

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 13th, 2022

*The People of God called to form the Christian Community of*  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**



**“Do not be terrified;  
for such things  
must happen first.”**

LUKE 21:9

**MISSION STATEMENT**

“We reach out to all through prayer and service, as we live our Catholic faith in Christ with Mary.”

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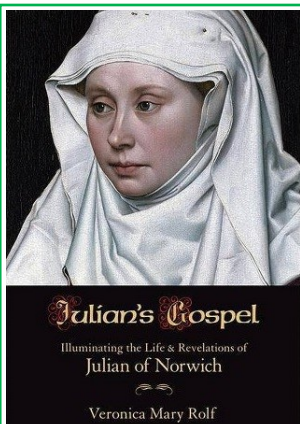


Mass will continue to Live Stream on Facebook and our website: [www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net)

**A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE**

The community of Thessalonica was expecting the coming of Christ in a very short time, and began, perhaps, to think to themselves, why work or put effort into many things when it will not matter soon. St. Paul reminds and encourages them to continue to work and to use the gifts and talents to help the community. When Christ is coming is not as important as the continued love of God and neighbor as shown through their support of one another, the use of God's gifts and giving praise and thanks for His wondrous love.

By not taking God's love and mercy for granted we can continue to develop our covenant relationship with Christ, allowing ourselves to grow in faith and trust in God's love and willingness to continue to share that love with one another.  
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).



**Thanks to everyone who helped make our All Souls' Remembrance Mass so lovely for the families who lost loved ones this year:**  
Fr. Mike, Gabe Lamberty, Katie Wills, Janice Good-Piga, Eileen Wagner, Rich Wagner, Jim Kelliher, Jean Naugle, Tracey Foley, and Pat Mazzucca.

If you missed the Mass, you can pick up the candle for your loved one in the Nazareth Center office during business hours.  
Thank you!

**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)**

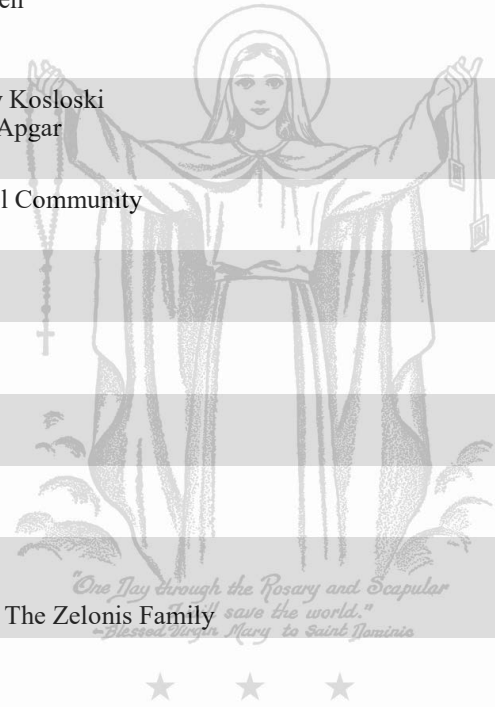
Saturday (Anticipated) 5:00 pm  
Sundays - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon  
Weekdays & Saturdays - 7:00 am and 8:30 am  
National Holidays - 9:00 am  
Holy Days - 7:00 am, 12:00 noon, 7:00 pm

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 November 13th - November 20th, 2022

