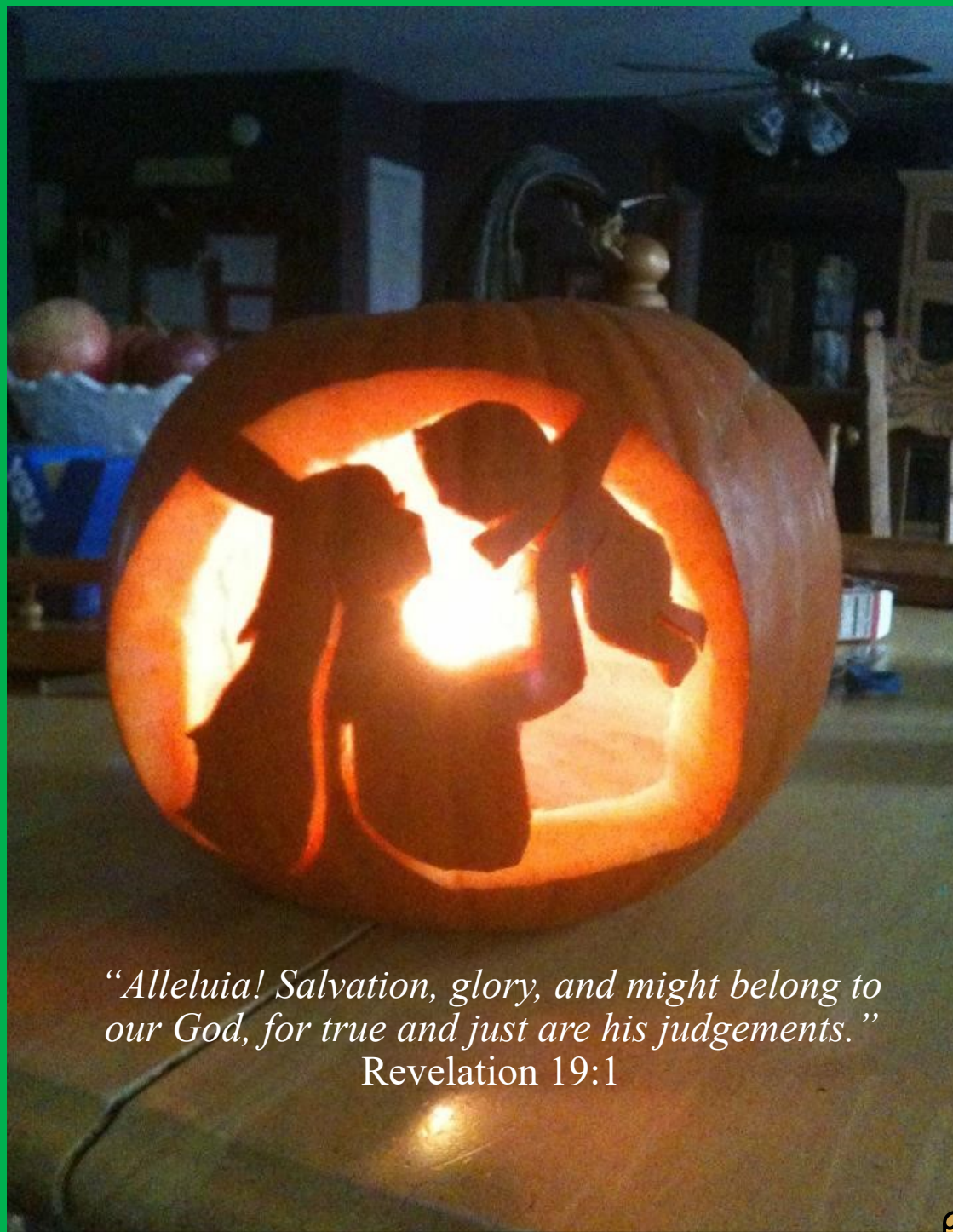


31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 30th, 2022

*The People of God called to form the Christian Community of*  
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*“Alleluia! Salvation, glory, and might belong to our God, for true and just are his judgements.”  
Revelation 19:1*

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Katie Wills: Director of Music Ministry  
John McGuire: Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation



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

**A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE**

Despite the fact that people did not like him, that he was rich, that he was a sinner, and that he was short, Zaccheus was determined not only to see Jesus, but to know Him as well. He is seeking Jesus. He does not simply want to see Him, although this may be the initial reason, he wants to know Him. In entering into that relationship with Jesus he discovers conversion, fulfillment and a desire for holiness. He lets this relationship not only inspire him for a moment, but intentionally allows it to guide his life and actions, he becomes engaged in his relationship with Jesus and His continued discipleship.

