

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 11th, 2022

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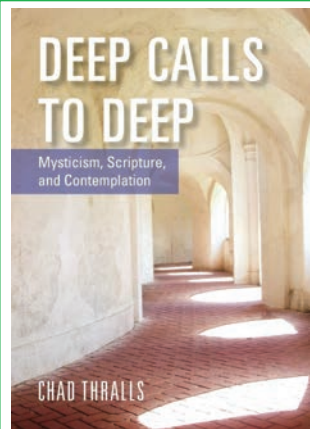
Mass will continue to Live Stream on Facebook and our website: www.ihmparish.net

A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

Reconciliation can be hard, full of fear and embarrassment. It can also bring peace, relief and joy. Our readings today show us the joy the God has when we do reconcile with him and with one another. God searches for us because He wants us to experience the overwhelming love that he has for us. One of the greatest joys in my ministry is to journey with people as they discover the depths of God’s love for them. This is in part because of my own experience of finding joy in God’s love and mercy for me.

It is also to see the effects of that same realization in the lives of others as they come to their own experience of God’s love and mercy. Do we push aside our fear and embarrassment to join him, or do we turn away? We are invited to turn to Christ each day. When we choose to do that we get a glimpse or snapshot of God’s love and sometimes even a profound masterpiece of that love. In either case our lives can be transformed.

Peace, Fr. Mike



Spirituality Seminar

We are basing ourselves on the book *Deep Calls to Deep: Mysticism, Scripture and Contemplation* by Chad Thralls. We will meet on 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 FrRob@IHMParish.net

“This seminar is not about information but it’s about transformation.”



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

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
Novena to the Miraculous Medal & St. Jude: Saturdays after 8:30 am
Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15 - 4:45 pm

Mass Intentions

For the week of September 11th - September 18th, 2022

Saturday September 10	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Russ Wills (living) George Rice+ Lucia Galan+	By Katie By The Thompson Family By Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kalaigian
Sunday September 11	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Stanislav Scepko+ James & Mildred Manfredonia+ Marie Farrell+	By Nizner Family By Janet & Emil Manfredonia By Janice Reilly
Monday September 12	7:00 am 8:30 am	Robert Piasecki+ Joseph Connors+	By Marion, Marc, Julianne, Kevin, Brayden, Steve & Elise Berger By Karen & Joe Schurtz
Tuesday September 13	7:00 am 8:30 am	Robert Piasecki+ Evelyn Montella+	By Lynne & Jim O'Connor By Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga
Wednesday September 14	7:00 am 8:30 am	Bob Piasecki+ Joseph Connors+	By Marianne Gaunt By Women's Prayer Group
Thursday September 15	7:00 am 8:30 am	Robert Piasecki+ Renato Razal (living)	By Mari & Monk McDevitt By The DelRosario Family
Friday September 16	7:00 am 8:30 am	Bob Piasecki+ Jack Brown+	By Andrew & Ashley Tyma By Reilly & Farrell Families
Saturday September 17	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Bernie Fitzsimmons+ For the People Happy Wedding Anniversary (72 years) to Natalie & Henry Rozborski+	By The Mulrooney Family By The Parish By 6 Daughters and their Families
Sunday September 18	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Sister Barbara Leninger, O.P.+ Geraldine "Geri" Smith+ Mary Graham+	By Dave D'Agostino By Al Smith By Deana Camisa

