

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 20, 2023

*O woman,
great is your faith!*

MATTHEW 15:28



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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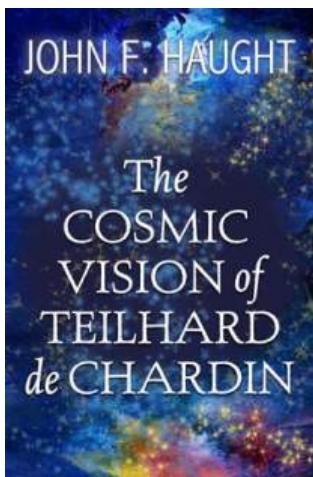


Mass will continue to Live Stream on Facebook and our website: www.ihmparish.net

A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

Today’s passage from Isaiah comes after the exile of the Jewish people and they are returning to their intimate relationship with God. Isaiah suggests the possibility that this relationship will be open to all people, not just the chosen people of the covenant. Matthew in today’s Gospel reminds his Jewish Christian community of this fact as Jesus heals the daughter of the Caananite women, who comes from a people not liked by the Jews.

It is a reminder to us that we are called to love all people, even when it is difficult, even when we do not want to, even when we disagree, even when we are persecuted, so that we may better reflect the love of God in our lives and in our world. It is also a good reminder that being persistent in our faith despite the difficulties and opposing influences we can encounter will also bring us into a more profound relationship with Christ.
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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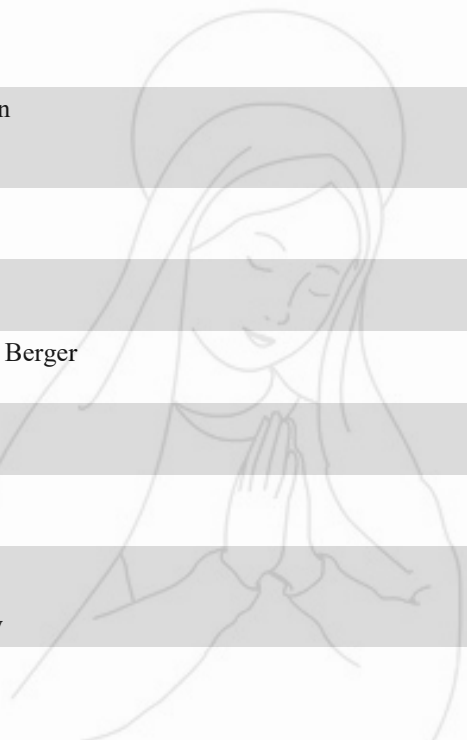
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Schedule for Mass & Worship (schedules are subject to change)

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 20 - August 27, 2023

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
Monday August 21	7:00 am 8:30 am	Louis Maccagno+ from Joan & Barry Pulliam Brady Susan McDonald+ from Karen & Joe Schurtz
Tuesday August 22	7:00 am 8:30 am	Robert David Unice+ from Carl & Susan Wingate Karen Schurtz (living) from Tracey Foley
Wednesday August 23	7:00 am 8:30 am	Walter & Gretchen Benschert+ from Marc & Marion Berger Henry Mazzucca Sr.+ from Hank & Pat Mazzucca
Thursday August 24	7:00 am 8:30 am	Genevieve Graham+ from Beth Mazzitelli Dorothy Lenartowicz+ from Maureen Pecoraro
Friday August 25	7:00 am 8:30 am	Bob Piga (living) from Janice Good Piga Bob Bergen+ from Pat Mazzucca
Saturday August 26	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Dr. Danny Palomares+ from Grace Palomares Paul Hart Jr.+ from Marion & Marc Berger Marie & John Hennessy+ from the Hennessy Family
Sunday August 27	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Michael D'Agostino+ from Mike & Dottie Miller Teresina Musano+ from Laura Galasso For the People of IHM Parish



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

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| George Becker | Samantha Bridge | Ann Marie Harvey | Eileen Lynch | Marisol Rodriguez | Phyllis Szeker |
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★ Please advise if any names can be removed from the sick list. Thank you. 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 August 20 - August 27, 2023



Sanctuary Light
For the intention of:
Brady Susan McDonald+
requested by:
Anita & Robert Wallden




Altar Bread & Wine
For the intention of:
John Torzewski (living)
requested by:
IHM Parish



Flowers for the Blessed Mother
In memory of:
Marie & John Hennessy+
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the Hennessy Family

Remember Our Departed



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Monday September 18
7pm @ Nazareth Center

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WALK OF
REMEMBRANCE

SEPTEMBER 10th, 2023

We honor the memory of those lost on 911, we trace the footsteps of Father Mychal Judge in the spirit of prayer and remembrance.

