

**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

*Msgr. Joseph P. McGeown, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Armand D. Garcia, Parochial Vicar
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

**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, 11:00AM & 7:30PM

1ST FRIDAY: IN SACRED HEART CHAPEL

8:30AM & 7:00PM

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 23rd, May 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 the Denise Schmidt 215-483-1000 between the
hours of 9AM to 4PM to register. The next date for Pre-
Jordan class is **to be determined for May, 7PM 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-Can**a 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 22nd, 2017.** 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.

Reunion 2017

50th Year Reunion for IHM School, Class of 1967

Date: Saturday, September 30th

Where: Great American Pub, Conshohocken

Time: 6-9PM

Contact: IHM67@comcast.net or call Donah 215-646-4572

A Friendly Reminder

If displaying any type of posters or flyers on the Church walls or at the tables

near the entrances, please remember to remove them after the date of your event.

There are still several weeks available for remembrance roses in the Church and Sacred Heart Chapel and 2 weeks open for the Sanctuary Light in the Chapel for 2017. Please call the rectory at 215-483-1000 if you would like to reserve a week. Details on the opening of the 2018 Announced Mass Book will be posted soon.



Annual IHM Parish Easter Egg Hunt!

TODAY following the 11:30AM Mass on the Church and School grounds.

Bring your own basket. All children welcome!

Sponsored by, The IHM Home and School Association



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

CASINO TRIP: Resorts Casino, Wednesday, April 19th, bus leaves IHM at 2:00PM, cost is \$25.00, get \$25.00 back

BINGO: April 30th
Father Sullivan Hall
Doors open at 12PM first game at 1:30PM
Packet of 15 games is \$11.
(1) \$50. game and (1) \$100. game

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



Save the Date!

Annual Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions

Sunday, April 30th – Tuesday, May 2nd

Homilist: Father Frank Giuffre, Professor, St. Charles Seminary, former Parochial Vicar, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Sunday, April 30: 11:30AM Mass. Eucharistic procession after Mass to Sacred Heart Chapel. Exposition until Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction at 5:00PM.

Monday, May 1: Solemn exposition at conclusion of 8:30AM Mass. Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7:00PM.

Tuesday, May 2: Solemn exposition at conclusion of 8:30AM Mass. Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7:00PM.

Miraculous Medal Novena prayers at 6:30PM



Confirmation is **Thursday, November 30th at 4PM** at IHM Church. Most Reverend Timothy Christian Senior will be the main celebrant. More details to follow.



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.

Bereavement Support Group for Widows and Widowers

Where: Koller Funeral Home, 6835 Ridge Ave.

Dates: April 18th, May 2nd, 16th & 30th, June 13th

Time: 1:30-2:45PM

NO FEE

Please call: 215-624-8190/215-482-5200 or dgawthropcnlt@verizon.net



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

**Come to a meeting in the Parish Center at 7 p.m. Our upcoming meetings are:
April 24th**

Christ is risen! Alleluia, Alleluia! On this, the central feast day of the Church, we come filled with the hope of new life. This is the day the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice!

The season of Easter, which begins at the Easter vigil on Holy Saturday night and continues until the last mass of Pentecost, is a celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The first eight days after Easter constitute the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord. The period of penance and preparation that we began on Ash Wednesday, have readied us to celebrate the glorious realization of our life in Christ.

The scripture readings of the Easter season reflect the themes of hope and resurrection. The first readings of the Easter liturgies are taken from the Acts of the Apostles. "Acts" is the second volume to the Gospel of Luke. Whereas the Gospel of Luke recounts the words and deeds of Jesus, with the theme as our compassionate savior, Acts picks up the story after the ascension of Jesus. Acts narrates the life of the newborn community as it attempts to understand the mystery of the Resurrection and how the community should live going forward. One of the best ways I have heard Acts described is that it is the "Gospel of the Holy Spirit". Remember the literal meaning of the word Gospel – "The Good News"!

