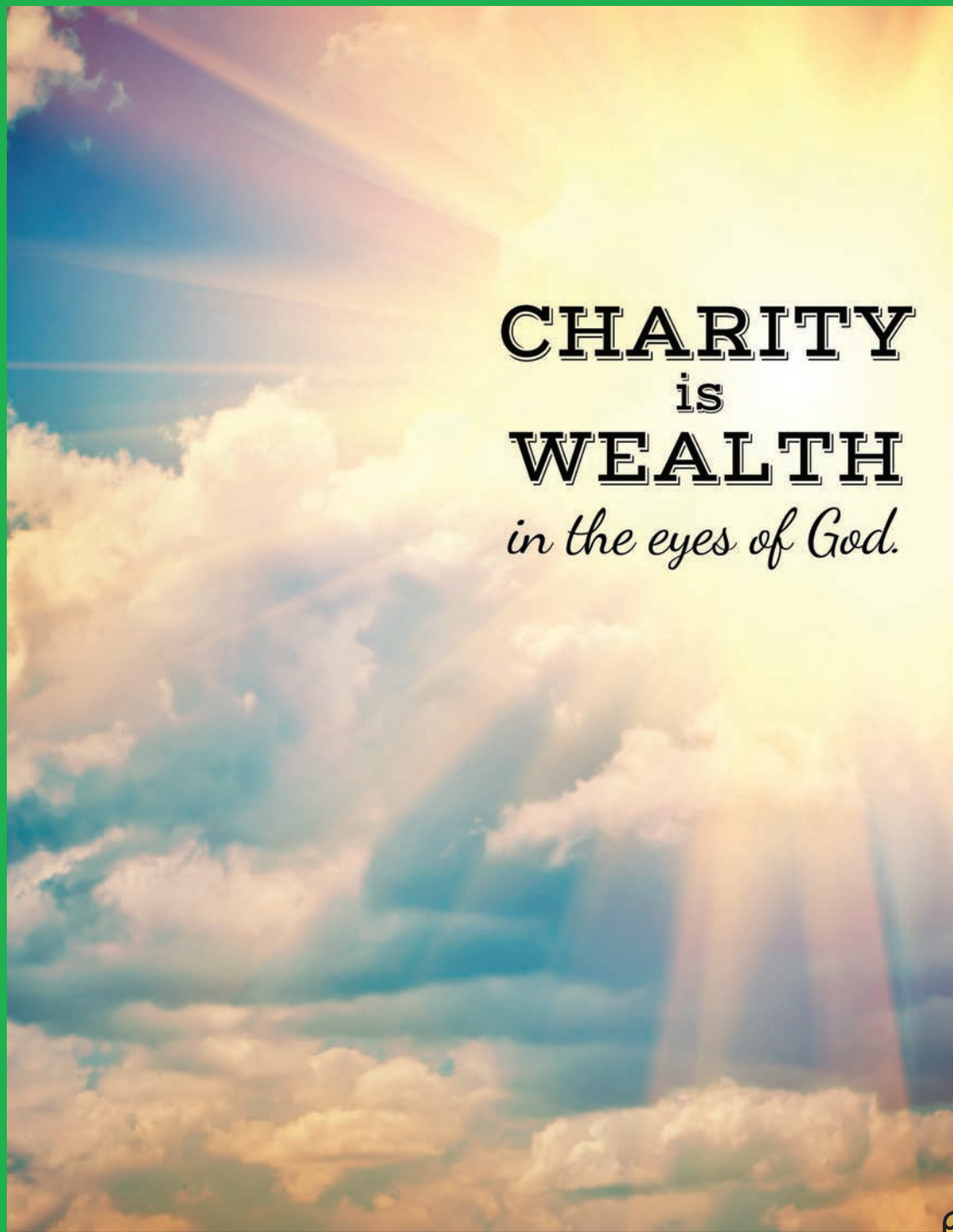


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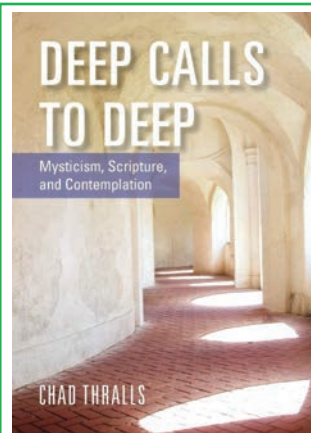
Mass will continue to Live Stream on Facebook and our website: [www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net)

