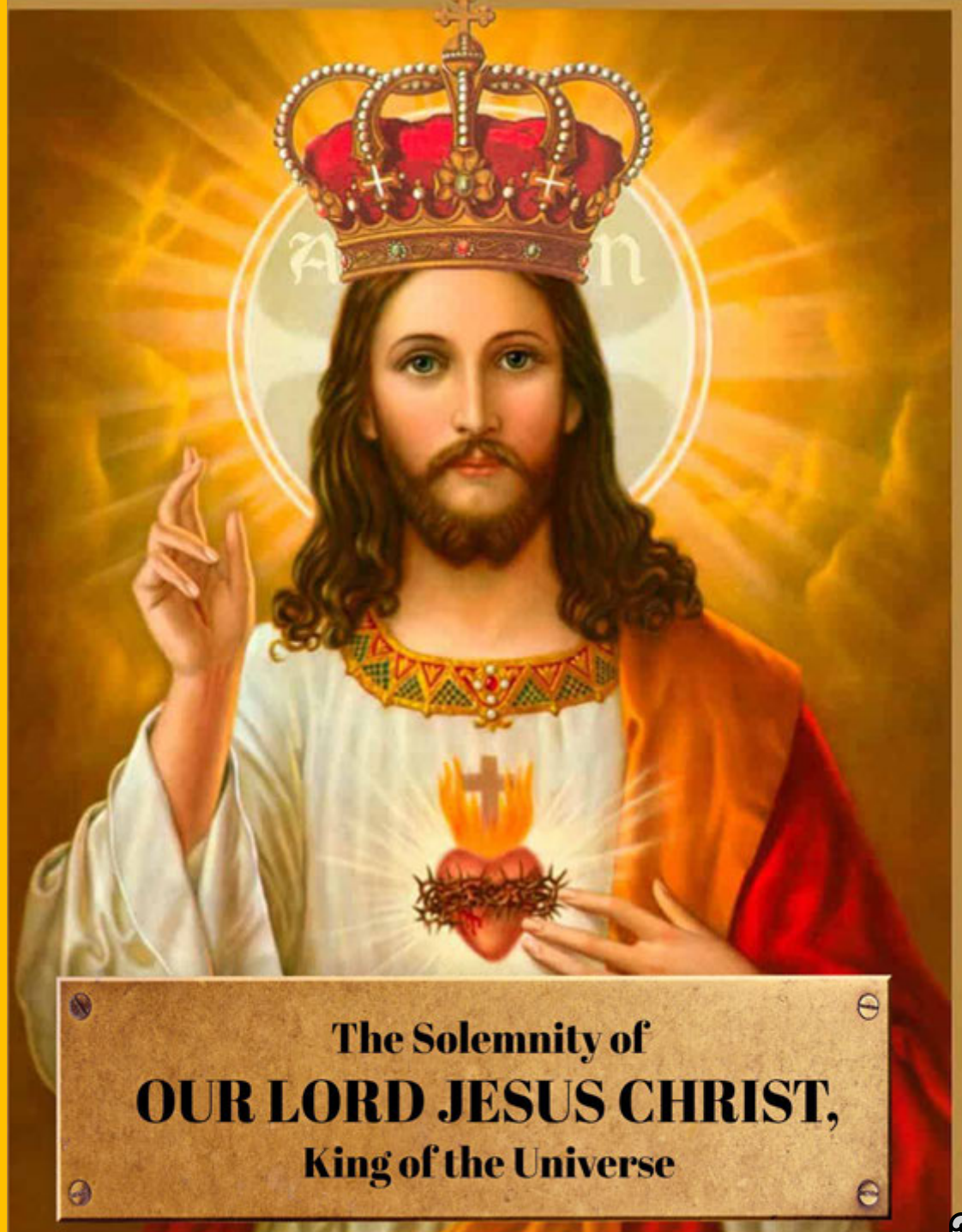


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Mass will continue to Live Stream on Facebook and our website: [www.ihmparish.net](http://www.ihmparish.net)

**A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE**

The road to Christ’s Kingship was through the cross. It is a road of sacrifice and suffering, not of comfort and wealth. Our Gospel today makes this clear. It is a reminder to each of us that to fulfill our baptismal call to participate in the mission of Christ means that we must also die to ourselves so that we can rise to new life in the service of God and neighbor, and so enter into the Glory of God’s Kingdom. The two criminals crucified with Jesus are, in a sense, invited into a relationship with Jesus, into the reality of the cross. One denies that invitation, thinking only of himself, that Jesus could save his life. The other takes up the invitation by seeking a closer and more profound relationship with Christ in His kingdom. We are always given the same invitation. Do we choose the closer more profound and saving relationship with Christ or do we think only of what he can do for us at the moment?



