

## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 12:30PM Next dates: **February 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**, **March 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>** 

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 21**<sup>st</sup>. 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 28, 2018			
Vigil	27	5:15PM	Vincent and Anna Manzo
SUN.	28	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Donato, Fran, Irene & Bart D'Angelo Filippo Agostino
MON.	29	8:30	Thurman A. Lorick, Jr.
TUES.	30	8:30	Irene N. Jakows
WED.	31	8:30	Happy Birthday Frank Koneski
THURS.	. 1	8:30	Helen and Robert Reed, Sr.
FRI.	2	8:30	Joan Funk
SAT.	3	8:00 5:15PM	Henry Alessandroni Favor received from St. Jude and the Sacred Heart
SUN.	4	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Shirley Lombardo Raul Figueroa

<sup>\*</sup>Please note, not all Mass intentions are for the deceased

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Job 7:1-4, 6-7 (74B)
- 2) 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
- 3) Mark 1:29-39



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

Ann R. Curcio, Florence McGeehan, Patricia A. Meinzer, George Michini, Deacon Manuel A. Beltran, Stella Black



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## **ROSES**

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

The rose placed in the *Chapel* is in loving memory of Frank Koneski's birthday requested by his wife.

## 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 Dichiara, 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 29<sup>th</sup> to February 4<sup>th</sup> is in loving memory of William Ryan requested by his wife Mary.



## Pastor's Page

Our first reading today comes from the Book of Deuteronomy. It is certainly one of the most interesting, important and influential books of the Old Testament. The New Testament cites or alludes to Deuteronomic texts almost two hundred times. Deuteronomy's self understanding as a written, authoritative document gave rise to the very concepts of Scripture and canon.

Its purpose was to provide Israel with some direction for its future at a time when its future was in great doubt. Literally in Hebrew it means "second law". It is one of the Books of the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Hebrew bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers).

In the passage today, Moses assures the people that God will not leave them alone after his death. The people will be guided by intermediaries who stand between them and God, whose presence and voice struck fear in the people. The prophets who follow will relay the words of God, which he will place in their mouths. The word prophet literally means, "one who speaks out" or "one who is called".

The Gospel today is a continuation of the first chapter in Mark. Mark's readers do not learn so much *what* Jesus teaches in the Capernaum synagogue but they do learn *how* he teaches (*with authority*). The people are astonished and amazed. The unclean spirit is overwhelmed. Mark wants to emphasize that Jesus not only speaks with authority he also acts with power.

For Mark and for first century Christians, the unclean spirits and demons represented evil, mysterious powers who were hostile to God, health and goodness. They also were perceptive and able to recognize the power of God. Here the unclean spirit reveals Jesus and the "Holy one of God". The unclean spirit tries to thwart Jesus mission for goodness. Jesus two commands are sharper and more forceful than the challenges of the unclean spirit. Mark's intention in this early chapter is to make his readers confident in their Lord as teacher and healer.

Looking deeper, Mark wants more from his readers (and us listeners) than simple amazement. He wants them to be alert when Jesus reveals himself in less appealing ways. Will you also be amazed when Jesus begins to teach that the Son of Man has to suffer much, be rejected by the chief priest, be put to death and rise three days later? This starts to take place after the half way point of the Gospel in chapter 8. Will we recognize him for who he is when he hangs upon the cross, abandoned by most of his followers who were amazed by the first signs of his power.

The followers of Mark's Jesus can have much confidence in Jesus as wonderworker. This is why we must read the whole Gospel and make the whole journey. We must deny ourselves, take up the cross and follow him. (8:34)

## Father Casey

## Weekend Clergy Schedule for January 27th and 28th

## Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

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



## To all Parishioners:

The interior renovations are completed in the lower Rectory and you are welcome to take any of the selected pieces of office furniture from the upper floor. You must

be able to haul the pieces personally (some are large and heavy) and only during the hours of 10AM-2PM Monday through Friday. If you have any questions, please call the Rectory at 215-483-1000.

