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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

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Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor

Msgr. Joseph P. McGeown, Pastor Emeritus Rev. André Antao, Parochial Vicar 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

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY 6:30AM 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

<u>BAPTISM</u> - The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:30PM Next dates: **January 7th & 21st**, **February 4th & 18th**

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 January 17th 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 **Spring** date is **to be determined**. Please call Denise Schmidt, parish secretary at 215-483-1000 to register for Pre-Cana.

<u>RCIA</u> - 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 December 24, 2017 | | | |
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| Vigil | 23 | 5:15PM | Frances Pfeil |
| SUN. | 24 | 7:30 9:30 11:30 | IHM Parishioners Armand DeSimone Pat, Dorothy and Rose Salvatore and All Deceased Family Members |
| | | 4:00PM 7:00PM | Christmas Eve Vigil (Children's Mass) Christmas Eve Vigil |
| MON. | 25 | 7:30 9:30 11:30 | CHRISTMAS DAY NO INTENTIONS NO INTENTIONS |
| TUES. | 26 | 6:30 8:30 | Mario and Anthony Ragni Pat, Dorothy and Rose Salvatore and All Deceased Family Members |
| WED. | 27 | 6:30 8:30 | Anthony Bologna Orivivo Family |
| THURS. | . 28 | 6:30 8:30 | Jeri Fuges Dan and Helen Kelly |
| FRI. | 29 | 8:30 | Robert F. Ryan |
| SAT. | 30 | 8:00 5:15PM | Armand DeSimone Robert Sr. and Helen Reed |
| SUN. | 31 | 7:30 9:30 11:30 | IHM Parishioners Rita McLaughlin Frank Koneski, Jr. |

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3 (17B)
- 2) Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
- 3) Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



$\frac{\text{PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED}}{\text{BROTHERS AND SISTERS}}$

Marie Kelly, Bruce Morrison, Sr., Deacon Raymond C. Wellbank, James J. Himsworth, Jr., John Desmond

ROSES



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

The rose placed in the *Chapel* is in loving memory of Albert and Florence Macchione, requested by, their loving daughter, Lucille Paone.

The Sanctuary Light in our Sacred Heart Chapel for the week of December 25th to December 31st is in loving memory of The Salvatore, Schneider and Alfieri Families, requested by, The Salvatore Family.



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, Anna Barras, Helen J. Boron, Jean Basile, John Bevenour, Joyce Bielawski, Wayne Bielawski, Bill Blum, Gerri Blum, Roberta Bracey, Theresa Branca-Herbst, Catherine Bryan, Edith Cifelli, Eleanor Calabrese-Avallone, Mary Campbell, Rita Casciato, Lisa Castellante, Caitlyn Clark, John Colantonio, Brooke Conklin, 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, 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, Fay Holder, Dennis Hudecki, Baby Jessica Jara, Linda Jara, Kellen Jeffrey, Lewis Kershaw, Deacon George Kletzel, Alberta Klusek, Josephine Konopka, Victor Kost, Olga Kostic, Hedy Latimor, Marianne Leahy, Ed Lenox, Theresa Lenters, Mackenzie Lilly, Kendra Lutz, Carolyn Mako, Catherine Manzo, 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, 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, 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, Jason Stock, Theresa Stockmal, Joe Sweeney, Annette Terreri, Sister Mary Thaddeus, C.S.S.F., Christine Triola, Rose Triola, Johnny Van Kemp, Antoinette Viola, Christine Wack, Connor Walker, Rita Walsh, Carol Wans, Jim Weber, Charlie Whittaker, Elizabeth Wildemore, David Woczyna, Zeke Wright, Marie Yocco.

Christmas Eve/Day Clergy Schedule

Sunday, December 24th Christmas Eve Liturgy

4:00PM: Fr. Casey/Deacon Sam (Children's Mass)

7:00PM: Fr. Bongard

Monday, December 25th Christmas Day Liturgy

7:30AM: Fr. Casey 9:30AM: Fr. André

11:30PM: Fr. André/Deacon Sam

Weekend Clergy Schedule, December 30/31

Saturday, December 30th

4:00PM Confessions: Fr. Jordan/Fr. André

5:15PM Vigil: Fr. Jordan Sunday, December 31st

7:30AM: Fr. Casey

9:30AM: Fr. André/Deacon Sam 11:30AM: Fr. Bongard/Deacon Sam

Pastor's Page

Proclamation of the Birth of Christ from the Roman Marytrology.

