



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**
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Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor

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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: **May 6th & 20th, June 3rd & 17th**

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 April 22, 2018

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| SAT. | 21 | 5:15PM | Thomas and Nancy Plover |
| SUN. | 22 | 7:30 9:30 11:30 | IHM Parishioners Millie and Anthony Orivivo Frank Vacchiano |
| MON. | 23 | 8:30 | Kathleen Flanagan |
| TUES. | 24 | 8:30 | Betty Elisier |
| WED. | 25 | 8:30 | Harry Rosinski |
| THURS. | 26 | 8:30 | Louise Curcio |
| FRI. | 27 | 8:30 | Thomas Martin |
| SAT. | 28 | 8:00 5:15PM | Eric Binns John Antenucci - 4 th Anniversary |
| SUN. | 29 | 7:30 9:30 11:30 | IHM Parishioners Eric Binns In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother |

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31 (53B)
- 2) 1 John 3:18-24
- 3) John 15:1-8



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Lewis Kershaw
Rev. Msgr. Francis A. Gilberti
Rev. Karl A. Zeuner



ROSES



The rose placed in the *Church* is in loving memory of Muriel Baronett requested by Jack Baronett.

The rose placed in the *Chapel* is for Gert and Archie Cavanaugh.

The Sanctuary Light in our Sacred Heart Chapel for the week of April 23rd to April 29th is for Rosemarie, Ed Oakes and Family requested by the IHM Prayer Group.



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, Joyce Bielawski, Wayne Bielawski, Bill Blum, Gerri Blum, Roberta Bracey, Theresa Branca-Herbst, Catherine Bryan, 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 Cylc, 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, Eric Hetrick, Jean Hodge, Fay Holder, Baby Jessica Jara, Linda Jara, Kellen Jeffrey, 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, 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.



MARY OF NAZARETH, Part 1: Film presentation on the Virgin Mary from her childhood through the resurrection of Jesus, capturing the essence of her profound faith and trust in God.

Saturday, April 28th, 8:00PM, duration 1:30 hrs.
Monday, April 30th, 1:30AM, duration 1:30 hrs.

IHM EVANGELIZATION MINISTRY

Pastor's Page

Today in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter will demonstrate that he is an authoritative delegate of Jesus by acting and preaching in his name. In this 4th chapter of the Acts, we see especially the conflict between the old and the new leaders of the Jewish people. Luke, the author of Acts, demonstrates that the old leaders of the Jewish people have forfeited their claims by rejecting the Messiah God gave them.

Peter is brought before the leaders, elders and scribes, much as Jesus had been. The authorities ask Peter by whose authority he has healed the crippled man, just as Jesus had been questioned about the source of his authority. Peter answers that in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, he was able to heal. In addition, he adds that there is no salvation except through the name of Jesus.

The Apostles replaced them as the new leaders of God's people, in the name of the Jewish Messiah Jesus, who had appointed them. Note at the beginning of the passage today, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit. This courageous speech is quite a change from the courtyard on Holy Thursday night when Peter said plainly "I do not know the man."

The Sanhedrin was the Jewish Supreme Court and ruling body. The Romans let the Jews rule themselves religiously in this way. The Sanhedrin leaders have challenged Peter and John's authority, asking "by what power or in whose name they have acted. Acts 4:8 mentions Peter received the Holy Spirit for his reply. The Jewish leaders were amazed at the boldness of such uneducated and common men. The Sanhedrin released Peter, in no small part because of the number of people who saw what happened and came to believe in Jesus that day. Through incidents like this, the early church grew in numbers and faith.

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd has its roots in today's gospel. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, willing to sacrifice himself for his sheep.

A distinctive feature of John's gospel is the use of that is called the "I am" sayings. These saying are like similes that compare Jesus to another reality. Recall that the name for God revered by the Jews was "Yahweh" and that the translation of the name is "I am who am". I am is the verb to be, it is being itself. John's gospel often begins his teachings with the words "I am". Scholars tell us that John intended for such references to show a direct relationship between Jesus and Yahweh. The "I am" sayings signal Jesus divinity as the Son of God.

As we listen today to God's holy word, let us be grateful that we have such a good shepherd to care for us and save us.

Father Casey

Weekend Clergy Schedule for April 28th and April 29th

Saturday, April 28th

5:15PM Vigil: Fr. Verruni

Sunday, April 29th

7:30AM: Fr. Casey

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

11:30AM: Fr. Verruni/Deacon Sam



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 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.

Bereavement Support Group for Widows and Widowers

Where: Koller Funeral Home, 6835 Ridge Pike

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

Dates: 5/1 (Special Days & Dates), 5/15 (Belongings and Reminders), 5/29 (Reinvesting in Life), 6/12 (Does Grief End?)