<b>Saturday November 12</b>	7:00 am	Sr. Ann Sullivan, S.S.J.+ by Anne & Bob Wischusen
	8:30 am	Christopher O'Neil+ by Vivian O'Neil
	5:00 pm	For the People by The Parish
<b>Sunday November 13</b>	8:00 am	Margot & Bernhard Hinner+ by Martina & Stanley Kosloski
	10:00 am	Susan Mary Ruppert Birthday (living) by Barbara Apgar
	12:00 pm	James R. Kennedy+ by Eric Finley
<b>Monday November 14</b>	7:00 am	Sr. Ann Sullivan, S.S.J.+ by Union Catholic School Community
	8:30 am	Peg Katims+ by Ron Katims
<b>Tuesday November 15</b>	7:00 am	Marty Stab+ by The Chimento Family
	8:30 am	Tony Pace+ by The Hennessy Family
<b>Wednesday November 16</b>	7:00 am	Kevin Lavin+ by The Chimento Family
	8:30 am	Rosemary & Joe Pedro+ by The Pedro Family
<b>Thursday November 17</b>	7:00 am	Russ & Katie Wills (living) by Katie Wills
	8:30 am	AnnMarie Scudder+ by Al Smith
<b>Friday November 18</b>	7:00 am	Sr. Ann Sullivan, S.S.J.+ by Kathy Mitchell
	8:30 am	Helen O'Keefe+ by Marion & Marc Berger
<b>Saturday November 19</b>	7:00 am	Robert Piasecki+ by Anne Gibbons
	8:30 am	Andrew Bhaingare+ by Rekha Kulkarni
	5:00 pm	In loving memory of Julia & Anthony Zelonis+ by The Zelonis Family
<b>Sunday November 20</b>	8:00 am	Mary Graham+ by Jackie & Ed Hartnett
	10:00 am	For the People by The Parish
	12:00 pm	Theresa Harris+ by The Coughlan Family



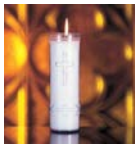
*Kindly keep our parishioner's family and friends, with health and other challenges, in your prayers*

John Allen	Edward Clark	Mary Foster	Maureen Lynch	Susan Rozborski	Daniel Ventura
Bernie Beck	William Consovoy	Michele Gamako	William Maines	Dolores Rust	Sr. Elizabeth
George Becker	Colm Cosgrove	Nicole Griffin	Jim Malfetti	Diana Scariati	Vermaelen
Mary Jane Bergen	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	
Matthew Cassio	Phyllis Fischer	Jillian Lapidus	Carmela Resnick	Phyllis Szeker	
Frank Chimento	Emily Fleming	Eileen Lynch	Marisol Rodriguez	Carole Ventre	



**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 November 13th - November 20th, 2022



### Sanctuary Light

For the intention of:  
**Jeanne Walsh+**  
Requested by  
Her Family



### Altar Bread & Wine

For the intention of:  
**Wedding Anniversary of  
Teresa & Louis Schmitt+**  
Requested by  
Mary Jane Bergen



### Flowers for the Blessed Mother

In memory of:  
**Emma & Richard Seery+**  
Requested by  
Betty Seery

## Remember Our Departed



Phyllis Biunno+



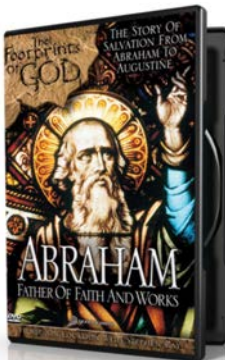
**CREATING SPACE FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**“COME HOLY SPIRIT!”**

Pray for the members who will be participating in this weekend’s Holy Spirit Experience. Pre-registration for the next season of Alpha is available for a limited time at [www.ihmparish.net/alpha](http://www.ihmparish.net/alpha)





We recently finished cleaning & weeding the IHM Food Pantry Garden for 2022. We had a decent year distributing over 2500 lbs of produce to the Food Pantry, as well as an additional 100lbs from other gardeners. This year’s bounty was less than last year primarily due to the excessive heat and a bad squirrel problem. Thank you for all who helped in this year, including the non-IHM gardeners. Donations are always needed. See you all in the spring!  
- Emil Manfredonia



DVD Based Bible Study  
**Abraham: Father of Faith and Works**  
3 week series continues 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)

**IHM Gardeners:** Chris Dill, Heba Fortunato, Kate Franciscus, Kathy Mitchell, Mary F. Mahony, Pat Regal, Stephanie Zelonis, Michelle Gardella, Paul Cassidy, Geraldine Keogh, Dan Kelly, Kate Wills. **Non-IHM Gardeners:** Barbara Fay, Patty Martin, Lou Cantagallo