Let his determination and seeking inspire us this week to also search for a deeper relationship with Jesus, to become more intentional and engaged in our discipleship and have a stronger desire for holiness.

Peace, Fr. Mike



**Spirituality Seminar**

Coming on **Tuesdays beginning November 22 @ 7:15 pm.**

We shall enter the heart of the youthful Julian of Norwich.

The name of the book is

**Julian's Gospel by Veronica Mary Rolf.**

In a time of the Plague, Civil, Political and Religious strife.

How through with and in all of this she found union with

God? If you are interested please contact

[FrRob@ihmparish.net](mailto:FrRob@ihmparish.net).

*"And all shall be well. And all shall be well. And all manner of things shall be exceeding well."*

- Julian of Norwich

**A Protecting God's Children Certification Workshop**

will be offered at IHM on **Saturday, November 5 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.** Certification is a requirement for all new volunteers, coaches, catechists etc. by the Archdiocese. Those needing recertification may choose this option as well.

We are also offering a recertification workshop, "Keeping the Promise Alive" for those whose Protecting God's Children certification has expired. It will take place on **November 10 from 7:00-8:15 pm** in the Nazareth Center. Please use VIRTUS Online to sign up for the appropriate session

If you have any questions, please contact Janet Manfredonia (LSEC) at: [janet@ihmparish.net](mailto:janet@ihmparish.net)

**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.

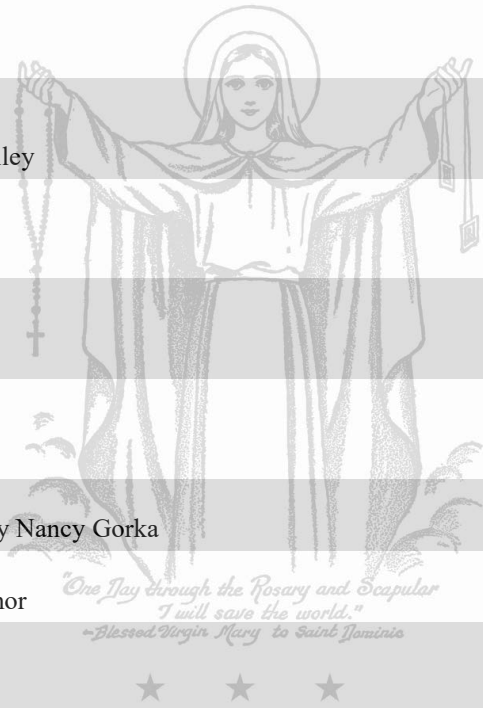
**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Schedule for Mass & Worship (schedules are subject to change)**

