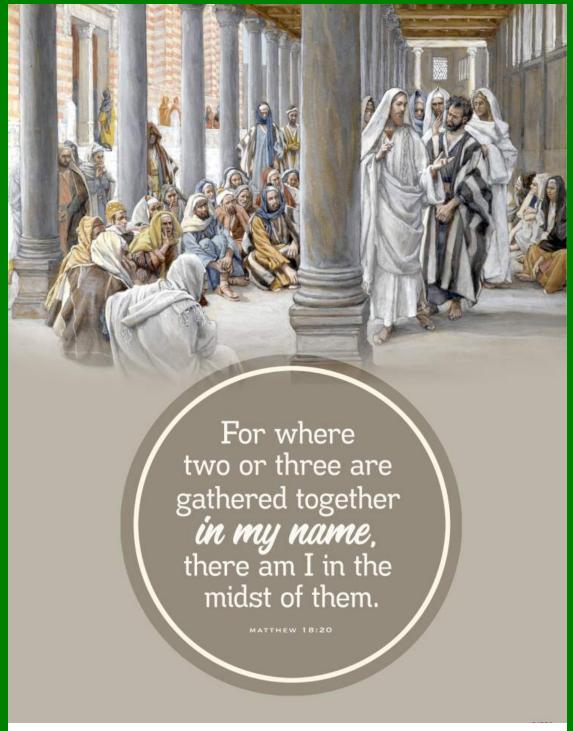
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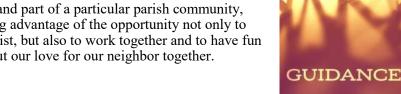
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A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

In today's Gospel we see once again Jesus giving the power to bind and loose. This time it is not just to Peter as it was in the Gospel two weeks ago. This time it is to the community of believers. There is a communal, or ecclesial, dimension to our faith. It is not simply me and Jesus, but also us and Jesus. One of the activities of the Jesus and his disciple is joining the communities in prayer and worship at the synagogues and the temple in Jerusalem.

We too, as disciple and part of the church today and part of a particular parish community, gather to live out that aspect of our faith by taking advantage of the opportunity not only to pray together, as in our celebration of the Eucharist, but also to work together and to have fun together, and as St. Paul encourages us, to live out our love for our neighbor together.

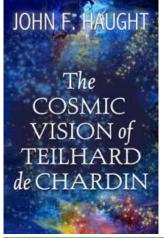


Peace, Fr. Mike



Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in Fall 2024! The High School Placement Test (HSPT) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Exam Program for Catholic High Schools will be given on Friday, November 10, 2023. Registration for the HSPT exam is available online at www.njcoopexam.org beginning September 1st. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program, go to www.catholicschoolsnj.org.

Additionally, the Catholic High Schools are holding their annual HS Expo Night. Parents and students are invited to meet with representatives from many Archdiocesan High Schools from 7:00-8:30 pm on the following dates and locations: Tuesday, September 19 at St. Thomas the Apostle School, 50 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield. Tuesday, September 26 at Academy of St. Paul, 187 Wycoff Avenue, Ramsey. Wednesday, September 27 at St. Peter's Preparatory School, 144 Grand Street, Jersey City. Thursday, September 28 at St. John the Apostle School, 541 Valley Road, Clark. For directions and more information, visit www.catholicschoolsnj.org or call 973-497-4260.



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 frob@ihmparish.net

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 September 10 - September 17, 2023
Saturday September 9	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Nancy Santanello+ from Women's Prayer Group Anne Mintel+ from Marion & Marc Berger Bart Zucosky+ from Chris & Amy Zucosky
Sunday September 10	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	For the People of IHM Parish Anne Mintel+ from Joan & Ray O'Donnell Bill Ricciani+ from Harriet & Ira Bernstein
Monday	7:00 am	Guy Lazur+ from Christine Lazur
September 11	8:30 am	Matthew "Matty" Costello+ from the Mulrooney & Kelly Families
Tuesday	7:00 am	Noreen Kirkwood+ from Anne Geislinger
September 12	8:30 am	Noreen Kirkwood+ from Anne Geislinger
Wednesday	7:00 am	Vernon Lincoln Dunn+ from Grace Palomares
September 13	8:30 am	Anabella Marie Giacobbe+ from the Varela Family
Thursday	7:00 am	James Buffet+ from IHM Parish
September 14	8:30 am	Lewis D'Isidori+ from Josephine Piscitelli
Friday	7:00 am	Guy Lazur+ from the Lazur Family
September 15	8:30 am	Renato R. Razal (living) from the Razal Family
Saturday September 16	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Nancy Santanello+ from the Mulrooney Family Bernard Cook+ from the Foley Family Natalie & Henry Rozborski+ 73rd Wedding Anniversary from their 6 daughters & their families
Sunday September 17	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	For the People of IHM Parish James & Mildred Manfredonia+ from Emil & Janet Manfredonia Mary, Gustave & Hilda Heeger+ from Joanne & Gary Cogswell

