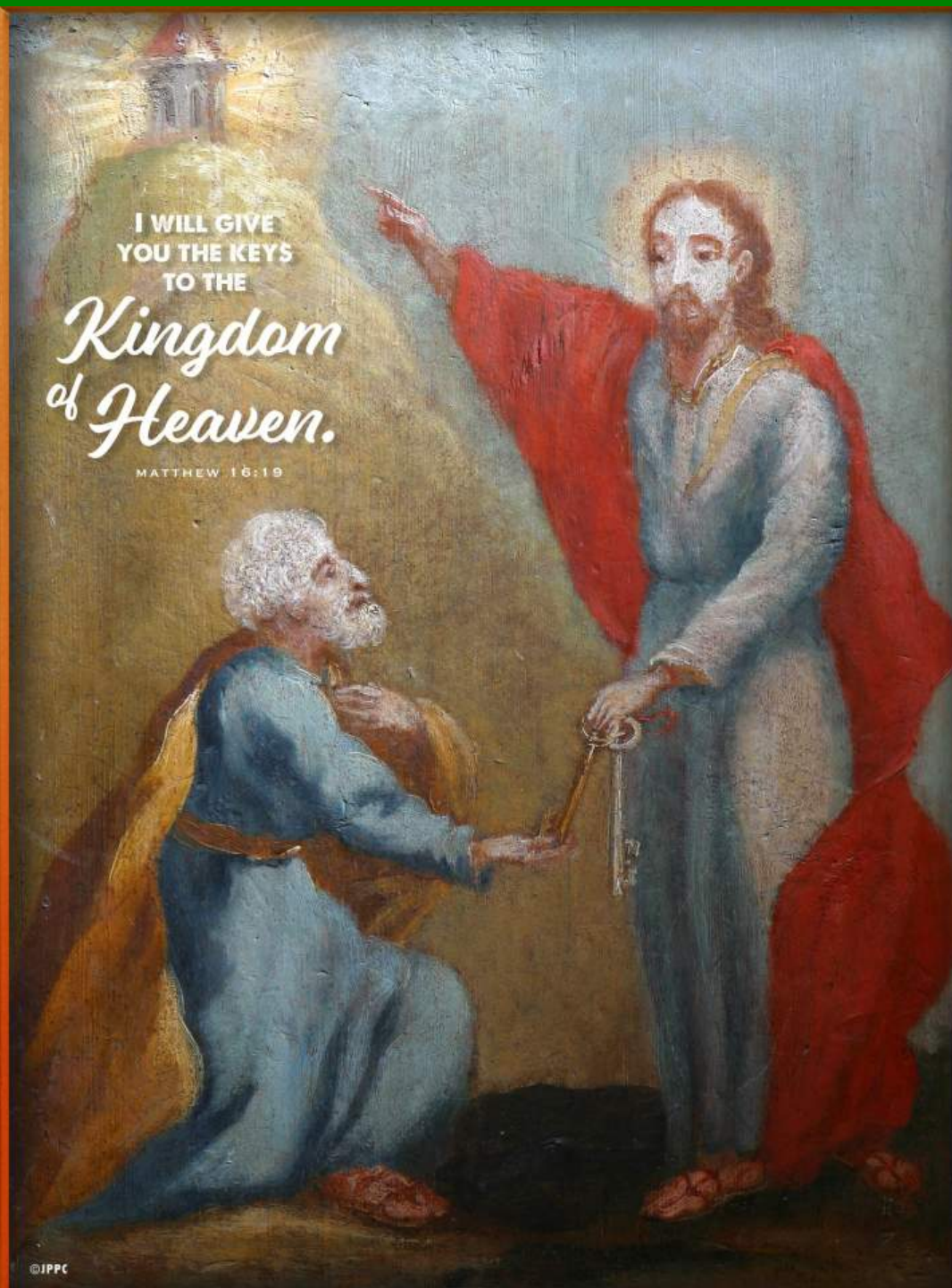


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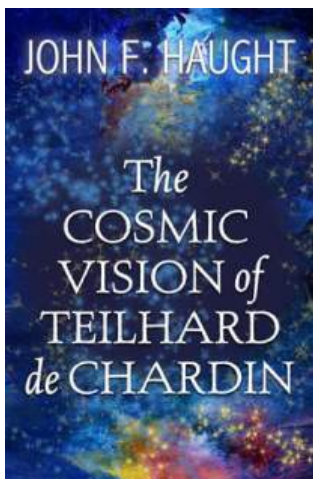
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Mass will continue to Live Stream on Facebook and our website:  
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**A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE**

