



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**
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Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor

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Rev. Joseph W. Bongard, in Residence
Deacon Salvatore R. Bianco*

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS: IN CHURCH

SATURDAY 5:15PM VIGIL

SUNDAY: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30AM

WEEKDAYS: IN SACRED HEART CHAPEL

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:30AM

SATURDAY 8:00AM

**Wednesdays when school is in session Mass will be held
in the Church - 8:30AM**

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION IN CHURCH

5:15PM VIGIL MASS

8:30AM, 12:00PM & 7:30PM

1ST FRIDAY: IN SACRED HEART CHAPEL

8:30AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN CHURCH

SATURDAY 4:00-5:00PM

TUESDAY

SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT AFTER 8:30AM MASS

UNTIL 6:30PM

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

TUESDAY EVENING AT 6:30PM

BENEDICTION FOLLOWS NOVENA PRAYERS

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM - The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:30PM
Next dates: **TODAY & April 15th, May 6th & 20th**

PRE-JORDAN - instruction/sacramental preparation for parents is held in the Sacred Heart Chapel every other month – January, March, May, July, September and November. Parents of children to be baptized should contact Denise Schmidt 215-483-1000 between the hours of 9AM to 4PM to register. The next date for Pre-Jordan class in May at 7PM in the Chapel is **to be determined**.
Pre-Jordan sacramental preparation is required for each child to be baptized at IHM.

MARRIAGE - To adequately prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage, Archdiocesan policy requires that couples contact one of the priests of the parish at least 6 months in advance.

IHM offers a one day **Pre-Cana** Seminar that assists couples in preparation for their upcoming marriage. The Pre-Cana is conducted twice a year (Spring and Fall). The **Spring** date is **April 21st**. Please call Denise Schmidt, parish secretary at 215-483-1000 to register for Pre-Cana.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is the program for those interested in initiation into the Catholic Faith. Information is also available for those who may not have completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation). Please contact the Director of Religious Education, Mary Anne Kostic-King—215-483-4266.

We Pray and Worship Together

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
April 1, 2018

SAT.	31	8:00PM	Easter Vigil, no intentions
SUN.	1	7:30 9:30 11:30	Easter Sunday, no intentions Easter Sunday, no intentions Easter Sunday, no intentions
MON.	2	8:30	Deceased Members of the Memorial Fund
TUES.	3	8:30	Pat Salvatore - 22 nd Anniversary
WED.	4	8:30	Harry Shaw
THURS.	5	8:30	Kiyoko Sexton
FRI.	6	8:30	Victor and Assunta Roncella
SAT.	7	8:00 5:15PM	Dora Katarynick Ernest "Pete" DiBenedetto
SUN.	8	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Joseph Giulli Calabrese and Yocco Families

* Please note, not all Mass intentions are for the deceased

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 (44B)
- 2) 1 John 5:1-6
- 3) John 20:19-31



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Deacon George W. Kletzel, Michael Ryan,
Mary Jane Gretzula, Bill Neihoff,
Patricia M. Dougherty, Walter F. Tiernan,
Dennis J. Hudecki, Elvira Marcial



ROSES



The rose placed in the *Church* is in loving memory of Ernest "Pete" DiBenedetto requested by his wife Rose and children.

The rose placed in the *Chapel* is in loving memory of Dora Katarynick requested by Anne Stanley.

Dear Parishioners,

There are available memorial weeks the roses in the Church and Chapel for 2018. Please call the Rectory at 215-483-1000 if you would like to add your loved one's name in the weeks to come.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community, all those in the military, law enforcement and for all who are in need.

