



*Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor*

*Rev. Samuel A. Verruni, Parochial Vicar*

*Rev. Joseph W. Bongard, in Residence*

*Deacon Salvatore R. Bianco*

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY

Vigil Mass: 5:15 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

#### WEEKDAYS: IN SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Monday thru Friday 8:30 am

Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Wednesdays when school is in session Mass will be held in the Church - 8:30 am

#### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION IN CHURCH

5:15 pm Vigil Mass

8:30 am, Noon, & 7:30 pm

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN CHURCH

Saturday 4-5 pm

#### TUESDAY

Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 am Mass until 6:30 pm

#### MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Tuesday Evening at 6:30 pm

Benediction follows Novena Prayers

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SCHOOL**  
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### 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: **Contact the Rectory as during the pandemic the schedule has changed.**

**Pre-Jordan** - Instruction/sacramental preparation for parents of children to be baptized is held every other month. The meeting is usually held in the Sacred Heart Chapel, except during Lent, when it is held in Church. Parents of children to be baptized should contact Mrs. Denise Schmidt in the parish office between the hours of 9am and 4pm to register. **The next date for the Parent Pre-Jordan is Wednesday, September 16, 7 pm in the Chapel.** Pre-Jordan sacramental preparation is required for each child to be baptized at IHM. Please see the guidelines for choosing a sponsor on page 6 of the Parish Bulletin.

**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). **There will be no Fall date due to the pandemic.** Please call Denise Schmidt, parish secretary at 215-483-1000 for further information.

**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 AUGUST 23, 2020

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>22</b>	5:15pm	Robert Sr., & Helen Reed
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>23</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Michelina "Mickey" Hoad Joseph Curcillo
<b>MON.</b>	<b>24</b>	8:30	Karoline Bochenek
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>25</b>	8:30	Dave Woczyna
<b>WED.</b>	<b>26</b>	8:30	Thomasina Labrousse
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>27</b>	8:30	Rita Higgins
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>28</b>	8:30	Shane Montgomery
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>29</b>	8:00 5:15pm	John "Jackie" McElroy Frank Forgione
<b>SUN</b>	<b>30</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Nora, Joseph, Sr., & Joseph Chernesky, Jr. James E. Polisi, Jr.

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



### ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is for a cure for the Covid 19 Pandemic requested by a Parishioner.

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of  
Tom and Jane Hunt  
requested by their daughter, Rosemary.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

*Mary Skowronski*  
*Mary McDevitt*



Each Tuesday the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for our adoration in our Sacred Heart Chapel from 9 am to 6:30 pm.

Benediction and Novena follows.

Please note that this is cancelled until further notice.



*Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.*

Baby Annette Christine, Mary Bartsch, Anne Basara, Josephine Bellace, Elaine Bene, Joyce Bielawski, Wayne Bielawski, Lynn Campbell, Ida Cataldi, Terry Carr, Officer Andy Chan, Michael Clark, Brooke Conklin, Fabrizio Contarin, Renzo Contarin, Quint Cuffe, Taylor Davis, Marano Donald D'Angelo, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Virginia Farabelli, Robert Fatovic, Eileen Fedak, Sydney Franzmann, Brenden Heyer, Ruth Hyres, Sheilah Janes, Mary Jo King, Peggy Kirlin, Marianne Klusek, Mr. Kosh, Olga Kostic, Mary Krier, Gloria LaNoce, Marianne Leahy, Agnes Leinheiser, Hadley Ludwig, Elizabeth Matruka, Terry McCormick, Keelin McEleney, Winifred Meall, Ann Marie Melough, Charlie Melough, Ava Danielle Mormello, Maureen Moroney, Zina O'Connor, Michael O'Callaghan, Christine Orzech, Luisa Pellicone, Dave Pendleton, Bill Pinto, Kathy Pro, Tom Przybek, Karen Pulcinella, Connie Quigley, Harper Renshaw, John Reynolds, Joel Rivera, Anita Russell, Timothy Sager, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, William Scheibenoffer, Beth Scheid, Helen Smith, Salvatore Sparacino, Jessica Stack, Jake Stefano, Felicia Teske, Paul Teske, Molly Thompson, Christine Triola, Louise Vesci, Maddox Vielman, Owen Walker, Megan Ward-Clifford, Wendi Wagoner, Walter Wayne Whitehouse, Pam Wisdom, Bernadette Worthing, Mike Zacher, John Zack, Anthony Zul.