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 30th - November 6th, 2022

|                                 |                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Saturday<br/>October 29</b>  | 7:00 am<br>8:30 am<br>5:00 pm   | Bob Piasecki+ by Anne & Bob Wischusen<br>Ramon Valera+ by The Valera Family<br>Vincent Bufano+ by Mr & Mrs Arnie Manzo                                |
| <b>Sunday<br/>October 30</b>    | 8:00 am<br>10:00 am<br>12:00 pm | Helen & Stanley Leonard+ by Pat & Dave Regal<br>Clara Hidalgo+ by The Dominguez Family<br>Michael R. D'Ambrosio+ by Dr. & Mrs. Charles Kiley          |
| <b>Monday<br/>October 31</b>    | 7:00 am<br>8:30 am<br>7:00 pm   | Paul Dokecki+ by Ed Sullivan<br>Patricia "Patsy" Sullivan+ by Janice Reilly<br>John McGovern+ by The McGovern Family                                  |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>November 1</b>   | 7:00 am<br>12:00 pm<br>7:00 pm  | For the People by The Parish<br>Todd Werner+ by Pat & Dave Regal<br>David Regal+ by Maureen & Natalie Ogonowski                                       |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>November 2</b> | 7:00 am<br>8:30 am<br>7:00 pm   | All Souls<br>All Souls<br>All Souls   |
| <b>Thursday<br/>November 3</b>  | 7:00 am<br>8:30 am              | All Souls Novena<br>Christopher Gorka+ (38th Wedding Anniversary) by Nancy Gorka  |
| <b>Friday<br/>November 4</b>    | 7:00 am<br>8:30 am              | All Souls Novena<br>Irene & Francis McElroy+ by Lynne & Jim O'Connor  |
| <b>Saturday<br/>November 5</b>  | 7:00 am<br>8:30 am<br>5:00 pm   | All Souls Novena<br>Brian Keller+ by The Murphy Family<br>Geraldine "Geri" Smith+ by Al Smith   |
| <b>Sunday<br/>November 6</b>    | 8:00 am<br>10:00 am<br>12:00 pm | All Souls Novena/ For the People by The Parish<br>Frances Burgon Takacs+ (Birthday Anniversary) by Barbara Apgar<br>Nellie Roche+ by The Foley Family |




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

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

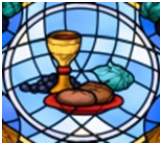


**Hospital Privacy** | Please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow hospitals/pastoral care offices to contact parishes. If you or a loved one are in the hospital and want a priest to visit, please call the IHM office at (908) 889-2100.

**Special Intentions for the week of October 30th - November 6th, 2022**



**Sanctuary Light**  
For the intention of:  
**Irene & Francis McElroy+**  
Requested by  
Lynne & Jim O'Connor




**Altar Bread & Wine**  
For the intention of:  
**Ted & Rose Schaffernoth+**  
Requested by  
Alice Schaffernoth



**Flowers for the Blessed Mother**  
In memory of:  
**Members of the Buscini & Barone Families+**  
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All Souls



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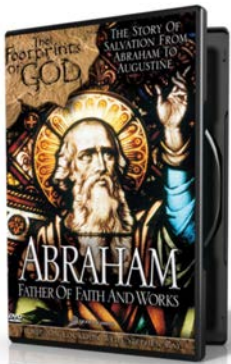


Recently, the students took an afternoon to play kick ball with the Academy Chaplain, Fr. Matthew Gonzalez. Future activities will include lunch from their favorite restaurants, more kickball or volleyball games, and movies. The students have also started taking their place as leaders in the school.

**PRAY FOR THE ALPHA TEAM FOR A SUCCESSFUL HOLY SPIRIT EXPERIENCE! GOOD LUCK! #TRYALPHA**



Our next Alpha season will begin shortly after the Holidays. We will announce those new session dates soon. In the meantime, Pre-Registration is available now at [www.ihmparish.net/alpha](http://www.ihmparish.net/alpha)



DVD Based Bible Study  
**Abraham: Father of Faith and Works**  
 3 week series starting  
**Monday November 7, 2022**  
 1:00 pm at The Nazareth Center  
 Followed by sessions on  
 Monday 11/14 and Monday 11/21  
 both 1:00 pm The Nazareth Center  
 Please contact Eileen Wagner if you would like to participate.  
 Call: 908-317-8554  
 Email: [eilwagner6466@aol.com](mailto:eilwagner6466@aol.com)



Congratulations to Jillian Miele, Ryan Matulonis, Alana Beardsley and Steve Prato! The parish staff has nominated them for the Archdiocesan Youth Discipleship Award! The awards will be presented at **Youth Ministry Recognition Day: Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 3:00 pm** (they usually ask that you arrive by 2:45 pm) Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica in Newark, NJ.

