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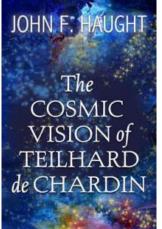


### A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

As Peter begins to walk on the water he is full of faith, his enthusiasm for Jesus and his growing trust allow him to do what before was impossible. However, his faith is shaken and he begins to sink. It is then that he realizes the need to completely trust in Jesus, and that it is only in Jesus that he can do anything. How often do we proclaim our faith, yet continue to try and live our lives on our own, without the helping hand of Jesus. Like Peter, we must realize that only in Jesus and with Jesus can we do anything.

Last week's celebration of the Transfiguration not only gave us a glimpse of Jesus' glory but also reminded us that we share in that glory and are called to portray that glory in our lives through God's grace active in us. Thus we grow in trust for our Lord and grow in our ability as disciples and missionaries to bring His presence and Good News into our world today. 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 gather on **Tuesday evenings at 7:15pm for one hour on Zoom**. Any questions, 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

Mass Intentions		For the week of August 13 - August 20, 2023
Saturday August 12	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Robert A. Bertha+ from the Marsella Family Robert A. Bertha+ from the Kaminskas Family Danny Kelly+ from Mom & Dad and Family
Sunday August 13	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	For the People of IHM Parish Ann McAuley+ from Steve & Anita Prato Adele & John R. Stephanik+ from the Lundgren Family
Monday August 14	7:00 am 8:30 am	Gregory Ritter+ from David & Debbie Ritter and Family Samantha McCallion+ from Vincent & Rosemarie McCallion
Tuesday August 15	7:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Sister Margaret Murphy+ from the Lewis Family Bobby Caldwell+ from the Lee & Calabrese Families In Thanksgiving for the Assumption of Mary
Wednesday August 16	7:00 am 8:30 am	Blessed Virgin Mary+ from IHM Parish Patricia Krowicki+ from Janet & Emil Manfredonia
Thursday August 17	7:00 am 8:30 am	Vincent Scriveri+ from the Chimento Family Doreen Geiss+ from John & Tracey Foley
Friday August 18	7:00 am 8:30 am	Winnie & John Pisansky 60th Wedding Anniversary (living) from the Pisansky Family James R. Kennedy+ from Kerry Caspersen
Saturday August 19	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	John Baccarella+ from the Chimento Family Tom DeCastro+ from Betty & Tony Perfilio Francesco Buscini+ from the Buscini Family
Sunday August 20	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Brady Susan McDonald+ from Anita & Bob Wallden Dorothy McCormack+ from the Lewis Family For the People of IHM Parish

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

★ Please advise if any names can be removed from the sick list. Thank you. office@ihmparish.net



<u>Hospital Privacy</u> | 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 13 - August 20, 2023



Sanctuary Light
For the intention of:
John R. Stephanik Jr.+
requested by:
Lundgren Family



Altar Bread & Wine
For the intention of:
Bobby Caldwell+
requested by:
Lee & Calabrese Families



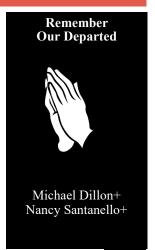
Flowers for the Blessed Mother

For the intention of:

Sopko & Hajducek Families

requested by:

Mary Anne Sopko





#### Farmer Emil's Garden Report

Total produce to date from our food pantry garden:

IHM 313.2 lbs
Others 9.75 lbs
Total 322.95 lbs
"We'd probably have a little bit more if it weren't for a couple of pesky squirrels. But squirrels need to eat too."





Join the Knights of Columbus for a Candlelight Rosary in honor of Our Lady's Assumption!

## Tuesday August 15, at 8 pm.

(Immediately after 7 pm evening mass)

Candles Provided. Bring a friend!

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

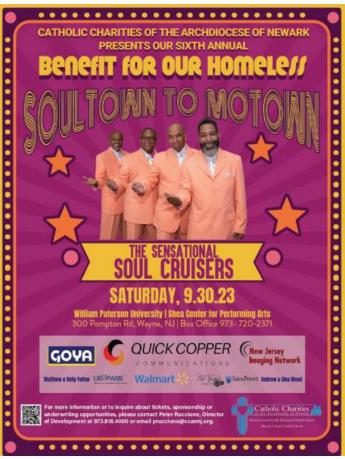
Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year! The opening event will be Margaritas & Memories on **Sunday, September 10** from 2pm until 5pm. \$40 ticket. For more information visit the school's website at <a href="https://www.motherseton.org">www.motherseton.org</a>.