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

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John Allen	Colm Cosgrove	Nicole Griffin	Eileen Lynch	Marisol Rodriguez	Sr. Elizabeth Vermaelen
George Becker	Samantha Bridge	Ann Marie Harvey	William Maines	Susan Rozborski	Stephanie Vernace
Fran Boglioli	James Brown	David Hens	Jim Malfetti	Dolores Rust	Stephen Voorhees
Erin Brennan	John Burkert	Kathleen Herron	Bill Malone	Diana Scariati	Ben Wheelock
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Edward Clark	Mary Foster	Jillian Lapidus	Jacob Rivera	Ryder Francis Spillane	
David Connell	Michele Gamako	Mary Frances Leon	Jaxson Rivera	Daniel Ventura	

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



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Special Intentions for the week of September 10 - September 17, 2023



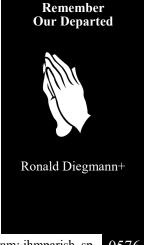
Sanctuary Light
For the intention of:
Dorothy Lenartowicz+
requested by:
Lundgren Family



Altar Bread & Wine
For the intention of:
Matthew "Matty" Costello+
requested by:
Mulrooney & Kelly Families



Flowers for the Blessed Mother
In memory of:
Bob Dougherty+
requested by:
The Family





Pancake Breakfast! Sunday September 17 Serving Breakfast after Mass from 9 am - 12 noon.

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Please sign-up before Tuesday September 12, 2023 @ www.ihmparish.net/alpha

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

Forms for our 2024 Mass Intentions will be available starting Wednesday September 20. We also have plenty of 7am and 8:30am daily masses available in 2023. Call 908-889-2100

Information and Registration for all Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer offerings can be found On their website: www.msmhope.org Call us at 908-753-2091 or email us at msmhope@msmhope.org

St. Joseph Social Service Center Annual Dinner & Raffle will be held on Thursday, October 19 at the Westwood in Garwood, NJ. Proceeds will be used to expand our existing programs and mission. Your support is appreciated. Please contact Jacqueline at fundraising@sjeliz.org



On Friday October 13th there will be a Eucharistic Revival at Saint Francis Cathedral in Metuchen, NJ at 7 pm. There will be prayer, praising and teaching in the Eucharistic Jesus. For more information, please contact Father Christy at 732-548 -0100.







ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE **RETURNS TO IHM!**

The choir will be hosting practice sessions starting with an open house on Wednesday September 27 from 7-9pm in church. If you like to sing, please visit! All skill levels welcome. For more details contact Katie at ktwills1973@gmail.com or call the parish office 908-889-2100 Save the Date: Christmas Concert @ St. Helen. Friday Dec. 15 at 7:00pm



INTRODUCING BETA!

Beta picks up where Alpha left off. Great conversations & a safe space to reflect. Explore your faith. Dive deeper! We meet twice a month on Zoom. Short films with small group discussions. Beta begins Wednesday September 27 at 7:30pm. Please sign-up at: www.ihmparish.net/beta

IHM Bus Trip to NYC SOME LIKE IT HOT Friday November 24 Bus Leaves @ 9:15am

Lunch @ Tony DiNapoli included \$185 per ticket For reservations please contact Janice at 908-759-6729



Minister Assignments: September 16 - September 17				
Saturday - Sunday Lectors		Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider	
9/16 5:00pm	Jim Brennan	Chris Zucosky Connie Boruch David Boruch Alice Schaffernoth (C)	Fr. Rob	
9/17 8:00am	Colm Keogh	Geraldine Keogh Jean Bagdonas Rich Wagner (C)	Fr. Rob	
9/17 10:00am	Jane McClellan	Heba Fortunato Steve Prato Ed Sullivan (S)	Fr. Mike	
9/17 12:00pm	Tracey Foley	Regina O'Connor Eileen Wagner	Fr. Mike	