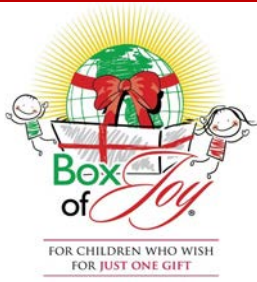


### PEE WEE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

November 4 @ 5pm: Magic vs Knicks | Lakers vs Heat @ 6pm: Storm vs Shock | Liberty vs Mystic  
November 11 @ 5pm: Storm vs Liberty | Knicks vs Lakers @ 6pm: Shock vs Mystic | Magic vs Heat  
November 18 @ 5pm: Magic vs Lakers | Knicks vs Heat @ 6pm: Storm vs Mystic | Shock vs Liberty  
November 25: NO GAMES TODAY (HAPPY THANKSGIVING!)

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

IHM Youth Ministry powered by BOLD! Sign-up for events @ [www.boldym.com/ihmsp/events](http://www.boldym.com/ihmsp/events)



### 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**

Camp Tecumseh in Pittstown, NJ  
 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: November 5 - November 6

| Saturday - Sunday | Lectors        | Extra-Ordinary Ministers        | Presider |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| 11/5<br>5:00pm    | Kathy Mitchell | Connie Boruch<br>David Boruch   | Fr. Mike |
| 11/6<br>8:00am    | Rich Banasiak  | Lou DiBella<br>Rich Wagner      | Fr. Val  |
| 11/6<br>10:00am   | Heba Fortunato | Dave Diken<br>Steve Prato       | Fr. Mike |
| 11/6<br>12:00pm   | Tracey Foley   | Carol Kiley<br>Diane McGuinness | Fr. Rob  |



### 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

### GOD'S GALLERY

Autumn skies painted with a background of gray blue, Touched with streaks of orange, yellow, and white. Oh to awake on a crisp autumn morning, To such a wonderful, Heavenly sight. God is a masterful artist, Painting warm colors on a canvas of trees, Shades of crimson red, orange, and golden yellow, Are the colors He paints autumn leaves. How lucky we are to be Blessed, To start each day with a wonderful creation. Landscapes painted with magnificent colors, Each one painted with God's creative imagination. God paints our world in a rainbow of colors, For all His children to enjoy and see. God's Gallery is open daily,  
To show His love for you and me.  
- Author Unknown

♥ We will have our special FUSED GLASS CRAFTING EVENT (Taught By Katie Wills) on **Tuesday, November 8th at 7PM** in the Nazareth Center. Reservations are required. We will 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 and payment. The links will be gold in color. Please send your registration checks, made payable to IHM Rosary Altar Society, in the amount of \$40 to Treasurer Alice Mansfield-Smith, 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark, NJ 07066 BY NOVEMBER 1st. Please call Janice Good-Piga 908-759-6729 with any questions.

♥ We have changed the date for the Annual Rosary Christmas Party & Mass to **Sunday, December 4th**. Mass will begin at NOON with the Party following at 1:00 PM. There will be a hot lunch, luscious desserts, music, and a raffle for gifts. Proceeds of the raffle will be given to The Missionaries Of Charity. Please register for the party by sending your \$15 check, payable to IHM Rosary Altar Society, to Treasurer Alice Mansfield-Smith, 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark, NJ 07066 by November 28th.

♥ Kindly mark your calendars for **Tuesday, January 10th, 2023** as we hold our Annual Winter Luncheon. Details to follow in the coming weeks. We will have this year's event at Max's Bistro in Scotch Plains. Maureen Pecoraro & Janice Good-Piga are Chairwomen of this event.

♥ We are so very grateful for your continued, most generous donations of women's & men's costume jewelry & gift bags for the children of St. Joseph's Social Services in Elizabeth to select, wrap & give to their special loved ones at Christmas. We will be able to accept your donations until December 5th. Kindly contact Janice Good-Piga 908-759-6729, with questions & donations. May God Bless you for your generosity.

♥ Our daily & weekly prayers continue for you and your loved ones. May your days be filled with God's warm embraces and may all of your special prayers be answered.

Wishing you a Blessed Week Ahead As You Enjoy God's Colorful Artistic Touches In Nature!!

