

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 7th, 2022

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**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**

*“Blessed  
are those servants  
whom the master finds  
vigilant on his arrival.”*

LUKE 12:37



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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**

Although in a different way than last week, Jesus reminds us again to store up treasure in heaven rather than earthly treasures. In today’s Gospel he shows us how to grow in heavenly wealth through prayerful and hopeful waiting and through using the gifts that God has given us to build up the Kingdom here and now. Prayerful and hopeful waiting requires us not to sit around passively, but to go about our daily activities with an eye not just on the immediate earthly future, but on the Kingdom of God. Thus, the waiting becomes active. We are called to enter into an ongoing dialogue and relationship with Christ and with the world at the same time, thus producing abundant fruit with the gifts that God has given us.

Peace, Fr. Mike

**How to Report Abuse:**

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all credible complaints of sexual abuse of minors by members of the clergy, religious, lay staff and volunteers of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual abuse of a minor to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we can take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

**Whom can I contact to report an allegation of sexual abuse or misconduct?**

If you suspect a child is in imminent danger from abuse, please call 911 immediately.

To report known or suspected child abuse: Contact the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCPP)

24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline:  
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**(855) 363-6548**

**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).



If you have a digital photograph of activities at Fr. Mike’s Anniversary party, please send it to me at: [tefoleyihm@gmail.com](mailto:tefoleyihm@gmail.com)  
Thank you,  
Tracey Foley

**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  
Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15 - 4:45 pm

## Mass Intentions

For the week of August 7th - August 14th, 2022

<b>Saturday August 6</b>	7:00 am	Rosa Nieves Mendez+	By Cornelia Fernandez
	8:30 am	Veronica Wronski+	By The Lundgren Family
	5:00 pm	America & Al Stefnagle+	By The Leone Family
<b>Sunday August 7</b>	8:00 am	For the People	By The Parish
	10:00 am	Bienvenido O. Razal+	By The Razal Family
	12:00 pm	Deceased Members of Gorski/Knox Families+	By Arlene Knox
<b>Monday August 8</b>	7:00 am	Gus Rotelli+	By Mary Wanca
	8:30 am	David Regal Sr+	Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga
<b>Tuesday August 9</b>	7:00 am	Stanley Gorski+	By Christine Lazur
	8:30 am	John Gonnella+	By his wife & daughter Theresa & Lisa
<b>Wednesday August 10</b>	7:00 am	Connie Boruch (living)	By IHM Pastoral Council
	8:30 am	Cecilia Heller+	Bob Piga & Janice Good Piga
<b>Thursday August 11</b>	7:00 am	Marielle Carroll (living)	By IHM Pastoral Council
	8:30 am	Susan Wagner+	By Mom & Dad Wagner
<b>Friday August 12</b>	7:00 am	William Foley+	By Rita Buscini
	8:30 am	Richard E. Munly+	By Karen Ruffner
<b>Saturday August 13</b>	7:00 am	Russ Wills (living)	By Katie
	8:30 am	Danny Kelly+	By Mom & Dad & Family
	5:00 pm	Francis McElroy+	By Lynne & Jim O'Connor
<b>Sunday August 14</b>	8:00 am	For the People	By The Parish
	10:00 am	Adele & John Stephanik+	By The Lundgren Family
	12:00 pm	Joseph Guidi+	By Eileen Guidi

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



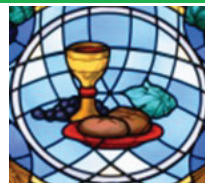
**Hospital Privacy** / Please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow hospitals/pastoral care offices to contact parishes. If you or a loved one are in the hospital and want a priest to visit, please call the IHM office at (908) 889-2100.