We often think of our relationship with Jesus as a personal and individual relationship. While there is a personal aspect to it, today’s Gospel shows us that it is first a communal relationship, us and Jesus. Peter’s profession of faith is made and the power of the keys is given not only to Peter (today’s passage), but also to the community (see Matthew 18:18). Thus it is important to remember that our faith is a gift to all of us, not just individuals, and that Jesus has charged Peter, in union with the disciples, to protect and hand down this faith to future generations (through the Pope and bishops). It is this relationship with Jesus, the Christ, the son of the Living God, that for us as individuals and as a community of faith, nourishes us to fulfill the will of God in our lives and build up his kingdom. This relationship that brings us hope, joy and peace each day, and supports us in sharing that hope, joy and peace, with the people we encounter, stranger and friend, in our daily 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 gather on **Tuesday evenings at 7:15pm for one hour on Zoom**. Any questions, please contact Fr. Rob at [frrob@ihmparish.net](mailto:frrob@ihmparish.net)



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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 27 - September 3, 2023

<b>Saturday August 26</b>	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
<b>Sunday August 27</b>	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
<b>Monday August 28</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am	Miguel Yabut (living) from the Yabut Children Dr. Danny Palomares+ from Grace Palomares
<b>Tuesday August 29</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am	Michael DeMarco+ from Karen Schurtz Nancy Santanello+ from the IHM Hospitality Committee
<b>Wednesday August 30</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am	Bessie Sullivan MD+ from the Sullivan Family Claire Ettore+ from Maureen Pecoraro
<b>Thursday August 31</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am	Will Consovoy+ from John & Tracey Foley Sunil Marcus+ from Rekha Marcus
<b>Friday September 1</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am	George & Jean Gilbert+ 72nd Wedding Anniversary from daughter Nancy Bob Seery+ from Betty Seery
<b>Saturday September 2</b>	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Rose & John Faccione+ from Blum & Veglia Families Rose Badala+ from Marion, Marc, Julianne, Kevin, Brayden, Steve & Elise Charles Barrett+ from Thomas Barrett
<b>Sunday September 3</b>	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	For the People of IHM Parish Teresina Musano+ from Joy & Stash Wanat Bill Ricciani+ from Georgeana Mandica & Family

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


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**Special Intentions for the week of August 27 - September 3, 2023**



**Sanctuary Light**  
For the intention of:  
**William Dobbs+**  
requested by:  
Donna Ayers




**Altar Bread & Wine**  
For the intention of:  
**John Torzewski (living)**  
requested by:  
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**Flowers for the Blessed Mother**  
In memory of:  
**My Beloved Husband Frank+**  
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### Farmer Emil's Garden Report

Total produce to date from our Food Pantry garden:

IHM	416.36 lbs
Others	9.75 lbs
<b>Total</b>	<b>426.11 lbs</b>

## LIVE ON STAGE

### Tuesday September 19

#### 11:00am Showtime

SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE

# MOSES

LIVE ON STAGE

Package includes bus ride, show and lunch!  
 Please make any checks out to "Holy Name Society"

Tickets \$150/person

Sight & Sound Theater - Lancaster, PA  
 More details available @ [www.sight-sound.com](http://www.sight-sound.com)

We'll be enjoying Lunch @ Miller's Smorgasbord after the show! (All You Can Eat!)

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

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- ACCEPTED ITEMS:**  
 All items must be pre-sorted into acceptable categories, boxes, and in working order before dropping off. Accepted items include: Books, Children's Toys (no bicycles), Puzzles & Games, Holiday Decorations, Small Appliances, Kitchen Items (no glassware), Sports Equipment
- SHOPPING:**  
 Shopping is scheduled to take place from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm and is open to residents in Scotch Plains and beyond!

