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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Fifth
SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 8, 2026
IN ORDINARY TIME



AT
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH



I'M NEW!

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY – February 7 5PM	+KIRA CARLTON – FROM MARILYN AFFINITO +MICHAEL SZEWCZYK – FROM THE SZEWCZYK FAMILY +IN LOVING MEMORY OF FRANK FRANCELLA – FROM JANINE SCOTT
SUNDAY – February 8 8AM	-INTENTION FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
10:30AM	+DAVID GMYREK – FROM BARBARA AND TOM CONN
12:00PM	+PATRICIA M. WILMOT – FROM LAURA GUSTAD
MONDAY – February 9 8:30AM	-INTENTION FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
TUESDAY – February 10 8:30AM	-INTENTION FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
WEDNESDAY – February 11 8:30AM	-INTENTION FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
THURSDAY – February 12 8:30AM	+EUGENE AND GLADYS TIONGCO – FROM THE HANLEY FAMILY
FRIDAY – February 13 8:30AM	-INTENTION FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SATURDAY – February 14 5PM	+WILLIAM CROSBY – FROM BARBARA SELIX
SUNDAY – February 15 8AM	+JOE TOMASZEK – FROM CHRISTINE AND TOM BALDYGA
10:30AM	-INTENTION FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
12:00PM	-INTENTION FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Welcome to IHM parish!

We're happy to have you here. If you're new, don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 973-694-3400 to learn more about our Parish and register formally. Alternatively, you can fill out registration information online at ihmwaynenj.org/im-new.



Find our parish on social media @ihmwayne



ONLINE GIVING

For your convenience, you can now use your Bank Account or Credit Card to manage your church giving. Go to ihmwaynenj.org and click on "Your Gift" or scan with your phone QR code.



HOW DO I GET A MASS CARD?

The dedication of a Mass is a special way to express support, sympathy, and care for the ill and the deceased. The Catholic Church has a long-standing tradition of commemorating and praying for those who have passed during the liturgy, mentioning their names in the Prayer of the Faithful. Our parish offers a variety of Mass intention schedules.

You are invited to visit or reach out to the parish office to arrange a Mass intention. For online requests, please head to our website at www.ihmwaynenj.org/mass-card if you wish to have a Mass offered for your loved one.

A SINGLE MASS INTENTION DONATION IS \$20.00

PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR OTHER TYPES OF INTENTIONS

PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for the souls of the departed members of the Parish.

PRAYER FOR HEALING



Please remember the sick and homebound of our parish family in your prayers during this week:

Ruth Semeraro and Adam Verchinski

When requested, names will be included on the "Prayers for the Sick" list for four weekends. Please let us know if you would like the name added again or if someone's name can be removed sooner.



February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10 | 1 Cor 2:1-5 | Mt 5:13-16

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

My understanding of prayer changed when I read St. Teresa of Calcutta's statement that says, "I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things." Prayer is not an incantation that can change the will of God. It is the act of raising our hearts and minds to God, and of opening ourselves — our will, our understanding, our joys, and our sorrows — to be sanctified. The prophet Isaiah seems to be saying something similar in the first reading. He lists off the commands of the Lord to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and shelter the homeless, and then tells the faithful that if they do these things, "then your light shall break forth like the dawn." We certainly serve those who are vulnerable because each person has immeasurable dignity and deserves to be cared for as a child of God. But the act of caring for another also changes us. We are made more fully into who we were created to be — not an individual living in isolation, but one who is deeply connected in community to the rest of humankind.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

An act of service, then, is much bigger than simply donating money or giving of our time. In caring for our neighbor, we proclaim God's goodness to a world in darkness, bearing witness to the love of God which is the source of all our actions. In the Gospel, Christ calls his followers to be "the light of the world," reminding us that he wants to shine his light through us. But we are not the source of the light. Even when we are the ones serving, we still remain only the vessel the true light shines through. When we love others, we are changed because we allow ourselves to be conformed more closely to Christ, allowing others to encounter his love in our actions.

SERVE

The corporal works of mercy are to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. This is not a list meant to overwhelm, but rather to provide opportunities to care for God's children. What act of service can you and your family engage in this week to allow the light of Christ to shine through you?



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Please remember the needs of our parish ministry when making your weekly offering. Thank you for all you do to enable the Gospel to touch the lives of God's people.

COLLECTION: January 25 & February 1st, 2026

Church: \$6371 Online: \$4585 **Total: \$ 10956**

Each week, our parish must collect \$8,000 to meet essential monthly expenses, including utilities, insurance, and staff salaries. This support is not optional—it is necessary for keeping our parish open and functioning.