Anthony Albera, Ariana Albater, Anna Barras, Beth Kelly Bates, Helen J. Boron, Jean Basile, Beth Kelly Bates, John Bevenour, Joyce Bielawski, Wayne Bielawski, Bill Blum, Gerri Blum, Roberta Bracey, Theresa Branca-Herbst, Catherine Bryan, Jackie Busch, Edith Cifelli, John Calabrese, Eleanor Calabrese-Avallone, Mary Campbell, Rita Casciato, Lisa Castellante, Caitlyn Clark, John Colantonio, Baby Parker Comeau, Brooke Conklin, Baby Kevin Crane, Anne Cunningham, Joseph Cyle, Anna Dahm, Mary D'Angelo, Kathy Davis, Taylor Davis, Jack Deegan, Robert Denshuick, Baby James Dent, Baby Augie DeStefano, Baby Olivia DeStefano, Kim Dichiaro, John Diehl, Roseann DiLullo, Marie Dunne, Sue Fafara, Marianne Felker, Nancy Finn, Janet Fioravante, Joe Flemming, Christina Gailey, Kathleen Gavaghan, Tom Halpin, Louise Hannings, Robert Hannon, Corrine Hare, Eric Hetrick, Jean Hodge, Fay Holder, Baby Jessica Jara, Linda Jara, Kellen Jeffrey, Lewis Kershaw, Mary Jo King, Alberta Klusek, Josephine Konopka, Olga Kostic, Hedy Latimor, Marianne Leahy, George Lemerise, Ed Lenox, Theresa Lenters, Mackenzie Lilly, Kendra Lutz, Carolyn Mako, Rosemary Martella, Keelin McEleney, Patricia McGinty, Stephen McKeever, Roberta McLaughlin, Matthew McNamee, Maureen McGill Miccoli, Geri Miller, Terry Morrissey, Katherine Murphy, Teresa Nagele, Terry Nosek, Rev. Paul Obrimski, Baby Samantha O'Donnell, Anne Louise Owens, Joanna Parnes, Rose Pastella, Vera Pepe, James Vincent Penkowski, Lynn Pester, Joe Ponzio, George Price, Thomas Przybek, Gloria Pytlar, Joseph Rava, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, John Reynolds, Fran Rigler, Barbara Rogers, Rose Rudolph, Stephanie Russo, Rosa Maria Santos, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, William Scheibenhoffer, Benny Shiril, George Siefert, Baby Mason Simmons, Jack Singer, Veronica Sirianni, Madison Solis, Salvatore Sparacino, Jason Stock, Theresa Stockmal, Barbara Stuhl, Joe Sweeney, Annette Terreri, Sister Mary Thaddeus, C.S.S.F., Christine Triola, Rose Triola, Johnny Van Kemp, Michael Venditto, Antoinette Viola, Christine Wack, Rita Walsh, Carol Wans, Jim Weber, Charlie Whittaker, Elizabeth Wildemore, Emma Wittig, David Woczyna, Zeke Wright, Marie Yocco.



Each Tuesday the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for our adoration in our Sacred Heart Chapel, from 9:00AM to 6:30PM. Benediction and Novena follows.



The Sanctuary Light in our Sacred Heart Chapel for the week of April 2nd to April 8th is in loving memory of Ernest "Pete" DiBenedetto requested by his wife Rose and children.

Pastor's Page

Christ is risen! Alleluia, Alleluia! On this, the central feast day of the Church, we come to gather, filled with the hope of new life. This is the day the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice!

The season of Easter, which begins at the Easter vigil on Holy Saturday night and continues until the last mass of Pentecost, is a celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The first eight days after Easter constitute the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord. The period of penance and preparation that we began on Ash Wednesday, have readied us to celebrate the glorious realization of our life in Christ.

The scripture readings of the Easter season reflect the theme of hope and resurrection. The first readings of the Easter liturgies are taken from the Acts of the Apostles. "Acts" is the second volume to the Gospel of Luke. Whereas the Gospel of Luke recounts the words and deeds of Jesus, with the theme as our compassionate savior, Acts picks up the story after the ascension of Jesus. Acts narrates the life of the newborn community as it attempts to understand the mystery of the Resurrection and how the community should live going forward. One of the best ways I have heard Acts described is that it is the "Gospel of the Holy Spirit". Remember the literal meaning of the word Gospel – "The Good News"!

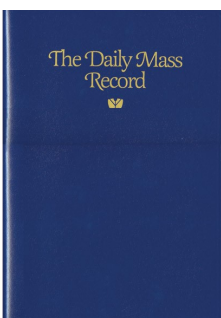
During the first weeks of Easter, the Gospel readings will recount the discovery of the empty tomb and the encounters between the disciples and the Risen Jesus. After commanding his disciples, which includes us by the way, to "go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel", Jesus will be taken up into heaven. (Forty days-Ascension).

We will not be left alone however, Jesus promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to testify with us (Fifty Days – Pentecost).

During this special time of Easter, from today until Pentecost Sunday, we have a special opportunity to reflect on the fact that "The Lord has been raised! It is true" Luke 24:34.

We thank you Father for the gift of new life that you have bestowed on us through the Resurrection of your Son. Send your Spirit upon us, that we recognize and appreciate the gift of your Son.

Father Casey



**The 2019 Mass Book will open for Mass Intentions on
Friday, April 20, 2018
in Fr. Sullivan Hall from 9AM until 2PM.
Limit on Masses at this time will be 5 per person.**

*A Very Special
"Thank You!"*

Thank you to the generous parishioners of the IHM parish who donated money to the LaSalle College High School summer service appeal. You have helped me reached my goal through your charitable donations. I'll be sure to update you on the achievements made in Ireland upon my return.

