



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

*Msgr. Joseph P. McGeown, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Samuel A. Verruni, Parochial Vicar
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: **April 15th, May 6th & 20th, June 3rd & 17th**

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 8, 2018

SAT.	7	5:15PM	Ernest "Pete" DiBenedetto
SUN.	8	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Joseph Giulli Calabrese and Yocco Families
MON.	9	8:30	George and Mary Kuzma
TUES.	10	8:30	Benila Diaz DeConte
WED.	11	8:30	Louise and Paul Curcio
THURS.	12	8:30	Genevieve Cupchak
FRI.	13	8:30	Helen and Robert Reed, Sr.
SAT.	14	8:00 5:15PM	Emily D. McElroy James M. Durkin, Sr.
SUN.	15	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Mario C. Bernardone - 5 th Anniversary Joseph Sheehan

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15,17-19 (47B)
- 2) 1 John 2:1-5a
- 3) Luke 24:35-48



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

William Shirley, Joan Reed,
Corrine Hare, Rita McGovern,
Elizabeth Murphy, Angelina Alessandroni



ROSES



The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of The Deceased Members of the Salvatore, Schneider and Alfieri Families requested by The Salvatore Family.

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Agnes and Arch Cavanaugh.

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, 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 9th to April 15th is in loving memory of Margaret Connor requested by her sister Mary.

Pastor's Page

Today we celebrate the eighth day of Easter, the day that completes the Easter octave. The idea of an Octave of a great feast has its roots in the Old Testament. There are many Jewish feasts that lasted for eight days, for example, the feast of Passover and the feast of Tabernacles. In the Catholic Church, we celebrate eight days of Christmas as well as eight days of Easter.

For the past week, we have celebrated the Resurrection of the Lord as a continuous feast of Easter. Each day of the Octave is ranked as a Solemnity in the Church's liturgical calendar, the highest ranking of liturgical feasts. At Masses during the Octave of Easter, as on Sundays, the Gloria, was recited or sung. And at the end of each Mass of the Octave, the double Alleluia was sung at the dismissal.

The Gospel readings at Masses each day during the Octave of Easter include passages from the Gospels that relate various appearances of the Risen Jesus. Reflecting on these Gospel texts is a wonderful way to prolong the celebration of Easter. Each day during the Octave, we proclaim in the Gospel Acclamation: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it."

Today on this last day of the Octave of Easter we also celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. In the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass in which he canonized the humble religious Sister Faustina Kowalska, Pope Saint John Paul II declared that from then on throughout the Church the Second Sunday of Easter would also be called the Sunday of Divine Mercy. This is entirely appropriate since, as Blessed John Paul II reminded us, "Divine Mercy is "the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity...."

Pope Saint John Paul II frequently reminded us that "mercy is an indispensable dimension of love." He would refer to mercy as "love's second name." God's love was revealed and actualized as mercy. We see this in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. And this is what we are called to live and actualize today in our lives and in the life of the Church. Our Lord told Saint Faustina three ways we are called to exercise mercy toward our neighbors: by deed, by word, and by prayer. To love as Jesus loved includes practicing mercy towards others. Jesus taught us in the Beatitudes: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

Today we hear the Gospel account of Our Lord's appearance to the apostles on the night of the first Easter Sunday. Thomas was not with them. A week later, Thomas is moved from his unbelief to belief and Jesus invites him to see his wounds, which were real. His Resurrected presence was also real, which moved Thomas to proclaim, "My Lord and My God."

As we celebrate this Sunday of Divine Mercy, let us "give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his mercy endures forever" (Psalm 118:1). And may the Lord help us to spread his mercy and to bear witness to it among all our brothers and sisters!

Father Casey



Sunday, April 15th - Tuesday, April 17th



Homilist: Rev. Msgr. Andrew J. Golias, Parochial Vicar, St. Martha Parish, Philadelphia

Sunday, April 15th: 11:30AM Mass. Eucharistic procession after Mass to Sacred Heart Chapel. Exposition until Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction at 5:00PM.

Monday, April 16th: Solemn exposition at conclusion of 8:30AM Mass. Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7:00PM.

Tuesday, April 17th: Solemn exposition at conclusion of 8:30AM Mass. Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7:00PM.