If you are unable to attend Mass in person, please do not let your weekly support lapse. We urgently ask you to continue your offertory by using Parish Giving online or by mailing your weekly contribution directly to the parish office. Every week matters, and every gift makes a difference. Your timely and consistent support is vital to sustaining the life and mission of our parish. Thank you for responding generously and promptly to this need.



LECTOR SCHEDULE

Lector Scheduling
Robert Barwick
rbarwick@barwickgroup.com

February 7-8 Saturday 5PM
 Sunday 8AM
 10:30AM
 12PM

Anna Barwick
 Evan Covello
 Maureen Machado
 Phyllis Duke

February 14-15 Saturday 5PM
 Sunday 8AM
 10:30AM
 12PM

Rich Heckelmann
 Bill O'Brien
 Maureen Machado
 Sebastian Fabian



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February 7-8 Saturday 5PM
 Sunday 8AM
 10:30AM
 12PM

Carol M.
 Michael F.
 Jess Powers
 Carol C.

February 14-15 Saturday 5PM
 Sunday 8AM
 10:30AM
 12PM

Monica Lee
 Voinov
 Caroline D.
 Carol C.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is in need of volunteers with a variety of skills. You can usually schedule your volunteer commitments at your own convenience. Right now, we're looking for help with religious education teachers and assistants, ushers, lectors, eucharistic ministers, choir members, and people who can contribute specific skills in graphic arts, event planning, and building and construction.

If you're interested in volunteering, give the parish office a call at **973-694-3400**.



Offering intention for Mass
 (Mass Card? What is it?)

DEDICATION OF A MASS

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DIFFERENT TYPES OF MASS INTENTIONS

Singular Mass \$20

If you would like a Mass said for a deceased person, for a special need or occasion, or in thanksgiving, we are honored to pray with you for your intention.

Novena Mass Series \$130

This series includes nine Masses celebrated consecutively. A Novena is an act of religious devotion originating in ancient Christianity, often consisting of private or public prayers repeated for nine successive days, hoping to obtain special intercessory graces.

Gregorian Mass Series \$450

The Gregorian series of Masses are celebrated over 30 consecutive days. **The Masses must be offered ONLY for one deceased person.** As you can appreciate, we need extra time to arrange these Masses.

GREGORIAN MASS SERIES

Gregorian Masses are a series of Holy Masses traditionally offered on 30 consecutive days as soon as possible after a person's death. They are offered for one individual soul. The custom of offering Gregorian Masses for a particular soul recognizes that few people are immediately ready for heaven after death, and that, through the infinite intercessory power of Christ's sacrifice, made present in Holy Mass, a soul can be continually perfected in grace and enabled to enter finally into the union with the Most Holy Trinity – our God, Who is Love Itself.

Gregorian Masses take their name from Saint Gregory the Great, who was sovereign Pontiff from 590 to 604. St. Gregory the Great contributed to the spread of the pious practice of having these Masses celebrated for the deliverance of the souls from purgatory. In his Dialogues, he tells us that he had Masses on thirty consecutive days offered for the repose of the soul of Justus, a monk who had died in the convent of St. Andrew in Rome. At the end of the thirtieth Mass, the deceased appeared to one of his fellow monks and announced that he had been delivered from the flames of Purgatory.

HOW DO I GET A MASS CARD OR MASS INTENTION?

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Bible Study Experience



PARTICIPANTS WILL DISCOVER WHAT IT MEANS
TO FOLLOW CHRIST THROUGH SCRIPTURE,
PRAYER, AND COMMUNITY. JOIN US AS WE
EXPLORE AND EMBRACE OUR FAITH TOGETHER
IN A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT.

Season II - Weekly Topics:

WEEK 1 (FEB. 10, 2026)

ENCOUNTER: WHEN JESUS MEETS US WHERE WE ARE
GOSPEL OF JOHN 1:35-39

WEEK 2 (FEB. 17, 2026)

TRUST: FOLLOWING WITHOUT HAVING ALL THE
ANSWERS
GOSPEL OF LUKE 5:1-11

WEEK 3 (FEB. 24, 2026)

MERCY: JESUS SEES BEYOND THE OBVIOUS
GOSPEL OF MARK 2:1-12

WEEK 4 (MAR. 3, 2026)

COMMITMENT: CHOOSING CHRIST DAILY
GOSPEL OF LUKE 9:23-25

WEEK 5 (MAR. 10, 2026)

IDENTITY: WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?
GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 16:13-16

PIZZA AND PRAYER



High school teen, dive deeper into the Lenten Season with BOLD!
Join us for a night of pizza, prayer, games & fellowship.

