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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

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

BAPTISM - The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:30PM
Next dates: **TODAY & 17th, January 7th & 21st**

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.

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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
December 3, 2017

Vigil	2	5:15PM	Nina Turzi
SUN.	3	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Jack Horgan MaryJane "Mickey" Price
MON.	4	8:30	Memorial Fund
TUES.	5	6:30 8:30	Robert Mattia Carl Sokolski - 18 th Anniversary
WED.	6	6:30 8:30	Hedy Latimore Adele Caruso
THUR	7	6:30 8:30	Alice Keough Albert Rusak
FRI.	8	8:30 12:00 7:30PM	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NO INTENTIONS
SAT.	9	8:00 5:15	Thomas A. Sexton Deceased Members of the Varacallo Family
SUN.	10	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Robert J. Cahill Caroline Slook - Maddock

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (5B)
- 2) 2 Peter 3:8-14
- 3) Mark 1:1-8



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED
BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Jeannette Nocito, Edith "Dee" Audino,
Joseph R. Dunyan, Sr.,
Denise Westwood



ROSES



The rose placed in the *Church* is in loving memory of Mary and Walter Joka requested by their daughter Regina Joka.

The rose placed in the *Chapel* is in loving memory of Carl Sokolski requested by his wife Mary and 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:

Rosemarie Oakes 215-483-4860 (Masses)

Mary Krier 215-483-5897 (Doctors)

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

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, Philip Calvo, Edith Cifelli, Eleanor Calabrese-Avallone, Mary Campbell, Rita Casciato, Lisa Castellante, Caitlyn Clark, John Colantonio, Brooke Conklin, Valerie Coyle, 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, Teresa Drasher, 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 McElenny, 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, 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.

The Sanctuary Light in our Sacred Heart Chapel for the week of December 4th to December 10th is in loving memory of Ursula Jones requested by her husband Bob.



Correction from November 19th Bulletin:

The Sanctuary Light in the Sacred heart Chapel from 11/20-11/26 should have read: "Is in loving memory of Jane Hunt requested by her daughter, Rosemary Kurtz."

Counseling Network for Loss & Transition (CNLT) will begin the Widows & Widowers Support Group every other Tuesday 1:30-2:45 PM at Koller Funeral Home, 6835 Ridge Avenue.

The final date is: December 12th
For additional information call 215-482-5200.
No reservation necessary, and no fee required.

**2018 FIRST QUARTER (JAN –MARCH)
PREFERENCE & AVAILABILITY FORM**

All Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Hospitality Ministers, please complete the Preference & Availability form online. The due date was November 30th. Please submit as soon as possible. The parish website is www.ihmphila.org

Thank you!

**Thank You to the Poor Box Contributors
of IHM Parish.**

Through your continuing generous contributions we have been able to pass along over \$27,000 to help over 100 people this past 2016-2017 fiscal year.

We spent approximately 1,120 hours traveling 1,000 miles conducting 35 verification visits and also giving food, clothing and your gift cards from the Christmas tree. We pray with the people we help and refer them to various other helping groups in our area. We have been especially pleased to be able to provide first rents to transition families from difficult locations or homelessness to safer rental units or help them remain in homes when temporarily burdened with overwhelming medical bills or the loss of a supporting family member.

With your support we have been privileged to bring Christ's caring love to people of all faiths in our area when temporarily in need. Please consider joining us by attending one of our meetings or talking to any of our members listed below.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, IHM Conference

Phil Raively	President
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Rose Novak	Senior Member
Barbara Sheehan	Member
Toni Hoagland	Associate Member
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**Welcome to the newest members
of our IHM Parish!**

*Mr. Jason Romm, Ms. Melissa Michel &
Miss Maya Beavers*

Mr. Sean E. Donnelly



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

*June Genevieve Barrie
Ruby Quinn Barrie
Luke Timothy Welsh
Declan Thomas Woods*



Weekend Clergy Schedule for December 9/10

Saturday, December 9th

4:00PM Confessions: Fr. Casey
5:15 Vigil Mass: Fr. Bongard

Sunday, December 10th

7:30AM: Fr. Fitzpatrick O.S.F.S.
9:30AM: Fr. Casey/Deacon Sam
11:30AM: Fr. Casey/Deacon Sam

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.



The Advent Tree

*We are continuing the charitable tradition of The Advent Tree, donating to several organizations. The main tree will be located at the entrance to the Church and two smaller trees at The Blessed Mother and St. Joseph side entrances. Please attach the tag to your gift and return **NO LATER** than **December 17th**. Thank you for your generous support of the poor in our surrounding communities!*

Note: We are given a list as to what is printed on each tag. Do the best you can with your purchases. Gift card amounts are at your discretion. If the item listed on your tag is unclear to you, please enclose a gift receipt with your item. Thank you!