8:00am - Mass: St. Francis of Assisi RC Church (31st St. Main Church)
9:00am - Rosary: St. Francis of Assisi RC Church (31st St. Outside)
9:30am - Walk Begins: E1/L24 FDNY (31st St. & 7th Ave)
-12:00pm - Walk Concludes at St. Peters RC Church (Barclay St)

2:00pm Mass at the regularly scheduled St. Francis Mass
Websites: (StFrancisNYC.org) (SpecOr.org)

All are invited to walk down 7th Avenue the route that Father Mychal and so many others traveled on that fateful day. FDNY, NYPD, PAPD will be honored as we pray and remember.

911WalkOfRemembrance@gmail.com • www.911WalkOfRemembrance.com
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WHAT IS BETA?

Find out every 1st and 4th Wednesday of the month. **Starting Wednesday September 27, 2023 at 7:30pm on Zoom.** Register at www.ihmparish.net/beta or call the office at 908-889-2100.

LIVE ON STAGE
Tuesday September 19
11:00am Showtime

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Bus Departure: 7:15am | Showtime: 11:00am | Lunch: 2:15pm | Return Home: 6:30pm

For tickets please call (908) 889-2100

Farmer Emil's Garden Report
Total produce to date from our food pantry garden:

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Others	9.75 lbs
Total	398.45 lbs

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Minister Assignments: August 26 - August 27

Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
8/26 5:00pm	Janice Good Piga	Chris Zucosky Dan Kelly TBA	Fr. Mike
8/27 8:00am	Ed Sullivan	Geraldine Keogh Colm Keogh Rich Banasiak (C)	Fr. Mike
8/27 10:00am	Jane McClellan	Jason McCann David Diken Betty Perfilio Lou Zappo (C)	Fr. Rob
8/27 12:00pm	Regina O'Connor	Carol Kiley Diane McGuinness	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 Kerby at:
kpershay123@gmail.com | 908-406-0493

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

SONG OF SUMMER by Joan Stephen

Sing a song of Summer, A time all bright and green;
 While overhead an azure sky, Adds color to the scene.
 Along pathways and fences, Gold dandelions appear,
 And blend with purple violets, That are blooming everywhere.
 In the woods wild creatures, Enjoy the Summer, too;
 So sing along with Nature, As the Summer days pass through.

- ♥ 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 devotional activities 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. 7 at 9:30 to 11 a.m. 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 tman18912@comcast.net 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 as the summer days and weeks seem to be flying by. You and your families remain in our daily thoughts and prayers. ♥ Janice



The Women's Prayer Group will gather on **Thursday September 7 at 7:30pm on Zoom**. The theme is "Time for all seasons". Email tefoleyihm@gmail.com 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 dndiken@aol.com for info.

Collection Report		August 13, 2023
Weekly Target:		\$10,785.00
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)		\$11,371.42
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$586.42
Fiscal Year to Date:		
Budget		\$75,495.00
Actual:		\$79,059.84
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$3,564.84
Rolling 4 Week Averages:		
Average Collection:		\$10,739.86
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(45.15)




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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.



ORATORY PREP SCHOOL: We invite you to our OPEN HOUSE EVENTS on Sunday, October 1, 2023 from 1-3 p.m., and on Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oratory Prep is located at 425 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ. We ask that you register to attend on our website under the Admissions tab. For further information, call 908-273-1084, ext. 1 or visit us at www.oratoryprep.org.



A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire

When does faith formation begin for children? That's a common question parents will ask, and the answer will amaze you! The faith formation of our children begins with baptism. Once a child is baptized they take their place in the body of Christ and formation should begin. In a conversation with professional ministry leaders a local pastoral associate, Steven Serafin of St. Bartholomew Parish made a great point. He said that if children are first exposed to the faith community in kindergarten or first grade, it becomes infinitely harder for them to acclimate and become part of the faith community. These children will have formed their friend groups and interests, and the church will be something that is new, and perhaps uncomfortable for them. On the contrary, if they are part of the parish younger, attending Mass (and being welcomed by the community) they become comfortable and more happy. They'll make friends, get bonus 'grandparents' and have others in their lives encouraging their faith. This means that there has to be patience all around. If the parents bring their children, they are taking a risk. It might not initially be the most prayerful experience in the world for them at first, and based on experience, they might get shot disapproving looks, snide remarks, and otherwise well meaning clergy offering parenting advice. If these parents do the right thing, and take that chance, the whole community has to support them. Offer support, welcome, and care for the youngest members of this community, because they are likely our only hope for a thriving continuing faith, and community well into the future. This week let us all pray for courage, patience, and an increase of families joining us in prayer with their young ones, even before they need to enroll them in formal formation. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us. God Bless and have a great week!

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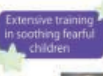
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