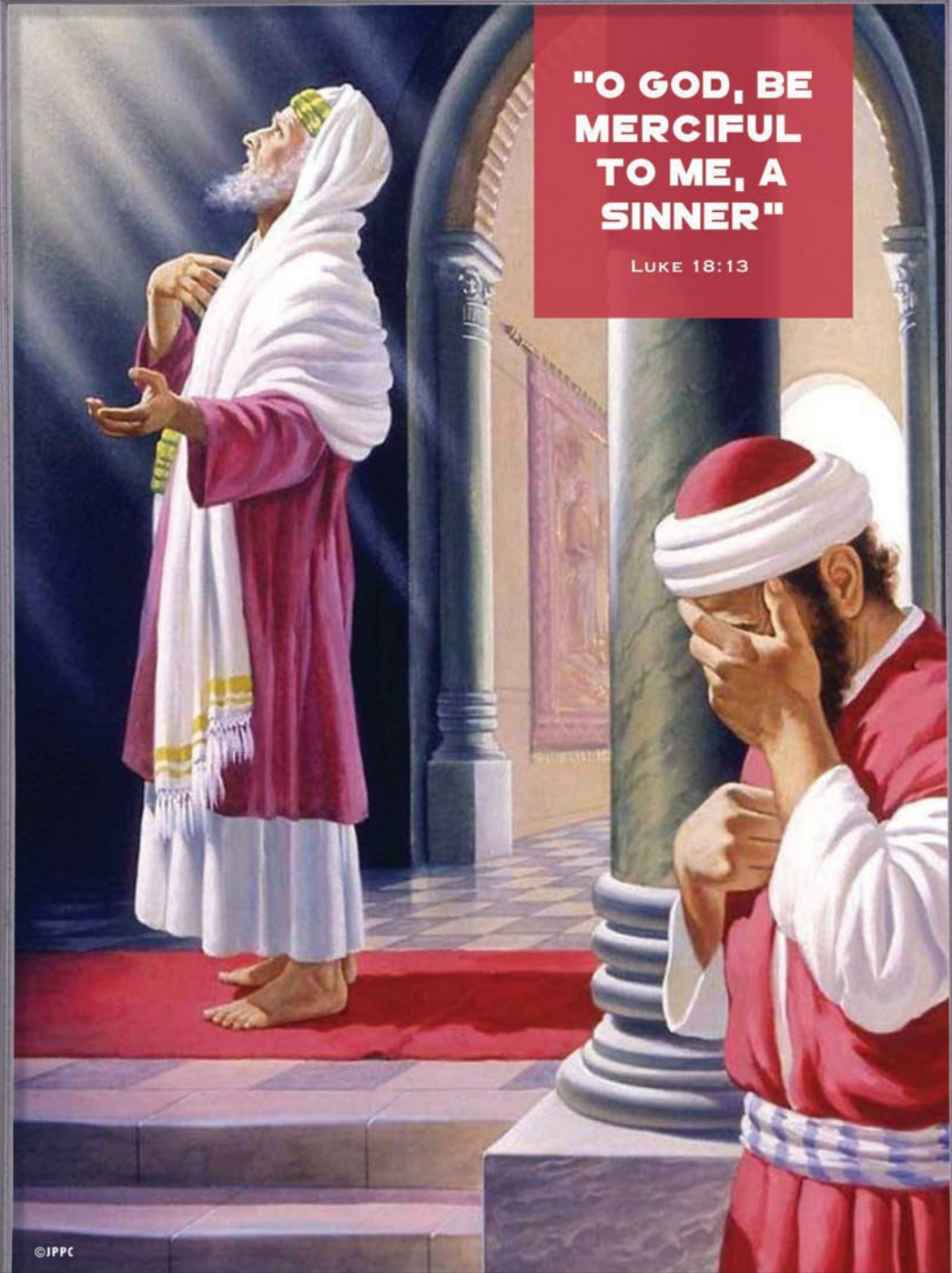


30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 23rd, 2022

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**A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE**

Jesus is not condemning the religious practice of the Pharisee, nor is he condoning the malicious business practices of the tax collector. Rather, he is commenting on their approach to God in their personal prayer. The Pharisee approaches God with a sense of self righteousness, that he is good and is entitled to God's love. The Tax Collector knows that he is a sinful man and does not deserve anything from God. Yet he gives himself over to God's mercy, rather than expecting God's blessing. Jesus reminds his disciples, and us, that the correct way to approach God, and each other, is with humility and reverence, not pride and self righteousness. Yet, how often do we follow in the footsteps of the Pharisee? God wants to show us His love and wants us to experience His presence in our lives. When we think and act in a prideful and self righteous way, towards God and towards one another, we prevent ourselves from experiencing that love and presence in our lives, we risk creating God in our own image and likeness. When we approach God and one another with humility and reverence we open our hearts and minds to the love and presence of Christ in our lives and in others, and are better able to discern how to live out the image and likeness of the God who created us. Peace, Fr. Mike

