

MISSION STATEMENT "We reach out to all through prayer and service, as we live our Catholic faith in Christ with Mary."



The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

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SERVED BY

Rev. Michael G. Ward, K.H.S., Pastor Rev. Valentine Ugwuanya: Parochial Vicar Rev. Robert Kunze: Weekend Assistant Deacon Jack Lynch Katie Wills: Director of Music Ministry John McGuire: Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation



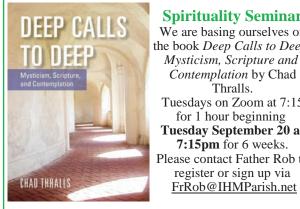
Mass will continue to Live Stream on Facebook and our website: www.ihmparish.net

A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

So often Jesus goes out of his way to show and teach about care and concern for the poor, the outcast and those on the margin of society. This is also reflected not only in our first reading from Sirach, but also in many other parts of the old and new testament.

It is a reminder to us to not only pray for those less fortunate than us, but to also put our prayer into practice by welcoming and helping the poor, the outcast and those on the margin of our society. When we strive to live with the humility and grace that Christ invites us to, then we are better able to see the value in each other, no matter the status of the other, thus recognizing Christ in each other as well.

Peace, Fr. Mike



Spirituality Seminar We are basing ourselves on the book *Deep Calls to Deep*: Mysticism, Scripture and *Contemplation* by Chad Thralls. Tuesdays on Zoom at 7:15 for 1 hour beginning **Tuesday September 20 at** 7:15pm for 6 weeks. Please contact Father Rob to register or sign up via



If you have a digital photograph of activities at Fr. Mike's Anniversary party, please send it to me at: tefoleyihm@gmail.com Thank you! - Tracey Foley

How to Report Abuse: If you suspect a child is in imminent danger from abuse, please call 911 immediately! Contact the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCPP) 24-Hour Child Abuse

Hotline: 1-877-652-2873 New Jersey Clergy Abuse Hotline: (855) 363-6548

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

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Mass Inte	entions			For the week	For the week of August 28th - September 4th, 2022		
Saturday August 27	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Josh Wills (living) Ramon Valera+ Marie & John Hennessy+			By Katie By The Valera Family By The Hennessy Family		
Sunday August 28		Janina & Stanislaw Wyszkowski+ Dorothy McCormack+ For the People			By The Baluk Family By The Lewis Family By The Parish		
Monday August 29	7:00 am 8:30 am	Veronidia J. Yabut + Joseph Connors+			By Miguel V. Yabut By Tom Barrett		
Tuesday August 30	7:00 am 8:30 am	George Saouaf+ John Hrynyk+			By Rich & Heba Fortunato By Betty & Tony Perfilio		
Wednesday August 31	7:00 am 8:30 am	Sophie Leung & Rob Rykowski (living) Sunil Marcus+			By IHM Pastoral Council By Rekha Kulkarni		
Thursday September 1	7:00 am 8:30 am	George & Jean Gilbert+ Robert Seery+			By Nancy Gorka By Betty Seery		
Friday September 2	7:00 am 8:30 am	Bessie Sullivan+ Rose & John Faccone+			By The Sullivan Family By The Blum & Veglia Families		
Saturday September 3	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Bessie Sullivan MD+ Lourdes Tiangco+ Bart Zucosky+			By The Sullivan Family By The Lioanag Family By Chris & Amy Zucosky		
Sunday September 4	8:00 amPhyllis Manno (living)10:00 amJohn & Dolores DeMarco+12:00 pmFor the People				By Rosary Altar Society By Betty & Tony Perfilio By The Parish		
Remember Our John Allen Rose Badala Arcadio B. Basc George Becker Larry Biunno Fran Boglioli Erin Brennan	Anna (Paul C Matthe Frank Edwar Williar	Cassella	Mary Foster Dorothy Foulks Nicole Griffin David Hens Kathleen Herron Juliann Junio Gregory Kamouh Marie Keller	William Maines Jim Malfetti Bill Malone Owen Mike McCabe June McManus Christine Morris Marlene Mosko Tess Musano	Susan Rozborski Dolores Rust Diana Scariati Arty Shapiro Elisa Silversey Bernard Slaza Beverly Sopp Ryder Francis Spillane	Sr. Elizabeth Vermaelen Stephanie Vernace Stephen Voorhees Ben Wheelock	

can be removed from the sick list. Thank you!

if any names

Samantha Bridge

James Brown

Kevin Brown

John Burkert

Ray Clark

Albert Fischer, Jr.

