



**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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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: **TODAY, 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 **in March 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 January 21, 2018

Vigil	20	5:15PM	Walt Kusniesz
SUN.	21	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners William A. Barr William Delaney
MON.	22	8:30	DiFilippo Family
TUES.	23	8:30	Mr. and Mrs. Chester Parks
WED.	24	8:30	Joe and Marguerite Cannon
THURS.	25	8:30	Rev. Jack Donohie
FRI.	26	8:30	Aug and Josephine Dicciani
SAT.	27	8:00 5:15PM	Anne and Ted Leszczynski Vincent and Anna Manzo
SUN.	28	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Donato, Fran, Irene and Burt D'Angelo Filippo Agostino

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (71B)
- 2) 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
- 3) Mark 1:21-28



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Anne Pacitti, Rev. Francis X. Herron,
Ann R. Curcio



ROSES



There is no intention for the rose in the Church
this week.

The rose placed in the *Chapel* is in loving memory of
Rev. Jack Donohie, requested by,
The DiBenedetto Family.

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, 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, 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 Dichiarra, John Diehl, Roseann DiLullo, Marie Dunne, Sue Fafara, Marianne Felker, Nancy Finn, Janet Fioravante, Larry Flannigan, 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 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, 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, 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 January 22nd to January 28th is
in loving memory of Christopher Lubonski
requested by, The Lubonski Family.*



Pastor's Page

There is a sense of urgency in today's readings. This is actually Jonah's second commission from God. In the preceding chapters, Jonah ignored God's request to preach to the pagan city of Nineveh in Assyria. As today's passage begins, Johan is on his way there. His preaching is successful. The people of Nineveh, king and commoner, repent and believe in God, who sees their sincerity and does not send divine wrath upon them. The tale of Jonah the reluctant prophet is meant to remind the Jews that God's judgment and mercy ultimately will extend beyond the narrow bounds of Israel to include even a nation as wicked as Assyria.

As today's gospel opens John's arrest signals the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. He came to Galilee to proclaim the good news: "the reign of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel." The gospel has two components today: urgency of the end times and a response on the part of the listeners. Jesus is now taking up the Baptist's message. Remember John said "one more mighty than I is coming."

As Mark's gospel continues, the reader and listener will recognize that the reign of God is made manifest in the person and deeds of Jesus. This requires a response. Those who hear are to believe and repent. This requires an act of the intellect and an act of the will. Like the people of Nineveh in the first reading one must change his or her way of thinking and behaving. The Greek word "metanoia" literally means a change of mind. This coupled with firm belief, strengthening of faith is important.

Simon and Andrew and James and John in today's Gospel give us some hint of the importance of Jesus' proclamation that "the kingdom of God is at hand." They are immediate in their response to Jesus. Jesus needed a group of followers as a foundation for everything else he would do. These would assist him, support him and become extensions of his ministry.

It is surprising how unqualified they seem for such an assignment. The four we encounter in today's passage are simple fisherman. What is even more surprising, is their immediate response. They followed immediately. Mark says James and John left their father Zebedee in the boat to follow Jesus. Some scholars speculate that this may not have been as quick a decision as it appears to be. Mark could take some dramatic license here to make a point. Many in Galilee had probably heard of the teacher, Jesus of Nazareth. Perhaps the four fishermen had some background with Jesus, hearing of his teachings or his healings. What we know is that Jesus called and they answered.

Let us pray that we will be strong in our commitment to follow Jesus. By our baptismal calling we are told to go forth and make disciples of all nations. Let us consider how we can share our faith with others by what we say and what we do.

Father Casey

The Parish Offices are now located on the "garden level" of the Rectory and open for business. We hope you enjoy the newly renovated and more functional space. All are welcome to stop by during their free time to take a little tour. Thank you for your patience during renovations. Landscaping will be completed when the weather improves.

Weekend Clergy Schedule for January 27th and 28th

Saturday, January 27th

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

5:15PM Vigil: Fr. Jordan

Sunday, January 28th

7:30AM: Fr. Casey

9:30AM: Fr. Casey

11:30AM: Fr. Bongard

Sunday Offering January 14, 2017

Envelopes	\$ 9,356.00
Loose	\$ 1,130.16
	\$10,486.16

#envelopes 557
Average \$16.80
Poor Box \$258.94

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Information

ALL DECADES DANCE

Bishop McDevitt H.S. - 125 Royal Avenue, Wyncote PA
 Saturday, February 24th
 7PM-11PM
 \$35/person
 \$500/sponsorship (includes 10 tickets and signage)
 Online registration thru February 24th - registration link
 at www.mcdevitths.org.

DJ's PLAYING MUSIC FROM A DIFFERENT
 DECADE ON EVERY FLOOR - from the 60's thru the
 90's!
 Complimentary Beer/Wine/Soda/Water on every floor
 Finger Foods aka "Heavy Appetizers"
 "Period Attire" encouraged!
 ALL are welcome - must be 21+ to attend!

