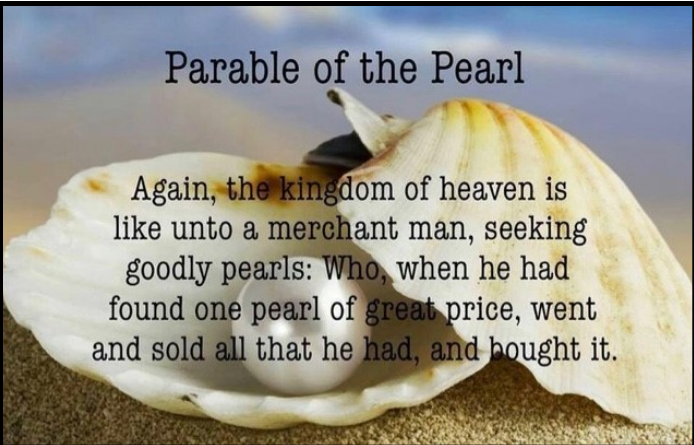


Parable of the Pearl



Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

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**

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 to be determined.** 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 July 26, 2020

SAT.	25	5:15pm	Anna & Al D'Ambrosio
SUN.	26	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Mr. & Mrs. Vito Mellea Thomas Spilker 31st Anniversary
MON.	27	8:30	John M. Travaline
TUES.	28	8:30	Ida Roll
WED.	29	8:30	Regina & John McCormick
THURS.	30	8:30	John M. Travaline
FRI.	31	8:30	Delores "Dee" Christensen
SAT	1	8:30	Walter Dziura
		5:15pm	Regina Carr
SUN	2	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners William Barr & Francis Durkin Eugene McCormick

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

ROSES



The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Joseph McElroy requested by his wife, Ann McElroy

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of the members of the IHM Memorial Fund

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Robert Medlock



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 Dav, Fabrizio is, 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, 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.



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



The Sanctuary Light in our Sacred Heart Chapel for the week of July 27th to August 2nd is in loving memory of Meghan Mary Donnelly requested by Rosemarie & Ed Oakes.

Pastor's Page

Today in the first reading from the First Book of Kings, we hear about a young Solomon, recently installed as King of Israel after the death of his father David. He was faithful to the covenant with God and was frequently offering sacrifice “on the high places.” This was because no temple had yet been built and going up on a mountain placed him closer to God. Solomon was very faithful in observing the covenant and offering the proscribed sacrifices. He was at Gibeon and the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said to him:” Ask something of me and I will give it to you.” Imagine having the Lord say this to us. What would you say?

Solomon who was faced with the daunting task of ruling the Kingdom of Israel answered: “Give your servant therefore an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to judge this vast people of yours?

God was very pleased with the sincerity of Solomon’s request. “Because you have asked for this – not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding that you may know what is right – I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now and after you there will come no one to equal you.”

In the second reading from Romans (chapter 8:28-30) St. Paul offers a profound understanding of how God is involved in our lives, especially in times of suffering. God does not cause everything that happens, but God is at work in whatever happens to us, seeking to use the experience to help us grow more fully into the image of Jesus Christ. Paul teaches that those who put God first in their lives would be able to work through any hardship or failure. If we have our priorities straight, we can integrate whatever comes along into a meaningful pattern of purpose and worth. Paul promised that “all things work together for the good to those who love God.”

Again this week Jesus uses parables to describe the Kingdom of heaven. The act of buying a field in which you have just reburied a treasure seems strange and a little deceptive, but in the uncertain political situation of Jesus time, and especially at the time the Gospels were written, hiding a treasure underground was not uncommon. The parable’s point is that the finder gives everything he has to gain that treasure.

Wisdom teaches us to recognize true treasure. This can certainly be overlooked by most people. It is wisdom that gives the finder an understanding heart to make right judgment and value the treasure for its true worth. A true treasure, such as the Kingdom of God, is worth sacrificing all the temporary, unfulfilling things the world thinks are so important. Let us take the opportunity today to pray that we may emulate Solomon and welcome God’s wisdom and mercy into our lives so that we can be guiding in using right judgment.

Father Casey

Weekend Clergy Schedule August 1 & 2, 2020 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, August 1

5:15 p.m. Vigil:

Sunday, August 2

7:30 a.m. -

9:30 a.m. -

11:30 a.m.-

Schedule is to be determined

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Isaiah 55:1-3 (112A)
- 2) Romans 8:35, 37-39
- 3) Matthew 14:13-21

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 12

Sunday	\$ 13,347.00
Loose	<u>210.02</u>
	\$13,557.02

of envelopes – 738
Average-\$18.09
Poor Box -\$193.04

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.

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, 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 .

NIGHT OF MERCY

This powerful event is taking place Thursday, July 30 from 6-9 pm, as Fr. Chris Alar, along with others lead us in a night of worldwide Adoration.

LIVE STREAM LOCATION

You will be able to access the livestream at mercynight.com/live on the day of the event.

For more information regarding this event go to:
mercynight.com.

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

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 for additional information.



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.

One week is still available in the Church: **November 29.**

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

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

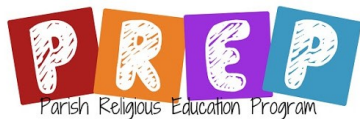
Retreat/Practice for all children receiving First Holy Communion this Fall will take place on Wednesday, September 23, 2020

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)