
her husband  
George W. Becker



### The Altar Bread & Wine

For the intention of:  
**Anthony F. Acocella+**  
Requested by  
Sofia &  
Cristina Barcellona



### Flowers for the Blessed Mother

In memory of Birthday  
Anniversary for:  
**Louis & Teresa Schmitt+**  
Requested by  
Mary Jane Bergen

## Remember Our Departed



Robert A. Piasecki+  
Fr. Jim Redstone+  
Stanley Tomczyk+



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
2022



**PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WORLD  
DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND  
THE ELDERLY**

I give thanks to you, Lord, For the blessing  
of a long life For, to those who take refuge  
in You, Grant always to bear fruit.

Forgive, O Lord, Resignation and  
disillusionment, But forsake me not When  
my strength declines.

Teach me to look with hope To the future  
you give me, To the mission you entrust to  
me And to sing your praises without end.

Make me a tender craftsman Of Your  
revolution, To guard with love my  
grandchildren And all the little ones who  
seek shelter in You.

Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis And grant  
Thy Church To deliver the world from  
loneliness.

Direct our steps in the way of peace.  
Amen

**B.I.B.L.E.**

**B. I. B. L. E.** simply means: **Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.** When you are about to forward this to others, the devil will discourage you. So go on! Forward this to people who are DEAR to you and **TRUST GOD.**

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment! If you cannot see God in all, you cannot see God at all.



# Meet new people & explore faith together.

Alpha is a place to connect with other people who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning. Each session includes a time to connect with others (often over a free meal), hear a short talk on an element of the Christian faith, and then a chance for each person to share their own questions with the group. We'd love to hear your perspective!

**Alpha Fall/Winter 2022**

Season begins **LIVE**

**Monday September 19**

**7:30 pm @**

**The Nazareth Center**

(Followed by weekly sessions hosted on Zoom)



Scan the QR Code with your phone or smart device to access our sign up page at [www.ihmparish.net/alpha](http://www.ihmparish.net/alpha)

If you have questions about Alpha, please contact the Nazareth Center Office at 908-889-2100 or send an email to [office@ihmparish.net](mailto:office@ihmparish.net)

## Minister Assignments: July 30 - July 31

Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
7/30 5:00pm	Mulrooney	Dan Kelly Janice Good Piga	Fr. KD Joseph
7/31 8:00am	Ed Sullivan	Chris Dill Jack Timko	Fr. Val
7/31 10:00am	Lou Zappo	Jason McCann Anthony Carlino	Fr. KD Joseph
7/31 12:00pm	Tracey Foley	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  
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## Rosary Altar Society News

### A SIMPLE LESSON LEARNED

The lightning bugs came flashing by  
One Star-filled Summer's night.

Watching them in wonder  
Made my heart delight.

They blink and flash their color,  
A lovely yellow hue.

And as they flew around me,  
I knew one thing was true.

These tiny little creatures,  
Created by God's hands,

Twinkle bright with splendor,  
Thus obeying God's command.

We can take a simple lesson  
From the lightning bugs so bright

To live our lives as God designs  
And point others to the "light."

-Mary Ann Jameson



- We will be having our informal summer Rosary get together on **Tuesday, August 9th at 12 Noon** at Charlie Brown's Fresh Grill located at 2376 North Avenue, Scotch Plains. We need to confirm our seating reservation in advance so kindly call Janice Good-Piga 908-759-6729 no later than August 1st to sign up. We will be able to do individual ordering that day from their wonderful traditional menu. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see each other during our summer break. Spouses, significant others and friends are also welcome to attend.

- We are preparing for our traditional Welcome Back Rosary Event scheduled for **Tuesday evening, September 13**. Please mark your calendars. We look forward to a wonderful year of devotion, charitable works, friendship and fun!

- A gentle reminder that our new member and renewing member Rosary membership dues of \$25 can be sent in prior to **August 21st** to our Treasurer Alice Mansfield-Smith, 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark, NJ 07066. Kindly make your checks payable to IHM Rosary Altar Society. Please also remember to include your full name, address, phone number (s) and email address so that we can update our Rosary Directory. Many thanks!! We look forward to welcoming you back on September 13th!!

- If you would like to volunteer to help prepare the daily and weekly Altar Linens we would be grateful for your time. Please contact Petty Perfilio 908-889-4868.

- May your Summer days be filled with sunshine, gentle rains to replenish your gardens, kind friends to cheer you, and God's continued Blessings. We continue to hold you all close in our daily thoughts and prayers. We wish you a blessed week ahead. - Janice



### Weekly Pearl of Wisdom

*"And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."*

Daniel 12:3



Collection Report		July 17, 2022
Weekly Budget Need:		\$11,300.00
Collection:		\$5,205.00
Parish Giving:		\$4,342.20
Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,652.80)
<b>Fiscal Year to Date:</b>		
Budget		\$33,600.00
Actual:		\$32,257.39
Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,342.61)
<b>Rolling 4 Week Averages:</b>		
Average Collection:		\$10,729.14
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(495.86)

<b>Annual Appeal</b> <small>the 2022</small>	Pledged to Date:	Goal: \$67,107
	\$62,038.24	92.45% of goal



IHM Faith Formation Invites New and Returning Families to **Register for First Communion Preparation!** Children usually prepare to receive First Eucharist in the Spring of Second Grade. Contact [johnmcguire@ihmparish.net](mailto:johnmcguire@ihmparish.net) to find out more about our Faith Formation program.

IHM EVENT CALENDER	
Sunday July 24	
Monday July 25	
Tuesday July 26	
7:15 pm	Fr. Rob's Summer Spirituality Seminar
Wednesday July 27	
10:00 am	Food Pantry
8:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday July 28	
Friday July 29	
Saturday July 30	
All Day	Mission Appeal with Fr. KD Joseph
Sunday July 31	
11:00 am	Faith Formation Meet & Greet with John McGuire
All Day	Mission Appeal with Fr. KD Joseph

**A Message from the Pastoral Associate: John McGuire**

The Faith Formation team is hard at work preparing for the 2022-2023 Formation Year. Very soon, we will be able to provide the calendar for Families of Faith, and Sacramental Formation. Our program this year will offer the opportunity for community, service, formation, and even some fun.

As we have been doing this, we have noticed that many of our first grade students from last year have not yet enrolled for their second grade formation, or preparation for First Reconciliation and Eucharist. While there is still time to register, we do ask that these families (and any others who have not yet) to register as soon as possible so that we can order the appropriate number of materials, and prepare the schedule accordingly.

So far it has been great to meet many of you, especially during our Summer Families of Faith. Please know that I will be around on **Sunday, July 31st** following the 10:00 am Mass, and plan on attending the 12:00 pm Mass. I will be there to meet you, answer any questions you may have, or to just enjoy the company.

We have a great year coming, I am looking to get to know all of you a lot better, and to continue the journey of faith with your families. This week, let us pray for an increase in the theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love. God Bless and have a great week.




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