Peace, Fr. Mike



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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).

**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)**

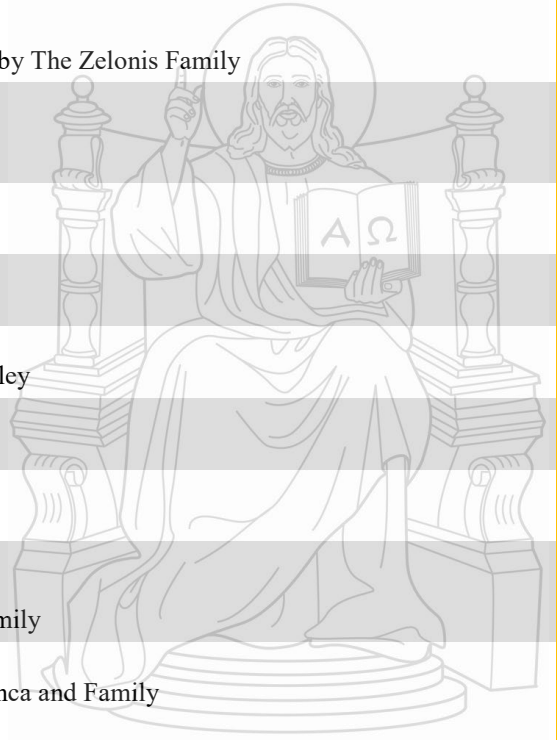
Saturday (Anticipated) 5:00 pm  
Sundays - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon  
Weekdays & Saturdays - 7:00 am and 8:30 am  
National Holidays - 9:00 am  
Holy Days - 7:00 am, 12:00 noon, 7:00 pm

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 20th - November 27th, 2022

<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
<b>Monday November 21</b>	7:00 am	Jeanette Chimento+ by The Chimento Family
	8:30 am	Anthony Pace Jr.+ by Anne Gibbons
<b>Tuesday November 22</b>	7:00 am	Robert Vicente+ by The Chimento Family
	8:30 am	Victims of Abortion+ by Mary Beth Winsor
<b>Wednesday November 23</b>	7:00 am	Bob Piasecki+ by Karen & Joe Schurtz
	8:30 am	William Check (living) by Patricia & James Feeley
<b>Thursday November 24</b>	7:00 am	Brian Keller+ by The Murphy Family
	8:30 am	Anthony Pace+ by Helen Piasecki
<b>Friday November 25</b>	7:00 am	Michael Thompson+ by Barbara & Bill Apgar
	8:30 am	Sacred Heart of Jesus+ by Mary Beth Winsor
<b>Saturday November 26</b>	7:00 am	Erich Karl Wirth+ by The Varela Family
	8:30 am	Giovanni Romeo+ by Fran & George Buzzanca
	5:00 pm	Mary & Thomas Browne+ by The Hennessy Family
<b>Sunday November 27</b>	8:00 am	For the People by The Parish
	10:00 am	Mary Sylvia DiBella+ by Fran & George Buzzanca and Family
	12:00 pm	Ron Jotz+ by The Lundgren Family



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

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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 20th - November 27th, 2022



**Sanctuary Light**  
For the intention of:  
**Frank & Margarita+**  
Requested by  
Marie Tango



**Altar Bread & Wine**  
For the intention of:  
**Dorothy Foulks+**  
Requested by  
The Lundgren Family



**Flowers for the Blessed Mother**  
In Thanksgiving to Our Blessed  
Mother and St. Jude for many  
blessings received+  
Requested by  
Betty & Tony Perfilio

