



***“You are Peter, and upon
this rock I will build my Church”...***

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

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Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor

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Rev. Joseph W. Bongard, in Residence

Deacon Salvatore R. Bianco

Deacon George W. Kletzel

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: **September 3rd & 17th, October 1st & 15th**

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 is **September 20th, at 7PM in the Sacred
Heart Chapel. 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
Fall date is **September 23rd**. 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.

Reunion 2017

Hallahan High School - Class of 1977

Join the girls of Hallahan High as we raise our voices (and glasses) at Howl at the Moon (Dueling Piano Bar) 258 S. 15th Street, Philadelphia. Saturday, September 30, 2017. For detailed information visit us on Facebook at John W. Hallahan High School Class of 1977 or call 903-662-8453 or jwhallahan.com/alumnae/reunions-events

Pro-Life Annual Raffle
For ticket information please call
Terry Carr at 215-483-6967 or
Denise Calabrese at 215-483-1000 (Rectory)

GIVE LIFE A CHANCE

For ten prizes totaling \$7,500

1st PRIZE.....	\$5,000	6th PRIZE.....	\$100
2nd PRIZE.....	\$1,000	7th PRIZE.....	\$100
3rd PRIZE.....	\$500	8th PRIZE.....	\$100
4th PRIZE.....	\$250	9th PRIZE.....	\$100
5th PRIZE.....	\$250	10th PRIZE.....	\$100

No. 503

ONLY 2,500 CHANCES WILL BE SOLD
Drawing Date: Sept. 23, 2017 Donation: \$25.00
Proceeds to the Pro-Life Legal Fund of Pa.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Going forward, the Mass schedule for Holy Days of Obligation that fall on a weekday will be:

5:15PM vigil, 8:30AM, **12PM** and 7:30PM in Church. This change to 12PM is to accommodate anyone who works outside the home and wishes to attend Mass on their lunch hour. This change has been reflected on the front page of the bulletin as well as the website www.ihmphila.org



The Rectory will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Have a safe and enjoyable long weekend!

August Hours for the IHM Tuition Office are:

Week of August 28th: Tuesday 8/29, 9AM-2PM
Wednesday 8/30, 9AM-2PM

The Central Association of the Miraculous Medal invites you to join us Friday, SEPTEMBER 22, for a Presentation by internationally-known speaker Bill Donaghy, entitled: "Mary and the Way of Beauty: A Reflection on the Virgin Mary in Art" on September 22 at 7pm in the Miraculous Medal Art Museum. Bill is a speaker and Instructor for the Theology of the Body Institute and holds degrees in Visual Arts, Philosophy, and Systematic Theology, which will ensure a thorough, in-depth look at this topic. The event is open to adults ages 21 and over, and includes Hors D'oeuvres, Beer, and Wine. Tickets are available for \$15 at 215-848-1010 or by visiting the website www.MiraculousMedal.org. RSVP by September 15th. Miraculous Medal Art Museum is located across the street from the Shrine at 475 E. Cheltenham Ave. Philadelphia, PA. For details, visit www.MiraculousMedal.org.

Event: Baltimore Crab
Feast and Horseshoe Casino.
All you can eat at Phillip's
Seafood Restaurant

When: Friday,
September 29th

Time: Bus leaves IHM parking lot at @9AM
and returns
@7:45PM

Cost: \$109 and also receive \$15 in slot play from Casino

Contact: Laura Kusniesz at 215-483-9243



Sunday Offering August 13, 2017

Envelopes	\$10,971.00
Loose	\$ 873.22
	<u>\$11,844.22</u>

#envelopes 683
Average \$16.07
Poor Box \$284.40
Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary \$3,116.50

Thank you for your generosity

Sunday Offering August 20, 2017

Envelopes	\$ 9,340.00
Loose	\$ 822.01
	<u>\$10,162.01</u>

#envelopes 529
Average \$17.66
Poor Box \$312

Thank you for your generosity

We are Christians because we chose to follow Jesus Christ. As we listen to the readings today, especially today's passage from Matthew, it is good for us to reflect on who Christ is for us, just as he asks the disciples that question. The YOU can be singular and plural. "Who do YOU say that I am."

Peter's confession of faith begins as a dialogue between Jesus and the disciples. It takes place near Caesarea Philippi in northern Palestine and marks the initial step of the journey that will result in Jesus' passion and death in Jerusalem. When Jesus wants to know what the popular opinions are regarding his possible identity, the disciples list a number of possibilities.