## Special Intentions for the week of August 7th - August 14th, 2022



### Sanctuary Light

For the intention of:  
**John R. Stephanik Jr.+**  
Requested by  
The Lundgren Family



### The Altar Bread & Wine

For the intention of:  
**My beloved parents Edward  
& Jean Winsor**  
Requested by  
Mary Beth Winsor



### Flowers for the Blessed Mother

For the intention of:  
**Sopko & Hajducek Families**  
Requested by  
Mary Anne Sopko

## Remember Our Departed



Maria Pimentel



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

In our Catholic tradition, there are three people that were born without sin. Jesus as both God and Man. The Blessed Virgin Mary, Immaculately Conceived and called to be the Mother of God. Then there was John the Baptist, who was Christened within the womb, as he jumped for joy before birth, in the presence of Jesus during the Visitation. Those of us outside of that group of three were born with Original Sin. We recognize this as we baptize our children. While in Baptism we are forgiven of our Original Sin, and are reborn in Christ Jesus, we still struggle with the challenges, temptations, and the imperfections that entered into the world with the Fall of Adam and Eve. The Lord and His Church offer something to strengthen our faith, and address the struggles that we face in our journey. These are called sacraments. There is the before mentioned Baptism. We can daily, or more likely weekly receive Jesus in the Eucharist. When sick, or dying we can find strength from the Anointing of the Sick. In Confirmation we are empowered by the Holy Spirit. Those of us who are married find strength and grace from Matrimony, and our priests and deacons are sealed in their Ordination for ministry. An important and often forgotten sacrament is Reconciliation or Confession. Many of us forget that this is available, or shy away from it out of pride or fear. The way many of us had been raised, this was just a step on the way to Eucharist, Confirmation, and perhaps other sacraments. During our Summer Families of Faith, I asked our 3rd through 8th graders who had remembered the last time they had gone to Confession, all but the third graders were puzzled. They were then all offered and accepted the opportunity to take part in the sacrament. If you have not participated in this sacrament, I encourage you to do so with your families. Perhaps go back once, see how it feels. You might feel that it would be helpful to go back once a month, or a few times a year. However, I beg of you, do not let this grace go to waste. Every time we confess our sins, we have a true experience of Jesus, and the weight of our sins is lifted. This week, pray for the courage to accept Jesus' forgiveness, for the strength of our families, and a fuller experience of the strength given us through the Sacraments. God Bless and have a wonderful week. - John McGuire



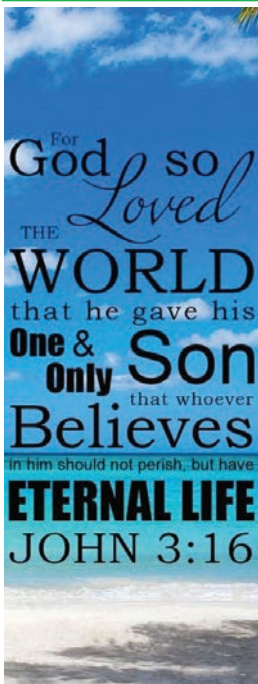
**A Message from Mission Appeal Rev. Fr. KD Joseph**

In the precious name of Jesus and Mother Mary, I would like to thank you dear Fr. Mike, the pastor, Fr. Valentine the associate pastor, and Fr. Rob and dear faithful of IHM parish, for your generous support to my mission back in India, Diocese of Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.

I really enjoyed my stay in IHM! Your kind support will really be a good help for the different needs of our mission, like education of children from child labor, forced labor, and bonded labor. Little girls will be taken to school and not to work. Training of seminarians for priesthood, providing safe drinking water and sanitation, for the project of protection of women and children, empowerment of widows, health and hygiene programs, income generation programs for poor women and helpless widows, and housing program for the shelter less in our mission diocese.

May I promise our prayers for you all and may God bless you all. Thank you so much.