**A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE**

If we believe in the resurrection then we should show that belief with our very lives. By living out the two great commandments to love God with our entire being and to love our neighbor as ourselves we do just that. St. Paul encourages Timothy to “lay hold of eternal life”, in other words to invest himself in that reality here and now.

When we do the same, we experience more profoundly the benefits of our relationship with Christ, and in Christ with one another. Unfortunately for the rich man in today’s Gospel, he did not see poor Lazarus as his neighbor, and apparently nor do his family. We are called to see Christ in everyone we meet. In doing that we not only are able to recognize Lazarus, whom we encounter each day, but are able to love him 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. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 25th - October 2nd, 2022

<b>Saturday September 24</b>	7:00 am	For the People	By The Parish
	8:30 am	Jack Foulks+	By Melissa & Christopher
	5:00 pm	Mary Pat Colicchio+	By Peggy Barry (her mother)
<b>Sunday September 25</b>	8:00 am	Margaret Franciscus+	By The O'Grady Family
	10:00 am	William A. McManus+	By Judy McManus & Family
	12:00 pm	Connie Prato+	By Maureen Pecoraro
<b>Monday September 26</b>	7:00 am	Theresa Glod+	By The Varela Family
	8:30 am	Betty Flammia Barnes+	By Charlie & Geri Barcellona
<b>Tuesday September 27</b>	7:00 am	James Tully+	By Ann Tully
	8:30 am	Thomas Moore Sr.+	By Maureen Pecoraro
<b>Wednesday September 28</b>	7:00 am	Connie Prato+	By The IHM Pastoral Council
	8:30 am	Susan Wagner & Helen Brennan+	By Eileen & Rich Wagner
<b>Thursday September 29</b>	7:00 am	Rose Badala+	By Marion, Marc, Julianne, Kevin, Steven & Elise
	8:30 am	Mary Wood+	By The Verdic Family
<b>Friday September 30</b>	7:00 am	Bob Piasecki+	By IHM Rosary Altar Society
	8:30 am	Antoinette Carlino & Piscitelli Family+	By The Carlino Family
<b>Saturday October 1</b>	7:00 am	Maria Jose Steinberg+	By Geraldine & Colm Keogh
	8:30 am	Deceased members of Symczyk & McCormack Families+	By The Lewis Family
	5:00 pm	Joseph Milashone+	By Joan Milasunas
<b>Sunday October 2</b>	8:00 am	For the People	By The Parish
	10:00 am	Daniel Anthony Menichella+	By Mary Ann Menichella
	12:00 pm	Frank Russo+	By Maureen Pecoraro

### Remember Our Sick

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



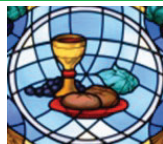
**Hospital Privacy** / Please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow hospitals/pastoral care offices to contact parishes. If you or a loved one are in the hospital and want a priest to visit, please call the IHM office at (908) 889-2100.

### Special Intentions for the week of September 25th - October 2nd, 2022



#### Sanctuary Light

For the intention of:  
**Connie Prato+**  
Requested by  
Maureen Pecoraro



#### The Altar Bread & Wine

For the intention of:  
**Magdalena R. Becker+**  
Requested by  
Husband, Heidi and Ingrid



#### Flowers for the Blessed Mother

In thanksgiving for  
my loving parents  
**Edward & Jean Winsor+**  
Requested by  
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 Wednesday October 12, 2022  
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 Call Dan 908-464-1585 x133



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**Wednesday, October 5, 2022**  
 from 5:30 to 7:30pm.