Herod Antipas thought that he was John the Baptist come back to life. Elijah was mentioned. It was Jewish belief that the return of Elijah was expected to accompany the coming of God's kingdom. Jeremiah is mentioned. Jesus then asks for the disciples' own assessment. As is often the case in this section of Matthew's gospel, Peter appears as the spokesman for the group and he proclaims Jesus to be the Messiah. Messiah is a Hebrew word that means 'the anointed one'. The Greek translation of 'Messiah' is Christos. Peter's confession of Jesus as the Messiah reflects the disciples' hope that Jesus would deliver Israel from its enemies and establish God's Kingdom on earth.

The blessing in verse 17 declares that Peter's confession was a revelation from God and verse 18 promises that Peter is the rock on which the Christian community will be built after Jesus' death and resurrection. No power opposed to God will be able to destroy that community. His exercise of the power to bind and loose will be confirmed by God.

At many points in his life, Peter seemed weak in character, overly emotional and unpredictable. Yet, Peter was Jesus' choice as the rock on which he would build his church. It is not because of our own merits that we are called to serve but because of what God can do with our willingness and faithfulness. During our journey of faith, we gradually become formed into the image of Christ. It is a lifelong journey. Because of his faith, Peter is given great responsibility. As we listen to today's readings perhaps we will hear God challenging us too. What is God calling us to do, as we live out our calling as Christians? Let us pray today for the grace to live up to the name of Christ with which we identify ourselves.

Post Script: With the appointment of Father Andre to IHM, we are happy to be able to **restore** the **6:30AM Mass** to the weekday schedule on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday beginning this Tuesday, **August 29**.

Father Casey

Honor St Teresa of Calcutta, Mother Teresa

September is her feast day month. Watch her story on **FORMED**, under "Movies". It's an engaging film that gives witness to her faith, good works, and her stubborn determination in dealing with hardships, which ultimately earned her international acclaim, including the Nobel Peace Prize. The many small miracles, great charity, and humble triumphs of Mother Teresa will inspire you in this poignant tale of a modern-day saint. You can get **FORMED** with any device that accesses the internet at formed.org. If it's your first time on FORMED, you'll need to register using our parish code: **B2H4YJ**.

IHM Evangelization Ministry

All are invited to Second Annual Polish Harvest Festival at the TK Club at 521 East Hector Street in Conshohocken on Sunday September 17th from Noon to 6 pm to support St. Mary Polish American Society. Polka Fest will feature live Polka music, Polish food, a 50/50 drawing and other games of chance, a basket raffle, and baked goods for sale. Families are welcome, as there will be games for children with plenty of prizes!

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 on the day of the event. Tickets for children are \$7 each and free for children under the age of 6. Tickets include the price of admission, food not included. Advance tickets are on sale until Wednesday September 6th. Walk-ins are still welcome on the day of the event. For advance tickets, please email stmaryconshy@gmail.com or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
August 27, 2017

Vigil	26	5:15PM	Robert and Virginia Jefford
SUN.	27	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Armand DeSimone Mary McGrath
MON.	28	8:30	Joseph McCann
TUES.	29	6:30 8:30	John "Jackie" McElroy Mary and Mike Swider
WED.	30	6:30 8:30	Mary Teson Bill Weiss
THUR	31	6:30 8:30	Shane Montgomery Joe D'Angelo
FRI.	1	8:30	Mary DiGuglielmo
SAT.	2	8:00 5:15	Harry Rosinski Adam Michini
SUN.	3	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Joseph and Mary Mudry, Jr. - 58 th Wedding Anniversary Ann and Ted Leszczynski

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Jeremiah 20:7-9 (124A)
- 2) Romans 12:1-2
- 3) Matthew 16:21-27



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED
BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Barbara Heath



ROSES



The rose placed in the *Church* is in loving memory of Felix Tomassi "Happy Birthday" requested by his wife Ann.

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

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:

Virginia Mangol 215-487-2516 (Masses)

Beth Donnelly 267-228-2905 (Doctors)

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

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.

