

**Matthew
15:22-28**

**Faith Of A
Canaanite
Woman**



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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

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 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 16, 2020

SAT.	15	5:15pm	DiFilippo Family
SUN.	16	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Helen Cahill Earl Carr 11th Anniversary
MON.	17	8:30	Earl Carr
TUES.	18	8:30	The Masi & McManus Families
WED.	19	8:30	Prachtel & Ormsby Families
THURS.	20	8:30	Thomas & Nancy Plover
FRI.	21	8:30	Krista Harron-Spera 5th Anniversary
SAT.	22	8:00 5:15pm	Veronica Murphy Robert Sr., & Helen Reed
SUN	23	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Michelina "Mickey" Hoade Joseph Curcillo

***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, 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, 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, Jessica Stack, Jake Stefano, Felicia Teske, Paul Teske, Molly Thompson, 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 Krista Harron-Spera 5th Anniversary requested by The James Harron Family & Will Spera.

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Krista Harron Spera -5th Anniversary requested by The James Harron Family & Will Spera.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Rose Triola



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 17th to the 23rd is for Thanksgiving for Favors Received requested by Mary Salvatore.

Pastor's Page

In a world in which those who are perceived as different seem to be at greater risk, God invites us to break down the boundaries that separate us from others. The Canaanite woman of today's Gospel is desperate for the healing of her daughter. She breaks through very stringent social and political barriers, even challenging Jesus himself as she seeks relief for her child.

Finding no welcome in his own neighborhood, Jesus took a detour into gentile territory. He was confronted by a Canaanite woman. When she begged him to heal her daughter, Jesus balked at the idea since his mission was to his own people. In fact, he sounds downright rude. First Jesus pretends not to hear her at all, refusing to answer her plea. But she persists. His next response is to tell her in no uncertain terms that she is a gentile and thus falls outside the scope of his mission to the Israelites. He even uses an illustration that likens Israelites to "children" and gentiles like her to "dogs". Jesus' response while shocking to us would be standard procedure for any practicing Jew who heard or read this story. First of all she was a woman and secondly a gentile.

Referring to the woman as a dog is a dishonoring and shameful reference. In Jesus' world the dog was not the beloved pet or protector it is today. It was considered little more than a rodent. Usually dogs were wild, and even when they were domesticated they were essentially scavengers. The word "dog" was used by Jews as a term of contempt for gentiles.

Even after this, rebuffed and insulted, she still will not go away. Instead she replies with wit and humility, "Yes Lord, but even the dogs get to eat the scraps that fall to the floor from the children's table." And with that clever reply, he commends the woman for her great faith and heals her daughter. What lesson could this story hold for us today?

First we must affirm the full humanity of Jesus, as well as his full divinity. His actions may be the result of a man who was either frustrated or simply exhausted. Yes, full human. If we read the context of what went before, we learn that Jesus had just been rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. Heartbreak. Then he learned that his prophetic forerunner and cousin, John the Baptist had been beheaded.

In the region of Tyre and Sidon, Jesus broke down a major barrier between his own people, the Jews, and the rest of the world. We must remember that Matthew's Gospel was written primarily for a Jewish-Christian audience. The lesson would be with Jesus giving the direction, that God's love was not restricted to the people of Israel only, nor was Jesus' coming as the Messiah intended for Israel only. The "great commission" with which Matthew's Gospel concludes has Jesus sending his followers to make disciples of "all nations". This is quite a change from being sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

We see the irony in the process. It was the Canaanite woman who calls Jesus 'Lord' when his own town rejected him. This passage shows how strong the woman's faith is in the face of discouragement and obstacle. Her strong faith stands as a judgement against the lack of faith and response on the part of the Israelites around Jesus. As we listen to God's holy word today, let us examine the artificial boundaries that we sometimes set, and listen for God's challenge to break them down.

Father Casey

Weekend Clergy Schedule August 22 & 23, 2020 **(celebrants are subject to change)**

Saturday, August 22
5:15 p.m. Vigil: Fr. Casey

Sunday, August 23
7:30 a.m. - Fr. Casey
9:30 a.m. - Fr. Bongard
11:30 a.m. - Fr. Verruni

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Isaiah 22:19-23 (121A)
- 2) Romans 11:33-36
- 3) Matthew 16:13-20

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 August 2, 2020

Sunday	\$12,760.00
Loose	<u>359.00</u>
	\$13,119.00

of envelopes – 784
Average-\$16.28
Poor Box -\$141.10

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**

Carlin McKenna Fitzgerald

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.



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.

**1ST PRIZE \$5,000
2ND PRIZE \$1,000
3RD PRIZE \$500
4TH PRIZE \$250
5TH 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

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.

We Are Open!!

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

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 .

A PRAYER FOR OUR TIMES

Dear God,

It seems like lots of uncertainty around us.
So many people who need prayers.

Today, I pray...

For those whose health is compromised by the corona virus or other health issues.

For those who suffer from the economic impact of the virus, in travel, manufacturing, hospitality, energy or so many other industries.

For health care workers and first responders, and other public servants who put themselves in harm's way for us.

For our leaders of the world, our countries, states, and cities, as they seek to help manage this challenge.

God, it can be overwhelming, but you tell us over and over again not to be afraid.

Show me how to trust in you.

As I examine my heart help me to turn away from the concern with myself, and turn my heart, hands, and prayers toward the concerns of others.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray.

Amen

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)