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We strive to continue our progress in balancing our ordinary income and expenditures as a parish. While our finances have improved there is still some way to go. The Parish Finance Council is working with me to establish a comprehensive funding plan and we will be sharing this with you shortly. We are also in the timeframe when many of you are reviewing your financial goals and strategies for the coming end of the year. Given the time sensitive nature of Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) elections we wanted to at least share this opportunity with you. With that in mind I thought this information might be helpful to some of you and to our parish community:

Those 70 1/2 or older can make a donation from their Traditional IRA without generating any taxable income. Normally any distributions from a Traditional IRA are taxable. This is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) and it is especially helpful to those 72 and older who must make required minimum distributions (RMDs) from their Traditional IRA. There are specific tax rules which must be followed when making a QCD. For instance, the transfer must be made directly from the IRA to IHM before year end and the maximum amount that can qualify is \$100,000.

It is suggested that you discuss this strategy with your financial professional to ensure that it is appropriate in your particular circumstances. If you have any questions regarding the mechanics please contact Tracey in the parish office: 908-889-2100.

Thank you for your prayers and consideration of IHM.

The Finance Council

**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.

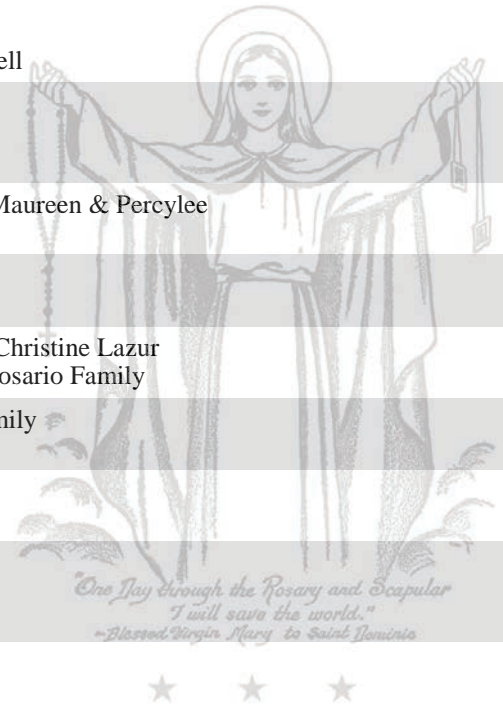
**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Schedule for Mass & Worship (schedules are subject to change)**

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 October 23rd - October 30th, 2022

<b>Saturday October 22</b>	7:00 am	John White+ by Eileen & Rich Wagner
	8:30 am	Maureen Brennan+ by Phyllis Fischer
	5:00 pm	Thomas & Ethel Barth+ by Joanne & Gary Cogswell
<b>Sunday October 23</b>	8:00 am	Helen & Leon Baluk+ by The Baluk Family
	10:00 am	For the People By The Parish
	12:00 pm	Thomas E. Graham+ by His Family
<b>Monday October 24</b>	7:00 am	Sr. Ann Sullivan S.S.J.+ by Sisters Alice, Elaine, Maureen & Percylee
	8:30 am	Thomas F. Moore Sr.+ by Steve Prato
<b>Tuesday October 25</b>	7:00 am	Robert Piasecki+ by Maureen Pecoraro
	8:30 am	Francine Bucca Belardo+ by Tracey Foley
<b>Wednesday October 26</b>	7:00 am	Deceased members of the Haligonski Family+ by Christine Lazur
	8:30 am	Benson & Renna DelRosario (living) by The DelRosario Family
<b>Thursday October 27</b>	7:00 am	Sr. Ann Sullivan S.S.J.+ by Joan O'Donnell & Family
	8:30 am	Mary Wood+ by The Verdic Family
<b>Friday October 28</b>	7:00 am	Thomas Monte Jr.+ by Ed Sullivan
	8:30 am	Bob Swisher+ by Betty Swisher
<b>Saturday October 29</b>	7:00 am	Bob Piasecki+ by Anne & Bob Wischusen
	8:30 am	Ramon Valera+ by The Valera Family
	5:00 pm	Vincent Bufano+ by Mr & Mrs Arnie Manzo
<b>Sunday October 30</b>	8:00 am	Helen & Stanley Leonard+ by Pat & Dave Regal
	10:00 am	Clara Hidalgo+ by The Dominguez Family
	12:00 pm	Michael R. D'Ambrosio+ by Dr. & Mrs. Charles Kiley