*We continue to pray for our men & women in the military here and overseas and for all 1<sup>st</sup> responders.*



The **Sanctuary Light** in our Sacred Heart Chapel for the week of August 24th to the 30th is in loving memory of

Deacon George W. Kletzel, Jr.  
requested by his wife, Pat & Family.

## Pastor's Page

We are Christians because we chose to follow Jesus Christ. As we listen to the readings today, especially today's passage from Matthew, it is good for us to reflect on who Christ is for us, just as he asks the disciples that question. The YOU can be singular and plural. "Who do YOU say that I am."

Peter's confession of faith begins as a dialogue between Jesus and the disciples. It takes place near Caesarea Philippi in northern Palestine and marks the initial step of the journey that will result in Jesus' passion and death in Jerusalem. When Jesus wants to know what the popular opinions are regarding his possible identity. The disciples list a number of possibilities.

Herod Antipas thought that he was John the Baptist come back to life. Elijah was mentioned. It was Jewish belief that the return of Elijah was expected to accompany the coming of God's kingdom. Jeremiah is mentioned. Jesus then asks for the disciples own assessment. As is often the case in this section of Matthew's gospel, Peter appears as the spokesman for the group and he proclaims Jesus to be the Messiah. Messiah is a Hebrew word that means 'the anointed one'. The Greek translation of 'Messiah' is Christos. Peter's confession of Jesus as the Messiah reflects the disciples hope that Jesus would deliver Israel from its enemies and establish God's Kingdom on earth.

The blessing in verse 17 declares that Peter's confession was a revelation from God and verse 18 promises that Peter is the rock on which the Christian community will be built after Jesus' death and resurrection. No power opposed to God will be able to destroy that community. His exercise of the power to bind and loose will be confirmed by God.

At many points in his life, Peter seemed weak in character, overly emotional and unpredictable. Yet, Peter was Jesus' choice as the rock on which he would build his church. It is not because of our own merits that we are called to serve but because of what God can do with our willingness and faithfulness. During our journey of faith, we gradually become formed into the image of Christ. It is a lifelong journey. Because of his faith, Peter is given great responsibility. As we listen to today's readings perhaps we will hear God challenging us too. What is God calling us to do, as we live out our calling as Christians? Let us pray today for the grace to live up to the name of Christ with which we identify ourselves.

Each time we gather together at Mass, we listen to the Word of the Lord. We are fed at the table of the Lord. We grow in knowledge of the Lord and are sustained in the Lord's mission. The goal is to deepen that relationship. We become a part of something much larger than ourselves, for we are a part of a parish community, of a diocese, of the whole church, indeed the body of Christ.

Father Casey

### **Weekend Clergy Schedule August 28 & 29, 2020** **(celebrants are subject to change)**

**Saturday, August 28**  
5:15 p.m. Vigil: Fr. Verruni

**Sunday, August 29**  
7:30 a.m. - Fr. Bongard  
9:30 a.m. - Fr. Verruni  
11:30 a.m. - Fr. Casey

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

- 1) Jeremiah 20:7-9 (124A)
- 2) Romans 12:1-2
- 3) Matthew 16:21-27

**IHM 9:30 Sunday Mass will be live streamed from our Facebook page: (you do not need a personal Facebook page to watch the Mass. You will be on our IHM Facebook page) Go to [ihmphila.org](http://ihmphila.org) and click on [IHM Facebook Page](#) (The 9:30 Mass will be able to be viewed anytime after it airs live).**

### Parish Information

#### Sunday Offering Week of August 9, 2020

Sunday \$7,670.00

Loose 547.00

\$8,217.00

# of envelopes – 410

Average-\$18.71

Poor Box -\$253.00

Assumption \$1,220.00

*Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity!*

#### Weekday Masses

All weekday Masses will be held in our Church until further notice.