Today, the twenty-fifth day of December, unknown ages from the time when God created the heavens and the earth and then formed man and woman in his own image. Several thousand years after the flood, when God made the rainbow shine forth as a sign of the covenant. Twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah; thirteen centuries after Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt. Eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth and the Judges; one thousand years from the anointing of David as king; in the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel. *In the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;* the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome. The forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus; the whole world being at peace, Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, and nine months having passed since his conception, was born in Bethlehem of Judea of the Virgin Mary. Today is the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

This traditional translation of the Proclamation of the Birth of Christ comes from the Roman Marytrology, the official listing of the saints celebrated by the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church. For centuries, it was read on Christmas Eve, before the celebration of Midnight Mass.

With the implementation of the New Rite of the Mass in 1969, the Proclamation was dropped. Then, in the 1980's, Pope John Paul II restored the Proclamation of the Birth of Christ to the papal celebration of Midnight Mass. Since that time, many parishes have followed the Holy Father's lead, though the reading of the Proclamation is still optional.

The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ situates the Nativity of Christ within the context of human history generally and salvation history specifically, making reference not only to biblical events but also to the Greek and Roman worlds. The coming of Christ at Christmas then, is seen as the summit of both sacred and secular history.

The Proclamation makes clear the wonderful news we celebrate on this most solemn day, the Birth of the Christ, the Son of God. Christ is born here and now among us. In celebrating the Nativity, we fervently pray that Jesus will also be born and borne in our hearts and that we will share this presence with the world around us. "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." John1:14

Father Casey

No dispensation for this year's Christmas Mass on Monday

A newsletter issued in February by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship noted that a "two-for-one" Mass cannot occur in the very rare circumstances when two of the six holy days of obligation — the feast of the Immaculate Conception or Christmas — fall the day before or after Sunday.

"When consecutive obligations occur on Saturday-Sunday or Sunday-Monday, the faithful must attend Mass twice to fulfill two separate obligations," the committee said.

Read the full article from the USCCB at this website: http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/newsletter/upload/newsletter-2017-02.pdf

Additional Parish Information

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your donation of 30 bags of food on 12/8/17. By providing Mother of Mercy House with these vital necessities, you assist us in providing our community with a spiritual approach to meeting very concrete needs. Everyday essentials like food, are paired with prayer, guidance and support.

Friends, we are humbled by your generosity and value of our mission. Your in-kind donation allows us to apply the funds that would have been spent on these items directly to our programs and services. Together, we can truly support the well-being of those within our community. We could not do it without you.

We are enormously grateful for your prayers, friendship and generosity. We hope you understand what a blessing your support is to the Mother of Mercy House family. Please keep us in your prayers and be assured YOU are in ours!

Thank you and God bless you!

Rev. Joseph Devlin, Rev. William Murphy, Sister Ann Raymond, IHM



Update on Parish Offices

We are hopeful that the movement of the Parish Offices to the newly named "Garden Level" (formerly the basement) of the Rectory will be accomplished by January 4. The new offices are located on the south side/Port Royal side of the Rectory building.

The new offices are completely accessible and will be much safer entering and leaving. The former garage will be the reception area. There are offices for Development, Business/Tuition and for the Priests and Deacon. In addition there is a conference room that is available for parish group meetings. Meetings in the conference room must be scheduled and confirmed with Denise Schmidt, parish secretary. Concurrently, the former faculty lunch room in Father Sullivan hall has been converted into an additional meeting room. This room will be referred to as the "Knights of Columbus Room". This room also can be scheduled by making arrangements and confirming with Denise Schmidt.

The renovation of the rectory "Garden Level" was certainly a necessity. The Rectory was built in 1978 and the basement was badly in need of renovation. During the selective disassembly/demolition, mold was discovered behind the paneled walls. This was the result of water pooling against the building and seeping into the cinderblock walls. It was fortunate that this was discovered when it was. The heating/air condition system also needed updating as well as electric wiring and outlets. Further updates to come.

Father Casey

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.