**Congratulations to the newly married couple
in God's love!**

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Filewicz



**The Society of
St. Vincent DePaul at IHM**

Our upcoming meetings are
December 4th, January 8th & 22th,
February 5th & 19th

NOTE: Please call the Rectory at 215-483-1000
for meeting location.

Please visit our Parish website www.ihmphila.org to read about the newly formed Ministries and consider joining us sharing your time and talent with our parishioners! (under the "Ministries" tab)



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
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BINGO TODAY!

Sunday, December 3rd

IHM Father Sullivan Hall (doors open at 12:30PM)

First game is at 1:30PM

Contact: Mike Shiel 215-487-7296 or

mppdj52@aol.com

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, Catholic, all girls college preparatory school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy seeks to fill a temporary, three-month **position of College Counselor** starting in January 2018. Essential responsibilities include educating and assisting juniors, seniors, and parents through the college search and application process. Candidates should have excellent writing ability, facility with technology (Naviance), and strong communication and organizational skills. Commitment to the traditions and philosophy of a Catholic educational community and a style consistent with the Mercy core values are important. Priority will be given to candidates with experience as a college counselor and/or experience working in a selective college admission office. Candidates should electronically submit a letter of intent, resume, a copy of all transcripts, and clearances to Mary Ann Danovich, Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs (madanovich@merion-mercy.com)

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!

"Proud to be Polish"

The Polish American Heritage Association of Manayunk invites you to share "Oplatek" (Christmas Wafer) and exchange wishes for a Healthy, Happy New Year at a traditional Polish Wigilia Dinner on Sunday, December 10th at 3PM
St. Josaphat Parish Hall
124 Cotton Street
Contact: Joe Deskiewicz 215-482-9276 or
Helen Cyzio 215-482-3040
\$19 for adults, \$7 for children

Today we begin the season of Advent, preparing to celebrate God becoming flesh (John 1:14). In doing so, we are called to prepare our hearts for Christ's presence in our lives.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah tried to rouse the people of God from their torpid faith. He calls on God to do awesome deeds to awaken his people – to rend the heavens, to shake the mountains, to perform miraculous deeds. Isaiah cries to God to reveal himself as he did of old, to stir his people to repentance and reconciliation.

Isaiah longs for God to redeem them from their sin. What he cannot know is that God will do exactly that in the person of Jesus. Though Isaiah at the time he was writing, could not imagine God's Son coming into the world, he prophesied that God could do awesome deeds for those who place their trust in the Lord.

In the Epistle from I Corinthians (1:3-9) the apostle Paul was grateful for the church in the city of Corinth. They had been richly endowed with an understanding of the gospel and given the impetus and eloquence to proclaim it. They were prepared for the return of Christ. They were to remain irreproachable until the day of our Lord Jesus. On that day, the Lord would return to initiate the fullness of God's reign. The Corinthians are to await the "revelation", confident that they have the spiritual gifts to endure until that time.

The Gospel today is taken from the 13th Chapter of Mark. It is not typically a passage that we would see in Advent. It has a very simple message to start off the season of Advent. Jesus preached the urgency of preparing for the coming of the Kingdom of God. He admonishes his followers to "Stay awake" because they did not know when their appointed time will come.

Jesus commands us to develop a consciousness of alertness. It is a call to be awake, not lazy or complacent. We can do this by focused prayer, learning to listen, and being open to the gifts of the spirit. This is to be a positive experience. We wait with hope. Not just marking time, pacing floors, watching clocks. Our faith can point us forward with eager anticipation.

Father Casey

Sunday Offering November 26, 2017

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Loose	<u>\$ 1,152.96</u>
	\$10,810.96

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Sunday Offering November 19, 2017

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	\$ 11,007.00

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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.

For parish news and events that may not fit in the bulletin go to our website www.ihmphila.org and for school news visit iheartmary.org

IHM SPIRITUAL RESOURCE CENTER & FREE LIBRARY

The Center provides our parish with spiritual books, CD's, pamphlets and booklets, many of which were created by top Catholic authors, and speakers. We can use these resources to increase our knowledge of the FAITH. It's called *Faith Formation* and we are all expected to pursue it and develop it during our earthly pilgrimage. These resources are free. Any donation will be used to bring similar resources to other parishes. The Center is located just off the Main Lobby in the room formerly used for baptisms. In that same room you will find the IHM Free Lending Library. Generous parishioners have donated well over 400 books covering a wide range of Faith related topics, many by well known authors.

We need to know our Faith before we can share it.

IHM Evangelization Ministry

**NEXT BAPTISMAL DATES**

**TODAY & 17th
January 7th & 21st**

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

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 (215-483-2061) 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: 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

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Christian Meditation Group: Tom Cubbin, 215-483-4829

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