Monday through Friday at 8:30 am.

Saturday at 8:00 am.

#### PRAY FOR OUR NATION

Fathers Jim & Tony Blount, Queen of Peace, Media, are requesting Catholics to pray a 54 day rosary novena starting on August 15 and ending on October 7 to pray for peace in our country and the election. Spread the word!

<https://queenofpeacemedia.com/fifty-four-day-novena>



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

*Alina Rose McCloskey*

#### SCRIP IS BACK!!

Scrip orders are now being taken via email ([scscrip@iheartmary.org](mailto:scscrip@iheartmary.org)) with pick up on Thursday evenings from 7 pm to 7:30 pm in Father Sullivan Hall. No additional scrip will be sold until school resumes. This is for pick up orders only.



#### PRO-LIFE LEGAL FUND RAFFLE

SINCE 1986 THE PRO-LIFE LEGAL FUND HAS EFFECTIVELY ADVANCED THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT IN COURT CASES AND ADVOCATED FOR PRO-LIFE PUBLIC POLICIES AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS.

OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS INCLUDE PROTECTING PRO-LIFE SIDEWALK COUNSELING EFFORTS, PROTECTING THE MEDICALLY VULNERABLE, RESISTING TRANSGENDER TYRANNY, REQUIRING ABORTION CHAMBERS TO COMPLY WITH CHILD ABUSE REPORTING LAWS AND PASSING NEW PRO-LIFE LEGISLATION IN PENNSYLVANIA.

1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE \$5,000

2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE \$1,000

3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE \$500

4<sup>TH</sup> PRIZE \$250

5<sup>TH</sup> PRIZE \$100

TICKETS ARE \$25.00 EACH

TO PURCHASE A TICKET PLEASE CALL ANN MARIE BEAVER 215-483-8204



## NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Retreat/Practice for all children receiving First Holy Communion this Fall will take place on Wednesday, September 23, 2020

**First Holy Communion** will take place on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 10 a.m.

Retreat/Practice for all children receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place on Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

**Mandatory Sponsor Practice** will be on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in Church.

**Confirmation** will take place on Sunday, November 15, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.



We will hold **final registration** for our PREP classes on Tuesday, September 8th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in Father Sullivan Hall.

PREP Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 15th at 6:00 p.m.

For more details and information, please contact: Mary Anne Kostic-King, D.R.E. at 215-483-4266 or e-mail: [mking@iheartmary.org](mailto:mking@iheartmary.org)

**IHM's St. Vincent de Paul Society** assists people in need in the Andorra, Roxborough, and Manayunk areas, but also in other nearby Philadelphia neighborhoods. Our funding comes primarily from the poor box so please continue to be generous.

If you would like to join us in this rewarding volunteer work, come to our next meeting in Father Sullivan Hall on **August 31** from 7-8 p.m. Social distancing and wearing a mask are required.

If you know of someone in need of assistance, please encourage them to call the IHM Rectory at 215-483-1000 to request the SVDP HelpLine where they can leave their name, telephone number, and a brief message. Office hours are currently 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If the office is closed, an answering machine will come on, and callers should press 9 for the SVDP Help-Line. Someone will get back to them, usually within a day. We are following social distancing regulations but will find a way to determine how we can help.

## SACRED HEART CHAPEL HOURS

The Sacred Heart Chapel continues to be open for your private prayer.

