



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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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: **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 16th in the Chapel, 7 pm.** 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 9, 2020

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| SAT. 8 | 5:15pm | Joan Reed |
| SUN. 9 | 7:30 | IHM Parishioners |
| | 9:30 | Mr. & Mrs. Rocco Casciato |
| | 11:30 | Ada Cancia |
| MON. 10 | 8:30 | John M. Travaline |
| TUES. 11 | 8:30 | Carl Sokolski |
| WED. 12 | 8:30 | Toby Merrill |
| THURS. 13 | 8:30 | Jeanne Glick |
| FRI. 14 | 8:30 | Raymond John 100th Birthday |
| SAT. 15 | 8:00 | In Loving memory of Anna Di Benedetto 5th Anniversary |
| | 5:15pm | DiFillippo Family |
| SUN 16 | 7:30 | IHM Parishioners |
| | 9:30 | Helen Cahill |
| | 11:30 | Earl Carr - 11th Anniversary |

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



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, Sheila 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, Zina O'Connor, Michael O'Callaghan, Christine Orzech, Luisa Pellicone, Dave Pendleton, Bill Pinto, Kathy Pro, Tom Przybek, Karen Pulcinella, Harper Renshaw, John Reynolds, Joel Rivera, John Rudolph, Sr., Anita Russell, Timothy Sager, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, William Scheibenoffer, Beth Scheid, Helen Smith, Salvatore Sparacino, Jake Stefano, Felicia Teske, Paul Teske, Molly Thompson, Rose Triola, Christine Triola, Louise Vesci, Maddox Vielman, Owen Walker, Megan Ward-Clifford, 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 1st responders.



ROSES



The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Joyce Lotkowski requested by David & Margaret Biehl.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

John Kuneck

Rev. Ronald J. Ferrier

Mrs. Joan Ames



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.



The Sanctuary Light in our Sacred Heart Chapel for the week of August 10th to 16th is in loving memory of Anna Di Benedetto requested by her children.

Pastor's Page

When we gather to celebrate the Sabbath each Sunday, we know where we will find God. We can hear him in the Word proclaimed, we receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, we encounter him in each other as the People of God, coming together in Sacred assembly. The readings today will challenge us to find God in other places and at other times in our lives.

The first reading from the First Book of Kings is a very dramatic example of how we can encounter God in the simplest occasions. Sometimes we start looking in the wrong places and God can surprise us.

In one of the great stories of the Old Testament, Elijah had a victory over the prophets of Baal in a fire contest (1Kings 18:17-40) and Jezebel the Queen threatens his life. So Elijah flees to the desert, where an angel tells him to journey on to Horeb (Mt Sinai). There he takes shelter in a cave and when God asks him why he has come, Elijah filled with self-pity, pours out his woe. There is no point in going on, he mourns; all Israel but he, Elijah, has abandoned God.

God tells him to stand outside the cave to experience his presence. First he feels a powerful wind, then he feels an earthquake, then he sees fire, but God is not in them. Remember in the Old Testament these “special effects” are associated with the Divine Presence. Here however, God’s self-revelation is not in anything that dramatic. At last a gentle breeze or a “tiny whispering sound” speaks to Elijah of the presence of God. Elijah learns this lesson and hides his face in shame at his own disbelief.

The story of Jesus walking on the water is another story so important it is mentioned in 3 of the gospels. This week we hear Matthew’s version of the event (also MK 6:45-52 and JN 6: 1-14). Jesus has just fed the five thousand and he made the disciples get into a boat to precede him to the other side. He himself went up on the mountain to pray. In the dead of night, the boat was far from shore and was being tossed about. He then was seen coming toward him walking on the water. Peter as usual spoke up, got out of the boat but started to sink because he was unsure, frightened. In each of the three gospel accounts we see some similarities and differences. Each evangelist relates what Jesus said to them: “It is I. Do not be afraid.” Jesus words “it is I” is literally “I am” in the Greek. This phrasing has strong overtones of divinity, echoing the name for Yahweh found in Isaiah. Jesus IS the divine presence; the disciples need not have fear.

This well known story of Jesus walking on the water and quieting the storm for the disciples is much more than a miraculous event. As followers of Christ we will often find ourselves in stormy waters, both in the world and within ourselves. Whether we see the disciple’s boat as symbolizing the Church or our own lives, we can relate to Matthew’s image: a tiny boat, big waves, roaring wind, disciples left alone through the night. Can we respond to Jesus’ words, “take courage, It is I, do not be afraid”? As followers of Christ, we will often find ourselves in stormy waters. It is then that we must trust in Christ, for he will be with us and will still our storms. Our prayer today can be for the vision to see and hear God in our lives, outside this sacred space...on the lake...in a cave...in the dark of night...in the middle of a storm.

Father Casey

Weekend Clergy Schedule August 15 & 16, 2020 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, August 15

5:15 p.m. Vigil: Fr. Verruni

Sunday, August 16

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Verruni

9:30 a.m. - Fr. Casey

11:30 a.m. - Fr. Bongard

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 (118A)
- 2) Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
- 3) Matthew 15:21-28

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 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 July 19

Sunday \$ 7,478.00
Loose 207.00
\$ 7,685.00

of envelopes – 462
Average-\$16.19
Poor Box -\$276.59

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>



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

None of us can **be** as great as **God**, but any of us can **be** as good.

- Mark Twain

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

Aubrey Joy Serwinski

Roses are still available for 2020.

In the Chapel the weeks are: **September 27, October 11 & 18, November 15 & 29, December 13, & 27.**

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

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 the toiletries and socks. Thank you for your support.

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

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is **not** a holy day of obligation this year.

Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, August 15th at 8:00 am in the Church.



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

Mount Saint Joseph Academy

Class of 2025, the Mount application is now open!

Visit msjad.org to apply.

Practice Test - Saturday, August 15. All interested girls entering 8th grade are invited to the Practice Test for the fall entrance exam. Register today at msjad.org/practice-test.

Open House – Sunday, October 4. All interested families of 5th- 8th grade girls are welcome. Save the date and register today at msjad.org/open-house.

For more information or with any questions, email the Admissions Team at admiss@msjad.org.



Math Teacher – Merion Mercy Academy

Merion Mercy Academy, a leading independent Catholic girls' school outside Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, seeks a dynamic and student-centered educator versed in current trends, research, and emerging ideas in education to serve as Chemistry teacher beginning August 2020.

Candidates must be able to teach Math at all levels, including college preparatory and Honors. Please visit our school's website for complete details and qualifications for this position, www.merion-mercy.com.

Interested candidates should send a resume, cover letter and statement of educational philosophy along with three professional references to Valerie Prucnal, Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs at vprucnal@merion-mercy.com.



SCRIP IS BACK!!

Scrip orders are now being taken via email (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.



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

Ministry of the Eucharist: Mary Ann Kostic-King, 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

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 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

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

SCRIP: S&C and Supermarket Scrip—Traci Kovach
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

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)