♥ Janice

| Collection Report                            |  | October 23, 2022  |
|--|--|---|
| Weekly Budget Need:                          |  | \$11,200.00   |
| Collection:                                  |  | \$7,680.00  |
| Parish Giving:                               |  | \$3,115.57  |
| Surplus/(Deficit)                            |  | (404.43)  |
| <b>Fiscal Year to Date:</b>                  |  |   |
| Budget                                       |  | \$190,400.00  |
| Actual:                                      |  | \$183,756.52  |
| Surplus/(Deficit)                            |  | (6,643.48)  |
| <b>Rolling 4 Week Averages:</b>              |  |   |
| Average Collection:                          |  | \$11,326.34   |
| Average Surplus/(Deficit)                    |  | \$126.34  |
| <b>Annual Appeal</b> <small>the 2022</small> |  | Pledged to Date: Goal: \$67,107<br>\$66,795.14 99.54% of goal |

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

I have always found autumn to be a particularly appropriate season to observe the holidays of All Saints, and All Souls Day. Have you ever taken the time to reflect on what happens during the autumn? The days grow shorter, and the air grows crisp. The leaves begin to change color, and eventually fall. This happens with the trees because they have to prepare for winter. If the leaves were to remain on the trees, and the limbs failed to quicken with the drop in temperature, those trees would be crushed by the weight of snow, ice, and winter conditions. This is a great analogy for the interplay between All Saints and All Souls Day. On All Souls Day, we acknowledge all of the souls in purgatory. We are reminded to pray for the anonymous deceased who have gone before us, and await the day when the weight of their transgressions have been purged, so like the trees, they can be prepared for the unbearable love and light of Jesus Christ in Heaven. Our prayer prepared them to be in Jesus' presence. When we celebrate All Saints Day, we acknowledge that many more than those officially acknowledged by the Church are in Heaven. All the anonymous souls that have moved from purgatory to eternity are in joy and peace with Jesus. Beyond the named saints, we have reason to believe that plenty of our family and friends, and historical figures that loved and professed Jesus' name are in Heaven, and ready to intercede for us! This is a great sign of hope for all of us who seek sanctity, and redemption. This week, let us pray for all of the souls in purgatory, and to the anonymous saints in Heaven, for the peace of all those who have gone before us. God Bless and have a wonderful week!

[www.ihmparish.net/childrensfaithformation](http://www.ihmparish.net/childrensfaithformation)

| IHM EVENT CALENDER                         |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Sunday October 30</b>                   |   |
| 10:00am                                    | All Saints Celebration/Trunk or Treat     |
| 7:00pm                                     | BOLD Youth Group All Saints Costume Party |
| <b>Monday October 31: Halloween</b>        |   |
| <b>Tuesday November 1: All Saints Day</b>  |   |
| 7:30pm                                     | Spirituality Seminar on ZOOM              |
| <b>Wednesday November 2: All Souls Day</b> |   |
| 10:00am                                    | Food Pantry                               |
| 7:00pm                                     | All Souls Day Mass                        |
| <b>Thursday November 3</b>                 |   |
| 9:30am                                     | Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina on ZOOM    |
| 7:30pm                                     | Women's Prayer Group on ZOOM              |
| <b>Friday November 4</b>                   |   |
| 5:30pm                                     | Pee Wee Basketball                        |
| <b>Saturday November 5</b>                 |   |
| 9:30am                                     | Protecting God's Children Workshop        |
| <b>Sunday November 6</b>                   |   |
| 9:00am                                     | Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast     |
| 10:00am                                    | Thanksgiving Food Drive                   |
| 7:00pm                                     | BOLD Youth Group Box of Joy               |

*For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." Matthew 18:20*



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 [tefoleyihm@gmail.com](mailto:tefoleyihm@gmail.com) for the Zoom link. Prayer connects us all!



**CENTERING PRAYER/LECTIO DIVINA**

Every Thursdays from 9:30 - 10:45 am on Zoom. Reflection, Discussion, Meditation in the Mystic and Contemplative way of prayer. Call Phyllis at 908-264-7456 for information & the Zoom link.



The next LIVE meeting for the IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group will be **Saturday 11/12/22 at 7:30AM** in the church basement. Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, we're unsure when the November ZOOM session will be yet. We will keep you posted. Contact David at [dndiken@aol.com](mailto:dndiken@aol.com) for more info.



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