



What kind of soil are you?

"But as for what was sown on good soil,  
this is the one who hears the word and understands it,  
who indeed bears fruit and yields,  
in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."  
Matthew 13:23

*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

### IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

819 E. Cathedral Road

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215-483-1000, Fax: 215-483-1732

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### IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

815 E. Cathedral Road

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215-482-2029

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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**

**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 Meeting in the Chapel is Monday, July 13 @ 7pm.** 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). **New date to be determined.** 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 July 12, 2020**

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>11</b>	5:15pm	Maria & Robert Barrilli
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>12</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Peter J. Fantacone Iacobacci & Moffett Families
<b>MON.</b>	<b>13</b>	8:30	Florence Horan
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>14</b>	8:30	Joseph Lung Nguyen
<b>WED.</b>	<b>15</b>	8:30	Walter Dziura
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>16</b>	8:30	Mass of Thanksgiving in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>17</b>	8:30	Sue Cooney & Donna Lodise-Pham
<b>SAT</b>	<b>18</b>	8:30	Joseph "Tim" Dorsey
		5:15pm	Robert, Sr. & Helen Reed
<b>SUN</b>	<b>19</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Mr. & Mrs. Victor Casciato D'Angelo Family

\*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, Renzo Contarin, Quint Cuffe, Taylor Davis, Marano Donald D'Angelo, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Virginia Farabelli, Eileen Fedak, Sydney Franzmann, Brenden Heyer, Ruth Hyres, Sheilah Janes, Mary Jo King, Peggy Kirilin, 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, Joseph Mudry, 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.

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

*Lou Anne Boccella  
Bernice Vasso  
Vincent Petrellis*



**ROSES**



The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Rose Salvatore 100th Birthday requested by the Salvatore Family

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Christine Mazurek requested by her parents.



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



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 July 13th to July 19th is in loving memory of Danny D'Angelo requested by Rosemarie & Ed Oakes*

## Pastor's Page

It might be tough in the city to comprehend all three of our Scripture readings today with a farming motif. We have a farm school right down Henry Avenue, so we are not that far away from some agriculture. We can at least visualize what the scriptures are relating today about planting and growing seeds.

The first reading from Isaiah speaks of God's word going forth. Isaiah relates God's vision about the effectiveness of his Word. "My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." This passage is at the end of the second installment of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah and is a fitting conclusion to the effectiveness of the prophetic word. The exiles are proceeding back to Jerusalem after a time of exile and it is a testament of the reliability of prophecy and the power of the God of Israel.

Isaiah drew a vivid picture of the extravagance of God's blessings. The rain and the snow does not return to the sky until they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful. In the same way, the word of God goes forth from his mouth to the whole earth and does not return void.

In the second reading we continue to hear from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans. Paul addresses the sufferings of the people of God. The fallen world is a place of pain, divisions and privation. This is not the whole story, however. Paul paints a picture of creation in the pangs of new birth. The sufferings of the present time will be transformed into a new creation and we will share in a glorious freedom as children of God. The grace of God will be extended to the whole human race and the entire natural order.

Jesus' parables about the kingdom form the third major discourse in Matthew's Gospel. A parable is a simile or metaphor drawn from everyday life or from nature. Its vividness or strangeness gains the hearers attention but demands further reflection regarding the precise meaning. In Jesus teaching, the kingdom has both present and future dimensions.

In Jesus parable, the farmer knows that much of his or her labor will be unfruitful, but the farmer also believes in the power of seeds to be amazingly fruitful when they do find good soil. As Jesus offers the math in the conclusion, some seeds bear fruit thirty, sixty or even a hundred-fold. The farmer is happy and hopeful. Great potential is hidden within each and every seed.

Jesus is telling us the kingdom of heaven is like this. He is suggesting that although many times the work of the kingdom seems lost or unproductive in a worldly way or even in our individual hearts, God is not anxious. God believes in the power of the seeds. God believes that His Word, the seed, is not ultimately fruitless, no matter what the current circumstances seem to indicate.

We can see ourselves either in the person of the sower or in the different kinds of soil. There are times when our efforts seem fruitless, meet with failure. There are other times we reap a bountiful harvest. There are times when our spirits are dry, but other times the seed of God's word flourishes within us.

God believes in the power of his Word. We should too.

Father Casey

### Weekend Clergy Schedule July 18 & 19, 2020 (celebrants are subject to change)

#### Saturday, July 18

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

#### Sunday, July 19

7:30 a.m. -Fr. Bongard

9:30 a.m. - Fr. Casey

11:30 a.m.- Fr. Verruni

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
- 2) Romans 8:26-27
- 3) Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

**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 June 28

Sunday	\$ 8,328.00
Loose	<u>410.00</u>
	\$8,738.00

# of envelopes – 430  
Average-\$19.37  
Poor Box -\$215.54

*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.

### RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of August 14 - 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



Little Flower Catholic High School is pleased to announce that the following students have achieved Academic Honors:

#### FIRST HONORS

Aviance Vazquez

#### SECOND HONORS

Kiersten Curcio

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

The next pick up will be **Wednesday, August 5th**. If you are able to make a casserole, please pick up a pan in the rectory. **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 leave a message and she will return your call.

### 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**

There are still roses available in the Church and Chapel for 2020.

If you would like to request a rose call the rectory and leave a message for Denise Schmidt and she will return your call.

In the Church the weeks are: **July 19, August 23, September, 20, October 18, November 29.**

In the Chapel the weeks are: **July 19 & 26, August 23 & 30, September 13 & 27, All of October is available, November, 15, 22, & 29, December 13, & 27**

**J.W. Hallahan High School Class of 1970 50th reunion, Sunday, October 25, 2020. Check our FB page Class of 1970 J.W. Hallahan 50th Reunion, or email [1970hh2020@gmail.com](mailto:1970hh2020@gmail.com) for additional information.**

Our IHM class of 2020 graduated with a prayer service and an awards ceremony from our Church on June 24th.

May God bless each and everyone of our graduates as they continue on their academic journey.

We wish them all the best!!



### 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)

### 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.



### *We Are Open!!*

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

Welcome to the newest members  
of our IHM Parish!

*Ms . Catherine Kelley*

*Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Johnson & Family*

*Mr. & Mrs. William Hart*

## 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 Kavanaugh** - 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)