Thank you again,
Sincerely,
Scott Finnegan

Parish Information



Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy.
(St. Faustina's Diary, p. 132)

NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 8TH DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND CHAPLET

In 1937 Jesus appeared to St. Faustina Kowalska and asked her to make His unfathomable Mercy known throughout the world. He asked that the Sunday after Easter be established as **Divine Mercy Sunday** and **gave her the words of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy**. Jesus also asked that a novena of preparation be said before that feast, starting on Good Friday and ending on the following Saturday. **Jesus Himself gave her the prayers of the Novena**. Learn how you can take part in the Novena and the Chaplet. Pick up a pamphlet and flyer that can be found on the tables next to our Church Bulletins, then join us next weekend in the Sacred Heart Chapel for the Chaplet at 2:45PM.

15 Week Club Winners Week 7

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kelly Lees	\$300.00
Clare McNally	\$100.00
MaryEllen Militello	\$100.00
Zbigniew Glinski	\$ 50.00
Isolde Rafalko	\$ 50.00
The Davin Family	\$ 50.00
Elvira Dangelo	\$ 50.00
William and Bernadette Fahringer	\$ 50.00

H.O.P.E. **(Helping Other People in Emergencies)**

To obtain a ride to the doctors or to Masses from **H.O.P.E.** just call the H.O.P.E. members listed below:

(Masses) Rosemarie Oakes 215-483-4860

(Doctors) Mary Krier 215-483-5897

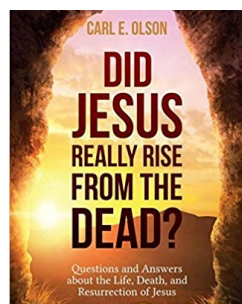
(appointments in the Manayunk, Roxborough, and Andorra areas only)



The Society of St. Vincent DePaul at IHM

If you'd like to join us in this rewarding volunteer work, come to a meeting in the **Father Sullivan Hall (former teacher's lounge) now renamed, The Knights of Columbus Room, at 7PM**

Our upcoming meetings are:
April 9th & 23rd, May 7th & 21st



This Easter, we would like to offer our Parishioners a gift copy of the book, *Did Jesus Really Rise From the Dead* written by Carl E. Olson. We hope you enjoy it. Please look for copies on the tables at all the entrances to Church **TODAY.**

- **Girls in 5th, 6th and 7th grade** are invited to explore Gwynedd along with at least one parent for a Morning or Evening Tour. Select dates available now through April/May. Register today!
- **The 7th Grade Practice Test** for girls considering applying to Gwynedd in the Fall will be held on Saturday, April 28 or Sunday April 29. Information and registration available at gmahs.org/admissions
- Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School invites all who are 21 years of age or better to the **Mercy Mixer 2.0 & \$10,000 Raffle! Friday, April 20, 7-10:30PM** in the Gwynedd Gym and Courtyard. The event will feature a Wine and Beer Garden with music of two bands: Rose's Cross (with Guy Lee P'16, '18) and The Elastic Wasteband (with Mike O'Malley P'16, '20). **For more information call 215.646.8815 ext.326 or go to <https://www.gmahs.org/mercymixer>.**



ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE is in **great need of casseroles**. They pick up the last Wednesday of the month. This month it will be **April 25th**. If you are able to make a casserole please pick up a pan in the rectory.

REMINDERS:

Please deliver casseroles frozen to the Rectory

Please label the pan with the date prepared

Please label the pan with the name of the casserole

Please prepare your recipe so it can be eaten with a

"spork" (combination of spoon and fork - no knives are given

out) Visit: saintjohnshospice.org for Favorite Recipes

Parish Information

Roman Catholic High School - Important Dates

Spring Open House

Roman Catholic High School will hold a Spring Open House intended for 6th and 7th grade students and their families on Sunday, April 8th from 11:00AM – 1:00PM. Registration available online at RomanCatholicHS.com. For additional information or questions regarding the event call (215)-627-1270 ext. 146/159 or e-mail admissions@romancatholicchs.com.

7th Grade Practice Test

Roman Catholic High School will hold a 7th Grade Practice Test on Saturday, April 21st from 9:00AM – Noon. This is an opportunity for 7th graders to prepare for the Scholarship Entrance Test required in the Fall of 2018. Online registration is available at RomanCatholicHS.com. For additional information or questions regarding Roman Catholic High School's admissions process call (215)-627-1270 ext. 146/159 or e-mail admissions@romancatholicchs.com.



