



MATTHEW 11:28

*Come unto me, all ye labour
and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.*

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 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 5, 2020

SAT.	4	5:15pm	Thomas & Nancy Plover
SUN.	5	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners In Loving Memory of Jim Di Benedetto 19th Anniversary Lucy & Nicola Zito 50th Anniversary
MON.	6	8:30	Memorial Fund
TUES.	7	8:30	Joseph Borek 20th Anniversary
WED.	8	8:30	Elizabeth Andrews
THURS.	9	8:30	Ed & Jeanne Goodlow
FRI.	10	8:30	Bill Weiss
SAT	11	8:30 5:15pm	Anthony Acquaviva Maria & Robert Barrilli
SUN	12	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Peter J. Fantacone Iacobacci & Moffett Families

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Antonia Aduso



ROSES



The rose placed in the *Church* is in loving memory of Mary & Walter Joka requested by their daughter, Regina.

The rose placed in the *Chapel* is in loving memory of Joseph Murphy requested by Michael Murphy.



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, 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 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, 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 6th to July 12th is in loving memory of Jim Di Benedetto requested by his children.

Pastor's Page

We have a guest columnist this week. Below is a passage on Christian perfection by St. Gregory of Nyssa, bishop. He was a theologian and Bishop of Nyssa. He lived from 335 AD-395 AD.

“The life of the Christian has three distinguishing aspects: deeds, words and thought. Thought comes first, then words, since our words express openly the interior conclusions of the mind. Finally after thoughts and words, comes action, for our deeds carry out what the mind has conceived. So when one of these results in our acting or speaking or thinking, we must make sure that all our thoughts, words and deeds are controlled by the divine ideal, the revelation of Christ. For then our thoughts, words and deeds will not fall short of the nobility of their implications.

What then must we do, we who have been found worthy of the name of Christ? Each of us must examine his thoughts, words and deeds, to see whether they are directed toward Christ or turned away from him. This examination is carried out in various ways. Our deeds or our thoughts or our words are not in harmony with Christ if they issue from passion. They then bear the mark of the enemy who smears the pearl of the heart with the slime of passion, dimming and even destroying the luster of the precious stone.

On the other hand, if they are free and untainted by every passionate inclination, they are directed toward Christ, the author and source of peace. He is like a pure, untainted stream. If you draw from him the thoughts in your mind and the inclinations of your heart, you will show a likeness to Christ, your source and origin, as the gleaming water in a jar resembles the flowing water from which it was obtained.

For the purity of Christ and the purity that is manifest in our hearts are identical. Christ's purity however, is the fountainhead; ours has its source in him and flows out of him. Our life is stamped with the beauty of his thought. The inner and outer man are harmonized in a kind of music. The mind of Christ is the controlling influence that inspires us to moderation and goodness in our behavior. As I see it, Christian perfection consists in this: sharing the titles which express the meaning of Christ's name, we bring out this meaning in our minds, our prayers and our way of life.”

Don't forget your summer scripture reading. This year Cycle A Sunday readings are from the Gospel of Matthew, so that can be a good source. Matthew is the first Gospel listed in printed New Testaments because it was the most popular in the early church but is the 3rd gospel written chronologically. This Gospel is particularly interesting because it was the teaching gospel of the church, and was an excellent instruction for newly converted Jews.

Two other suggestions would be Genesis Chapters 12-50, the stories of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. Also the book of Exodus would be good summer reading. Both of these selections give us an appreciation of the foundations of salvation history.

God Bless America

Father Casey

The second collection this weekend of July 4 & 5 is for the Campaign for Human Development

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Isaiah 55:10-11
- 2) Romans 8:18-23
- 3) Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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



Victorious, a virtual retreat for women. You Are Made New Ministry is hosting a 6-session virtual retreat focused on claiming Christ's victory over our identity and our worthiness, claiming His authority over lies and fears, and crowning Him as the Victorious King of our hearts! Retreat leaders include: Father Stephen DeLacy, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry and Laura Ercolino of Hope's Garden. Learn more and register: www.YouAreMadeNew.com/victorious-virtual-retreat or contact De Yarrison at 610.287.2989.

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 9, 16, & 23, September, 20, October 18, November 29.**

In the Chapel the weeks are: **July 19 & 26, August 16, 23 & 30, September 13 & 27, All of October is available, November, 15, 22, & 29, December 13, & 27**

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.

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.

IHM's St. Vincent DePaul Society assists people in need in the Andorra/Roxborough/Manayunk areas but also in nearby Philadelphia neighborhoods. Our funding comes primarily from the poor box so please continue to be generous. If you'd like to join us in this rewarding volunteer work, come to a meeting in Father Sullivan Hall from 7-8 p.m.

Our upcoming meeting TBA.

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.

The scrip credits are finalized for this year, and for our IHM families, your credit will be added into your Smart Tuition accounts by next week. Traci Kovach will be sending you an email with your total credit through my school account once your credit is added to your account. For our high school families, please verify how your tuition check should be issued, and your family checks will be available for pick up.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

PLEASE NOTE: We will **NOT** be automatically mailing out end of year 2019 contribution statements to our parishioners. To request a contribution statement, **please call IHM Rectory** at 215-483-1000 and leave a message for Denise Schmidt.

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!!



We are happy to announce that the regular **Mass Schedule** has resumed.

The weekday Mass at 8:30 am (M-F) 8 am (Saturday) will be held in church until further notice. The Sacred Heart chapel will continue to be open during the day until 6 pm as is has been.

A FEW DIRECTIVES TO FOLLOW

Some general points to be made **the faithful continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday or the Holyday.** If you are not well, or are uncomfortable coming out and coming to church by all means stay home. The Mass will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook at 9:30 on Sundays for the time being. We will not be using Hymnals or Missalettes. **Social distancing should be observed as well as wearing masks. Parishioners should bring their own hand sanitizer** if they feel the need. The church seats 910 people so there will be more than enough room. Seat yourself accordingly when entering church. There is no need to be roping off pews. Use common sense courtesy with regard to social distancing. Obviously spouses and families should sit together. Receiving Communion in the hand would be prudent for the time being. At the Sign of Peace you can make a simple bow or nod to your neighbors around you.

The priest-celebrant will enter from the sacristy and return to the sacristy after Mass. We will not be greeting the people at the Cathedral Road entrance until we hit the next phase.

Right now the ushers will not be taking up the offertory collection at the usual time. There will be baskets by the altar rail, that you can place your offering in either before or after the Mass. For the many parishioners who have been mailing and dropping off their offerings the last couple months, we cannot begin to thank you enough. It is sincerely appreciated and has enabled us to continue to meet our parish obligations even with the large monetary drop off.

At Communion time do not leave your seats all at once and congregate in a Communion line as usual. We can take our time leaving our pew and maintain the social distancing need. There is no hurry. The priest is not going to rush back to the altar.

Please realize this is a very fluid situation and we will make adjustments as needed. Be kind to one another and be patient.

The parish staff is thrilled we have reached this next stage that enables us to resume the public celebration of Mass that unites ourselves to the Lord in the reception of His Body and Blood.

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
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)