Parish Information

Weekend Offering April 21/22, 2018

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| Envelopes | \$ 9,700.00 |
| Loose | \$ 1,202.95 |
| | \$10,902.95 |

#envelopes 571
Average \$16.99
Poor Box \$350.74

Thank you for your generosity!



Fr. Matt Guckin will be directing a 24-hour Young Adult Retreat, ages 18 to 35 yrs., May 11-12. Megan Mastroianni, Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office of Young Evangelization will be the featured speaker. Prayer and Praise under the Stars, Holy Hour, Reconciliation, outside firepit and uplifting music. *"Our Continual Conversion to Christ"* is the theme. Register early at 610-644-0400 or online at www.malvernretreat.com

15 Week Club Winners Week 10

| Winner | Amount |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Gianna Scotto | \$300.00 |
| Greg and Amy Sadowski | \$100.00 |
| Lynette Hodge | \$100.00 |
| Scott Hudecki | \$ 50.00 |
| Tom and Sue Lojewski | \$ 50.00 |
| Lois Baj | \$ 50.00 |
| Anne Marie Dunne | \$ 50.00 |
| Kathy Selman | \$ 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) 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, at 7PM**

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

The TRANSITION NETWORK meeting that was scheduled in the Rectory for Wednesday, April 25th has been cancelled.



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

BINGO

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



The Golden Age Club will meet on Monday, April 23rd. Chicken sandwiches will be the snack. Reservations will be taken for our luncheon at Flourtown on June 11th.

Please visit Merion Mercy this spring!
Register on "Visit Days" page at www.merion-mercy.com.



- For Prospective Parents: Meet Merion Monday on April 30th, 8AM – 10AM. Observe classes and hear more about MMA.
- For 7th Grade Girls: Register for a half day Visit Day (includes lunch). The available dates are on our website.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE is in **great need of casseroles**. They pick up the last Wednesday of the month. This month it will be **April 25th**. If you are able to make a casserole please pick up a pan in the rectory.

REMINDERS:

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

Parish Information



Are you an Alzheimer Caregiver or do you have questions about Alzheimer?

Would you like to speak with someone who understands?

Would you just like to know more about this dreaded disease?

THE ERNEST M. STROLLO LODGE #683 OSIA is sponsoring an Alzheimer's representative who will answer questions or concerns you may have.

TODAY, APRIL 22nd at 1:30PM
ST. GENEVIEVE'S HALL
1225 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown, PA

This event is free of charge and open to everyone.
Bring a friend!

Light refreshments will be served.
This is not a solicitation for funds.

To RSVP or for questions contact Donna DiFrancesco
dresherdonna@verizon.net

Job Openings

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, all girls Catholic High School sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a full time teaching position in the English department for the 2018-2019 school year. Qualified applicants with an English degree and secondary certification are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by Monday, April 30th. Experienced preferred. Send email to: Mary Ann Danovich, Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs, madanovich@merion-mercy.com.



The IHM School Community invites all parishioners to like our page: **Immaculate Heart of Mary School (IHM) Philadelphia** on Facebook to follow the daily activities, events, photos, videos and posts of our students!

We are also still 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. Limited spots are available for incoming students in each grade. Please contact Traci Kovach, Director of Finance and Development at 215.483.1103 for a school tour and more details.

On May 19, 2018 there will be an all class **High School reunion** for anyone who attended **Archbishop Kennedy or St. Matthew's**. The event begins with an open house from 3–6PM at the former AKHS building and will be followed by an alumni reception from 5–10PM at the A field (A.A. Garthwaite Stadium) in Conshohocken. Tickets are \$30 per person and are available for cash purchase at Coll's Custom Framing, 324 Fayette St, Conshohocken, PA 19428 or via the link below if paying by credit card (plus fee).

<https://allkennedystmatthewshsreunion.ticketbud.com/all-kennedy-st-matthew-s-hs-reunion>

Please contact Bill Robinson (class of 93) at kennedyhs1993@gmail.com for additional information or inquiries.

SAINT **John's** HOSPICE

After a brutal winter, hundreds of our homeless brothers have come to Saint John's Hospice for fresh, clean clothing. Because of this high demand, we are in great need of jeans and khakis in sizes 30 to 42, (inseam 30 to 34) and new underwear in sizes L, XL, & 2XL.

Any donations are helpful!

Thank you for your ongoing support of Saint John's Hospice. Your generosity enables SJH to continue to provide life-sustaining services to the homeless men of our city.

For additional information, please contact Marty Farrell, Community Relations Coordinator
mfarrell@chs-adphila.org/610-609-6634



On Saturday, April 14th at IHM in Father Sullivan Hall "A Night Under the Stars" was held with over 200 attendees. The female students of IHM were welcome with a special guest of their choosing and a great time was had by all!

Pictured: Clara, Ava and Audrey



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)