VOCATION OFFICE FOR THE
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
HEED THE CALL

Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp (B.B.V.C.) - July 13, 2018: Boys in Grades 6 to 8 - (*rising 6th graders to graduated 8th graders*), are invited to gather at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. The day includes games, activities, great talks, powerful prayer & Mass, lunch and dinner. For more information, visit HeedTheCall.org/event/BBVC.

Quo Vadis Days - June 25, 28, 2018: This 4-day, 3-night camp held at Black Rock Retreat Center, is an annual favorite for high school aged men (*incoming freshmen to graduated seniors*). The camp includes daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, outdoor activities, a ropes course, powerful prayer, great talks, and an opportunity to interact with the Philadelphia seminarians. For more information, visit HeedTheCall.org/event/quovadis.

We invite all parents to join us for a Presentation on:
CONNECT THE DOTS BETWEEN TEEN BEHAVIOR AND BASIC NEEDS

Presented by Dr. Patricia McCormack
Thursday, April 12, 2018 7:00PM
Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls

Connect the dots between core identity-formation issues and teen behavior. The session will focus on the following parenting tools:

- understand the basic needs that motivate teen behavior
- proactively avert misbehavior
- know how to "read" the danger signs
- determine responses that lead to conversion and re-connection
- exercise a pro-active style of authority
- cultivate principles of decision-making that support moral development

John W. Hallahan CGHS Alumnae Association is sponsoring their **annual "50 years & Beyond" luncheon** on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at Connstatter Volksfest-Verein, 9130 Academy Road. Cost is \$35.00 per person and \$20.00 for religious. If you are a graduate of Hallahan for over 50 or more years and are interested in attending this event, please contact, Chairperson, Marge West Kiefski '66 at 215-913-4482 or at mmkiefski@aol.com or the Alumnae Office at 215-568-3081 for more information.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at IHM will be collecting used clothing and household goods through the services of **GreenDrop** Charitable Donations on:

Saturday May 12th, from 3:30PM to 6:00PM
Sunday, May 13th, from 7:00AM to 1:00PM

Bring your donations in plastic bags or boxes to the IHM parking lot. Look for the GreenDrop truck. Your donations will generate needed funds for SVDP. For a full list of acceptable items, go to www.gogreendrop.com.

Parents of all Grade 2 IHM and P.R.E.P. Students:



First Reconciliation Retreat: April 3rd, 8:30AM-2:30PM
First Reconciliation: April 4th, 6:30PM

Please contact Mary Anne Kostic-King with any questions at 215-483-4266.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Casino Trip to Resorts in Atlantic City

When: April 19th

Time: Bus leaves IHM at 2PM, returns at 10PM

Cost: \$25 getting on bus, receive \$25 back

Contact: Mike Shiel 215-487-7296 or mppsj5@aol.com

BINGO

Sunday, May 6th - doors open at 12:30PM, first game is at 1:30PM. Cost is \$11.

Bereavement Support Group for Widows and Widowers

Where: Koller Funeral Home, 6835 Ridge Pike

Time: 1:30PM-2:45PM - refreshments will be offered

Dates: 4/3 (The Emotional Roller coaster), 4/17 (Adjusting to a New Lifestyle), 5/1 (Special Days & Dates), 5/15 (Belongings and Reminders), 5/29 (Reinvesting in Life), 6/12 (Does Grief End?)

Parish Resources

SPONSOR GUIDELINES FOR BAPTISM/ CONFIRMATION

Church law requires that Baptism and Confirmation sponsors themselves frequent the sacraments regularly.

When someone who does not meet that requirement is designated as a sponsor, it is always an unpleasant (and frequently painful) experience for the priest, the parents of the child, and most especially for the person designated.

The reason a sponsor must be a practicing Catholic is that a sponsor is expected to pay special attention to the efforts of the person who is being baptized or confirmed to live a Christian life in keeping with the teachings of the Catholic Church. In the case of Baptism, sponsors are also expected to assist the parents of the child in their Christian duty as parents, by offering them support through good example, encouragement and prayer.

A sponsor should be a registered parishioner of IHM for at least 6 months. The person should also have received all the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation. The Sponsor must be at least 16 years of age. The Sponsor should also participate at Mass each Sunday. If married, the sponsor must also be in a valid Sacramental marriage.

By issuing a Sponsor Certificate, a priest assures members of the faithful that a person is a Catholic in good standing who is eligible to serve as a sponsor for Baptism and/or Confirmation. Please contact the Rectory during regular business hours to inquire about Sponsor Certificates.