**Remember  
Our Departed**



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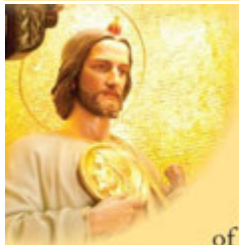
**Meanwhile, at St. Barts Academy...** Dr. Seuss once wrote, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Ms. DeMatos' middle school literature and writing classes are bringing that quote to life. Writing isn't just for classwork! The 7th and 8th graders are also having fun writing essays for contests and persuasive letters. 8th grade students are entering the Patriot's Pen Competition, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. This year's essay prompt is "Why I appreciate America's Veterans". Seventh grade students each picked a candy company and wrote a persuasive letter suggesting a new type of candy. Watch this space for our winners and maybe a new candy!



**College Age Retreat—January 6-8, 2023**

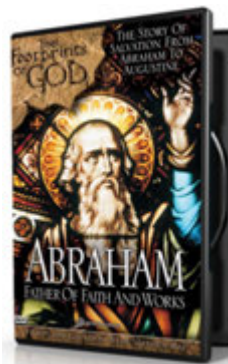
**Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May NJ**

This retreat is designed to bring young people together of college age (17-22). So whether you are in college or working, come join us to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and to meet new friends. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun! Cost is \$145 per person. Financial Aid is available. Register at [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) or call 609-884-3829



**St. Jude Prayer of Thanksgiving**

I receive the gifts of God with a grateful spirit. St. Jude, help me to see the blessings that surround me and give me life. I offer you my prayer of thanksgiving. Give me the grace to be ever thankful for the love and mercy of God and the gift of life each day. May this gratitude inspire me to give generously in all ways to others. Be with me now, St. Jude. Linger with me in gratitude, and let thanks fill my heart, washing away all pain and trouble. May I desire nothing except to be in your presence, walking with you in the world to spread hope, love and thanksgiving among all of God's children. Amen.



**DVD Based Bible Study  
Abraham: Father of Faith and Works**

3 week series concludes on **Monday 11/21** at 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)



**PEE WEE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

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)**

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



- ▶ **Friday, December 2 (7-8:30pm): Family Advent Night!**  
We will be assembling Care Packages during this night for College kids! Sign up to contribute items to the Care Packages at [boldym.com/ihmsp/events](http://boldym.com/ihmsp/events)
- ▶ **Sunday, December 11 (7-8:30pm): High School Youth Ministry CHRISTMAS PARTY!**
  - ▶ **Sunday, December 18 (1-3pm): Living Nativity** (and other surprises!) Looking for TEENS to dress up as Mary, Joseph, Magi, Shepherds, etc and interact with LIVE animals for this INCREDIBLE event. (Parishioners / Families - You will not want to miss this!)  
**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 26 - November 27

Saturday - Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider
11/26 5:00pm	Janice Good Piga	Dan Kelly John Torzewski	Fr. Mike
11/27 8:00am	Ed Sullivan	Karen Schwaneberg Rich Wagner	Fr. Rob
11/27 10:00am	Jane McClellan	Jason McCann David Diken	Fr. Mike
11/27 12:00pm	Regina O'Connor	Carol Kiley Diane McGuinness	Fr. Val

**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

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## Rosary Altar Society News

### A PRAYER AT THANKSGIVING

Thank you God for this Thanksgiving Day. God Bless each of us with love, joy and hope. And memories of those that have gone away. Thank you to our fore fathers for our religious freedom. For bravely crossing the water to a new land.

So that we can worship freely as we seek God's kingdom.

Thank you God for my wonderful friends and family.

For the sunshine they bring to my life. And the love and support they each give to me. Thank you God for your Son that died for our sins. For your unconditional Love to each of us. And for answering our prayers again and again.

Dear God, please bless each of us this Thanksgiving day.

Bless this bounty of food, friends, and family.

And bless each of us with memories that time can't take away.

- Author Unknown

♥ 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 your check for \$15 (for Rosarians) and \$30 (for non-Rosarians) to Treasurer Alice Mansfield-Smith, 3 Kennedy Drive, Clark, NJ 07066 by November 30th. We will have special gift raffles with donations to benefit The Missionaries Of Charity.