**Fr. KD Joseph**  
Andhra Pradesh, India  
[kdjoseps@gmail.com](mailto:kdjoseps@gmail.com)



## 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**  
**7:00 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 [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: August 13 - August 14

Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
8/13 5:00pm	Jim Brennan	Dan Kelly Alice Schaffernoth	Fr. Val
8/14 8:00am	Rich Banasiak	Jean Bagdonas Chris Dill	Fr. Mike
8/14 10:00am	Andy Davis	Dave Diken Heba Fortunato	Fr. Val
8/14 12:00pm	Ed Sullivan	Eileen Wagner Jean Naugle	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

*"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." --Leo Buscaglia (Inspirational Writer)*

*" People never care how much you know until they know how much you care."*

*--John C. Maxwell*

---We look forward to our informal summer luncheon on **Tuesday, August 9th at 12 noon at Charlie Brown's Fresh Grill** located at 2376 North Avenue, Scotch Plains. Thank you to all those who have signed up! The food will be fabulous as always, but the company will be sweeter than any dessert on the menu!!

---Most of you should have already received your Welcome Back Letter in the mail from me. If you haven't already done so, kindly mail your annual dues check for \$25 (payable to IHM Rosary Altar Society) to Treasurer Alice Mansfield-Smith at 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark, NJ 07066. Please remember to include your full name, address, phone number (s), and email address so that we can update our Rosary Directory. Many thanks.

---The following are several of the currently planned activities for our new calendar year:

- Our September 13th Welcome Back Party
- An October Retreat At St. Joseph's Shrine
- A November Stained/Fused Glass Creation Event
- Our Annual Christmas Mass, Party and donation to the Missionaries of Charity
- Our Traditional Rosary Winter Luncheon
- A February Mass & Inspirational In-House Retreat
- A Special March "Dedicated To Your Health & Well Being" Presentation/Activity
- An April Luncheon & Local Theater Trip
- Our Traditional May Communion Mass & Brunch/Luncheon

---A gentle reminder to gather those costume jewelry items that you no longer wear and consider donating them to Rosary as we once again collect these items to present (semi-annually) to St. Joseph's Social Services in Elizabeth. The children there will select a special piece of jewelry from our donations, wrap the item, and give it as a gift to their Moms, Grandmothers, Aunts, OR EVEN A men's jewelry item to be given to their Dads, Uncles or Grandfathers for Christmas. If you don't have a jewelry item but would like to donate small gift bags, we would also be grateful. Please contact Janice (908-759-6729) with any questions or donations.


---May God continue to Bless you and your family and friends as we enjoy the later part of summer. 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



<b>Collection Report</b>		<b>July 31, 2022</b>
Weekly Budget Need:		\$11,200.00
Collection:		5,954.00
Parish Giving:		2368.39
Surplus/(Deficit)		(2,877.61)
<b>Fiscal Year to Date:</b>		
Budget		\$56,000.00
Actual:		\$50,447.95
Surplus/(Deficit)		(5,522.05)
<b>Rolling 4 Week Averages:</b>		
Average Collection:		\$10,326.74
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(873.26)

<b>Annual Appeal</b> <small>the 2022</small>	Pledged to Date:	Goal: \$67,107
	\$62,138.24	92.60% 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.

<b>IHM EVENT CALENDER</b>	
<b>Sunday August 7</b>	
8:00 am	UC Cheerleading
9:00 am	Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast
<b>Monday August 8</b>	
10:00 am	UC Cheerleading
<b>Tuesday August 9</b>	
<b>Wednesday August 10</b>	
10:00 am	Food Pantry
8:00 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday August 11</b>	
<b>Friday August 12</b>	
<b>Saturday August 13</b>	
<b>Sunday August 14</b>	
10:00 am	Food Pantry Sunday


### BACKPACK COLLECTION

Please help the Henrik Lundqvist Foundation and CASA for Children by donating new backpacks and supplies for the new school year.

**Collection Dates are from August 1 through August 22, 2022**

Drop-Off locations include IHM church and a bin located at the entrance to the Nazareth Center (in the back of the parking lot)  
Thank you very much!

Aidan Fairweather  
Young Ambassador for the Henrik Lundqvist Foundation  
More details on the IHM website



**HELP WANTED!**

Dedicated, hard-working individual to learn the ropes of running the IHM Pee-Wee Basketball program this fall, with the intention to taking the reins in the future.

**INTERESTED?**

Please contact Tom at [decat61@yahoo.com](mailto:decat61@yahoo.com)



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