

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, January 13 @ 7pm 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). **No Pre-Cana is planned at this time.** 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
January 10, 2021

SAT.	9	5:15pm	Vincent & Anna Manzo
SUN.	10	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Chester Cyzio Esther & Carl Perretta
MON.	11	8:30	Joseph Mudry
TUES.	12	8:30	Alice & Joseph Keough
WED.	13	8:30	Laura R. Falso
THURS.	14	8:30	Rita Titterton
FRI.	15	8:30	Mary Skowronski
SAT.	16	8:00 5:15pm	Thomas J. Mower, Jr. 26th Anniversary Alphonse & Anna D'Ambrosio & Rose Preston
SUN	17	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Victor & Margaret Schepise Sienna Snyder

*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.

Anne Akuyz, Mary Bartsch, Anne Basara, Joan Becker, Josephine Bellace, Elaine Bene, Joyce Bielawski, Wayne Bielawski, Lynn Campbell, Erin Caruso, Terry Carr, Officer Andy Chan, Pete Cissone, Michael Clark, Brooke Conklin, Quint Cuffe, Taylor Davis, Marano Donald D'Angelo, Eileen Donnelly, Carmella Dziura, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Robert Fatovic, Eileen Fedak, Bill & Kathy Foster, Sydney Franzmann, Kelly Gruninger, Brenden Heyer, Ruth Hyres, Sheilah Janes, Peggy Kirlin, Marianne Klusek, Olga Kostic, Dolores Lanigan, Edward Lanigan Gloria LaNoce, Marianne Leahy, Agnes Leinheiser, Edward Lenox, Hadley Ludwig, Carrie Manzo, Elizabeth Matruka, Terry McCormick, Felix & Louise McKeogh, James Mangol, Winifred Meall, Ann Marie Melough, Charlie Melough, Michael O'Callaghan, Christine Orzech, Luisa Pellicone, Dave Pendleton, Bill Pinto, Michael Placido, Jr., Kathy Pro, Tom Przybek, Karen Pulcinella, Connie Quigley, Junie Rakosak, Harper Renshaw, John Reynolds, Joel Rivera, Anita Russell, Timothy Sager, Harold Sargus, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, William Scheibenoffer, Helen Smith, Salvatore Sparacino, Jake Stefano, Felicia Teske, Paul Teske, Edward Thomas, Molly Thompson, Christine Triola, Louise Vesci, Maddox Vielman, Owen Walker, Megan Ward-Clifford, Wendi Wagoner, Walter Wayne Whitehouse, Pam Wisdom, Mike Zacher, Anthony Zul.



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

ROSES

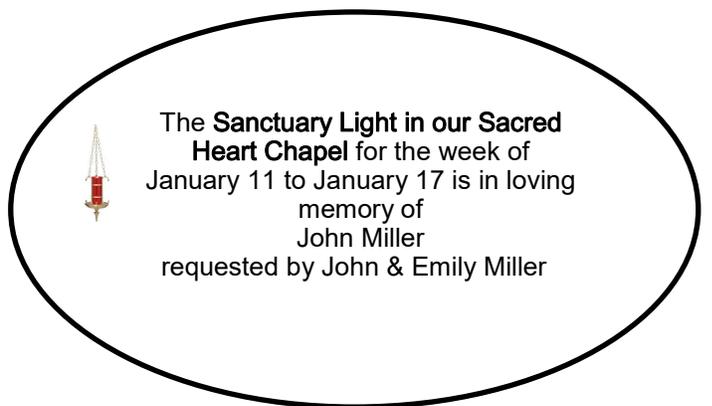


The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Stephanie Stefanski requested by Chet, Sharon & Children.

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Zina O'Connor requested by her friends.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Harvey Kolodner
John J. Devenney, III
Zina O'Connor
Dorothy Fitzgerald
Thomas F. Smith, Jr.
Susan Beaver



The Sanctuary Light in our Sacred Heart Chapel for the week of January 11 to January 17 is in loving memory of John Miller requested by John & Emily Miller

Pastor's Page

We often think of Baptism in terms of washing away sin. Sometimes we speak of it as dying and rising with Christ as St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans (Chapter 6). These are certainly true and important. Before Jesus began preaching, teaching and healing throughout Galilee and Judea, he came to John to be baptized. Did Jesus have a need to have sins washed away? Certainly not.

John's task was to prepare the way for Jesus' ministry by calling people to an awareness of their sin and to repentance. He announced that a whole new order, a new society was about to begin and that the people were to get ready for it by having a change of heart. The exterior pouring of the water meant nothing without that interior disposition of a change of heart.

The sign John used to express this change of heart, this openness of mind and spirit was a ritual bathing called baptism. By accepting baptism from John in the Jordan, people acknowledged both their own sinfulness and their desire to join the new kingdom by changing the way they were living.

One of the deeper meanings of the word 'Baptism' is that it is a total immersion. As he came to John for Baptism we see a number of themes developing. All four Gospels record the story of John's baptizing ministry. We see that John deferred to Jesus, recognizing that "one mightier than I is coming after me" (Mark 1:7). In Mark's account of Jesus baptism, the descent of the Holy Spirit occurs immediately as Jesus comes out of the water. A voice from heaven addresses Jesus directly, "You are my beloved Son". The accounts of all the Gospels of the Baptism reveal Jesus growing understanding of himself and his mission.