Please register at [www.adult.duny.edu](http://www.adult.duny.edu)



**Pearl of Wisdom**

“Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.”

Psalm 51:6

**Holy Trinity Music Series 2022**

10/20/2022 @ 4:00pm  
 Kathleen Scheide  
 Harpsichord Concert

12/4/2022 @ 4:00pm  
 Pierre Ferreyra-Mansilla  
 Guitar Concert

**Holy Trinity Church**  
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[www.htccc.org](http://www.htccc.org)



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The bricks will be placed in the walkway and patio area of our 'Our Lady of Fatima' Garden. 2 sizes: 4" x 8" and 8" x 8". PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORM (available at [ihmparish.net](http://ihmparish.net)) AND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: IHM 1571 South Martine Ave Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 Deadline is Monday October 24, 2022!



**OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday October 2  
 From 1-3pm AND  
 Thursday October 27  
 From 6:30-8:30pm  
 Please register at [www.oratoryprep.org](http://www.oratoryprep.org)  
 Call 908-273-1084  
 Extension 1

**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](http://www.msrgala.org) or email [gala@motherseton.org](mailto:gala@motherseton.org)

**ATTENTION ALL TEENS IN HIGH SCHOOL!**  
 Bring your friends! They don't have to belong to IHM! All are welcome :) [www.boldym.com/ihmsp/events](http://www.boldym.com/ihmsp/events) Questions? Contact Rachael at [ihmsp@boldym.com](mailto:ihmsp@boldym.com) or (908) 280-2893

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**7-8:30pm**  
**Nazareth Center**  
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 Questions? Contact Rachael  
[IHMSP@boldym.com](mailto:IHMSP@boldym.com)  
 (908) 280-2893

## Minister Assignments: October 1 - October 2

Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
10/1 5:00pm	Kathy Mitchell	Alice Schaffernoth Dan Kelly	Fr. Val
10/2 8:00am	Ed Sullivan	Rich Wagner Rich Banasiak	Fr. Rob
10/2 10:00am	Heba Fortunato	David Diken Steve Prato	Fr. Mike
10/2 12:00pm	Tracey Foley	Diane McGuinness Carol Kiley	Fr. Val



### 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

#### 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  
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## Rosary Altar Society News

### TO FALL

In the fading of the summer sun, The shortening of days,  
cooling breeze, Swallows' flight and moonlight rays,  
We see the Creator's hand. In the browning of leaves once  
green, Morning mists, autumn chill, Fruit that falls frost's first  
kiss, We see the Creator's hand.  
-Author Unknown

♥ Thank you to the Rosary Board Members who attended out September 20th meeting. Event planning continues to be finetuned as we move through our Rosary calendar year.

♥ A gentle reminder to all who are looking forward to attending our Day Of Reflection at St. Joseph's Shrine in Stirling on October 4th, reservations must be made by September 28th. Please contact Eileen Wagner on 908-472-0463. Checks (made payable to IHM Rosary Altar Society for \$45) may be mailed to Alice Mansfield-Smith, 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark, NJ 07066.

♥ For those Rosary members who have not received their Rosary Directory, kindly reach out to Maureen Pecoraro (732-560-0918) or Janice Good-Piga (908-759-6729). A gentle reminder, if you haven't already done so, to kindly send your \$25 Membership Dues to Alice Mansfield-Smith, 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark, NJ 07066. Many Thanks.

♥ Please continue to feel free to bring your costume jewelry donations for the children of St. Joseph's Social Service's Christmas Donation to the Nazareth Center (Attention Janice Good-Piga) OR kindly contact Janice at 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 & Men's jewelry donations are most welcomed and are greatly appreciated.

♥ If you have not already spoken to Betty Perfilio to reserve your "Weekly Flowers For The Virgin Mary", there are still several opportunities that are available. Betty can be reached at 908-889-4868. The beautiful flowers will be displayed at the foot of the Virgin Mary statue for a complete week.