Miraculous Medal Novena prayers at 6:30PM



Dear Parishioners:

Please take a few minutes to look over the list of those who are sick on page two (2) of this bulletin. The Rectory staff does not know which parishioners have found healing through all of our prayers unless we are told. If you or loved one can be removed from the list, please call the Rectory at 215-483-1000 to inform us of the change. We would love to see this list much shorter and know our friends are healthier!

Weekend Clergy Schedule for April 14th and April 15th

Saturday, April 14th

5:15PM Vigil: Fr. Verruni

Sunday, April 15th

7:30AM: Fr. Bongard

9:30AM: Fr. Casey/Deacon Sam

11:30AM: Fr. Verruni/Deacon Sam

*****Opening of Forty Hours Devotions -
Procession to Chapel after 11:30AM
Mass*****

Parish Information

Weekend Offering March 24/25, 2018

Envelopes **\$11,500.00**
 Loose **\$ 1,622.75**
\$13,122.75

#envelopes 725
 Average \$15.87
 Poor Box \$416.92

Thank you for your generosity!

Weekend Offering March 31/April 1, 2018

Envelopes **\$12,359.00**

#envelopes 790
 Average \$15.65
 Poor Box \$458.36

Holy Thursday/Sister Mary Scullion \$453.00
 Good Friday/Holy Land Collection \$1,802.00
 Easter Sunday \$37,623.98
 Easter Flowers \$3,016.00

Thank you for your generosity!

*15 Week Club Winners
 Week 8*

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nello Jennings	\$300.00
Kelly and Katie Kavanaugh	\$100.00
Nick Lynch	\$100.00
Suzanne Kasper	\$ 50.00
George Kuruc, Sr.	\$ 50.00
Tom Thew	\$ 50.00
Vince and Christine Tarducci	\$ 50.00
Eugene and Dominica Iacovelli	\$ 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) NO ONE AVAILABLE
 (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**

TRANSITION NETWORK

ARE YOU UNEMPLOYED OR UNDEREMPLOYED?

Come and join our network group. It has been running for 8 years, offers free advice for job search and resumes and is led by a HR professional with 25 years of experience. We will meet in

**The Rectory (new offices Garden Level)
 on Wednesday, April 25th, 7PM**

To register call Denise Schmidt @ 215-483-1000 or visit our website: www.transitionnetwork.webs.com



**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.



The replacement plate for the Chapel Seating Renovation Memorial Plaque is completed and will be installed in about a week. Thank you for your patience during the time a few of the names needed to be corrected for spelling errors.



The Golden Age Club will meet Monday, April 9th. We will be having nominations at this meeting. Reservations will be taken for our luncheon at Flourtown on June 11th.

Parish Information



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

Bereavement Support Group for Widows and Widowers

Where: Koller Funeral Home, 6835 Ridge Pike
Time: 1:30PM-2:45PM - refreshments will be offered
Dates: 4/17 (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?)

God's blessings to the newly baptized child in the Catholic faith!

Maeve Kathleen Wynne



IHM Legion of Mary

Members of the Legion of Mary are presently bringing the travelling Pilgrim Virgin (Our Lady of Fatima Statue) to homes in our parish, thus bringing peace and blessings to families. If you wish to invite Mary into your home, please call Wendi Wagoner (267-334-8340) or contact any Legion member.



The Legion of Mary is an association of men and women who spread their Faith while growing together in their love of Jesus, in union with Mary. Anyone interested in becoming an active or auxiliary (praying) member, you are invited to attend one of our meetings which are held every Wednesday at 7:00PM in Father Sullivan Hall (Knights of Columbus Room).

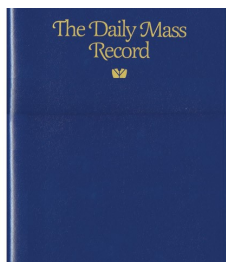
Saint Basil Academy presents The Broadway Musical
HAIRSPRAY

Performance Dates:

Friday, April 13, 2018 @ 7pm
Saturday, April 14, 2018 @ 7pm
Sunday, April 15, 2018 @ 2pm

Saint Basil Academy
711 Fox Chase Road
Jenkintown, PA 19046
(215)885-3771

Purchase tickets online at: <https://www.stbasilacademy.org/product/hairspray-tickets/>



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 Masses per person.

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)