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

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Rosary Altar Society News

JESUS IS THE ANSWER by Author Unknown
Jesus is the answer, To the needs of the world today,
He is here to guide us, And protect us along life's way.
He never will forsake us, His love for us is real.
"Peace" He says "I leave with you, My peace, now ye be still."
Jesus is the answer, We only need to pray
And ask Him to come into our hearts, And walk with us each day. He loves us more than anyone, He made the sacrifice.
Just put your faith in Jesus, Through the blood He paid the price. Jesus is the answer, He died for you and me.
He arose again that we may live, With Him eternity.
So ask Him into your heart today, In His glory you'll abound,
Because Jesus is the answer,
And through Him true peace is found!

- ▼ As we approach the anniversary of September 11th, may we remember in our prayers those who we lost that day, those who lost their loved ones and friends, and those whose hearts remain broken in any way. May we remember to love, respect and cherish everyone that we meet and to keep God is our daily thoughts and prayers.
- ♥ 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 (HOME & CELL) 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 12th 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 10th.

May your week ahead be filled with God's special Blessings, and may you see the daily miracles that God so generously sends to us. You remain in our daily thoughts and prayers.

♥ Janice



The Women's Prayer Group will gather on **Thursday October 5 at 7:30pm on Zoom**. The theme is "Luke: Author of Acts of the Apostles". 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. The next meeting is **Thursday at 9:30am on Zoom.**Contact Phyllis at tman18912@comcast.net or call 908-889-2100.



The next meeting for the IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group will be **Thursday night September 28 at 7:30pm on Zoom.** Contact

<u>dndiken@aol.com</u> for info.

Collection Report	September 3, 2023
Weekly Target:	\$10,785.00
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)	\$ 9,605.21
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,179.79)
Fiscal Year to Date:	

Budget	\$107,850.00
Actual:	\$109,126.65
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,276.65

Rolling 4 Week Averages:

\$10,359.56 Average Collection:

Average Surplus/(Deficit)



Pee Wee Basketball is Back! Opening Day Friday Sept. 29 Sign-up deadline is 9/15! Download registration form at www.ihmparish.net/sports

Family Choir!

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Sing with your family before Families of Faith Gatherings! Starting Sunday September 17 at 9:30am. Please contact Katie for more info: ktwills1973@gmail.com



A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire

This Sunday, September 10th, at the 10:00 am Mass, many young people preparing for Confirmation were in attendance for the Rite of Promise. This event is the first time that these young men and women, many in 8th grade, stood forward, and declared their intention to prepare for Confirmation. Please pray for them as they embark on this faith journey. As has been outlined through email blasts and all of our calendars, next Sunday will be the orientation for Families of Faith. Our families will gather for the 10:00 am Mass, attend the parish pancake breakfast, and receive a new resource called Pflaum Gospel Weeklies. Whether they were enrolled in Summer Academy, or are joining us to begin in the Fall, all faith formation families will be provided with this new resource. Each week families will bond over preparing for Sunday Mass with this new resource that will guide them through each week's Gospel, introducing amazing saints, public figures, and concepts from scripture that will make what they hear during Sunday Mass all the more relevant to their modern lives! I look forward to seeing all of our families for orientation next week. Please pray for all of the young families in our parish, that they might continue to grow in faith, hope, and love through their family expressions of Faith and Community! God Bless and have a great week!

IHM SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 9/10

9:00am - Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast 10:00am - Sunday Food Pantry (Open until 11:30am) 10:00am - Confirmation (Grade 8) Rite of Promise 7:00pm - IHM Youth Ministry "Come & See" Party

Monday 9/11 - Patriot Day

7:30pm- Alpha Team Training

Tuesday 9/12

6:00pm-Rosary Altar Society Welcome Back Mass 7:00pm-Rosary Altar Society Welcome Back Party 7:15pm- Spirituality Seminar on ZOOM

Wednesday 9/13

10:00am - Food Pantry (Open until 11:30am) 7:00pm - Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday 9/14– Holy Cross Day

9:30am - Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina on ZOOM

LAST CALL FOR PEE WEE BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS!

Saturday 9/16

Sunday 9/17

9:00am - Pancake Breakfast (open from 9am-12noon)

9:30am - Family Choir Practice

10:00am - Families of Faith Opening Day Mass & Orientation 11:00am-Prayer Shawl Meeting





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