Sunday, February 22nd | 7:00 - 8:30 PM
IHM Meeting Room

Please RSVP at boldym.com/IHM/events and
bring \$5 to help offset the cost of the night.

Questions about BOLD? Contact Lisa Valentino
at IHM@boldym.com or 973-988-3428



BOLD 8 MIDDLE

Come hang out with us for an
awesome night of

PRAYER, PIZZA + DODGEBALL!

All in Middle School

Friday, February 20th | 7:00-8:30 PM

Meet in the Church

This is a great chance to slow down, pray together,
and have a blast with friends.

Please RSVP at boldym.com/IHM/events and bring
\$5 to help offset the cost of the night.
Volunteers needed to lead Stations of the Cross!

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WHERE AND WHEN?
IHM LOWER MEETING ROOM
BEGINNING TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 10, 2026, AT 6 PM

*Join us for a transformative
experience.*

Grow deeper in faith, encounter

Christ personally, and share

*fellowship with others seeking a
closer walk with God. Bring your*

Bible and a friend!



From the Pastor's Desk

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today's readings speak quietly but powerfully about visibility—not the kind that draws attention to ourselves, but the kind that allows God's light to be seen through us.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us plainly: "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:13–16). Notice what He does not say. He does not say, "Try to become salt" or "Work hard to earn the light." He says, you are. By our baptism, by our belonging to Christ, this is already our identity.

Salt does not exist for itself. It disappears into food so that flavor emerges. Light does not draw attention to the lamp, but to what it illuminates. In the same way, Christian discipleship is not about being noticed, applauded, or admired. It is about quietly making a difference—preserving goodness, revealing truth, warming hearts, and guiding others toward God. The first reading from Isaiah reminds us that this light is not abstract or symbolic. It becomes real through concrete acts of mercy: feeding the hungry, sheltering the poor, caring for the afflicted. When faith remains only private or theoretical, it dims. When faith moves our hands and feet, it shines.

Saint Paul, writing to the Corinthians, reinforces this humility. He does not rely on eloquence or persuasion, but on the power of God made visible through weakness and simplicity. The light of Christ shines brightest not through perfection, but through sincerity.

This coming week includes National Pizza Day (February 9)—a simple, almost playful reminder that it's often the smallest ingredients that make the biggest difference. Salt, used well, transforms everything. So do small acts of kindness, patience, forgiveness, and service offered quietly in love.

The world does not need louder Christians. It needs brighter ones.

Reflection Questions for the Week

- Where in my daily life is God inviting me to be "salt"—quietly improving what is around me?
- Am I hiding my faith out of fear, comfort, or habit?
- What small act of mercy could I intentionally practice this week?
- Do my words and actions point others toward Christ—or toward myself?

Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus,

You call me light even when I feel dim and uncertain.

Help me to live my faith simply and sincerely,

so that others may see not me, but You.

Make my life a quiet witness to Your love.

Amen.

In Christ, *Fr. Matt*



IHM Weekly Homily
is on Spotify!

Echoes from the Heart



& TRICKY TRAY!

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

FAMILY BEEFSTEAK

Join us for the 2026 IHM Family Beefsteak & Tricky Tray. Step into an evening of community warmth and support at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

DINNER INCLUDES:

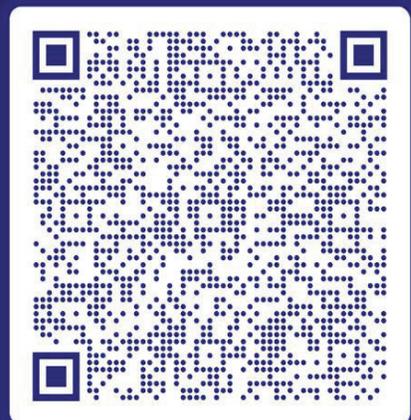
- Delicious beefsteak dinner including: Salad, Pasta, French Fries, Sliced Beef Tenderloin, dipped in hot butter and served on sliced French Bread, Coffee, Tea, Dessert and Soft Beverages (BYOB).
- Exciting tricky tray raffle with unique items
- Music and Dancing

Your participation helps us enhance our outreach and strengthen our community bonds. Come share in faith, fellowship, and fun.

Tickets are just \$60 for adults and \$35 for Children under 12.

