



**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
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: **March 4th & 18th, April 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 **March 20th at 7PM in Church due to Lenten Mass in 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 **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 February 25, 2018

Vigil	24	5:15PM	Josephine and Joseph Stockmal
SUN.	25	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners John Cafagna Martin Gannon, Sr.
MON.	26	8:30 7:30PM	In Memory of Anthony J. Gampico Maria Amolo
TUES.	27	8:30 7:30PM	Paul Maksyn Therese Gryn
WED.	28	8:30 7:30PM	Francis and Deborah Loughran Thomas J. Davis
THURS.	1	8:30 7:30PM	Dorothy Forbes Ebele Nwaoduah
FRI.	2	8:30 7:30PM	Bud Michini Giovanni and Jennie Quarino
SAT.	3	8:00 5:15PM	Hedy Latimore Dominic D'Alicandro
SUN.	4	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Frances Kauffman Shirley Lombardo

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 (29B)
- 2) 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
- 3) John 2:13-25



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Antonio "Tony" Trozzo



ROSES



The rose placed in the *Church* is in loving memory of Shirley Lombardo requested by her loving husband Joe Lombardo.

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

Dear Parishioners,

There are available memorial weeks for both the roses in the Church and Chapel and also for the Sanctuary Light 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, Helen J. Boron, Jean Basile, 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 Cylc, Anna Dahm, Mary D'Angelo, 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, Dennis Hudecki, Baby Jessica Jara, Linda Jara, Kellen Jeffrey, Lewis Kershaw, Deacon George Kletzel, Alberta Klusek, Josephine Konopka, Olga Kostic, Hedy Latimor, Marianne Leahy, Ed Lenox, Theresa Lenters, Mackenzie Lilly, Kendra Lutz, Carolyn Mako, Catherine Manzo, Rosemary Martella, Keelin McEleny, 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, Joseph Rava, 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, Salvatore Sparacino, Jason Stock, Theresa Stockmal, 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, 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 February 26th to March 4th is in loving memory of Anthony J. Gampico requested by his sister Dr. Angeline M. Gampico.

Pastor's Page

As Jesus is transfigured before his disciples in today's Gospel from Mark, a voice comes from the cloud saying: "This is my beloved Son, Listen to Him." Lent is a special time to listen even more closely to Jesus. Last week we heard him proclaim, "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

In the first reading, the faith of Abraham is tested in a most extreme way. So too will the faith of the disciples be tested during the time leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection. We know what awaits us at the end of Lent, but the disciples in real time did not and their faith wavered. As St. Paul tells the Romans, the resurrection of Christ demonstrated once and for all that God has the power to snatch victory from defeat and bring life out of death.

Strong in faith or weak in faith, God has a special place for all. Abraham was strong in faith right from the beginning. "Go to a land that I will show you". It took a great deal of faith to do that. As a good Lenten story, read the saga of Abraham in Genesis chapters 12 to 25. Abraham was the very model of trust in God. He obeyed God even in extreme circumstances. He was willing to sacrifice his own son if this is what God was asking.

In the Gospel, Jesus is transfigured and appears in glory with Elijah and Moses. This happens with the inner circle of disciples, Peter, James and John. In Mark's version, they are terrified and later confused. At this point, Peter is unable to understand or accept what Jesus reveals to him. In contrast to Abraham, Peter's faith is often weak. Yet Jesus chooses Peter to lead the church.

St. Paul gives us a very good pep talk today in the epistle to the Romans. Paul asks, "If God is for us, who is against us?" The question is really a statement. Paul is saying, "If God is for us, then it does not ultimately matter who is against us." God gave up Jesus, the eternal Son, for us all. Nothing can separate us from this love of God, claims Paul. At the end of this chapter, it is as if Paul names everything he can think of that might separate us from God (Romans 8:35-39). The worst that can happen to us cannot separate us from the love us God. Not trial, not distress, not persecution, not hunger, not nakedness not danger, not the sword.

Nowhere, not in Romans nor anywhere else in the Bible, are we promised freedom from suffering. Some illnesses will not be healed, some mistakes will not be erased, some pain will never go away. Faith in God does not insulate us from the rest of humanity with its struggles, its disappointments and its losses.

Faith in God is relational, not circumstantial. We trust in God's unconditional love. People of faith in all ages have found that the assurance of God's love has sufficed for every need. Trusting in God's unfailing love can strengthen us in our ordeals, encourage us in grief and loss and inspire us to live in hope. Secure in God's love, no threat need overpower us, no danger defeat us. The good news of the gospel is this: If God is for us, it matters little who is against us. If God is for us, all will be well.

Father Casey



Congratulations!