Phyllis Fischer

Emily Fleming

Anna Koch

Jillian Lapidus

Maureen Lynch

Eileen Lynch

<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.

Hilda Pizza

Diane Pricken

Carmela Resnick

Marisol Rodriguez

Paul Szeker

Phyllis Szeker

Carole Ventre

Daniel Ventura





The Women's Prayer Group is back! Thursday September 8 at 7:30PM via Zoom. The topic will be Phoebe & Priscilla: Leaders in the Early Church. Contact tefoleyihm@gmail.com for the Zoom link. Prayer connects us all!



LECTIO DIVINA/PRAYER GROUP

Are you interested in participating in a weekly prayer gathering using "THE WORD" (LECTIO DIVINA) and "THE SILENCE" (MEDITATION) to help deepen your spiritual relationship with the Lord?

Please call Phyllis at 908-264-7456 for further information regarding this prayer gathering, which is held on Zoom Thursday mornings, from 9:30 am until 10:45 am. Meetings start again on Thursday September 15, 2022. Looking forward to praying with you! BE STILL, KNOW, I AM GOD"



THE IHM 2023 MASS **BOOK WILL BE OPENING SOON!**

Forms for our 2023 Mass Intentions will be available at the Nazareth Center and we will be accepting reservations starting on **Tuesday September 13th.** Get your prayers ready!

IHM will be looking for coaches & children to participate in the upcoming **CYO Cross Country Season!** There's practice once or twice a week and around 6 events on the weekends at Oak Ridge Park. Contact John at johnmcnulty144@hotmail.com





The IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group will meet LIVE in person Saturday September 10 at **7:30AM** in the church basement and on Thursday September 22 at **7:30PM** on ZOOM. Contact David at dndiken@aol.com for more info.



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Fifth Annual Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark P OUR HON

SAVE THE DATE | SUNDAY, 10.9.22 COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND (RAIN DATE 10.10)

DRIVE-IN 80'S DANCE PARTY LIVE MUSIC FEATURING THE NERDS

Bring a chair, a blanket and your dancing shoes Gates Open: 4:30 pm | Festivities: 5:30 pm

St. Philomena's Church Parking Lot

386 South Livingston Ave. | Livingston, NJ 07039

FUN FOR ALL AGES Face painting, photo booth, balloon artists, costume contest

For more information or to inquire about sponsor or underwriting opportunities, please contact Peter Ruccione, Director of Development at 973.818.4060 or email pruccione@ccannj.org.



PEE WEE BASKETBALL IS BACK! Starting Friday September 30, 2022 Applications are now available for pickup. Grab a form from the plastic drawer in front of the Nazareth Center entrance. Contact Tom for more details.

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



others who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning. Each session includes a time to connect with others and a chance to share questions with the group. We'd love to hear your perspective!



Monday September 19, 2022 7:00 pm @ The Nazareth Center Register at ihmparish.net/alpha Expires 9/19/2022

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Minister Assignments: September 3 - September 4						
Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider			
9/3 5:00pm	Chris Zucosky	Connie Boruch David Boruch	Fr. Val			
9/4 8:00am	Ed Sullivan	Lou DiBella Rich Wagner	Fr. Mike			
9/4 10:00am	Lou Zappo	Jason McCann Anthony Carlino	Fr. Val			
9/4 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 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

Jesus, the very thought of Thee With sweetness fills my breast; But sweeter far Thy face to see, And in Thy presence rest. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, Nor can the memory find, A sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Saviour of mankind. O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, To those who fall, how kind Thou art How good to those who seek! But those who find Thee find a bliss Nor tongue nor pen can show, The love of Jesus, what it is, None but His loved ones know. -Author Unknown

• We are looking forward to seeing you all on **September** 13th at 7pm in the Nazareth Center for our Rosary Welcome Back Party/Meeting. Please confirm your planned attendance by calling Mary Anne Sopko on 908-322-0279 or Pat Mazzucca on 201-310-1661 by September 7th. We have exciting and spiritually uplifting events planned for our upcoming year and are eager to share them with you. ♥ Thank you so very much to all who have contributed costume jewelry items and who continue to donate these items for our planned donation to the children of St. Joseph's Social Services in Elizabeth. Because of your generous donations, the children will be able to select a special jewelry item and give that special gift to their loved ones at Christmas. Both women's and men's jewelry item are most welcome. Please contact Janice Good-Piga 908-759-6729 with any donations. May you be Blessed for your kindness. ♥ We remain in need of additional volunteers to prepare the weekly and daily Altar linens. Please contact Erin Miller 908-531-0128 if you would like to volunteer.