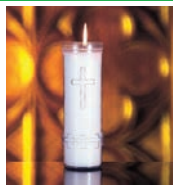
Remember Our Sick

John Allen	Paul Cassidy	Nicole Griffin	Bill Malone	Arty Shapiro	Stephen Voorhees
Arcadio B. Basco	Matthew Cassio	David Hens	Owen Mike McCabe	Elisa Silversey	Ben Wheelock
George Becker	Frank Chimento	Kathleen Herron	Brady Susan McDonald	Bernard Slaza	
Larry Biunno	Edward Clark	Juliann Junio	June McManus	Beverly Sopp	
Fran Boglioli	William Consvooy	Gregory Kamouh	Marlene Mosko	Ryder Francis Spillane	
Erin Brennan	Colm Cosgrove	Marie Keller	Hilda Pizza	Paul Szeker	
Samantha Bridge	Ray Clark	Anna Koch	Diane Pricken	Phyllis Szeker	
James Brown	Albert Fischer, Jr.	Jillian Lapidus	Carmela Resnick	Carole Ventre	© Please advise
Kevin Brown	Phyllis Fischer	Eileen Lynch	Marisol Rodriguez	Daniel Ventura	if any names
John Burkert	Emily Fleming	Maureen Lynch	Susan Rozborski	Sr. Elizabeth	can be removed
Mary Calabrese	Mary Foster	William Maines	Dolores Rust	Vermaelen	from the sick list.
Anna Cassella	Dorothy Foulks	Jim Malfetti	Diana Scariati	Stephanie Vernace	Thank you!



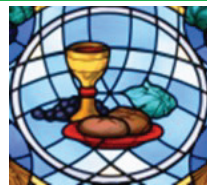
Hospital Privacy / Please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow hospitals/pastoral care offices to contact parishes. If you or a loved one are in the hospital and want a priest to visit, please call the IHM office at (908) 889-2100.

Special Intentions for the week of September 11th - September 18th, 2022



Sanctuary Light

In memory of the R.S.C.J
who taught me+
Requested by
Mary Beth Winsor



The Altar Bread & Wine

For the intention of:
George W. Becker Jr.+
Requested by
Father & Sisters



Flowers for the Blessed Mother **Blessings on our children and grandchildren (living)**

Requested by
Betty & Tony Perfilio



Remember Our Departed

Rose Badala+
William Ricciani+



The Women's Prayer Group is back!
Thursday October 6 at 7:30PM via
 Zoom. The topic will be
 "Paul: Who was this man?"
 Contact tefoleyihm@gmail.com
 for the Zoom link.
 Prayer connects us all!



The IHM Men's Scripture &
 Discussion Group will meet on
Thursday September 22 at 7:30PM
 on ZOOM. Contact David at
dndiken@aol.com for more info.



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



Faith Formation Volunteer Wine and Cheese Social

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 16th to reserve your spot, feel free to bring a friend!



Academy of St. Elizabeth Open House

Sunday September 25
 Thursday October 20
 Wednesday November 2
 Please register at www.aosenj.org



Pearl of Wisdom

"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice."
 Proverbs 12:15

Mother Seton Gala & Silent Auction

Alumnae, family and friends are invited to attend. The festivities will include cocktail hour, hors d'oeuvres and dinner. A silent auction and gift basket raffle are also planned. The event will be held on **Friday evening October 14, 2022 from 6:30-10:30pm at Ariana's Grand: 800 Rahway Ave. Avenel, NJ 07095.** To purchase tickets or for more information please visit www.msrgala.org or email gala@motherseton.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 of taking the reins in the future.

INTERESTED? Please contact Tom at decat61@yahoo.com



Alpha is a place to connect with 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!



FREE DINNER

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

Minister Assignments: September 17 - September 18

Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
9/17 5:00pm	Janice Good Piga	Chris Zucoski John Torzewski	Fr. Val
9/18 8:00am	Karen Schwaneberg	Rich Banasiak Ed Sullivan	Fr. Rob
9/18 10:00am	Jane McClellan	Anthony Carlino MaryKate Schiller	Fr. Mike
9/18 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

Fall/Winter 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

GOD'S PEARLS OF WISDOM

God's wisdom is a precious gift, That sheds light in all ways,
A hope in the darkness, Bringing peace and joy every day.

May God bless and keep you, With His love at your side,
For all you say and do, May faith be your guide.

God's Love has no boundaries; It simply has no end,
There will never be a time when, You find yourself without a friend.
He is with you always, In times of hope and despair,
May you know you are loved, As you live your life in prayer.

- Author Unknown

♥ Our Rosary Welcome Back Mass/Party/Meeting will be on **September 13th**. The Mass will begin at 6:00PM followed by the party/meeting at 7:00PM in The Nazareth Center. We are excited to welcome you all back and to share our exciting monthly activities with you. Please be sure that you have confirmed your reservations with Mary Anne Sopko 908-322-0279.