Anna Barras, Jean Basile, Joyce Bielawski, Wayne Bielawski, Bill Blum, Roberta Bracey, Theresa Branca-Herbst, Catherine Bryan, Philip Calvo, Edith Cifelli, Eleanor Calabrese-Avallone, Mary Campbell, Rita Casciato, Lisa Castellante, Caitlyn Clark, John Colantonio, Brooke Conklin, Valerie Coyle, Baby Kevin Crane, Anne Cunningham, Joseph Cylc, Mary D'Angelo, Jack Deegan, Robert Denshuick, Baby James Dent, Baby Augie DeStefano, Baby Olivia DeStefano, Kim Dichiara, John Diehl, Roseann DiLullo, Teresa Drasher, Marie Dunne, Sue Fafara, Marianne Felker, Nancy Finn, Janet Fioravante, Larry Flannigan, Joe Flemming, Kathleen Gavaghan, Tom Halpin, Louise Hannings, Robert Hannon, Corrine Hare, Jean Hodge, Dennis Hudecki, Baby Jessica Jara, Linda Jara, Kellen Jeffrey, Lewis Kershaw, Deacon George Kletzel, Mrs. Frances Kletzel, Alberta Klusek, Pat Kost, Olga Kostic, Rev. Larry Kozak, Joseph Krywucki, Marianne Leahy, Ed Lenox, Theresa Lenters, Mackenzie Lilly, Kendra Lutz, Carolyn Mako, Catherine Manzo, Rosemary Martella, Keelin McEleney, Stephen McKeever, Matthew McNamee, Maureen McGill Miccoli, Geri Miller, Terry Morrissey, Katherine Murphy, Roberta McLaughlin, Teresa Nagele, Baby Samantha O'Donnell, Anne Louise Owens, Rose Pastella, Vera Pepe, James Vincent Penkowski, Lynn Pester, Joe Ponzio, George Price, Thomas Przybek, Gloria Pytlar, Lou Rambo, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, John Reynolds, Barbara Rogers, Stephanie Russo, O.F.S., Rosa Maria Santos, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, William Scheibenhoffer, Sister Clare Schrant, Benny Shiril, Michelle Shockey, George Siefert, Baby Mason Simmons, Jack Singer, Jason Stock, Theresa Stockmal, Joe Sweeney, Annette Terreri, Christine Triola, Rose Triola, Johnny Van Kemp, Antoinette Viola, Christine Wack, Wendy Wagoner, Connor Walker, Megan Walker, Rita Walsh, Carol Wans, Jim Weber, Denise Westwood, Charlie Whittaker, Elizabeth Wildemore, David Woczyna, Marie Yocco.

The Sanctuary Light in our Sacred Heart Chapel for the week of August 28th to September 3rd is in loving memory of Felix Tomassi "Happy Birthday" requested by his wife Ann.



THE BEAUTIFUL GIFT OF LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light burns seven days a week, every week of the year before the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like this candle to burn in memory of a loved one in our Chapel, please call or stop by the parish office. The name of the person to be remembered and the donor will be published weekly in our bulletin.

(Suggested offering is \$20.00)



Dates to Remember

Final PRFP Registration (all grades)

Tuesday, September 12th, 6:00PM-7:30PM in Father Sullivan Hall (calendar and information packet)

P.R.E.P. Classes Begin (all grades)

Tuesday, September 19th, 6:30pm - 8:00pm, 1st Floor of IHM School, (please do not arrive any earlier than 6:15pm)

Mandatory Confirmation Retreat and Practice (Confirmandi only)

Tuesday, November 28th, 8:30am-2:30pm (FSH and Church)

Mandatory Confirmation Sponsor/Student Practice

Tuesday, November 28th, 6:30pm in Church

Confirmation Day

Thursday, November 30th, 4:00pm Mass,
Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior, Main Celebrant

"O Come Emmanuel"

Sunday, December 10th, 9:30am Mass, reception to follow in Father Sullivan Hall



September 5th - Faculty Organizational Day
September 6th - grades 1-8 report (full day)
September 6th - Back to School Night 7PM
September 8th - PreK/Kindergarten Orientation 8:30AM (FSH)
September 11th - PreK/Kindergarten report (full day)
September 11th - CARES begins
October 31st - Parent/Teacher Conferences (no school for students)

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE is in **great need** of **casseroles**. They pick up the last Wednesday of the month. Next month it will be **August 30th**. If you are able to make a casserole please pick up a pan in the rectory. Please make sure to label the casserole pan with the date it was made and the name of the casserole.