## Consider joining Fr. David Fernandes and Helen Holroyd on tour in **Ireland**, **September 5-15**, **2018**

Walk in the footsteps of St. Patrick and the Legends that made Ireland great. We will travel all around Ireland, including Belfast in the North. Enjoy dinner in a Medieval Castle, Kissing the Blarney Stone, tasting Irish Whiskey at the Jameson Distillery, visiting the Cliffs of Moher, the Knock Shrine, the Country of St. Patrick (Downpatrick) and his tomb, St. Bridget's Well, the Rock of Cashel, Guinness Brewery Center, Kylemore Abbey, Wooden Mills, Celtic Crystal Factory and so much more. Different cities daily, including Galway, Knock, Adare, Dublin, Glendalough, Kilkenny, Cork, Killarney, Ennis, Connemara, Burren, Cashel and the Dingle Peninsula. We get the best of both worlds with this tour, a little bit of the sacred and a little bit of the secular. Cost of \$3,845 includes all tours, round trip airfare from Philadelphia to Dublin or Newark to Dublin (with bus transportation), airline surcharges and airport taxes, accommodations in centrally located, first class (four star hotels), daily breakfast, six hotel dinners, a Medieval Banquet and an Irish evening with dinner and a show. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, March 15th at 7PM in the St. Gabriel Rectory in Norwood, PA. A deposit of \$500 and copy of your passport is due at Registration, balance due June 21, 2018. For more information or brochure contact Helen Holroyd @ 610-213-4141 orHelenshorizons@gmail.com

## **Parish Information**

## **Sunday Offering January 21, 2017**

Envelopes Loose \$10,619.00 <u>\$ 1,062.50</u> \$11,681.50

#envelopes 675 Average \$15.74 Poor Box \$434.69 Catholic Relief Services \$3,075.10

Thank you for your generosity!



With its roots in our area and because of the outstanding support of the faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, all are invited to hear the inspirational story of hope and transformation shared by Thomas Awiapo of CRS, Ghana on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, from 7-8:30PM at Vianney Auditorium, St. Charles Seminary. For more information and to RSVP, contact Jeff Wallace at CRS at 610-293-4669 or Jeffrey.wallace@crs.org or Anne H. Ayella at aayella@archphila.org.



BREAKING NEWS!!! Student loan debt no longer needs to be an impediment for those called to the priesthood or religious life. To find out more join us for a Facebook Live Event at <a href="www.facebook.com/PhillyPriest/">www.facebook.com/PhillyPriest/</a> on

February 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM Questions? Contact Sue Matour at 610-667-5778.



## Cor Mariae 1400, BINGO

Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting) 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 mppsj5@aol.com

## Upcoming School Events





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 <u>Open House TODAY</u>, <u>January 28<sup>th</sup></u> from 10:30AM to 12:00PM and <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>January 31<sup>st</sup></u> 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

## A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

support of our school.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We will <u>NOT</u> 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

# 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 OuickBooks 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@romancatholichs.com.

- 2) Roman Catholic High School has <u>2 openings</u> in the Maintenance/Custodial department.
- <u>1<sup>st</sup> Position Maintenance</u>—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@romancatholichs.com.

## Important Event with trauma expert, Dr. Theresa Burke

Come learn about a local initiative with a national and international outreach which helps survivors of trauma to open their histories to a profound experience of healing in our fully integrated spiritual and psychological process. The *Living Scripture Institute* provides training for: *Rachel's Vineyard for recovery after abortion; Grief to Grace for healing the wounds of abuse*; and *Duty to Heal finding peace for a soldier's heart.* We welcome you to come meet local resident and founder Dr. Theresa Burke; and Fr. Dominic Allain, from London, int'l pastoral director for *Grief to Grace*.

Please join us on Saturday, February 24, for a light reception and presentation immediately following the 5PM Mass at St. Isaac Jogues Parish, 50 West Walker Road, Wayne, PA. If you or someone you love have suffered traumatic experiences and you would like to help in our efforts, please join us for an inspiring evening!

RSVP: <u>LivingScriptureInst@gmail.com</u> or 610-354-0555

# Welcome to the newest member of our IHM Parish!

Ms. Malia Baber



## 15 WEEK CLUB DRAWING

15 Week Club Tickets have been mailed out to all parishioners. This is the BIGGEST annual fundraiser for our school. We are asking each family to purchase two tickets. Please return your payment and stubs to the Rectory as soon as possible. The first drawing will be on Monday, February 12, 2018 to allow some extra time for returns. If you did not receive tickets or would like to purchase additional tickets, there are extra at the Church entrances and in the Rectory.



## 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:

(Masses) Rosemarie Oakes 215-483-4860 (Doctors) Mary Krier 215-483-5897

(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: February 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

### 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 DEVOUTIONAL 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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)