♥ Thank you to our Rosary Board Members for the wonderful participation at our November 15th meeting.

♥ Our final costume jewelry collections for the children of St. Joseph's Social Services in Elizabeth to select a special jewelry item or items, wrap them, and give it/them to that special Mother, Aunt, Grandmother, Father, Uncle or Grandfather at Christmas will be by **Sunday December 4th**. Your overwhelming generosity is heartwarming and please know that you will bring Christmas joy to so many in great need. May God Bless you for your kindness.

♥ Kindly mark your calendars for **Tuesday, January 10th** for our Annual Winter Luncheon. We will have the upcoming event at Max's Bistro in downtown Scotch Plains. Details to follow after Thanksgiving.

♥ Our daily & weekly prayers continue for you and your families. May God's Love & Blessings shine on you each and every day. Wishing you and your loved ones the blessings & joys of a Happy Thanksgiving. May your tables be filled with delectable dishes and your hearts be filled with gratitude for the many blessings that we all have in our lives.

♥ 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 meeting for the IHM Men's Scripture & Discussion Group will be **Wednesday November 30 at 7:00 pm on Zoom**. For more info contact David at [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. 13, 2022
Weekly Target (Mass + Parish Giving)	\$12,558.00
Total Collection:	\$10,695.80
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,862.20)

Fiscal Year to Date:	
Budget	\$251,160.00
Actual:	\$217,568.97
Surplus/(Deficit)	(33,591.03)

Rolling 4 Week Averages:	
Average Collection:	\$11,152.01
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,406.00)

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.

**Annual Appeal** <sup>in 2022</sup> We did it! Thank you! \$67,170.14 **Goal: \$67,107 100% of goal!**

*"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

## IHM EVENT CALENDER

### Sunday November 20

10:00am Faith Formation Thanksgiving Gathering  
 11:00am Prayer Shawl Meeting  
 1:00pm Wisdom & Wealth: Establishing a Legacy Seminar  
 2:00pm Community Thanksgiving Dinner @ All Saints

### Monday November 21

1:00pm DVD Bible Study: Abraham  
 7:30pm Alpha Experience 9

### Tuesday November 22

7:15pm Julian of Norwich Seminar on Zoom

### Wednesday November 23

10:00am Food Pantry  
 8:00pm Choir Practice

### Thursday November 24: Thanksgiving Day

All Day Office & Adoration Chapel Closed

### Friday November 25

All Day Office & Adoration Chapel Closed

### Saturday November 26

### Sunday November 27: 1st Sunday of Advent



**A Message from John McGuire:** On the fourth Thursday of every November we celebrate a national feast called Thanksgiving. What is served at that feast is determined by each family, and their personal traditions. However, one thing is generally held in common, that we all give thanks for our blessings. The idea of sharing a meal and giving thanks is by no means an invention of the New World. During the Passover Seder, Jewish people take part in the thousands of years old meal giving thanks for God's saving actions to free their people from Israel. I won't go too deep into the details, but at this meal the people gather together, share a meal, and give thanks for God's saving actions. What is unique to this practice is they do not simply remember the first Passover, they participate in it. It might be surprising to consider this, but the Last Supper would have been a Seder meal. Jesus with His followers shared a meal, and gave thanks. As they shared the meal together, they would have an understanding that they were taking part in the original Passover meal. So when Jesus said to continue this meal in His memory, the people He was addressing would draw the connection to the Passover meal. So whenever we gather for Mass for a weekday, Sunday, or Holy Day of Obligation, we are sharing a meal, giving thanks, and participating in the same sacrifice that Jesus had shared with His Disciples. Every Eucharist is a meal and offering of thanks, that truly connects us with Jesus in the same way that He did with His early followers. So while we can enjoy the celebration of Thanksgiving with our family, and should, we acknowledge that our greatest giving thanks or Eucharist takes place in Church, and is shared with our even larger family, the Church that first gathered for the Eucharist at the Last Supper and continues to do so today. This week, as we prepare to celebrate with our families, let us give thanks for the great sacrament of the Altar the Eucharist. God Bless and have a wonderful holiday.  
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