The Roman Catholic Boys Basketball Team has advanced to the Philadelphia Catholic League (PCL) Championship Game against Bonner-Prendergast on Monday, February 26th! Please show them your support!



Thank You!

A word of thanks to all the people of IHM parish, especially those who stopped by to have coffee & donuts last Sunday! And a special thanks to Denise Schmidt for putting the reception together last Sunday (despite the snow!).

Sincerely,
Fr. Sam

Parish Information

Sunday Offering February 18, 2018

Envelopes \$ 8,863.00
Loose \$ 1,368.90
\$10,231.90

#envelopes 502
 Average \$17.66
 Poor Box \$307.59
 Ash Wednesday \$2,415.75
 Care of Aging and Infirm Priests of the
 Archdiocese of Philadelphia \$1,489.00

Thank you for your generosity!

The Legion of Mary at IHM

Hand in hand with Mary, we set about to do simple works of Mercy, promote the Rosary and share our love for Jesus among our neighbors. If you would like to join us in prayer and service, come to a meeting. During Lent we will meet at 6:00PM every Wednesday evening in Father Sullivan Hall (former Teacher's Lounge).



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**

Our upcoming meetings are:
 March 5th and 19th

PARISH RESOURCES FOR LENT

During Lent use parish resources to prepare for Easter: **Daily Mass 8:30AM and 7:30PM; Stations of the Cross at 7PM Friday. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Tuesdays from 9:00AM 6:30 PM, followed by the Miraculous Medal Novena; Visit our Spiritual Resources Center, adjacent to the church's main lobby. It contains a variety of Lenten Books, CDs and Booklets; in that same room browse our Spiritual Free Lending Library. At home, you can use your computer to access Lenten material at FORMED.ORG. Use our parish code B2H4YJ to browse it's wealth of material.**



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

Cor Mariae 1400, BINGO

TODAY, February 25th

IHM Father Sullivan Hall (doors open at 12:30PM)
 First game is at 1:30PM, package of 15 games for \$11
 One special prize for \$50, another for \$100
 Contact: Mike Shiel 215-487-7296 or
 mpps5@aol.com

15 Week Club Winners
Week 2

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr. and Mrs. George Fontanez	\$300.00
John Viscuri	\$100.00
Phil and Josie Bucolo	\$100.00
Rachel Daly	\$ 50.00
Adrian Burk	\$ 50.00
Frank Flowers	\$ 50.00
Joseph and Joan DeMalto	\$ 50.00
Robert Blasi, Sr.	\$ 50.00

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, February 28th, 7PM

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

The Golden Age Club will meet Monday, February 26th. Hot dogs will be the snack.



ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE is in **great need of casseroles**. They pick up the last Wednesday of the month. This month it will be **February 28th**. 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

High School Student Academic Honors

(all information is posted as it comes in)

Roman Catholic High School



First Honors: Matthew Mark Bomberger '18, Robert P. Fuhrmeister, III '19, Ryan Truong '19, Matthew Bruce Cherry '20, John Ivan Gentile '20, Brandon R. Stock '21

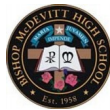
Second Honors: Christopher James Palmer '18, Michael T. Golasa, II '19, Michael Flood '20, Matthew W. Modres '20, Connor Bates '21

Little Flower High School



First Honors: Kiersten Curcio '20

Bishop McDevitt High School



First Honors: Victoria Ann Maloney '20, Rachel Quigley '20

Second Honors: Kyle S. Daniels '19

Hallahan Catholic High School for Girls

First Honors: Lauren Skrocki '20, Kathryn McCole '21, Summer L. Reagan '21



Second Honors: Lillian R. McNicholas '18, Marissa A. Lojewski '19, Carla N. Marandola '19, Isabella Volpe '20, Madeline M. Navea '21, Jennifer B. Stankiewicz '21

Congratulations

On Wednesday, February 28th at 6:30PM in Father Sullivan Hall, there will be a meeting for all parents whose child/children are receiving the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist this year. This will be the only meeting and all registrations must be completed by this date. Please call Mary Anne Kostic-King, at 215-483-4266 with any questions.

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

*Finnegan Patrick Crothers
Sienna Jane Snyder*



Welcome to the newest members of our IHM Parish!

*Mr. and Mrs. Colin Ashmore & Family
Mrs. Mildred Cooper*

Welcome to our Church Family 



"9 to 5 The Musical" will be presented by MMMT this weekend and next. The students have worked long and hard to prepare for this show, and they would love to play to a large audience. Performances are February 23, 24, March 2, and 3 at 7:30PM and February 25 and March 4 at 2PM. Tickets are very affordable at \$13 for adults and \$11 for children.

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)

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: 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)
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)