The question still remains: why would Jesus, as Messiah and sinless Son of God, accept a baptism that John the Baptist himself proclaimed was one of "repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Mark 1:4 Luke 3:3). Matthew's statement about John's reluctance to baptize Jesus (3:14) was an attempt by the Evangelist to offer an explanation. According to Matthew, Jesus accepted baptism because "it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness" (3:15). That is Jesus' acceptance was not an admission of sin, but indicated a willingness to immerse himself completely in the life and concern of his people, to live as they lived. Think back to John 1:14 – "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."

Reflecting on the event of Jesus' baptism opens up new perspectives on our own baptism. In Baptism, we like Jesus are anointed with the Holy Spirit and declared to be God's sons and daughters. In baptism we too see the heavens torn open and the ways of God be made manifest to us.

Also in Baptism, we too are given a commission. The Spirit anoints us as priests, prophets and kings. In these roles, we are called to live lives of prayer, proclamation and service. We are called as the prophet Isaiah exhorts us, to "seek the Lord while he may be found" and to "call on him while he is still near." In other words, in our baptism we are given a share in the saving work of Jesus.

Fr. Casey

Weekend Clergy Schedule January 17, 2020 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, January 16, 2020

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

Sunday, January 17, 2020

7:30 a.m.- Fr. Bongard

9:30 a.m. - Fr. Casey

11:30 a.m. - Fr. Verruni

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 (65B)
- 2) 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
- 3) John 1:35-42



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 [ihmphiladelphia.org](https://www.facebook.com/ihmphiladelphia) and click on [IHM Facebook Page](#) (The 9:30 Mass will be able to be viewed anytime after it airs live).

Parish Information

THE 15 WEEK CLUB IS COMING!

The IHM 15 Week Club is the **only** major fund raising event of the fiscal year, 2021. We urge each parishioner to buy or sell the two tickets, which were mailed out to help defray IHM School expenses.

Just fill out the **SMALL** portion of the ticket and return it to the Rectory (either by the collection basket, mail or drop it in the mail slot on the Rectory door) along with the \$40.00 (check or cash) for each ticket.

Thank you and good luck to all!

A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

PLEASE NOTE: We will **NOT** be sending out end of year 2020 contribution statements to our parishioners.

To request a contribution state, **please call IHM Rectory at 215-483-1000**

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE

The next pick up will be **Wednesday, February 3, 2021**. Casserole pans are available at the rectory office.

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

Thank you for your support.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you very much for the gifts you provided for me this Christmas 2020.

Some were prayerful, some were spendable, some were edible and all were appreciated!!

Thank you for your thoughtfulness & generosity.

May God continue to bless you in 2021!

Fr. Sam Verruni

The Prayer List

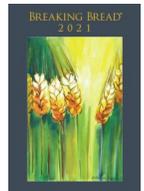
Starting in the bulletin on January 10, 2021 we are going to begin a new list for those experiencing any type of illness or difficult circumstance. Only the most recent names we have received will be posted. Going forward any names added to this current list will stay for a 3 month period. The Rectory staff does not know which parishioners have found healing through all of our prayers unless we are told. If you or your loved one has found healing, please call the Rectory at 215-483-1000 to inform us of the change. **If you want your loved one to remain on the prayer list please call the rectory so we can be sure not to remove them.** We would love to see this list stay short and know our friends are healthy and well!

There are Missals at the Cathedral Street entrance on the Scrip table.

Please feel free to take one for your personal use. Put your name on it. It is yours to keep.

Please do not leave the missal or anything else in the pews.

Thank you.



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

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 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. When the office is closed an answering machine will direct callers to press 9 for our HelpLine. Someone will return the call, usually by the next day. A way will be worked out to assist while following social distancing recommendations.

Recently our conference decided to once again discontinue meetings in Father Sullivan Hall and to return to online communication only. We hope that the future will soon allow us to return to open meetings. At that time, others can choose to join us in this rewarding work.



IHM is please to offer another book. *I Heard God Laugh* by best selling author, Matthew Kelly to our parishioners as a Christmas gift this joyful season. Look for your copy at the Church doorways.



2021 Calendars are also available at all the doorways.

God's blessing to the newly baptized child in the Catholic Faith!

Taylor Rose Osada
Cameron Drummond
Myles Drummond

IHM CYO

IHM CYO is looking for a service coordinator and a spritual/culture coordinator to be a part of the CYO board.

The CYO strives to develop values and strength of character in tomorrow's leaders through spiritually based athletic, cultural and volunteer activities.

If you are interested in either of these positions please email CYO.KNIGHTS1@GMAIL.COM



Please join us at the Philadelphia March For Life, Saturday, January 23, 2021 sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Life and Family, the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia and many other organizations.

The event will include a 9 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Nelson Perez, followed by a march to the Philadelphia Women's Center at 777 Appletree St. and a closing rally at Independence Mall from 12 to 1 p.m.

This commemorates the 47th anniversary of Roe v. Wade Supreme Court ruling that has resulted in over 60 million deaths, thousands of injured women and 500,000 deaths in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Facemasks and social distancing are required at all times, and there is free and paid parking at the Cathedral and paid parking in the vicinity of Independence Mall. See prolifeunion.org for details.

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—Fran Filewicz, president –
 email: cyob.knights1@gmail.com

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 (215-482-2029). Hours are Tuesday & Wednesday 9a.m. to 2p.m. or email: tuition@iheartmary.org

SCRIP: S&C and Supermarket Scrip—Traci Kovach
scscrip@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)