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*17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 30, 2023*

The angels will go out and separate the  
*wicked from the righteous.*

MATTHEW 13:49



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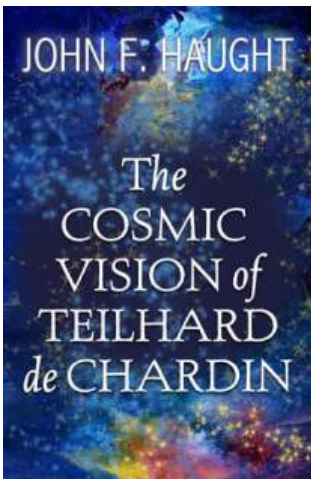
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Mass will continue to Live Stream on Facebook and our website: [www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net)

**A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE**

There is a saying that where we put our time, energy and money is where our highest priorities are found. In other words, that is the pearl for which we search. We sell all that we have in order to obtain it. Today's Gospel challenges us to look at what our pearl is and if necessary to change. The example of Solomon helps us to choose the pearl that is greater than all others. Solomon asks for an understanding heart. He does not ask for that which can be taken away, but for wisdom. As disciples of Christ the pearl we seek is the Kingdom of God which include the gift of faith, of trust in God, of holiness. It begs the question of what are we willing to sacrifice, what are we willing to let go of or what risk are we willing to take in order to experience the Kingdom? Jesus invites and encourages us to use our gifts to seek this pearl which is absolutely priceless, to risk loving God and others, to let go of the attitudes, regrets or grudges that prevent us from more fully experiencing the love of God in our lives.  
Peace, Fr. Mike



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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 at 7:15pm for one hour on Zoom**. Any questions or to register, please contact Fr. Rob at [frrob@ihmparish.net](mailto:frrob@ihmparish.net)



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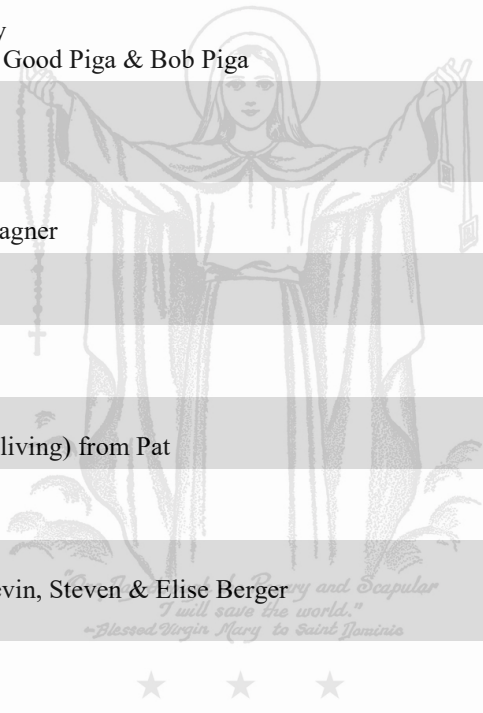
**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Schedule for Mass & Worship (schedules are subject to change)**

