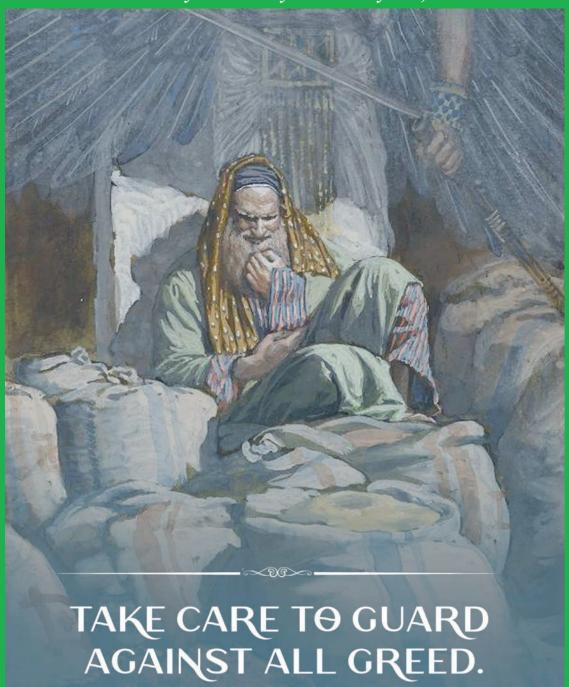
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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 31st, 2022



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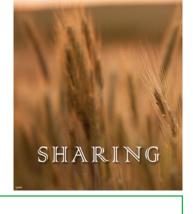
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### A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

If we place our trust completely in ourselves, in material items, or in earthly glory, then we may get to the point where we say: "All things are vanity," as Qoheleth does in our first reading. He is coming to the end and realizes that all of his hard work and worry has produced nothing of lasting value. It will soon belong to another. Jesus reminds us of the same futility in seeking the things of this world over the Kingdom. However, when we recognize that ourselves, material things, and earthly power can be good if placed in their proper order, then we have a different vision.

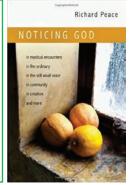
By placing our priority on our relationship with Jesus and allowing that to form our relationships with one another then, rather than vanity, it becomes a vision of God's glory, and we use ourselves, possessions and gifts to build up God's Kingdom, and in so doing we gain that which is everlasting and truly valuable.



Peace, Fr. Mike

### We Need Help Live-Streaming Mass!

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### 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

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

Mass Int	entions	For t	he week of July 31st - August 7th, 2022
Saturday July 30	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	For the People Mary Graham+ George & Mary Good+	By The Parish By Lewis Family By Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga
Sunday July 31		Teresa Schmitt Anniversary of Death+ Emilio Narcis+ Robert Grier & Nancy Cortell Rosenthal+	By Mary Jane Bergen By The Frazier Family By Joanne & Gary Cogswell
Monday	7:00 am	Leo Jammal+	By Rich & Heba Fortunato
August 1	8:30 am	Joan Guarino+	By The Branch Family
Tuesday	7:00 am	Mary Donnelly+	By Jack & Josie Foley
August 2	8:30 am	Betty R. Ricafranca+	By The Razal Family
Wednesday	7:00 am	Norma Go+	By The Lioanag Family ing) By Pat Mazzucca
August 3	8:30 am	Hank & Pat Mazzucca Wedding Anniversary (liv	
Thursday	7:00 am	Edwar Faros+	By Cornelia Fernandez
August 4	8:30 am	Paul Szeker III (living)	By Pam Bonaccolto
Friday	7:00 am	Charles Specht+	By Maura Disko
August 5	8:30 am	Gustavo "Gus" Buonanno	By Craig & Lisa Barcellona
Saturday August 6	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Rosa Nieves Mendez+ Veronica Wronski+ America & Al Stefnagle+	By Cornelia Fernandez By The Lundgren Family By The Leone Family
Sunday August 7		For the People Bienvenido O. Razal+ Deceased Members of Gorski/Knox Families+	By The Parish By The Razal Family By Arlene Knox

Remember Our Sick John Burkert John Allen Rose Badala Arcadio B. Basco George Becker Larry Biunno Fran Boglioli Erin Brennan Samantha Bridge James Brown Ray Clark Kevin Brown

Mary Calabrese Anna Cassella Paul Cassidy Matthew Cassio Frank Chimento **Edward Clark** William Consovoy Colm Cosgrove Albert Fischer, Jr.