During the first weeks of Easter, the Gospel readings will recount the discovery of the empty tomb and the encounters between the disciples and the Risen Jesus. After commanding his disciples, that includes us by the way, to "go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel" Jesus will be taken up into heaven. (Forty days-Ascension)

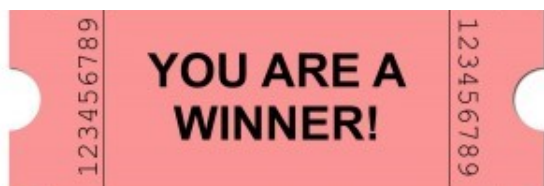
We will not be left alone however, Jesus promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to testify with us (Fifty Days – Pentecost).

During this special time of Easter, from today until Pentecost Sunday, we have a special opportunity to reflect on the fact that "The Lord has been raised! It is true" Luke 24:34

Today we unite with faith communities large and small all around the world. The paschal candle burns brightly in our midst as we listen to the great good news of the Resurrection, renew our baptismal promises gather around the Eucharistic table to consume the Body and Blood of the risen Christ.

We thank you Father for the gift of new life that you have bestowed on us through the Resurrection of your Son. Send your Spirit upon us, that we recognize and appreciate the gift of your Son. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice.

Father Casey



15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS

WEEK 9

Jim & Kathy Kennedy	\$300.00	Mary Ann Wood	\$100.00
Lauren Durkin	\$100.00	Christopher McCole	\$ 50.00
Emily Lanigan	\$ 50.00	Charles Hoffman	\$ 50.00
Anna Marie Golden	\$ 50.00	Alice Roberts	\$ 50.00



Confirmation Registration for the Fall of 2017 is **due on April 24th**! If your child is currently in the fifth grade and is receiving the Sacrament in the Fall of 2017, they **must** have this paperwork completed.

We have now opened our **Registration for PREP** classes for the Fall of 2017 at IHM. If you are interested in having your child attend Religious Education Classes, please contact Mary Anne Kostic-King, at 215-483-4266 or e-mail: mking@iheartmary.org Registration is open from now through June 9th. Form is available on the Church website www.ihmphila.org under "religious education" tab.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
April 16, 2017

Vigil	15	8:00PM	EASTER VIGIL
SUN.	16	7:30 9:30 11:30	EASTER SUNDAY NO INTENTIONS
MON.	17	8:30	Adele and Santo Caruso
TUES.	18	6:30 8:30	Matthew Wyborski Anna Maksyn - 10th Anniversary
WED.	19	6:30 8:30	Helen and Robert Reed, Sr. Betty Jane and Harry Vetter
THUR	20	6:30 8:30	Helen Ann Simpson Filomena and Agostino DiNisio
FRI.	21	8:30	Anna M. Gallagher
SAT.	22	8:00 5:15	Muriel Baronett Matthew Wyborski
SUN.	23	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners DiNicola Family Daniel and Anne Parkinson

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47 (43A)
- 2) 1 Peter 1:3-9
- 3) John 20:19-31



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED
BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Helen Marie Rosenfeld



ROSES



The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Jim and Anna DiBenedetto (70th Wedding Anniversary) requested by their children.

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Anna Maksyn requested by her daughter, Pauline Craig.

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: **NO ONE AVAILABLE (Doctors)**
Terry Carr 215-483-6967 (Masses)
(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.