**PEE WEE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

November 18 @ 5pm: Magic vs Lakers | Knicks vs Heat @ 6pm: Storm vs Mystic | Shock vs Liberty  
November 25: NO GAMES TODAY (HAPPY THANKSGIVING!)  
December 2 @ 5pm: Boys Playoffs @6pm: Girls Playoffs  
December 8 @ 5pm: Boys Pee Wee Basketball Finals @6pm: Girls Pee Wee Basketball Finals

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

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**SERVICE OPP: Friendsgiving ~Outreach to the lonely in our Community~**  
All Saints' Episcopal Church and Immaculate Heart of Mary will be hosting a "family style" dinner for those who do not have a Thanksgiving table to sit at. We will be serving turkey and all the fixings and dining together just like family! All you need to do is RSVP as we give thanks for each other. High School Teens are invited to join us for Friendsgiving with the lonely in our Community.

All Saints Episcopal Church, 559 Park Ave. Scotch Plains.  
**Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 2:00pm**  
PLEASE RSVP AT [BOLDYM.COM/IHMSP/EVENTS](http://BOLDYM.COM/IHMSP/EVENTS) BY NOVEMBER 16!



**SAVE THE DATES!**

~IHM Youth Ministry Events for 7th & 8th Graders~  
▶ **SERVICE NIGHT: Sunday, January 29** (7:00-8:30pm)  
▶ **LOCK-IN: Friday, April 28 - Saturday, April 29** (8:30pm-8:30am)  
Questions? Contact Rachael Flanagan, Coordinator of Youth Ministry at [ihmsp@boldym.com](mailto:ihmsp@boldym.com) or call / text (908) 280-2893

## Minister Assignments: November 19 - November 20

Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
11/19 5:00pm	Jim Brennan	Chris Haight Jack Haight	Fr. Rob
11/20 8:00am	Colm Keogh	Rich Banasiak Ed Sullivan	Fr. Val
11/20 10:00am	MaryKate Schiller	Heba Fortunato Steve Prato	Fr. Rob
11/20 12:00pm	Carol Kiley	Regina O'Connor Eileen Wagner	Fr. Mike

**Attention Lectors! Pick up your workbooks in the Sacristy after Mass!**



### 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](mailto:office@ihmparish.net)

**Religious Education:** [faithformation@ihmparish.net](mailto: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](http://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

### FAITH

Often your tasks will be many, More than you think you can do. Often the road will be rugged,  
And the hills insurmountable too. Always remember the hills ahead, Are never as steep as they seem, And with faith in your heart, start upward, And climb 'til you reach your dreams.  
For nothing in life that is worthy, is ever too hard to achieve.  
If you have the courage to try, And you have the faith to Believe. Faith is a force that is greater, Than any knowledge or power or skill, And many defeats turn to triumph,  
If you trust in God's wisdom and will. For Faith is a mover of mountains, There is nothing that God cannot do,  
So start out today with faith in your heart, And climb until your dreams come true.

- Author Unknown

- ♥ Thank you to Katie Wills for leading our wonderful Fused Glass Jewelry Design Event on November 8th and thanks to Mary Anne Sopko & Janice Good-Piga for coordinating the event. It was a great artistic evening.
- ♥ We look forward to having you join us for our Annual Rosarian Mass & Christmas Party on **Sunday, December 4th**. The Mass will be at Noon & The Party will begin at 1:00pm in The Nazareth Center. Kindly reserve your place by sending you check for \$15 to Treasurer Alice Mansfield-Smith, 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark, NJ, 07066. We will also have a special raffle with donations to benefit the Missionaries Of Charity.
- ♥ Our final costume jewelry collections for the children of St. Joseph's Social Services in Elizabeth to select a special jewelry item, wrap it, and give it at Christmas to their Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, or other significant loved one (even Dad's) will be collected by Sunday, December 4th. Please contact Janice Good-Piga 908-759-6729 with your donations or questions. May God continue to Bless you all for your overwhelming generosity.
- ♥ Kindly mark your calendars for **Tuesday, January 10th** for our Annual Winter Luncheon. We will have the event at Max's Bistro in downtown Scotch Plains. Details to follow in the coming weeks.
- ♥ Our daily & weekly prayers continue for you and your loved ones. May your days be filled with God's loving embraces & may all of your special prayers be answered. Wishing you a Blessed Week Ahead.

