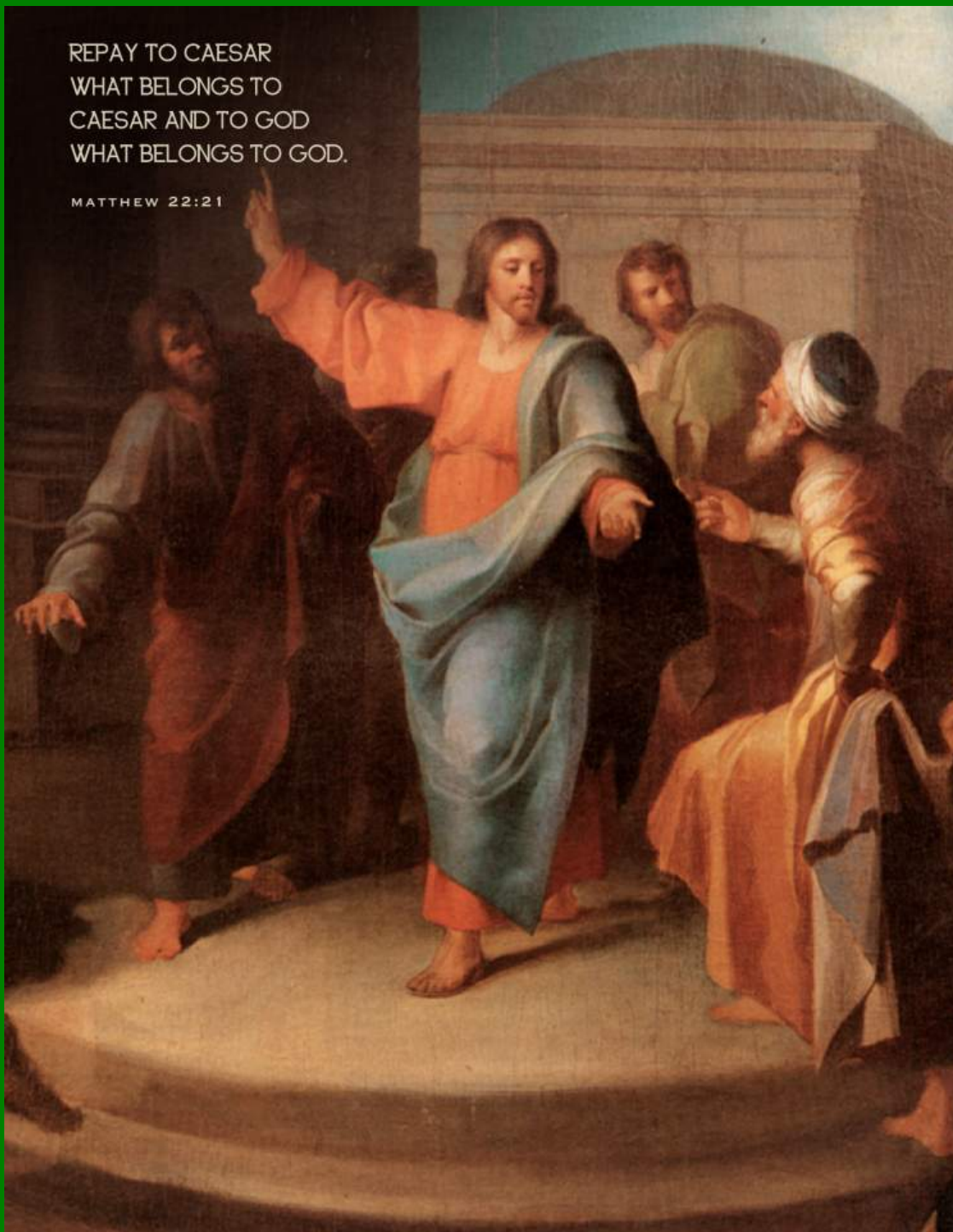


29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 22, 2023

REPAY TO CAESAR
WHAT BELONGS TO
CAESAR AND TO GOD
WHAT BELONGS TO GOD.