Anna Barras, Joyce Bielawski, Wayne Bielawski, Bill Blum, Roberta Bracey, Theresa Branca-Herbst, Catherine Bryan, Eleanor Calabrese-Avallone, Orlando "Lonnie" Carugno, Rita Casciato, Lisa Castellante, Thomas J. Coccia, John Colantonio, Brooke Conklin, Valerie Coyle, Baby Kevin Crane, Anne Cunningham, Joseph Cylc, Mary D'Angelo, Jack Deegan, Baby James Dent, Baby Augie DeStefano, Baby Olivia DeStefano, Kim Dichiaro, John Diehl, Roseann DiLullo, Dave Dugan, Marie Dunne, James Durkin, Sue Fafara, Nancy Finn, Janet Fioravante, Larry Flannigan, Joe Flemming, Kathleen Gavaghan, Carol Gorman, Tom Halpin, Louise Hannings, Robert Hannon, Corrine Hare, Jacklyn Heyer, Jean Hodge, Florence Horan, Dennis Hudecki, Baby Jessica Jara, Linda Jara, Kellen Jeffrey, Lewis Kershaw, Deacon George Kletzel, Mrs. Frances Kletzel, Alberta Klusek, Pat Kost, Rev. Larry Kozak, Joseph Krywucki, Marianne Leahy, Ed Lenox, Theresa Lenters, Mackenzie Lilly, Carolyn Mako, Catherine Manzo, Rosemary Martella, Stephen McKeever, Matthew McNamee, Maureen McGill Miccoli, Jim Michel, Geri Miller, Terry Morrissey, Katherine Murphy, Roberta McLaughlin, Baby Samantha O'Donnell, Anne Louise Owens, Jacob Pastella, Rose Pastella, Vera Pepe, James Vincent Penkowski, Lynn Pester, Thomas Przybek, Gloria Pytlar, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, John Reynolds, Barbara Rogers, Stephanie Russo, O.F.S., Rosa Maria Santos, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, William Scheibenhoffer, Benny Shiril, Michelle Shockey, George Siefert, Baby Mason Simmons, Jason Stock, Theresa Stockmal, Joe Sweeney, Annette Terreri, Christine Triola, Rose Triola, Johnny Van Kemp, Antoinette Viola, Rita Walsh, Carol Wans, Jim Weber, Denise Westwood, Charlie Whittaker, Elizabeth Wildemore, David Woczyna, Marie Yocco.

*The Sanctuary Light in our
Sacred Heart Chapel for the
week of April 17th to April 23rd
is in loving memory of
Albert Falba requested by
The Rounbehler Family.*



THE BEAUTIFUL GIFT OF LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light burns seven days a week, every week of the year before the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like this candle to burn in memory of a loved one in our Chapel, please call or stop by the parish office. The name of the person to be remembered and the donor will be published weekly in our bulletin.

(Suggested offering is \$20.00)



Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls is proud to announce its December 2017 musical, *Beauty and the Beast!* Auditions for all interested high school gentleman (classes 2018 to 2021) will be held on Saturday, May 20th at 9:00AM in the L.F. auditorium. Roles are for The Beast, Gaston, Maurice and LeFou. Call 215-455-6900 x140 for more information.

Little Flower H.S. Spring Concert and Art Show, Sunday, April 30th at 2:30PM in the school auditorium. General Admission is \$7.00, Senior Citizens, students with ID and children under 10 - \$5.00. Tickets may be purchased at the door.



**Archdiocese
of
Philadelphia**

Are You Being Called to be a Deacon?

2017 Permanent Diaconate Information Night
Thursday, April 20, 2017
7:00-9:00PM
Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary
Vianney Auditorium
100 East Wynnewood Road
Wynnewood, PA

A deacon's ministry entails proclaiming, preaching and teaching God's Word, assisting the bishop and priest at the Liturgy, assisting at funerals, ministering to the sick and dying, leading the community in prayer and in sacramental liturgies, baptizing, witnessing marriages and exercising administrative leadership in the Church.

A permanent deacon, who may be married, is a member of the clergy and shares in the hierarchy of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the deacon is configured to Christ the Servant. It is Christ the Servant who acts through the ministry of the deacon.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

To register or for more information:
Laura Nimmons lnimmons@archphila.org

Note: If married, those attending the Information Night must do so with their wives.



Spring Housecleaning? Save These Dates

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be hosting a Clothing and Household Goods Drive to benefit

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at IHM

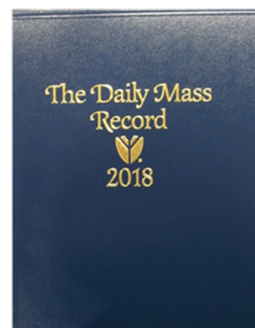
Saturday, May 13th from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 14th from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

SVDP will be using the services of **GreenDrop** to support their clothing drive. Look for the **GreenDrop** truck in the Church parking lot where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Tax receipts will be available. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Worn clothing is also acceptable as it can be recycled as fiber. Household items such as kitchenware, games, toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CD & videos are also accepted. **Unfortunately, furniture, large appliances, TV's and computer monitors cannot be accepted.** For a full list of acceptable items visit www.gogreendrop.com.