FEBRUARY 13, 2026

7:00 PM IN IHM GYM



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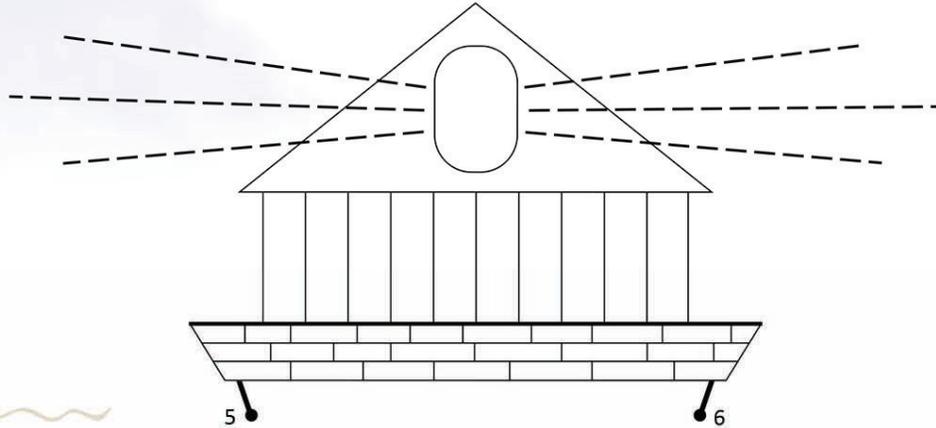
Gospel Today

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus says let your good deeds shine on others like a light shining out in the darkness.

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Your light must shine
before others, that
they may see your
good deeds and glorify
your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:16

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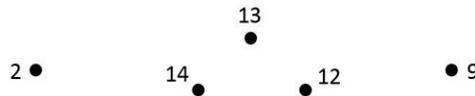
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Follow the dots 1-15.

What do you see?

Do you have a favorite lighthouse?
They shine every day to aid sailors,
even during cold winter nights.

Color the lighthouse shining bright.
What good work can you do to help
others, while "shining bright" and
glorifying Jesus?



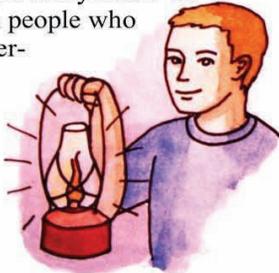


You are the Salt and Light!

Jesus says we are the salt of the earth. Have you ever tasted food that wasn't salty enough? It can taste pretty bland. But do you notice when food has the right amount of salt? Usually we don't think about it. It's kind of hiding in the food and making it taste good. Jesus wants us to be like the "salt" in the world, with the goodness and truth that He gives us.

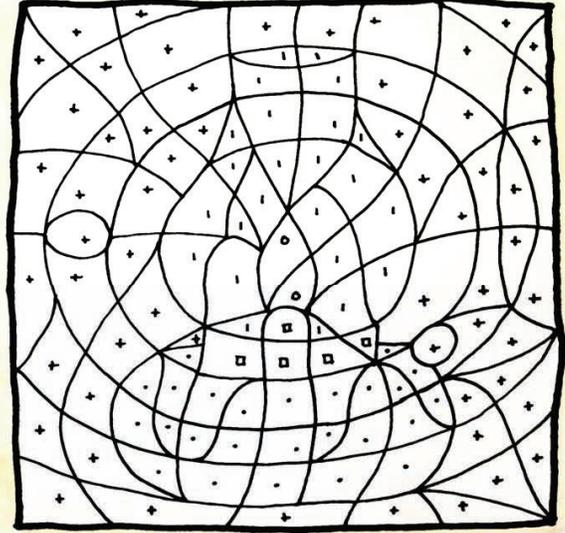
Jesus also says that we are the light of the world. Can you imagine a completely dark world: no sun or lights or anything? It would be pretty scary. You'd never know what was happening or where you were going. That's what the world can be like for people who don't have the light of God's truth. It's our job to bring the truth to the world so that everyone can see that God loves them.

We have to bring God's light everywhere we go. But we must be gentle with people who don't understand the truth. Otherwise it would be like shining a light in someone's eyes, and they wouldn't be able to see anything. We need to start out like little candles, lighting the way so that people can follow us toward God.



The Kids' Bulletin

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 8th, 2026



Matt 5:13-16

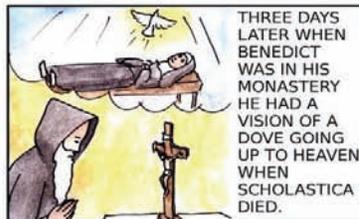
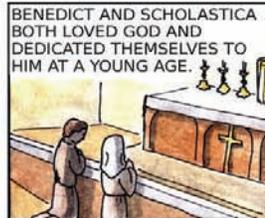
What did Jesus tell us we should be like?
Colour in the spaces according to the code to find out!