MATTHEW 22:21



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

A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

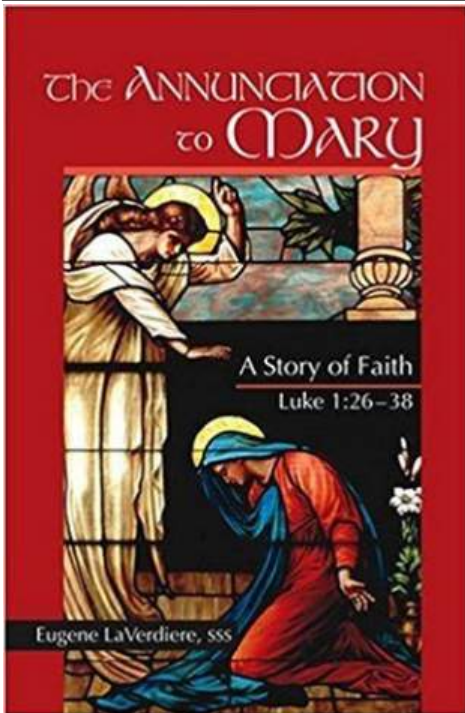
St. Paul tells the Thessalonians that the Gospel did not come to them in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit. This means that living the Gospel and being a disciple of Jesus Christ is not simply listening to the readings and homily at Mass, or going to catechism class, but also includes recognizing the presence of Christ in our lives, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide and animate us, letting the grace and power of God flow through us.

In other words, we must put what we learn into action each and every day, living our faith, being authentic about what we say we believe. In doing this we are able to give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's, our very selves.
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.



The Annunciation to Mary: A Story of Faith

The prologue of Luke's Gospel is both simple and profound. As we prepare for Christmas let us take a close look at Mary of the scriptures. At the heart of the book, each chapter examines a particular phase of the Annunciation story through a biblical perspective.

The deep mystery of the Incarnation is revealed in this passage of Luke's Gospel. **We shall meet on Zoom on Tuesdays from 7:15pm until 8:15pm beginning November 7th, 2023.**

Please register at FrRob@ihmparish.net and contact him if you have any questions or would like to obtain a copy of the book.



BUY A BRICK FALL 2023

Please donate a brick and place an everlasting memento of a loved one at "Our Lady of Fatima" garden. We are offering 2 sizes of bricks:
4"x8" at \$75 per brick
8"x8" at \$150 per brick

Order forms are available at church and in the Nazareth Center. Order deadline is November 5!



Please donate unwanted items to the Catholic Charities Donation Bin located in our parking lot. The following items are needed: clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, tools, towels, stuffed animals, and books. Thank you!

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 October 22 - October 29, 2023

Saturday October 21	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Nancy Santanello+ from Karen & Joe Schurtz Dorothy Stephanik Lenarwicz+ from Kathleen J. Jotz & Family Mary & George Good+ from Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga
Sunday October 22	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Thomas & Mary Graham+ from the McGuinness Family Ann Mullen+ from the Compiercho Family For the People of IHM Parish
Monday October 23	7:00 am 8:30 am	Rich Wagner (living) from the IHM Food Pantry Ann V. Bally+ from Arnie & Pat Manzo
Tuesday October 24	7:00 am 8:30 am	Denise Rogers (living) from the IHM Food Pantry Michael DeMarco+ from the IHM Beta Team
Wednesday October 25	7:00 am 8:30 am	MaryKate Schiller (living) from the IHM Food Pantry Jack Mucksavage+ from John & Tracey Foley
Thursday October 26	7:00 am 8:30 am	Jeanette Chimento+ (22nd Anniversary) from the Chimento Family Benson & Renna DelRosario (living) Happy Anniversary from the Razal Family
Friday October 27	7:00 am 8:30 am	Steve Prato (living) from the IHM Food Pantry John Mucksavage+ from Dan & Ro Kelly
Saturday October 28	7:00am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	John Lynch+ from the Chimento Family Gregory Ritter+ from the Conlon Family Joan Foley+ from Connie & David Boruch
Sunday October 29	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Bob Sowa+ from John & Tracey Foley Mary Wood+ from the Verdic Family Michael D'Ambrosio+ from the Kiley & D'Ambrosio Families

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


John Allen	David Connell	Mary Foster	Jillian Lapidus	Jacob Rivera	Ryder Francis Spillane
George Becker	Colm Cosgrove	Michele Gamako	Mary Frances Leon	Jaxson Rivera	Daniel Ventura
Fran Boglioli	Samantha Bridge	Nicole Griffin	Eileen Lynch	Marisol Rodriguez	Sr. Elizabeth Vermaelen
Erin Brennan	James Brown	Ann Marie Harvey	William Maines	Susan Rozborski	Stephanie Vernace
Anna Cassella	John Burkert	David Hens	Jim Malfetti	Dolores Rust	Stephen Voorhees
Paul Cassidy	Ray Clark	Kathleen Herron	Bill Malone	Diana Scariati	Ben Wheelock
Matthew Cassio	Matt Donovan	Juliann Junio	Marlene Mosko	Arty Shapiro	Evelyn Whitehorne
Peter Cavanagh	Albert Fischer, Jr.	Marie Keller	Hilda Pizza	Elisa Silversey	★ Please advise if any
Frank Chimento	Phyllis Fischer	Dorothy Klein	Diane Pricken	Bernard Slaza	names can be removed
Edward Clark	Emily Fleming	Anna Koch	Carmela Resnick	Beverly Sopp	from the sick list.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS


St Bartholomew Bereavement Ministry will be offering a Grief Support Group **continuing October 25, November 1, 8, 15.** Meeting times 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Meetings will be held in the cafeteria of St Bartholomew Academy. Please contact Jo-Anne 908-889-7790 or Bernadette 908-510-0995.