♥ We continue to pray for you and your families on a daily basis and ask God to keep you healthy and safe. May your days be filled with joy and your evenings bring you needed rest. May you have a Blessed Week Ahead!!

> "The Rainbows Of Life Follow The Storm" -Author Unknown ♥ Janice

Faith Formation Volunteer Wine and Cheese

All former, current, and future Faith Formation volunteers are invited to join us for a gathering on **Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00 pm** for a Wine and Cheese social hour. We'll have light snacks, beverages, and great conversations about youth and family programs. Contact Janet Manfredonia by email at janet@ihmparish.net by September 10th to reserve your spot, feel free to bring a friend!



Weekly Pearl of Wisdom "Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known." Jeremiah 33:3

Collection Report		ugust 21, 2022	IHM EVENT CALENDER	
Weekly Budget Need:		\$11,200.00		
Collection:		\$6,670.00	Sunday August 28	
Parish Giving:		\$3,380.22		
Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,212.78)	Monday August 29	
Fiscal Year to Date:				
		\$20,600,00	Tuesday August 30	
Budget		\$89,600.00		
Actual:		\$85,095.78	Wednesday August 31	
Surplus/(Deficit)		(4,504.22)	10:00 am Food Pantry	
Rolling 4 Week Averages	<u>s:</u>		8:00 pm Choir Practice	
Average Collection:		\$10,735.06	Thursday September 1	
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(464.95)		
the 2022.	Pledged to Date:	Goal: \$67,107	Friday September 2	
	\$65,935.14	98.25% of goal		
The Elizabeth Coalition to H	ouse the Homeless	presents	Saturday September 3	
Family Fun Day! Saturday	September 17 fro	om 11am-2pm		
The day includes games, face bounce houses and so much			Sunday September 4	
cgrajales@theelizabethcoalit	tion.org or call 908	-355-2060 x203	9:00 am Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast	

<u>A Message from the Pastoral Associate</u>

We are all called to be stewards of our community. I am sure you hear that every time the annual appeal literature comes out, and the Archdiocese asks for your support. This is an important way to be involved, but often we overlook the other ways that we can be stewards of our faith community. There are three ways that we can do so. We can give of our time, treasures, and talents. Over the next three weeks, I am going to go through a series where I break into these three t's and perhaps explore some innovative, or outside the box ways that you can be a steward of our community. This week we will focus on time.

First and foremost, I know that time is money, and it is one of the most valuable things that you have. However, if we really care about our parish community and want it to thrive, we have to give of our time. I have a really easy, entry level way of being a steward of the community. You will be surprised by how truly basic this gift can be. I want you to look at your very busy calendar. See what work obligations, sports practices, and other chores and responsibilities. I want you to look at that calendar, and find one hour on Saturday night, or early on Sunday, and I want you to pencil in that one hour each week (does not have to be the same hour each week), and commit to joining the community at Mass. Even better, make it an hour and a half, and plan on talking to the other people there, before and after Mass, and truly forming a closer community.

We often think of Mass as a personal obligation, or perhaps a family one. Yet, we seldom think of it as an obligation to our community. Your presence is priceless to others. Your friendship, and shared experiences are golden in the edification of your fellow faithful, and only you have those things to share. Once we give our time in this way, we can open ourselves to the promptings of the Holy Spirit towards other ways of giving our time to build up the Body of Christ, through service, prayer, presence, and celebration.

This week, let us pray that we can become more attuned to the role God has for us in the Mystical Body of Christ, so that we can more freely, and efficiently give of ourselves to the community, the Church, and abroad. God Bless and have a wonderful week! - John McGuire: johnmcguire@ihmparish.net



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