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

John Allen	Mary Calabrese	Mary Foster	Jim Malfetti	Arty Shapiro	Ben Wheelock
Bernie Beck	Anna Cassella	Nicole Griffin	Bill Malone	Elisa Silversey	Evelyn Whitehorne
George Becker	Paul Cassidy	David Hens	Owen Mike McCabe	Bernard Slaza	
Mary Jane Bergen	Matthew Cassio	Kathleen Herron	June McManus	Beverly Sopp	
Larry Biunno	Frank Chimento	Julian Junio	Marlene Mosko	Ryder Francis Spillane	
Phyllis Biunno	Edward Clark	Gregory Kamouh	Hilda Pizza	Paul Szeker	
Fran Boglioli	William Consovoy	Marie Keller	Diane Pricken	Phyllis Szeker	
Erin Brennan	Colm Cosgrove	Anna Koch	Carmela Resnick	Carole Ventre	☺ Please advise
Samantha Bridge	Ray Clark	Jillian Lapidus	Marisol Rodriguez	Daniel Ventura	if any names
James Brown	Albert Fischer, Jr.	Eileen Lynch	Susan Rozborski	Sr. Elizabeth Vermaelen	can be removed
Kevin Brown	Phyllis Fischer	Maureen Lynch	Dolores Rust	Stephanie Vernace	from the sick list.
John Burkert	Emily Fleming	William Maines	Diana Scariati	Stephen Voorhees	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 October 23rd - October 30th, 2022



### Sanctuary Light

For the intention of:  
**Mary Wood+**  
Requested by  
The Verdic Family



### The Altar Bread & Wine

For the intention of:  
**Janice Mitchell+**  
Requested by  
Alice Schaffernoth




### Flowers for the Blessed Mother


In memory of:  
**Arthur, Alice & Wilbur Sandiford+**  
Requested by  
Elizabeth Sandiford

## Remember Our Departed



Ann Mullen+

**Coats For Kids**  
 **Knights of Columbus**



**October 22 & 23**

The cold weather is coming, and the Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations over the next two weekends in order to purchase brand new coats for children in need. Through the K of C, we're able to purchase brand new coats for an average cost of \$25.00. As always, every penny of your donation, whether it's twenty cents or twenty dollars, goes directly to the children. This parish always goes above and beyond with your generosity, and we thank you in advance for all donations this coming year. Contact John for more info: [jtorzewski@aol.com](mailto:jtorzewski@aol.com)

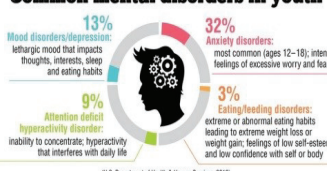
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**The New Caritas Gala**  
**Thursday November 10**  
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 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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[www.ccpaterson.org/caritas](http://www.ccpaterson.org/caritas)

**Common mental disorders in youth**




Holy Trinity’s Mental Health Ministry will be hosting a “**Raising Emotionally Healthy Children**” seminar on **Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. This event is open to everyone.  
 7:00 to 8:30 pm  
 Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
 512 Westfield Ave. Westfield

**OPEN HOUSE!**  
 Sunday October 30, 2022



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“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”  
 Colossians 3:16



**LAST CALL TO BUY A BRICK!**

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!**



**PEE WEE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

<u>October 28</u> @ 5pm: Magic vs Lakers   Knicks vs Heat	@ 6pm: Shock vs Liberty   Storm vs Mystic
<u>November 4</u> @ 5pm: Magic vs Knicks   Lakers vs Heat	@ 6pm: Storm vs Shock   Liberty vs Mystic
<u>November 11</u> @ 5pm: Storm vs Liberty   Knicks vs Lakers	@ 6pm: Shock vs Mystic   Magic vs Heat
<u>November 18</u> @ 5pm: Magic vs Lakers   Knicks vs Heat	@ 6pm: Storm vs Mystic   Shock vs Liberty

Questions? Contact Tom at [decat61@yahoo.com](mailto:decat61@yahoo.com)

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*College Care package evening. We are very proud of our teens that came out to pack care packages for all our IHM young people in their freshmen or sophomore year in college. Sharing love and support !*



**BOX OF JOY**  
**Sunday, November 6, 2022**  
 7pm - 8:30pm  
 @ The Nazareth Center  
 All 7th & 8th students invited!  
 Bring your friends - they don't have to belong to IHM.  
 Night will include games, snacks and prayer led by teens from our Youth Ministry Peer Servant Team!



**EMBOLDEN RETREAT**  
**November 11-13, 2022**  
 Join us for a fun weekend full of opportunities to make new friends and draw closer to God.  
 \$175 Registration Fee  
 RSVP by Wednesday 11/2

## Minister Assignments: October 29 - October 30

Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
10/29 5:00pm	Mulrooney	Dan Kelly Janice Good Piga	Fr. Rob
10/30 8:00am	Ed Sullivan	Chris Dill Jack Timko	Fr. Mike
10/30 10:00am	Jane McClellan	Jason McCann Anthony Carlino	Fr. Val
10/30 12:00pm	Regina O'Connor	Eileen Wagner 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

### AN AUTUMN PRAYER

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn. We thank you: For the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy. For the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches. For the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls. For the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children. For the fall harvest which brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land. For this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life. God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit. Amen.