Living with Grief: 4 week lecture series, explores the normal, natural and unavoidable reactions to loss. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the effect grief has on our lives, our loved ones and our relationships. Concluding on Tuesday, October 24th on ZOOM from 6:30 to 8 pm Contact Raul to register: raul.cadavid@atlantichealth.org

Special Intentions for the week of October 22 - October 29, 2023



Sanctuary Light
For the intention of:
Viola D'Annunzio (living)
requested by:
Rose, Pauline, Lisa & Bettina




Altar Bread & Wine
For the intention of:
John Mucksavage+
requested by:
Dan & Ro Kelly



Flowers for the Blessed Mother
In memory of: **Mary, George & Georgina Mae Good+**
requested by:
Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga

Remember Our Departed



Fr. Michael Feketie +



Farmer Emil's Garden Report
 Good Afternoon All Gardeners! After yesterday's harvest...
 IHM: 572.98 lbs - Others: 11.25 lbs
Total 584.23 lbs
 This year has been great! Now is clean up time, final weeding, pulling up all dead plants and getting the beds ready for next year .



Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for **Coats for Kids**
Last Call for Collections on October 21-22.
 Please support the children! Thank you!



CYO Basketball is Back!

Final registration for youth basketball players grades 3-8 (both boys and girls) will be on **Tuesday October 31st**. Registration forms are available for at the Nazareth Center. Or you can download & print the registration form at our webpage: www.ihmparish.net/sports
 Any questions, please contact John McNulty at johnmcnulty144@hotmail.com

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith
 a Pontifical Mission Society

World Mission Sunday 2023
 October 22nd



Scenes from the IHM Youth Group Carnival powered by BOLD. Big thanks to everyone in attendance! It was a blast!



SCOOPS FOR CHARITY!
 Wake the kiddies and tell your neighbors! One Day Only! On **Tuesday, November 7th** (Election Day) 20% of all sales will benefit our food pantry! Just mention "IHM Food Pantry" at checkout. SCOOPS Ice Creamery is located at 2014 Rt. 22 East Scotch Plains, NJ.



Minister Assignments: October 28 - October 29

Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
10/28 5:00pm	Kathy Mitchell	Chris Haight Dan Kelly Janice Good Piga	Fr. Mike
10/29 8:00am	Karen Schwaneberg	Pat Regal Rich Wagner	Fr. Rob
10/29 10:00am	Jane McClellan	Jason McCann David Diken Anthony Carlino	Fr. Rob
10/29 12:00pm	Carol Kiley	Jean Naugle Diane McGuinness	Fr. Mike



Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Monday - Wednesday 9:00am - 9:00pm

Thursday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm

Closed Saturday, Sunday, Holy Days & Holidays

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IHM PARISH INFORMATION

Fall 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

OCTOBER DAYS by Regina Wienczek

These are the days of surrender, The days of the mellow sun.
Autumn, again, clothed the hillsides, With a beautiful robe she
has spun. Mixed in the crimson and yellow,
Are shades of emerald green. Every tree by the roadside,
Stands out in the Autumn scene. This is the season of plenty,
The garner are filled once more.
The earth has yielded her increase, From shore to distant
shore. Fields lie brown and forsaken,
Birds wing through a cloudless sky. And leaves in all of their
splendor, Float reluctantly from on high.
How I love these days of surrender, These days of the mellow
sun. The earth is a medley of colors,
A medley so beautifully done.

♥ Join us for IHM's "Broadway Show Extravaganza Trip To New York City" to see the Award-Winning "SOME LIKE IT HOT" on Friday, November 24th, 2023.

Luxury Bus Transportation (Leaving 9:15AM From IHM).
Delicious Family Style Luncheon At The Famous TONY'S
DI NAPOLI Restaurant In Times Square; and the
Broadway Show (Mezzanine Seating). Total Cost Is \$185.
Tickets Are Limited. PLEASE CALL JANICE 908-759-6729

♥ Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 14th at 7PM for the "LET'S MONET" painting event. Even if you don't consider yourself to be an artist, you will enjoy this class taught by a true artist and take home a portrait of your very own!! Details to follow next week.

♥ We welcome you to consider joining our wonderful Rosary Altar Society. For more information please contact Janice Good-Piga at 908-759-6729. Whether you can attend all or only some of our meetings and events, we know that you will find in very fulfilling.