On April 24th the **2018 Mass Book** will **open** in the Parish Center starting at 9AM (no earlier). Only 5 Masses per parishioner will be sold at this time. Masses remain \$10 per Mass. Roses for the Church and Chapel will also be sold at this time. Only 3 per parishioner and they remain \$12 per rose. The Sanctuary Light will also be available for 2018 at \$20.

Remember, if paying by check they must be separate checks for each item. Please bring exact change if paying in cash. Any questions call Denise Schmidt 215-483-1000 in the rectory office.



TRANSITION NETWORK ARE YOU UNEMPLOYED OR UNDEREMPLOYED?

Come and join our network group. It has been running for 7 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 IHM Parish Center (Rectory Basement) on

Tuesday, April 18th at 7pm.

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

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 parishioner 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**

April 23rd
May 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 Development/Bulletin/Grade (2) P.R.E.P.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Adoration Ministry—Meets every 4th Monday at 7PM in the Parish Center (Rectory basement). Contact Peter Caruso at: adorationihm@gmail.com; 267-766-2657

Boy Scouts—John Macoretta, Scoutmaster (215-680-1049); email: scouttroop474@yahoo.com

Casserole Day for St. John's Hospice—last Wed. of the month

Charismatic Prayer Group—Meets Thursday afternoons at 3:00 pm in the Parish Center. Gloria Domino (610-539-3455)

Choir—brings song and praise to God's house. Rehearsals—Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Music Room in FSH. Linda Pfefferle (215-704-4652).

Church & Chapel Cleaners—parishioners who clean God's house weekly. Denise Schmidt (215-483-1000)

C.Y.O.—High School and Grade School meetings as announced.

Deadline for Church Bulletin Articles—No later than **NOON** on the Tuesday before the following Sunday's bulletin. Remember to check out our website for articles and events that may not make it into the bulletin. Denise Calabrese- 215-483-1000

Director of Religious Education—Mary Anne Kostic-King 215-483-4266 or email mking@iheartmary.org

Evangelization Ministry—Promote evangelization within the Parish. Chuck Fuges, 215-482-1397, ctfuges@comcast.net

Finance Committee—helps manage parish resources

Gardening Angels - helps to maintain the Church grounds. Rosemary Kurtz at rosemarykurtz@aol.com or 215-487-0744.

Golden Age Club—Meets the 2nd & 4th Mondays, in FSH at 11 A.M. President, Laura Kusniesz at 215-483-9243.

Home & School Association—Lynn Fahringer (President) homeandschool@iheartmary.org

H.O.P.E. Program—see schedule in the bulletin weekly.

For more info call Rosemarie Oakes (215-483-4860)

Knights of Columbus Cor-Mariae Council 4100—contact Mike Shiel 215-487-7296

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.

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).

Pastoral Council—advises Pastor on Parish matters.

Parish Religious Ed. Program - P.R.E.P. (formerly CCD) - Grades 1 to 6 - Tues. evening 6:30-8:00pm - school year only.

Pro-Life Ministry—promotes the sanctity of life, at every stage, through love, prayer and supportive programs & activities. Ann Marie Beaver (215-483-8204).

Safe Environment—promotes the safety and welfare of our children.

Scrip—S & C—Trish Campbell (215-483-2061)

Supermarket Scrip - Susan Lojewski (267-549-2746)

St. Vincent DePaul 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.

Transition Network—meets monthly in parish center to help unemployed and underemployed.

[www. TransitionNetwork.webs.com](http://www.TransitionNetwork.webs.com)

Tuition Office—contact Traci Kovach 215-483-1000 Hours are Tuesday & Wednesday 9am to 2pm or email: tuition@iheartmary.org