- Rev. Doug Leonhardt, S.J.

- ♥ Thank you to our Rosary Board Members for another great brainstorming session this past Tuesday. You make the Rosary activity planning and charitable works a sincere pleasure!
- ♥ We will have our special Fused Glass Crafting Event led by Katie Wills on Tuesday, **November 8th at 7PM** in the Nazareth Center. We will each be creating BOTH a Fused Glass Bracelet & A Fused Glass Pendant. The backing for each jewelry item will be black UNLESS you request another color with your registration & payment. The links will be gold in color. Please send your registration checks, made payable to IHM Rosary Society, in the amount of \$40 to Treasurer Alice Mansfield-Smith, 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark, NJ 07066, By November 1st.
- ♥ Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 4th** for our Annual Mass & Christmas Party & Charitable Giving Event. Details to follow in the coming weeks.
- ♥ Please also mark your calendars for **Tuesday, January 10th, 2023** as we hold our Annual Winter Luncheon. We will be having this year's event at Max's Bistro in Scotch Plains. Details to follow in the upcoming weeks.
- ♥ We will continue our collection of woman's & men's costume jewelry items & gift bags for the children of St. Joseph's Social Services in Elizabeth to select, wrap, and give a very special item to their special loved ones at Christmas. Your generosity is heartwarming. We will be able to accept donations until December 5th. Kindly contact Janice Good-Piga 908-759-6729 with questions or donations.
- ♥ Our daily & weekly prayers continue for you and your loved ones. May you feel God's Blessings & Healing Power on a daily basis. Wishing you a Blessed week ahead!!

♥ Janice



Collection Report		October 16, 2022
Weekly Budget Need:		\$11,200.00
Collection:		\$6,551.00
Parish Giving:		\$5,664.84
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$1,015.84
<b>Fiscal Year to Date:</b>		
Budget		\$179,200.00
Actual:		\$172,960.95
Surplus/(Deficit)		(6,239.05)
<b>Rolling 4 Week Averages:</b>		
Average Collection:		\$10,054.00
Average Surplus/(Deficit)		(146.01)
<b>Annual Appeal</b> <small>the 2022</small>		Pledged to Date: Goal: \$67,107 \$66,695.14 99.39% of goal

**A Message from the Pastoral Associate John McGuire**


As I have been settling in with the parish, my main focus has been on providing formation, support, and programming for families with children ages kindergarten through 9th grade, and offering programmatic assistance to the high schoolers in youth ministry. This is by default because a parish normally will focus a great deal of its attention on those preparing for sacraments and getting started with their journey.

However, Faith Formation isn't just for growing families. It is a lifelong process that we should engage in throughout our lives. Here at IHM we've got some great opportunities for growth, and for those at different stages of their life. Alpha is great for seekers, and those returning to more active faith. Rosary and Altar Society, Knights of Columbus, and Men's and Women's prayer groups offer a place for those more established in their faith. While these groups are happy to welcome younger members, there is a group, an age level that often does not find its niche within a parish community. Those are members of the faith from say 21-40, who are either young parents, newly married, or single.

Let's face the facts, making adult friends after college, especially in the age of remote work and bar/restaurant closures is difficult, and it is even more challenging to find people of a similar faith and belief system to connect with. I know that my wife and I have felt somewhat isolated as newish parents during Covid-19 with family and friends far-a-field, and that probably isn't a unique situation to be in...

Read the full article at:  
[www.ihmparish.net/childrensfaithformation](http://www.ihmparish.net/childrensfaithformation)

IHM EVENT CALENDER	
<b>Sunday October 23</b>	
All Day	Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids
8:45am	First Reconciliation Family Retreat
<b>Monday October 24</b>	
7:30pm	Alpha Session 6 on ZOOM
<b>Tuesday October 25</b>	
7:30pm	Spirituality Seminar on ZOOM
<b>Wednesday October 26</b>	
10:00am	Food Pantry
8:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday October 27</b>	
9:30am	Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina on ZOOM
<b>Friday October 28</b>	
5:30pm	Pee Wee Basketball
<b>Saturday October 29</b>	
<b>Sunday October 30</b>	
10:00am	All Saints Celebration



The Women's Prayer Group will gather on **Thursday November 3 at 7:30pm** via Zoom. The topic will be "the upcoming Sunday reading". Email [tefolevihm@gmail.com](mailto:tefolevihm@gmail.com) for 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 **Thursday - 10/20/22 - 7:30PM** virtual meeting on Zoom. Contact David at [dndiken@aol.com](mailto:dndiken@aol.com) for more info.



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