- + blue
- brown
- white
- red
- orange

Down: 1.city 2.Jesus 3.are 5.said 7.hidden 10.world 11.salt 12.basket 15.joses 17.good 18.set
Across: 4.must 6.earth 8.you 9.deeds 13.mountain 14.all 16.light 18.so 19.house 20.taste 21.to

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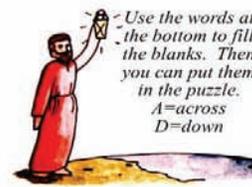
Saint Scholastica February 10



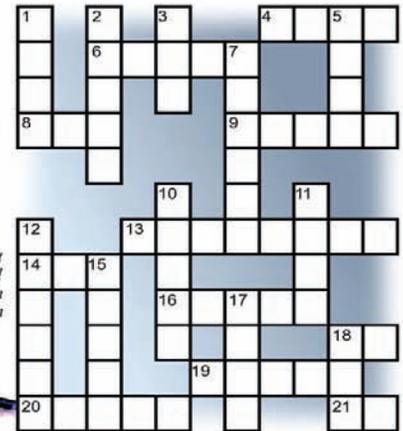
SAINT SCHOLASTICA AND HER BROTHER SAINT BENEDICT ARE A GREAT EXAMPLE TO US OF HOW BROTHERS AND SISTERS CAN HELP EACH OTHER TO BECOME HOLY. DO YOU EVER PRAY WITH YOUR BROTHERS OR SISTERS OR FRIENDS? YOU CAN HELP EACH OTHER BECOME SAINTS!

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Salt and Light Crossword Puzzle



Use the words at the bottom to fill the blanks. Then you can put them in the puzzle. A=across D=down



_____ 2D _____ 5D to his disciples: "You are the _____ 11D of the _____. 6A But if salt _____ 15D its _____, 20A with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer _____ 17D for anything but _____ 21A be thrown out and trampled underfoot. _____ 8A _____ 3D the light of the _____. 10D A _____ 1D set on a _____ 13A cannot be _____. 7D Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel _____; 12D it is _____ 18D on a lampstand, where it gives _____ 16A to _____ 14A in the _____. 19A Just _____, 18A your light _____ 4A shine before others, that they may see your good _____ 9A and glorify your heavenly Father."

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GOOD HOUSE HIDDEN YOU SET ALL
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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

For our parish to have accurate records, please notify the parish office when your address or phone number changes. Also, please let us know if you are moving away and will no longer be a member of our parish community. For IHM to testify for you to be a baptismal godparent, a confirmation sponsor, or a witness to a Catholic marriage, it is necessary that you be a registered member of our parish.

For additional information, please call the parish office at (973)694-3400.

PARISH MISSION

Enlivened by the Spirit and under the nurturing care of the Mother of Jesus, we are a Eucharistic community of the people of God. We gather together in Christ, to worship God with thanks and praise through education, compassion, and forgiveness. We seek to respond to God's love for us.

We lovingly share what we are and what we have with all people on our journey together, strengthening our Christian way of life.

PLEASE TELEPHONE THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PRIEST TO VISIT A FAMILY MEMBER AT HOME OR IN THE HOSPITAL

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00, 10:30 am*, 12:00 noon,
*Sunday 10:30 am Mass is live-streamed
Daily Mass: Monday- Friday 8:30 am
Mass on Holy Days: 8:30 am, 7:00 pm

CELEBRATION OF THE RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm
or by appointment, please call our office

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am- 4 pm



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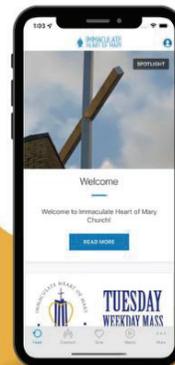
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OUR COUNCIL MEETS ON THE 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY EACH MONTH AT 7:00 PM FOR OUR SOCIAL HOUR AND OUR MEETING FOLLOWS AT 8:00 PM AT THE IHM MEETING ROOM

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or where you are
on life's journey,
you are welcome at IHM.



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A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please immediately contact the local County Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Dr. Kenneth McNiel, (973) 879 -1489, or at kmcniel@patersondiocese.org, Rev. Msgr. Mark T. Condon, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 X 248, or Sister Sister Teresa Lee, FMA, 973- 777-8818 Ext. 248. The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan website: www.patersondiocese.org."



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