**Sunday 11 am to 6 pm**

**Monday - Saturday 7 am to 6 pm**

**ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE** is in **great need of casseroles. Frozen turkeys and hams are NOT accepted at this time. The casseroles are picked up the first Wednesday of the month.**

The next pick up will be **Wednesday, September 2.** Casserole pans are available at the rectory office.

**St. John's Hospice** is also in need of **toiletries. & socks.** There is a box in the vestibule of the **Chapel and all doorways of our Church** for these items. Thank you for your support.

**If you have any questions please call Denise Schmidt - 215-483-1000 .**

Roses are still available for 2020.

In the Chapel the weeks are:  
**December 13, & 27.**

Call Denise in the rectory if you would like to dedicate a rose.

Welcome to the newest members  
of our IHM Parish!

*Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Presel*

*We Are Open!!*

**The Rectory Office is now open from  
9 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday.**

## 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

**Mr. Andrew E. Lowry** - Principal of IHM School  
**Mrs. Emily Miller** - Business Manager  
**Mrs. Denise Schmidt** - Parish Secretary  
**Mrs. Traci Kovach** - Tuition Officer  
**Ms. Linda Pfefferle** - Director of Music  
**Mrs. Mary Anne Kostic-King** - Director of Religious Education  
**Mr. Richard Strickland** - Maintenance Supervisor  
**Mrs. Denise Schmidt** - Bulletin and Website Editor

### OUR PARISH OFFERS SPIRITUAL MATERIALS LOCATED IN OUR CHURCH

An organization called **Stewardship: A Mission of Faith** provides us with a Display Case containing free books, CD's 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. **Pamphlet Rack**: Contains pamphlets, prayer cards and sacramental materials donated by parishioners. Donations for these materials stay within the parish.

**All of the above resources are located in the room adjacent to the main entrance of the church.**

*We need to know our Faith before we can share it!*

## IHM CHURCH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

### LITURGICAL

**Altar Servers:** Rev. Edward J. Casey  
**Ministry of the Word (Lectors):** Sidney J. MacLeod, Jr., [sidneyj@macleod.com](mailto:sidneyj@macleod.com)  
**Ministry of the Eucharist:** Mary Ann Kostic-King, [mking@iheartmary.org](mailto:mking@iheartmary.org)  
**Ministry of the Eucharist Outreach:** Chuck Fuges, (215-482-1397)  
**Music Ministry:** Rehearsals—Tuesdays at 7:30p.m. in Church. Contact: Linda Pfefferle, [Musicfef5@gmail.com](mailto:Musicfef5@gmail.com)  
**Ushers:** John Rudolph, Peter Caruso  
**Sacristans:** Peter Caruso, [pjcaruso45@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:scouttroop474@yahoo.com)

**Golden Age Club:** Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, in FSH at 11a.m. President, Laura Kusniesz at (215-483-9243)

**St. John's Hospice Casserole Day:** first Wednesday of each month

### SCHOOL PROGRAMS

**Home & School Association:** [homeandschool@iheartmary.org](mailto:homeandschool@iheartmary.org)

**Tuition Office:** contact Traci Kovach (215-483-1103). Hours are Tuesday & Wednesday 9a.m. to 2p.m. or email: [tuition@iheartmary.org](mailto:tuition@iheartmary.org)

**SCRIP:** S&C and Supermarket Scrip—Traci Kovach [sscrip@iheartmary.org](mailto:sscrip@iheartmary.org)

### 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 7 - Tues. evening 6:00-7:30p.m. - 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 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](mailto:irishaim@comcast.net)

### SPIRITUAL OUTREACH

**Legion of Mary:** Prayer and service for Jesus through Mary. Meets every Wednesday at 7:00p.m. in Father Sullivan Hall (former Teacher's Lounge). Call Marianne Klusek (215-285-7348)  
**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 3:00p.m. in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Terry Wade (215-482-8465) or Bridie Gallagher (215-248-9046)