Sponsored by the Bishop McDevitt Alumni Association,
 Parents Association and Football Alumni. Proceeds
 benefit McDevitt student scholarships, tuition assistance,
 and academic programs.

LET'S POLKA

All are invited to a Mardi Gras and Valentine's Polka
 Dance Party at the TK Club at 521 East Hector Street in
 Conshohocken on Sunday February 11th from Noon to 5
 pm to support St. Mary Polish American Society. This
 event will feature live Polka music, delicious 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!

Admission is \$10 in advance and \$15 on the day of the
 event. Admission for children is \$7 each and free for
 children under the age of 6. We would appreciate if
 people could buy their tickets by Wednesday January
 31st, so we can purchase the correct amount of food. For
 tickets, please email stmaryconshv@gmail.com or call
 Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

We will meet on Monday,
 January 22nd. Muffins will be
 served at this meeting.



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, January 24th at 7pm

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

Upcoming School Events



OPEN HOUSE

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.

Please join us for an Open House on Sunday,
January 28th from 10:30AM to 12:00PM and
Wednesday, January 31st from 9AM –11AM.
 Come see the exciting opportunities available at
 IHM School!

Please contact Traci Kovach, Director of Finance
 and Development at 215.483.1103 for more details.



This year, we will once again be having our Book Fair
 during Catholic Schools Week. The dates are Monday,
 January 29 through Thursday, February 1. There will
 also be a separate opportunity for parents and
 grandparents to visit the Book Fair during our
 "Goodies With Special Guests Day". This special day
 will be held on Monday, January 29 during the school
 day. The Book Fair will be located in Father Sullivan
 Hall. There will also be a contest to see who can guess
 the correct number of candies in a jar. The person who
 guesses closest, wins the jar. Everyone is a winner!

The families who attend the Book Fair with their
 "Special Guest" will receive a special treat. Proceeds
 from the Book Fair will go directly to Immaculate
 Heart of Mary School. Hope to see you at the Fair!

Thank you for your constant
 support of our school.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

PLEASE NOTE: We will NOT be sending out end of year
 contribution statements to all parishioners in early 2018. To request
 a contribution statement, please call IHM Rectory at
 215-483-1000.

Parish Information at IHM

7th GRADE PRACTICE EXAM

Saint Basil Academy will offer the 7th grade practice exam on Saturday, March 3rd at 8 AM.

Register online at <https://www.stbasilacademy.org/admissions/>.

To schedule a Shadow Day visit <https://www.stbasilacademy.org/admissions/visit-us/>.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Kimberley Clearkin, Director of Admissions, at 215-649-9083.

Job Openings

Roman Catholic High School

1) Roman Catholic High School Advancement Office is currently seeking an accounting professional with experience in and knowledge of bookkeeping and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles to fill the position of **Finance Coordinator**. This is a part-time, 19 hour position. Preference will be given to candidates with a working knowledge of the QuickBooks accounting software package. Responsibilities will include, but are not limited, accounts payable, monthly reconciliations, formulation & adherence to office budget. Interested candidates should forward their resume to Mrs. Ann Vassallo-Trost, avassallo@romancatholicshs.com.

2) Roman Catholic High School has **2 openings** in the Maintenance/Custodial department.

1st Position Maintenance—Full-time, 12 month, 2PM-10PM shift.

2nd Position, Custodial—Part-Time(19 hour), 12 month, 2PM-6PM Candidates should be reliable, self-motivated and possess a familiarity with painting, electric, plumbing, etc. Attention to detail required. Interested candidates should forward their resume to Mrs. Ann Vassallo-Trost, avassallo@romancatholicshs.com.

WOMEN'S TEA All women are invited to a Women's Tea, Sunday, February 4 from 2-4PM at Malvern Retreat House, Main Dining Room to enjoy an afternoon of delicious tea sandwiches and tea. Meghan Cokeley, Director, Office for the New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia will discuss the topic: "What's All This About Feminine Genius?" It's a beautiful, joyful afternoon of sharing time with women of faith in learning about your unique giftedness. Cost: \$25.00 per person. Register at www.malvernretreat.com or 610-644-0400.

**Welcome to the newest members
of our IHM Parish!**

Mr. and Mrs. David McDaniel and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Polgardy

Ms. Christine Vila and Family

Welcome
to our
Church Family 

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.

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) NO ONE AVAILABLE

(Doctors) Beth Donnelly 267-228-2905

(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

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

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.



Career Opportunity: The Knights of Columbus is seeking a candidate representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the K of C. Please contact Joseph Grayeske, General Agent at 215-362-2469 or Joseph.Grayeske@kofc.org for more information.

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.**

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): 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 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)