## 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 185





Minister Assignments: August 19 - August 20							
Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider				
8/19 5:00pm	Jim Brennan	Janice Good Piga Connie Boruch David Boruch Alice Schaffernoth (C)	Fr. Mike				
8/20 8:00am	Colm Keogh	Ed Sullivan Rich Banasiak Rich Wagner (C)	Fr. Rob				
8/20 10:00am	Lou Zappo	Heba Fortunato Steve Prato Anthony Carlino	Fr. Rob				
8/20 12:00pm	Carol Kiley	Regina O'Connor Eileen Wagner	Fr. Mike				



Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 9:00pm
Saturday - 9:00am - 2:00pm
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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**

THE GAME OF LIFE by Lisa S. Satcher Life: It's not about the wins and losses, Nor struggles along the way. It's Christ living in you. It's how the game is played. It's about my relationship with Him in the end. e's my All, my Everything, my Teacher, my Friend. He's my Savior, my Father, and mostly my Coach. He guides me, protects me, and must not be reproached. He draws me closer and closer, gently leading the way. Teaching and directing me how to play. He gives me the play book each and every day. If, I simply, get down on my knees and pray. It's how we respond to life's ebbs and flows. It's how others witness our ultimate lows. We must remember; spectators are watching the game. When it's all over, "will we have struggled for fame?" The question I'll ask, "Will they see Jesus in us?" "Will they want to know more and learn to trust?" "Will others see a difference in how we played the game?" "Will we give God the Glory and All the Fame?" I've learned far more from losses, Than from any win attained. It's during the crossroads, dead-ends, and pitfalls, Where everything is gained. Character is built. Integrity is earned. Nothing could replace all that I've learned. Put me in Coach! I'm ready to play. All by the rules, of Your Book today!!

- ▼ Thank you to those who attended the wonderful Hunterdon Hills Playhouse "REMEMBER ME?" event. We had a delicious and entertaining experience, and spent the day laughing. Actress Joyce Dewitt is as talented as ever!
- ♥ 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 our WELCOME BACK Rosary Wine & Cheese Event on Tuesday, September 12 at 7pm in the Nazareth Center. The 2023-2024 Rosary Directories will be distributed and we will discuss the exciting events and that we have planned for the year. PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE BY CALLING MARY ANN 908-322-0279 or JANICE 908-759-6729 BY SEPTEMBER 6th.
- ♥ Centering Prayer is having a Mini Retreat on Sept. 7th at 9:30 to 11 am in the Nazareth Center Lounge. This prayer method introduces you to a contemplative way of prayer by going within to the Center of your Being to "LISTEN" to the "WHISPERS OF GOD". It's also a means for Jesus to OPEN UP THE SCRIPTURES for you as He did with His Apostles. Contact Phyllis at <a href="mailto:tman18912@comcast.net">tman18912@comcast.net</a> or the office at 908-889-2100 to register by August 31st.
- ▼ We will be resuming our WEEKLY BINGO AT
  ASHBROOK NURSING HOME On Wednesday Afternoons
  from 2-3. We are in need of volunteers for this rewarding
  experience. In addition, we are in need of a few more
  volunteers to assist with the Altar Linens washing and
  preparation. Kindly call Janice 908-759-6729 if you would be
  kind enough to volunteer.

May your week ahead be a joyous one filled with special Blessings. You and your families remain in our daily thoughts and prayers.

**♥** Janice

Collection Report	August 6, 2023
Weekly Target:	\$10,785.00
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)	\$12,774.23
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,989.23
Fiscal Year to Date:	
Budget	\$64,710.00
Actual:	\$67,688.42
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$2,978.42
Rolling 4 Week Averages:	
Average Collection:	\$11,203.43
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	\$418.43



#### THE IHM 2024 MASS BOOK WILL BE OPENING SOON!

Forms for our 2024 Mass Intentions will be available at the Nazareth Center and we will be accepting reservations starting Wednesday September 20, 2023. We also have plenty of 7am and 8:30am daily masses available in 2023.



The Women's Prayer Group will gather on **Thursday September 7 at 7:30pm on Zoom**. The theme is "Time for all seasons". Email <a href="tefoleyihm@gmail.com">tefoleyihm@gmail.com</a> for more details. Prayer connects us all!



Join us for Lectio Divina: Reflection, Discussion & Quiet. Three times a month, once in the Nazareth Center & twice on Zoom. Starting on Thursday September 7 at 9:30am @ the Nazareth Center. Contact Phyllis at tman18912@comcast.net or call 908-889-2100.



The next meeting for the IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group will be Saturday morning September 9 at 7:30am in the church basement. Contact <a href="mailto:dndiken@aol.com">dndiken@aol.com</a> for info.



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

On August 15th we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. There are four Marian Dogmas, that Mary is the Mother of God, that she was immaculately conceived, ever virgin, and was assumed into heaven upon her passing. Each of these dogmas is matched with a solemnity which is considered to be a holy day of obligation.

What do we commemorate on this day?

At our baptism, we are washed clean of the guilt of Original Sin. However, fallen humanity still suffers the effects of that fall from grace. One day we will die, and on that day, our soul and body will be separated, and we will face our Particular Judgment.

Particular Judgment means that we will all be personally judged at our passing. Then our soul will rest in the Beatific Vision (Heaven), be purged of any remaining accidents of sin (Purgatory) or if we have entirely rejected a relationship with God in thought and Action (Hell). Whatever the individual circumstances, our soul and body will remain separated until Final Judgment and the Resurrection of the Body.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, conceived without sin, is free of the guilt and accidents of Original Sin. The Dogma of the Assumption of Mary teaches that Mary at her passing, or falling asleep, was assumed into Heaven Body and Soul. Mary who clung so close to her Son in Life, does so also in her eternal life.

Mary Queen of Heaven, pray for us, that we may one day be united with your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ in eternal life. Amen.

God Bless and have a wonderful week.



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