♥ Betty Perfilio will have the reservation book available beginning **September 13th** for the Weekly Flowers For The Virgin Mary. You will be able to sign up during the Rosary meeting and in the days and weeks following. Kindly be prepared to pay as you reserve your week. Checks may be made out to IHM Rosary Altar Society. This is a beautiful opportunity to remember a loved one or a special occasion. The flowers are displayed for the full week at the foot of the Virgin Mary Statue.

♥ Please feel free to bring your costume jewelry donations for the children of St. Joseph's Social Services Christmas donation to our **September 13th** meeting or you can call Janice Good-Piga 908-759-6729. Children at St. Joseph's will be able to select a lovely piece of jewelry, wrap it, and present it to their loved one (s) at Christmas. Women's and Men's jewelry donations are most welcome and greatly appreciated.

♥ **October 4th** will be our Rosary Annual Retreat At St. Joseph's Shrine in Stirling. This promises to once again be a wonderfully inspirational day spent at the scenic shrine. The day consists of presentations, interactive sessions, a wonderful lunch, followed by a special Mass for our attendees and an opportunity for confession. Time for shopping in the wonderful Shrine Gift Shop is also on our agenda!!

♥ We continue to keep you and your families in our daily thoughts and prayers and know that God will continue to hold you in the palms of His hand and keep you safe. May your week be a joyous one!!

♥ Janice



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Collection Report		September 4, 2022
Weekly Budget Need:		\$11,200.00
Collection:		\$6,434.00
Parish Giving:		\$3,300.50
Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,465.50)
Fiscal Year to Date:		
Budget		\$112,000.00
Actual:		\$103,785.93
Surplus/(Deficit)		(8,214.07)
Rolling 4 Week Averages:		
Average Collection:		\$9,773.66
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,426.34)

Annual Appeal <small>the 2022</small>	Pledged to Date:	Goal: \$67,107
	\$65,935.14	98.25% of goal

A Message from the Pastoral Associate John McGuire
 “Never Forget” we said twenty one years ago today, as many in our area had to adjust to a new normal. Families lost fathers, brothers, sisters, mothers and spouses in what at that time had been an unprecedented attack on our freedom, and way of life. Today we remember who we have lost, and what we have lost as a nation. As we commemorate this day, we should remember an aspect of the national response to the tragedy that we do not often look back on. Following the attacks on 9/11 there was an unprecedented sense of unity. Do you remember the American Flags on every porch, and the sense of community?

Every Church, Synagogue, yes even Mosque was full of people praying and looking to their faith for support and courage. Often these faith communities banded together for prayer services across faith and creed. We were truly ‘One Nation Under God’ in the response. To these terrible events. As we look back, and mourn what we have lost, we should seek that unity with our fellow human beings. We should look to God to lead us united, and for an end to the senseless, and damaging disunity, that plagues our communities. We should turn to Jesus, and implore Him to teach us to forgive, and love even our enemies, as He has loved and forgiven those who had harmed Him.

We should take this commemoration of the terrible attacks on 9/11 to reflect on how we can all grow, heal, and truly honor those, and what we lost as a nation, and as individuals on that day. God Bless, and have a wonderful week, as school and life returns to its normal rhythms.

Please check the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Faith Formation page of Facebook for updates on the Faith Formation Year, and for the continuation of our series on Stewardship.

A full program update can be viewed on the Youth & Family website at www.ihmparish.net and also the Faith Formation Facebook page [@YoungChurchIHM](https://www.facebook.com/YoungChurchIHM)

- John McGuire
johnmcguire@ihmparish.net

IHM EVENT CALENDER	
Sunday September 11	
10:00 am	Food Pantry Sunday
All Day	Center for Hope Raffle
Monday September 12	
7:00pm	Alpha Core Training
Tuesday September 13	
6:30 pm	Rosary Altar Society Welcome Back Meeting
Wednesday September 14: Exultation of the Cross	
10:00 am	Food Pantry
7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting
8:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday September 15	
9:30 am	Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Zoom
Friday September 16	
Saturday September 17	
11:00am	Elizabeth Coalition Family Fun Day
4:30 am	Covenant Ceremony & Supper (Grade 9)
Sunday September 18	
8:45 am	Family Orientation @ The Nazareth Center
10:00 am	Fanny Wood Day
12:00 pm	BOLD Preseason Conference



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