PARISH STAFF

Rochelle A. Grasso - Principal of IHM School
Emily Miller - Business Manager
Denise Schmidt - Parish Secretary
Traci Kovach - Tuition Officer
Linda Pfefferle - Director of Music
Mary Anne Kostic-King - Director of Religious Education
Richard Strickland - Maintenance Supervisor
Denise Calabrese - Director of Advancement/Communications

OUR PARISH OFFERS SPIRITUAL RESOURCES IN OUR CHURCH and IN OUR HOMES

Stewardship of Faith Display Case: Free spiritual books, CD's, Pamphlets and Booklets, many created by top Catholic authors and speakers. Any donations are used to spread the program to other parishes.

IHM Free Lending Library: Over 400 books donated by parishioners are available, covering a wide range of spiritual topics. Many by well-known Catholic authors.

These Spiritual Resources are located adjacent to the Main Lobby in the room formerly used for Baptisms. Please stop in and browse before or after mass.

We need to know our faith before we can share it.

FORMED Program: The parish also provides us with **FREE** access to a wealth of spiritual material **ONLINE**, including: FEATURE LENGTH MOVIES, PROGRAM/COURSES, AUDIO TALKS, and DEVOTIONAL EBOOKS. You can access **FORMED** by going to **FORMED.org**. Register using the Parish Code **B2H4YJ** and set up your username.

IHM CHURCH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

LITURGICAL

Altar Servers: Rev. Edward J. Casey
Ministry of the Word (Lectors): Sidney J. MacLeod, Jr., sidneyj@macleod.com
Ministry of the Eucharist: Mary Ann Kostic-King, mking@iheartmary.org
Ministry of the Eucharist Outreach: Chuck Fuges, 215-482-1397
Music Ministry: Rehearsals—Thursdays at 7:00 pm in Church. Contact Linda Pfefferle (215-704-4652)
Ushers: John Rudolph, Peter Caruso
Sacristans: Peter Caruso, pjcaruso45@yahoo.com

SOCIAL OUTREACH

CYO: High School and Grade School meetings as announced
Boy Scouts: John Macoretta, Scoutmaster (215-680-1049); email: scouttroop474@yahoo.com
Golden Age Club: Meets the 2nd & 4th Mondays, in FSH at 11 A.M. President, Laura Kusniesz at 215-483-9243
H.O.P.E. Program: see schedule in the weekly bulletin. For more info call Rosemarie Oakes (215-483-4860)
Gardening Angels: helps to maintain the Church grounds. Rosemary Kurtz at rosemarykurtz@aol.com or 215-487-0744
Transition Network: meets monthly in parish center to help unemployed and underemployed: www.TransitionNetwork.webs.com
St. John's Hospice Casserole Day: collected on the last Wednesday of each month

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Home & School Association: Dominica Iacovelli (President) homeandschool@iheartmary.org
Tuition Office: contact Traci Kovach 215-483-1000 Hours are Tuesday & Wednesday 9am to 2pm or email: tuition@iheartmary.org
SCRIP: S & C—Trish Campbell (267-766-3571) Supermarket Script - Susan Lojewski (267-549-2746)

PASTORAL

Parish Pastoral Council: advises Pastor on Parish matters
Parish Finance Council: helps manage parish resources
Parish Religious Ed. Program (P.R.E.P.): Grades 1 to 6 - Tues. evening 6:30-8:00pm - school year only. Mary Anne Kostic-King, D.R.E. 215-483-4266
R.C.I.A.: Chuck Harvey
Safe Environment: promotes the safety and welfare of our children Denise Schmidt 215-483-1000
Parish Bereavement Ministry: Virginia Farabelli, Virginia.Farabelli@phly.com
Parish Memorial Fund: a lasting & spiritual remembrance of a loved one. Monthly Memorial Mass is celebrated for all enrolled in the Fund.
Parish Nurse Program: Mary Lou Dinda (215-482-0865)
Care of Church and Chapel Spaces: parishioners who clean God's house weekly. Denise Schmidt 215-483-1000
Counters: Ann McElroy, irishaim@comcast.net

SPIRITUAL OUTREACH

Legion of Mary: Prayer and service for Jesus through Mary. Meets every Wednesday at 7:00PM in Father Sullivan Hall (former Teacher's Lounge). Call Marianne Klusek 215-482-3020
St. Vincent de Paul Society: assist people in need in the Roxborough area. To leave a confidential message or to find out more about SVDPs call 215-483-1000
Knights of Columbus: contact Mike Shiel 215-487-7296
Respect Life Committee: promotes the sanctity of life, at every stage, through love, prayer and supportive programs & activities. Ann Marie Beaver (215-483-8204)
Charismatic Prayer Group: Meets Thursday afternoons at 3:00 pm in the Parish Center. Gloria Domino (610-539-3455)