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

**Mass Intentions** For the week of July 30 - August 6, 2023

<b>Saturday July 29</b>	7:00am	Mary Mullen+ from Karen Schurtz
	8:30 am	Henry Michael Meacock+ from Mary & Mike Kelly
	5:00 pm	George, Mary & Georgina Mae Good+ from Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga
<b>Sunday July 30</b>	8:00 am	Michael D'Agostino+ from Mike & Dottie Miller
	10:00 am	MaryJane Bergen+ from Karen & Joe Schurtz
	12:00 pm	For the People from IHM Parish
<b>Monday July 31</b>	7:00 am	Rennier Razal (living) from the Razal Family
	8:30 am	Karen Schwaneberg (living) from Rich & Eileen Wagner
<b>Tuesday August 1</b>	7:00 am	Emily Marchese + from the Chimento Family
	8:30am	Matthew Manzo+ from James & Janet Walsh
<b>Wednesday August 2</b>	7:00 am	Robert Bielan+ from Andrew DeVenuta
	8:30 am	Betty R. Razal (living) from Razal Family
<b>Thursday August 3</b>	7:00 am	MaryJane Bergen+ from IHM Parish
	8:30 am	Hank & Pat Mazzucca 20th Wedding Anniversary (living) from Pat
<b>Friday August 4</b>	7:00 am	James Kraus+ from Ed Sullivan
	8:30 am	Claire Ettore+ from Evelyn Dougherty
<b>Saturday August 5</b>	7:00am	For the People from IHM Parish
	8:30 am	Geraldine Inman+ from Marion, Marc, Julianne, Kevin, Steven & Elise Berger
	5:00 pm	Matthew Manzo+ from the Carlino Family
<b>Sunday August 6</b>	8:00 am	MaryJane Bergen+ from Phyllis & Tony
	10:00 am	MaryJane Bergen+ from Women's Prayer Group
	12:00 pm	Rev. Paul R. Manning+ from IHM Parish



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

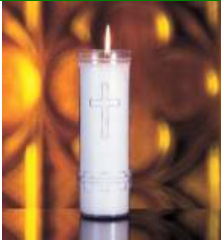
John Allen	Colm Cosgrove	Nicole Griffin	Mary Frances Leon	Jaxson Rivera	Paul Szeker
George Becker	Samantha Bridge	Ann Marie Harvey	Eileen Lynch	Marisol Rodriguez	Phyllis Szeker
Fran Boglioli	James Brown	David Hens	William Maines	Susan Rozborski	Daniel Ventura
Erin Brennan	John Burkert	Kathleen Herron	Jim Malfetti	Dolores Rust	Sr. Elizabeth Vermaelen
Anna Cassella	Ray Clark	Juliann Junio	Bill Malone	Diana Scariati	Stephanie Vernace
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Matthew Cassio	Phyllis Fischer	Marie Keller	Hilda Pizza	Elisa Silversey	Ben Wheelock
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Edward Clark	Mary Foster	Anna Koch	Carmela Resnick	Beverly Sopp	
David Connell	Michele Gamako	Jillian Lapidus	Jacob Rivera	Ryder Francis Spillane	

★ Please advise if any names can be removed from the sick list. Thank you. [office@ihmparish.net](mailto: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 30 - August 6, 2023**



**Sanctuary Light**  
For the intention of:  
**Matthew Manzo+**  
requested by:  
James & Janet Walsh



**Altar Bread & Wine**  
For the intention of:  
**Ramon Valera+**  
requested by:  
Yabut Family



**Flowers for the Blessed Mother**  
In memory of my beloved husband:  
**Frank Pecoraro+**  
requested by:  
Maureen Pecoraro

**Remember  
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## WHAT IS BETA?

Beta picks up where Alpha left off. Great conversations & a safe space to reflect. Meetings twice a month on Zoom. You don't have to graduate Alpha to join Beta.

**Beta begins on Wednesday September 27 at 7:30pm.**

Seats are limited. Sign-up at: [www.ihmparish.net/beta](http://www.ihmparish.net/beta)

## Mother Seton Regional Alumnae All Class Reunion Margaritas & Memories – September 10, 2023



Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year. The opening event will be Margaritas & Memories on September 10 from 2 until 5. All alumnae are invited to attend. Margaritas, non-alcoholic beverages, and taco and empanada bar will be available; and the cost is \$40. For more information and to view the flyer, please visit the school's website at [www.motherseton.org](http://www.motherseton.org). Click on the 60th Anniversary Celebration Events link then on Margarita's & Memories. There is a form available there for sign-up. Registration is required and the deadline is August 20. Hope to see many alumnae there!

## 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 181



Preparation for First Holy Communion at IHM begins soon. If you are new to the parish, or have a first grader for the very first time, we encourage you to complete our new family form at:

[ihmparish.net/childrensfaithformation](http://ihmparish.net/childrensfaithformation)

This will allow you to register for classes, using Parish Giving our online registration system. Just complete the form, and once you've been cleared, you'll have access to register for the year, and each subsequent year.