♥ Janice



The Women's Prayer Group will gather on **Thursday December 1 at 7:30pm** via Zoom. The topic will be "Elizabeth & Zechariah: The Parents of John the Baptist". Email [tefoleyihm@gmail.com](mailto:tefoleyihm@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.



### 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 announced after the Thanksgiving holiday. For more info contact [dndiken@aol.com](mailto:dndiken@aol.com)

Previously we have reported our weekly collection "need" to reflect what we submitted in our budget to the Archdiocese. However, this number does not give us a balanced budget. So moving forward, we revised our target to balance our budget:

Collection Report	Nov. 6, 2022
Weekly Target (Mass + Parish Giving)	\$12,558.00
Total Collection:	\$15,053.10
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$2,495.10

Fiscal Year to Date:	
Budget	\$238,602.00
Actual:	\$206,873.17
Surplus/(Deficit)	(31,728.83)

Rolling 4 Week Averages:	
Average Collection:	\$11,532.02
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,025.99)

This increase in need (from \$11,200 to \$12,558) would balance our budget. However, our true "stretch" target, where we would balance PLUS pay back our debt to the Archdiocese in 3 years (for healthcare, insurance, assessment) would be \$14,274. In this scenario, the deficit for last week's collection is \$6,210.45, and fiscal year to date is \$65,077.93.

<b>Annual Appeal</b> <small>the 2022</small>	Pledged to Date:	Goal: \$67,107
	\$66,795.14	99.54% of goal

*"Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Luke 12:33-34*

## IHM EVENT CALENDER

### Sunday November 13

10:00am Food Pantry Sunday

### Monday November 14

1:00pm DVD Bible Study: Abraham  
7:00pm Confirmation Prep Session 1 (Gr.8)  
7:30pm Alpha Experience 8

### Tuesday November 15

7:00pm Rosary Altar Board Meeting

### Wednesday November 16

10:00am Food Pantry  
7:00pm Finance Council  
7:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting  
8:00pm Choir Practice

### Thursday November 17

9:30am Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina on ZOOM  
7:00pm Men's Cornerstone Meeting  
7:00pm Wisdom & Wealth: Establishing a Legacy Seminar

### Friday November 18

5:30pm Pee Wee Basketball  
6:30pm 1st Communion Parents Meeting on Zoom

### Saturday November 19

9:00am Alpha Holy Spirit Experience

### Sunday November 20

10:00am Faith Formation Thanksgiving Gathering  
1:00pm Wisdom & Wealth: Establishing a Legacy Seminar  
2:00pm Community Thanksgiving Dinner @ St Episcopal

**A Message from John McGuire:** The expectation of our Families of Faith participants is that they should be attending Mass every week during the year. It is important to learn about the faith through texts, and conversations, and special events, but separated from our broader community, something is lacking from the experience of faith formation. That is why I appreciate when members of our community are particularly welcoming of our families when they do make it back for Mass. It is much easier to fall out of a good pattern, than it is to develop a new one. When we become self conscious about missing Mass or going to confession, the shame surrounding that can really put up a barrier to resuming that good practice. Next Sunday, November 20th, no matter what Mass they normally attend, we are making a big push for Summer Families of Faith and Fall/Spring Families of Faith to attend the 10:00 am Mass, followed by a formation experience. In a special way, I would like to ask you to be particularly welcoming, and positive with people that you see there, that you don't see every week.

As a community, it is all of our responsibility to act as a community for each other. To evangelize each other, and to be a Church family. When we see the parish as a place for prayer, socialization, and service, it becomes a more important part of our lives. This week, I would like to ask you to pray for our Families of Faith, that they might continue to participate, and grow even closer to Jesus. You might be surprised with how this practice, and the presence of our families, might just help you to grow in faith, and how their spiritual gifts might uplift our entire community. God Bless and have a wonderful week.

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



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