May your week ahead be a Blessed one with joy-filled sunny fall days, renewed old friendships and special new ones!
Please remember to take a moment to breathe in the fresh fall air, marvel at the colors of the falling leaves, and to thank God for all of the beautiful gifts that he showers upon us daily.
May we continue to be grateful for our homeland and for the freedom and peace that we feel on a daily basis, and may we remember those whose lives are in danger in our prayers. You and your families remain in our daily thoughts and prayers.

♥ Janice



The Women's Prayer Group will gather on **Thursday November 9 at 7:30pm on ZOOM**. The theme will be "The Eucharist". Please email tefoleyihm@gmail.com for more details.
Prayer connects us all!



Join us for Lectio Divina: Reflection, Discussion & Quiet. Three times a month: twice at the Nazareth Center & once on Zoom. **Thursday mornings from 9:30am until 10:45am**. Contact Phyllis at tman18912@comcast.net or call the parish office at 908-889-2100 to sign-up.



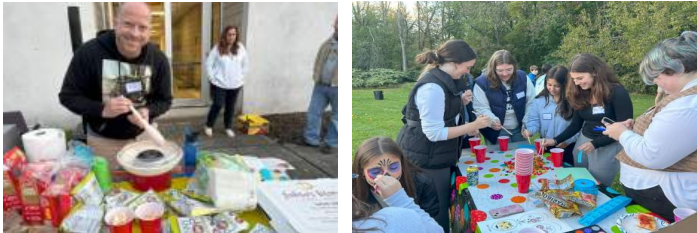
The next virtual meeting for the IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group will be **Thursday night October 26 at 7:30pm on Zoom**. Contact dndiken@aol.com for info.

We have been reporting our weekly collection "target" to reflect what was submitted in our budget to the Archdiocese. However, this number does not give us a balanced budget. So moving forward, we have revised our "goal" to balance our budget.

Collection Report		October 15, 2023
Weekly Target:		\$11,765.00
Collection (Mass + Parish Giving)		\$11,831.10
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$66.10
Fiscal Year to Date:		
Budget		\$186,720.00
Actual:		\$180,331.37
Surplus/(Deficit)		(6,388.63)
Rolling 4 Week Averages:		
Average Collection:		\$11,352.34
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(412.66)



More scenes from the Youth Group Carnival. Sign-up for upcoming BOLD events at www.boldym.com/ihmsp/events



IHM SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 10/22

ALL DAY– KOC Coats for Kids Collection
 ALL DAY– World Mission Sunday Collection
 8:45am– First Reconciliation Family Morning of Reflection

Monday 10/23

7:30pm– Alpha Episode 5 LIVE @ Nazareth Center

Tuesday 10/24

Wednesday 10/25

10:00am - Food Pantry (Open until 11:30am)
 1:00pm– DVD Bible Study: David/Solomon
 7:00pm– Adult Choir Practice
 7:30pm– Beta Episode 3 on ZOOM

Thursday 10/26

9:30am - Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Meeting
 7:30pm– Men’s Scripture & Discussion Group on ZOOM

Friday 10/27

5:00pm– Pee Wee Basketball

Saturday 10/28

8:30am– Saturday Morning Basketball
 2:00pm– Youth Group Scotch Plains Trunk or Treat

Sunday 10/29

10:00am– Families of Faith Trunk or Treat
 7:00pm– Youth Group College Care Package Night



IHM YOUTH GROUP EVENTS powered by BOLD

Sat. October 28 @ 2:00 PM: Scotch Plains Trunk or Treat
 Sun. October 29 @ 7:00 PM: College Care Package Night
 Sun. November 5 @ 7:00 PM: Boxes of Joy
 Sun. November 12 @ 7:00 PM: Youth Group Service Project
 November 17-19: Embolden Retreat at Pittstown, NJ

A Message from Faith Formation Pastoral Associate: John McGuire

What are the ways that we can prepare ourselves to reach the source and summit of our faith? How can we properly approach the mystery of the Eucharist, in its fullest expression, the communal celebration of the Mass?

Those who are preparing their hearts and minds to receive Jesus, have to first come to terms with their flaws, sins, and how they have fallen short. Because First Reconciliation usually takes place in 2nd grade, we make the mistake of thinking that it is a childish thing.

However, it is not until we are older, wiser, and more worldly that we can truly begin to grasp the momentous grace available to us, when we approach Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This week, our young people are meeting to ramp up their training to climb the mountain of our Lord. Their basecamp will be preparation for Reconciliation.

Pray for our parents, that they may find the beauty and relevance of this sacrament while accompanying their children, and that the children of our parish may more fully experience the love of our Lord, and His forgiveness.

God Bless and have a wonderful week!



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