♥ We continue to welcome new members to our IHM Rosary Altar Society, either from IHM Parish or from other parishes. Please contact Janice Good-Piga at 908-759-6729 is you would like to learn more about the heart-warming experience.

♥ Our thoughts & prayers continue on a daily basis for you and your loved ones. May God's love surround you and protect you throughout your days and evenings. May your week ahead be a Blessed one!!

*"TO EVERY THING THERE IS A SEASON AND A TIME TO EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN."*

-Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

Have a Blessed Week!! ♥ Janice



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Collection Report		September 18, 2022
Weekly Budget Need:		\$11,200.00
Collection:		\$6,347.00
Parish Giving:		\$4,509.69
Surplus/(Deficit)		(343.31)
<b>Fiscal Year to Date:</b>		
Budget		\$134,400.00
Actual:		\$128,744.97
Surplus/(Deficit)		(5,655.03)
<b>Rolling 4 Week Averages:</b>		
Average Collection:		\$10,912.30
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(287.70)

<b>Annual Appeal</b> <sup>the 2022</sup>	Pledged to Date:	Goal: \$67,107
	\$65,985.14	98.33% of goal

We are almost at our Goal (only about \$1200.00 needed to reach our goal). Your donations will help us and the diocese by helping parochial education, Catholic charities, the seminary, retired priests and in many other ways.  
Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Mike

**A Message from the Pastoral Associate: John McGuire**  
 Last Wednesday, we hosted a gathering for Faith Formation volunteers past and present. The purpose was to thank these wonderful people for all that they have done in the past, and discuss what the future holds for formation at the parish. Our primary purpose of the evening was to thank the volunteers for all that they have done in the past, and whatever they are willing to do in the future. Acknowledging the contribution of those few who step forward is very necessary. Statistics show that there are two major indicators that young people will participate in a lifelong faith. The first is that they see their parents devotedly practicing their faith. Sunday Mass, Holy Days of Obligation, personal prayer practices, and study outside of what is required. The second, is that the young person knows 6 adults other than their parents who prioritize the faith. Hopefully, this includes their godparents, grandparents, or extended family. However, that will normally mean that there have to be people outside of that inner circle. This is a conversation that we will continue to have over time. However, for this week, let us pray for the volunteers who are already involved in formation, and for the entire community, that we might discern how we can help to spread the faith in our families, our parish, and the broader community.  
 God bless and have a wonderful week!  
[www.ihmparish.net/childrensfaithformation](http://www.ihmparish.net/childrensfaithformation)

IHM EVENT CALENDER	
Sunday September 25	
Monday September 26	
7:30pm	Alpha Session 2 on ZOOM
Tuesday September 27	
7:30 pm	Spirituality Seminar on ZOOM
Wednesday September 28	
10:00 am	Food Pantry
7:00 pm	Finance Council Meeting
8:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday September 29: Feast of Archangels	
9:30 am	Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina on ZOOM
Friday September 30	
Saturday October 1	
Sunday October 2	
8:45 am	Families of Faith October Gathering
9:00 am	Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast
10:00 am	Scotch Plains Day
10:00 am	Rite of Promise Ceremony & Brunch
7:00 pm	BOLD Youth Group Kick-Off BBQ



The Women's Prayer Group will gather on **Thursday October 6 at 7:30PM** via Zoom. The topic will be "Paul: Who was this man?"  
 Contact [tefoleyihm@gmail.com](mailto:tefoleyihm@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link.  
 Prayer connects us all!

**LECTIO DIVINA ZOOM PRAYER GROUP**  
 Thursday mornings from 9:30am until 10:45am.  
 Please call Phyllis at 908-264-7456 for more info.



The IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group will meet on **Saturday - 10/8/22 - 7:30AM** Live meeting in the church basement and **Thursday - 10/20/22 - 7:30PM** on ZOOM. Contact David at [dndiken@aol.com](mailto:dndiken@aol.com) for more info.



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