NEXT BAPTISMAL DATES

January 7th & 21st February 4th & 18th

Memorial Plaque in the Sacred Heart Chapel

To the Donors: Over the next few weeks. please check the spelling of the names you had memorialized on the plaque. It has come to our attention that there is a misspelled name. We apologize for the error and will correct it, but want to make sure there are no other errors. Please call the Rectory and ask for Denise Calabrese. Thank you!







Current Events and Information at IHM

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

Fredrick Charles Baker, Jr.



High School Student Academic Honors

(all information is posted as it comes in)

Roman Catholic High School

First Honors:

Matthew Mark Bomberger '18 Michael T. Golasa, II '19 Ryan Truong '19 Michael Flood '20 John Ivan Gentile '20



Second Honors:

John R. Kelly '18 Patrick Augustine Tomosky '18 Robert P. Fuhrmeister, III '19 Matthew Bruce Cherry '20 Michael J. McAndrews '20 Matthew W. Modres '20 Joseph Liam Monahan '20 Connor Bates '21



Sunday Offering December 17, 2017

Envelopes Loose \$10,334.00 <u>\$ 956.75</u> \$11,290.75

#envelopes 639 Average \$16.18 Poor Box \$414.50

Thank you for your generosity!

H.OP.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:

Terry Carr 215-483-6967(Masses)

NO ONE AVAILABLE (Doctors)

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



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.

Immaculate Heart of Mary School is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year! We are accepting students in Grades Pre-K 3 (must be 3 years old by September 1, 2018) through Grade 6. School tours are available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays by appointment. Please contact Traci Kovach in the Tuition Office at 215.483.1103 for application information and more details. Come see the exciting opportunities available at IHM School!



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
Father Sullivan Hall (former teacher's lounge)

Our upcoming meetings are: January 8th & 22nd, February 5th & 19th

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

Father Sullivan Hall on Wednesday December 27th, at 7pm

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

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE is in great need of casseroles. They pick up the last Wednesday of the month. Next month it will be **December 27th.** 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.

FREE LIBRARY

Generous parishioners have donated over 400 books covering a wide range of Faith related topics, many by well known authors.

There are spiritual books, CD's, pamphlets and booklets. which were These resources are free. Any donation will be used to buy similar resources for the parish. The Center is located just off the Main Lobby in the IHM Free Lending Library. We need to know our Faith before we can share it.

IHM Evangelization Ministry

PARISH JOB OPENING



Saint Genevieve Parish is seeking to hire a part time rectory cook to grocery shop and prepare dinners WANTED for our priests 3-4 nights per week, days and hours flexible.

Approximately 12-15 hrs. weekly. Availability to serve an occasional rectory staff lunch and cook

special occasion dinners a plus. Experienced men or women interested in working in a friendly parish team environment should send resume with introductory letter to Fr. Mulligan at rectory@stgensparish.com.

Please visit our Parish website www.ihmphila.org to read about news and events that may not fit in the bulletin and to learn about the newly formed Ministries and consider joining us sharing your time and talent with our parishioners! (under the "Ministries" tab). Deadline for Church Bulletin Articles - no later than NOON on the Wednesday before the following Sunday's bulletin.

HIGH SCHOOL JOB OPENING

Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School, an independent, all-girls Catholic college preparatory school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a short-term substitute position in the history department from April 9 until June 9, 2017. Courses to be taught are AP US History, Honors Topics in US History, Topics in US History, and Modern World History. Qualified applicants with teaching experience and a degree in history are asked to submit their resumes and PA clearances to Anne Casavecchia at acasavecchia@gmahs.org by January 13, 2018.

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

IHM CHURCH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

LITURGICAL

Altar Servers: Rev. Edward J. Casey
Ministry of the Word (Lectors): Sydney J. MacLeod, Jr., sidneyj@macleod.com

Ministry of the Eucharist: Frank Klusek, frank.k.@verizon.net 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) Greeter-Ushers: Judy Maloney, jewel37206@aol.com

Collection-Ushers: 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 Hospitality Ministry: Judy Maloney, jewel37206@aol.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: Ánn McElroy, irishaim@comcast.net

SPIRITUAL OUTREACH
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

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) Christian Meditation Group: Meets Saturdays 9-10AM in the Chapel. Tom Cubbin, 215-483-4829 or tntcubbin@gmail.com