Welcome to the newest members
of our IHM Parish!

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Cirone
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Welsh & Family



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

Natalie Marie Tarducci



The Society of St. Vincent DePaul at IHM

IHM's SVDP Society assists people in need in Andorra/Roxborough/Manayunk and nearby Philadelphia neighborhoods. Our funding comes primarily from the IHM poor box so please continue to be generous. If you'd like to join us in this rewarding volunteer work, **come to a meeting in the Parish Center at 7 p.m. Our upcoming meetings are September 11th & 25th.**

NOTE: All meetings will be in Father Sullivan Hall due to renovations .

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.

For parish news and events that may not fit in the bulletin go to our website www.ihmphila.org and for school news visit iheartmary.org

IHM SPIRITUAL RESOURCE CENTER & FREE LIBRARY

The Center provides our parish with spiritual books, CD's, pamphlets and booklets, many of which were created by top Catholic authors, and speakers. We can use these resources to increase our knowledge of the FAITH. It's called ***Faith Formation*** and we are all expected to pursue it and develop it during our earthly pilgrimage. These resources are free. Any donation will be used to bring similar resources to other parishes. The Center is located just off the Main Lobby in the room formerly used for baptisms. In that same room you will find the IHM Free Lending Library. Generous parishioner have donated well over 400 books covering a wide range of Faith related topics, many by well known authors.

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

IHM Evangelization Ministry

**NEXT BAPTISMAL DATES**

September 3rd & 17th
October 1st & 15th

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

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Boy Scouts—John Macoretta, Scoutmaster (215-680-1049); email: scouttroop474@yahoo.com

Casserole Day for St. John's Hospice—last Wed. of the month
Charismatic Prayer Group—Meets Thursday afternoons at 3:00 pm in the Parish Center. Gloria Domino (610-539-3455)

Choir—brings song and praise to God's house. Rehearsals—Thursdays at 7:00 pm in Church. Contact Linda Pfefferle (215-704-4652).

Church & Chapel Cleaners—parishioners who clean God's house weekly. Denise Schmidt (215-483-1000)

C.Y.O.—High School and Grade School meetings as announced.

Deadline for Church Bulletin Articles—No later than **NOON** on the Wednesday before the following Sunday's bulletin. Remember to check out our website for articles and events that may not make it into the bulletin. Denise Calabrese- 215-483-1000

Director of Religious Education—Mary Anne Kostic-King 215-483-4266 or email mking@iheartmary.org

Evangelization Ministry—Promote evangelization within the Parish. Chuck Fuges, 215-482-1397, ctfuges@comcast.net

Finance Committee—helps manage parish resources

Gardening Angels - helps to maintain the Church grounds. Rosemary Kurtz at rosemarykurtz@aol.com or 215-487-0744.

Golden Age Club—Meets the 2nd & 4th Mondays, in FSH at 11 A.M. President, Laura Kusniesz at 215-483-9243.

Home & School Association—Dominica Iacovelli (President) homeandschool@iheartmary.org

H.O.P.E. Program—see schedule in the bulletin weekly. For more info call Rosemarie Oakes (215-483-4860)

Knights of Columbus Cor-Mariae Council 4100— contact Mike Shiel 215-487-7296

Legion of Mary—Prayer and action for Jesus through Mary. Meets Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. Call Wendi Wagoner 267-334-8340 or Frank Klusek 215-482-3020.

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).

Pastoral Council—advises Pastor on Parish matters.

Parish Religious Ed. Program - P.R.E.P. (formerly CCD) - Grades 1 to 6 - Tues. evening 6:30-8:00pm - school year only.

Pro-Life Ministry—promotes the sanctity of life, at every stage, through love, prayer and supportive programs & activities. Ann Marie Beaver (215-483-8204).

Safe Environment—promotes the safety and welfare of our children.

Scrip— S & C—Trish Campbell (215-483-2061)

Supermarket Script— Susan Lojewski (267-549-2746)

St. Vincent DePaul 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.

Transition Network— meets monthly in parish center to help unemployed and underemployed.

[www. TransitionNetwork.webs.com](http://www.TransitionNetwork.webs.com)

Tuition Office—contact Traci Kovach 215-483-1000 Hours are Tuesday & Wednesday 9am to 2pm or email: tuition@iheartmary.org