If you have a child in your home, or a grandkid nearby who hasn't been registered for the upcoming year, now is the time to get started!

## Minister Assignments: August 5 - August 6

Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
8/5 5:00pm	Kathy Mitchell	Chris Zucosky Janice Good Piga Chris Haight Alice Schaffernoth (C)	Fr. Rob
8/6 8:00am	Rich Banasiak	Jean Bagdonas Lou DiBella Ed Sullivan (C)	Fr. Rob
8/6 10:00am	Heba Fortunato	Connie Boruch David Boruch Eileen Wagner	Fr. Mike
8/6 12:00pm	Michelle Gardella	Carol Kiley Chris Dill	Fr. Mike



### 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](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

### SUMMER by Josephine Anne Miller

The beauty of Summer scenes, Silvery beaches, forest greens, Clear blue skies and rippling streams, Fill my soul with a million dreams. Summer, with its babbling brooks, Secluded, cozy little nooks, Its shading trees, its gentle breeze, O, Lord, Your wonders never cease. I could spend endless hours, Looking at the trees and flowers All with reverence and sweet prayer, For it's You, Lord, that I see there.

♥ We will have A Rosary Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 8th at 7PM in the Nazareth Center to finalize the Rosary Activities for the coming year.

♥ Rosarians, please note that our annual dues have increased to \$30. Kindly send your checks to Treasurer Alice Mansfield -Smith, 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark, NJ 07066. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR FULL NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE AND EMAIL ADDRESS so that we can update our Annual Rosary Directory. Many thanks!

♥ 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 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!!!

FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE SHOW AT HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE, the following are the driving directions:

-FROM IHM/Scotch Plains

-Take I-78 West to EXIT 12 (NJ Rt 173 West Union)

-Continue On NJ Route 173 To Hunterdon Hills Playhouse (88 Rt. 173 Hampton) Approximately 39 Minutes (33.9 Miles) PLEASE MEET JANICE AT THE FRONT DOORS OF THE PLAYHOUSE AT 10:50AM FOR YOUR TICKETS!

♥ May your summer days be bright and filled with hope for the months ahead, and may your vacation days be filled with restful moments and a renewed spirit. You remain in our daily thoughts and prayers. ♥ Janice

<b>Collection Report</b>		<b>July 23, 2023</b>
Weekly Target:		\$10,785.00
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)		\$9,581.87
Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,203.13)
<b>Fiscal Year to Date:</b>		
Budget		\$43,140.00
Actual:		\$45,682.29
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$2,542.29
<b>Rolling 4 Week Averages:</b>		
Average Collection:		\$11,420.57
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		\$635.57



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

The summertime tends to be a time to slow down. Even if we are in positions where we work all year long, things can still seem to slow down a little. It leaves us room to reflect on the progress we’ve made during the year, and make plans for the year to come. I wonder if we can make a connection between this time of year, and our faith, in practice and belief? What if we treated the summertime as we do Advent or Lent. It is a pause where we reflect and prepare. I think we can use this time to begin asking some important questions. How do I communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those I work or study with? What do I do to help those around me who are lonely, or silently suffering? Is there someone I could make a bigger effort to help and support? If we go through this process, instead of preparing for the Incarnation or Resurrection of Christ, we could be truly bringing Him into the world. If the entire Christian community were to double down on prayer, and care for others, imagine the impact we could have on the world. Maybe, just maybe, if our international community of Catholics were to double down on following Jesus, and implementing His teachings we’d see some amazing results. Instead of people asking how God could allow terrible things to happen to good people, we’d all marvel at the amazing things God’s people bring about in the world. They would instead find themselves awestruck about how we love! By all means, keep up the great momentum of caring for others through donations, support of the food pantry, ad hoc collections for all sorts of causes. However, let us all focus more fully on the way we treat those around us, and how we love our neighbors. This week, let’s pray that we can make the last half of this summer a great time of preparation, to full heartedly bring Christ to the world. God Bless and have a wonderful week!

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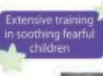
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