



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**
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Rev. Joseph W. Bongard, in Residence
Deacon Salvatore R. Bianco*

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: **April 1st & 15th, May 6th & 20th**

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 May at 7PM in the Chapel 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 March 25, 2018

Vigil	24	5:15PM	Theresa Messina - 2 nd Anniversary
SUN.	25	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Adalgsia and Antoni Giulli Paul Pienkowski
MON.	26	8:30 7:30PM	Denise Westwood Rita Higgins
TUES.	27	8:30 7:30PM	Mary L. and Anthony J. Basile, Sr. Patricia Kost
WED.	28	8:30 7:30PM	Harry Rosinski Eugene Durkin
THURS.	29	7:30PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper
FRI.	30	3:00PM 7:00PM	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death Outdoor Stations - Houston Playground
SAT.	31	1:00PM 8:00PM	Blessing of the Food - in Chapel Easter Vigil
SUN.	1	7:30 9:30 11:30	Easter Sunday, no intentions Easter Sunday, no intentions Easter Sunday, no Intentions

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 (44B)
- 2) 1 John 5:1-6
- 3) John 20:19-31



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Deacon George W. Kletzel, Michael Ryan,
Mary Jane Gretzula, Bill Neihoff,
Patricia M. Dougherty



ROSES



The rose placed in the *Church* is in loving memory of Marie and George Harkins.

The rose placed in the *Chapel* is in loving memory of Anna M. Gallagher requested by her daughter, Joanne Emper.

Dear Parishioners,

There are available memorial weeks the roses in the Church and Chapel 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, Beth Kelly Bates, Helen J. Boron, Jean Basile, Beth Kelly Bates, 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 Cyle, Anna Dahm, Mary D'Angelo, Kathy Davis, Taylor Davis, 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, Mary Jo King, Alberta Klusek, Josephine Konopka, Olga Kostic, Hedy Latimor, Marianne Leahy, George Lemerise, Ed Lenox, Theresa Lenters, Mackenzie Lilly, Kendra Lutz, Carolyn Mako, 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, Joanna Parnes, 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, Fran Rigler, 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, Barbara Stuhl, 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, Emma Wittig, 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 March 26th to April 1st is in loving memory of Mary DiGuglielmo requested by her family.



Pastor's Page

We enter into Holy Week today as we commemorate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. It is here, to the center of the Jewish religious world, that Jesus has come to accomplish his Paschal Mystery.

Jesus, like the thousands of observant Jews has gone up to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. The Passover was celebrated each year, recalling God's saving act of leading the chosen people out of Egypt and certain death. With Moses as the intermediary, the Lord led them out of Egypt with his strong arm. This Passover celebration is going to be different. Jesus himself is going to be the Paschal Lamb.

The Passover Lamb served several purposes. In the Exodus story, the blood of the Lamb that was shed was used to put on the doorposts and the lintel of the houses where the Hebrews were so that the Angel of Death would "pass-over" those houses. The tenth plague upon the Egyptians would then be completed, that "every first born of the Egyptians will die". The Lamb also served as food for the journey (Exodus chapters 11&12).

As we begin the celebration today, we have palm branches in our hands, recalling the crowds that cried both "Hosanna" and then "Crucify". The symbolism of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem is captured in Zechariah 9:9 "The Coming of Zion's King – See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey". It was perceived that Jesus was declaring he was the King of Israel to the anger of the Sanhedrin. The people of course thought he was going to declare himself the new King and inaugurate a new political world that would lead to their freedom from the Roman rule. It was of course a radical misunderstanding of Jesus' mission and message.

Today's Gospel in Year B, we hear the Passion Narrative of Mark. This is the first Gospel written. It is the completion of a theme that has run through the whole gospel. The narrative or story can be separated into six separate scenes: the anointing and betrayal (14:1-11); The Last Supper (14:12-31); the Garden of Gethsemane and arrest (14:32-52); the interrogation and torture of Jesus (14:53-15:20); the crucifixion and death (12:21-39); and finally the burial (15:40-47).

Throughout the Gospel of Mark, the evangelist has intertwined the portrayal of the disciples with Jesus' predictions of his passion (Mark 8:31;9-31;10-33-34). The Passion today gives us the full meaning of discipleship that is made clear. Discipleship requires embracing the Cross. The branches that we bless and carry today, with our Hosannas, will be a sign proclaimed to the entire world: Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Father Casey



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesday March 28th, 6:15-7:15PM

Holy Thursday: No morning Masses, Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30PM in Church

Good Friday: No morning Masses, Liturgy of the Passion and Death of our Lord - 3:00PM, Outdoor Living Stations - 7:00PM (Houston Playground-weather permitting; if inclement weather, Stations will be in Church)

Holy Saturday: No morning Masses, No Confessions, Blessing of the Food - 1:00PM (in the Chapel), Easter Vigil - 8:00PM in Church

Easter Sunday: Masses are 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM

Parish Information

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND CHAPLET

In 1937 Jesus appeared to St. Faustina Kowalska and asked her to make His unfathomable Mercy known throughout the world. He asked that the Sunday after Easter be established as **Divine Mercy Sunday and gave her the words of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.** Jesus also asked that a novena of preparation be said before that feast, starting on Good Friday and ending on the following Saturday. **Jesus Himself gave her the prayers of the Novena.** Learn how you can take part in the Novena and the Chaplet. Pick up a pamphlet and flyer that can be found on the tables next to our Church Bulletins.