For more information or to volunteer to help at this event, contact the Department of Parks & Recreation: 908-322-6700 x 223 or [bdavis@scotchplainsnj.com](mailto:bdavis@scotchplainsnj.com)

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**Sunday September 17th After Mass**  
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## Minister Assignments: September 2 - September 3

Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
9/2 5:00pm	Kathy Mitchell	Janice Good Piga Chris Haight Alice Schaffernoth (C)	Fr. Rob
9/3 8:00am	Rich Banasiak	Jean Bagdonas Colm Keogh Rich Wagner (C)	Fr. Rob
9/3 10:00am	Heba Fortunato	Anthony Carlino David Diken Betty Perfilio	Fr. Mike
9/3 12:00pm	Anne Butler	Carol Kiley Diane McGuinness	Fr. Mike



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Monday - Friday 9:00am - 9:00pm  
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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](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

### BOUNDLESS LOVE - by Charles Clevenger

God sends the glorious summertime, To stir my soul with thought. I contemplate this wonderous miracle, This gift of life, His Love has wrought. My garden gate is always open, The welcome mat invites you here. Please come and share this joyous time, A time of hope, peace and cheer. We will walk among the roses, We will hear the bluebird's song. The daisies will nod good morning, We will know to whom we belong. God showers us with endless Blessings, He cares for us - abundantly. We are His precious children... His Love is boundless—and free!

♥ 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 e-mail 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 before September 6th.

♥ Centering Prayer is having a Mini Retreat on September 7 from 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 [tman18912@comcast.net](mailto: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 Wednesdays from 2-3pm. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dndiken@aol.com) for info.

Collection Report		August 20, 2023
Weekly Target:		\$10,785.00
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)		\$11,163.74
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$378.74
<b>Fiscal Year to Date:</b>		
Budget		\$86,280.00
Actual:		\$90,223.58
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$3,943.58
<b>Rolling 4 Week Averages:</b>		
Average Collection:		\$11,135.32
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		\$350.32

# IHM Pee Wee BASKETBALL IS BACK @ IHM!




## IHM Pee Wee Basketball (Grades 1-4)

IHM Pee-Wee basketball is a fun / instructional league for kids, with games played on Friday evenings.

**Opening Day will be Friday September 29th.** This year we will have an 8 week regular season, with all teams making the playoffs. Playoffs are scheduled to be played on December 1st. Finals are tentatively scheduled to be played December 8th.

**Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis and must be received no later than September 16th.**

All forms need to be mailed to the address on the registration form.

**Download & Return Registration Forms before 9/16**

**[www.ihmparish.net/sports](http://www.ihmparish.net/sports)**



### 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.



### A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire

As the month of August comes to an end, I'd like to put my normal reflections on hold for a week, and take the time to do some light housekeeping in regard to faith formation! After all, Families of Faith will go back into full swing beginning on September 17th! All families participating in our Fall/Spring Families of Faith program, and who opted to attend Summer Academy are called back to gather.

We will have an orientation to kick-off the Fall/Spring Calendar, will distribute new formation materials, and join in the parish's pancake breakfast. This will be an opportunity for our Fall/Spring and Summer families to gather together, share a meal, and fellowship. All of our faith formation families will now be provided with an excellent resource called Gospel Weeklies. Gospel Weeklies is a liturgically based resource that helps families become more engaged in their faith through exploration of the Gospel Reading for each weekend.

This will be achieved through activities, comics, stories, and biographies that tie us all into what is happening in Church. September will be a very busy month! We ask for parishioners to make a special attempt to greet and encourage our 8th graders as they come to the 10:00 am Mass on September 10th for the opening of the Confirmation preparation process for their Rite of Promise. We ask that some of you make a special effort to attend the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, September 23rd when our 9th Grade Confirmation group will be in attendance for their Covenant Ceremony! Please pray for the success of the Faith Formation efforts in our parish, and even more importantly discern if there might be a way that you can get involved. God Bless and have a wonderful week!



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