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Phyllis Szeker Carole Ventre Daniel Ventura Sr. Elizabeth Vermaelen Stephanie Vernace Stephen Voorhees  $\odot$  Please advise if any names can be removed from the 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 31st - August 7th, 2022



Sanctuary Light For the intention of: Samuel E. Ayers+ Requested by Donna Ayers



The Altar Bread & Wine For the intention of: Louis Lewis Jr.+ Requested by Dan & Roe Kelly



Flowers for the Blessed Mother For the intention of: Wedding Anniversary of Hank & Pat Mazzucca (living) Requested by Pat Mazzucca





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Alpha Fall/Winter 2022 Season begins LIVE Monday September 19 7:00 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 <a href="https://www.ihmparish.net/alpha">www.ihmparish.net/alpha</a>



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





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Look for clues in the *Breaking Bread 2022* book page 195

Minister Assignments: August 6 - August 7				
Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider	
8/6 5:00pm	Kathy Mitchell	Connie Boruch David Boruch	Fr. Mike	
8/7 8:00am	Ed Sullivan	Lou DiBella Colm Keogh	Fr. Rob	
8/7 10:00am	Lou Zappo	Anthony Carlino Jason McCann	Fr. Mike	
8/7 12:00pm	Regina O'Connor	Carol Kiley Diane McGuinness	Fr. Val	



Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours Monday - Friday 9:00am - 9:00pm Saturday - 9:00am - 2:00pm Closed on Sundays. Holy Days & Holidays

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### **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.

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### **Rosary Altar Society News**

### LIFE

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.

Life is beauty, admire it.

Life is a dream, realize it.

Life is a challenge, meet it.

Life is a duty, complete it.

Life is a game, play it.

Life is a promise, fulfill it.

Life is a sorrow, overcome it.

Life is a song, sing it!!

- Mother Teresa

- ♥ We will be having our August Rosary Board meeting on Tuesday, August 16th at 6:15pm in the Nazareth Center. Please confirm your attendance by calling Janice 908-759-6729.
- ▼ A reminder that we will be having our "Informal Summer Rosary Get Together Luncheon" 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 and salad bar. It will be a great opportunity to see each other during our summer break. Spouses, significant others and friends are welcome to attend.
- ♥ You will be receiving your "Welcome Back Letter" from me within the next week detailing our exciting new activities for this upcoming year. Our welcome back meeting and party will be Tuesday, September 13 at 7pm in The Nazareth Center.

A gentle reminder that our new member and returning 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. Please also remember to include your full name, address, phone number (s), and email address so that we can update our Rosary Directory. We look forward to welcoming you back for an exciting and prayerful new season!!

May God continue to bless you and your family and friends as August approaches. May your days be relaxing and your spirits be refreshed. We continue to hold you all in our daily thoughts and prayers and we wish you a truly blessed week ahead.

♥ Janice



### Weekly Pearl of Wisdom

"Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace."

Proverbs 3:13-18

<b>Collection Report</b>	July 24, 2022
Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,200.00
Collection:	\$6,397.00
Parish Giving:	\$3,501.17
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,301.83)
Fiscal Year to Date:	
Budget	\$44,800.00
Actual:	\$42,155.56
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,644.44)
Rolling 4 Week Averages:	
Average Collection:	\$10,538.89
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(661.11)

Annual Abbeal	Annual	Appeal
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Pledged to Date: \$62,038.24

Goal: \$67,107 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 <a href="mailto:johnmcguire@ihmparish.net">johnmcguire@ihmparish.net</a> to find out more about our Faith Formation program.

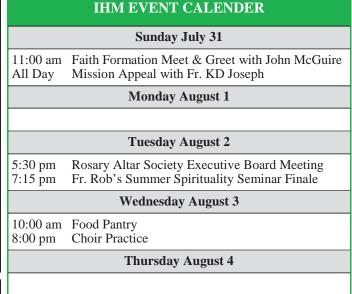
### A Message from the Pastoral Associate: John McGuire

What do you believe about the Eucharist? Do you believe that when you receive the Bread and/or Wine at Communion, you are receiving the true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ?

One prominent survey organization, posted a study that suggested that many of us Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence. Since then many priests, and Bishops have repeated this. I will not go into figures and statistics here, or even the methodology of this study. However, I will say that it is hard for me to believe that there are so many Catholics who do not believe, because the Eucharist is such a lynchpin of our faith. If one does not believe, it would seem to follow that they would have by now found one of the numerous, less demanding, and more culturally accepted denominations, and have joined there by now.

As Catholics we do not take the easy path, the path of least resistance, we choose the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We believe that Jesus commanded us to receive Him in the Eucharist every time we gather.

So, as believers, we have to ask how receiving Jesus changes our lives.



# Saturday August 6

Friday August 5

### Sunday August 7

9:00 am Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast

What impact does receiving Jesus on a weekly basis make in our lives, and how do we treat those around us? Do we live a more Christlike life? Do we bring what we have received out into the community? Do we encourage friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to follow Christ, and to treat others with the dignity of an individual created in the image and likeness of our Creator?

These sorts of questions are what the Church will be asking us over the next 3 years, as we all enter into a National Eucharistic Revival. For the first year which began on the Feast of Corpus Christi on June 19th 2022, will focus on Diocesan Revival. Keep your eyes open for opportunities in the Archdiocese of Newark. 2023 will be a year of Parish Revival. Then, in 2024 there will be a National Eucharistic Congress.

This is not going to be a process of philosophical meandering or navel gazing. This whole process will conclude with a year where we as the faithful are to take the revival to its natural conclusion, and bring what we receive out to the whole world in a year of Mission. This week, let us pray for the ability to become what we receive, and teach what we believe. God Bless and have a wonderful week!



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