Weekend Offering March 17/18, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 8,999.00
Loose	<u>\$ 1,151.00</u>
	\$10,150.00

#envelopes 551
Average \$16.34
Poor Box \$404.77
St. Vincent de Paul Collection \$2,640.95

Thank you for your generosity!

15 Week Club Winners Week 6

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Frank Garwacki	\$300.00
Robert and John Reed	\$100.00
Gloria F. LaNoce	\$100.00
Shannon Cupchak	\$ 50.00
Rita McGovern	\$ 50.00
Helen Ford	\$ 50.00
Bob and Mia Schrank	\$ 50.00
The Fakette Family	\$ 50.00

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 Legion of Mary at IHM

The annual Acies or Consecration to Mary of all active and auxiliary members will be on **today**, March 25th at 2:30PM. This year's ceremony will be at the Miraculous Medal Shrine, 500 E. Cheltenham Ave., Philadelphia. Legion prayers, rosary, homily, individual consecration and benediction with refreshments afterward. All auxiliary (praying) members are especially invited to attend.



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, at 7PM**

**Our upcoming meetings are:
April 9th & 23rd, May 7th & 21st**

Tony Lawton in C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce*

WHAT IS IT?

A one man play of C.S. Lewis' classic story, *The Great Divorce*. A witty yet haunting tale about a man who takes a bus ride through eternity.

A fantastic journey through Heaven & Hell

Monday, April 9th 7:00PM
Leverington Presbyterian Church
6301 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19128

Admission: Early Bird Special \$10 (if purchased by 03/25)
Regular Price \$20

Purchase tickets now at www.levpres.org
or call 215-482-0293. Doors open at 6:30PM
Show starts promptly at 7:00PM



The IHM students in the choir and band will be performing "God Bless America" on the field at the Wells Fargo Center for the Philadelphia Soul Arena Football team's season opener. Tickets in Ron Jaworski's section are being offered at a discounted rate of \$22 to the IHM community. Kickoff is at 7PM on Saturday, April 21st. For more information or to order, contact our music teacher Lauren Stephens lstephens@iheartmary.org An order form is also available on our parish website ihmphila.org.

Parish Information

Roman Catholic High School - Important Dates

Spring Open House

Roman Catholic High School will hold a Spring Open House intended for 6th and 7th grade students and their families on Sunday, April 8th from 11:00AM – 1:00PM. Registration available online at RomanCatholicHS.com. For additional information or questions regarding the event call (215)-627-1270 ext. 146/159 or e-mail admissions@romancatholicchs.com.

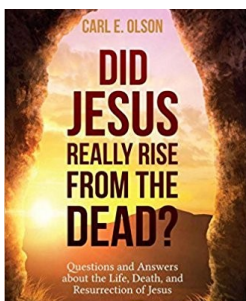
7th Grade Practice Test

Roman Catholic High School will hold a 7th Grade Practice Test on Saturday, April 21st from 9:00AM – Noon. This is an opportunity for 7th graders to prepare for the Scholarship Entrance Test required in the Fall of 2018. Online registration is available at RomanCatholicHS.com. For additional information or questions regarding Roman Catholic High School's admissions process call (215)-627-1270 ext. 146/159 or e-mail admissions@romancatholicchs.com.

St. Philip Neri - Lafayette Hill **WOMEN'S GUILD ANNOUNCES**



Friday, April 13, 2018, 7:00PM,
SPN School Hall 437 Ridge Pike.
Before 3/31/18 \$30pp, after \$35pp
Contact Deanna Marrone, dmdm31796@aol.com or
Paula DiGiacomo, pdigiacomo4044@gmail.com



This Easter, we would like to offer our Parishioners a gift copy of the book, *Did Jesus Really Rise From the Dead* written by Carl E. Olson. We hope you enjoy it. Please look for copies on the tables at all the entrances to Church on **Easter weekend.**

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE is in great need of casseroles. They pick up the last Wednesday of the month. This month it will be **March 28th**. If you are able to make a casserole please pick up a pan in the rectory.

REMINDEES:

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**

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

The Rectory (new offices Garden Level)
on **Wednesday, March 28th, 7PM**

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



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at IHM will be collecting used clothing and household goods through the services of **GreenDrop** Charitable Donations on:

Saturday May 12th, from 3:30PM to 6:00PM
Sunday, May 13th, from 7:00AM to 1:00PM

Bring your donations in plastic bags or boxes to the IHM parking lot. Look for the GreenDrop truck. Your donations will generate needed funds for SVDP. For a full list of acceptable items, go to www.gogreendrop.com.



Will meet on Monday, March 26th. Danish will be the snack. Our club trip will be to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see *Steel Magnolias* on Thursday, April 12th, cost is \$105. For more information call Laura Kusniesz at 215-483-9243.



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

Casino Trip to Resorts in Atlantic City

When: April 19th

Time: Bus leaves IHM at 2PM, returns at 10PM

Cost: \$25 getting on bus, receive \$25 back

Contact: Mike Shiel 215-487-7296 or mppsj5@aol.com

BINGO

Sunday, May 6th - doors open at 12:30PM, first game is at 1:30PM. Cost is \$11.

Bereavement Support Group for Widows and Widowers

Where: Koller Funeral Home, 6835 Ridge Pike

Time: 1:30PM-2:45PM - refreshments will be offered

Dates: 4/3 (The Emotional Roller coaster), 4/17 (Adjusting to a New Lifestyle), 5/1 (Special Days & Dates), 5/15 (Belongings and Reminders), 5/29 (Reinvesting in Life), 6/12 (Does Grief End?)

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: Mary Ann Kostic-King, mking@iheartmary.org
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)