

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**
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Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor

Msgr. Joseph P. McGeown, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Samuel A. Verruni, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Joseph W. Bongard, in Residence
Deacon Salvatore R. Bianco
Deacon George W. Kletzel

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS: IN CHURCH

SATURDAY 5:15PM VIGIL

SUNDAY: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30AM

WEEKDAYS: IN SACRED HEART CHAPEL

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:30AM

SATURDAY 8:00AM

Wednesdays when school is in session Mass will be held in the Church - 8:30AM

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION IN CHURCH

5:15PM VIGIL MASS

8:30AM, 12:00PM & 7:30PM

1ST FRIDAY: IN SACRED HEART CHAPEL

8:30AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN CHURCH

SATURDAY 4:00-5:00PM

TUESDAY

**SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT AFTER 8:30AM MASS
UNTIL 6:30PM**

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

TUESDAY EVENING AT 6:30PM

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: **March 18th, April 1st & 15th**

PRE-JORDAN - instruction/sacramental preparation for parents is held in the Sacred Heart Chapel every other month – January, March, May, July, September and November. Parents of children to be baptized should contact Denise Schmidt 215-483-1000 between the hours of 9AM to 4PM to register. The next date for Pre-Jordan class is **March 20th at 7PM in Church due to Lenten Mass in Chapel. Pre-Jordan sacramental preparation is required for each child to be baptized at IHM.**

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). The **Spring** date is **April 21st**. Please call Denise Schmidt, parish secretary at 215-483-1000 to register for Pre-Cana.

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 March 11, 2018

Vigil	10	5:15PM	Richard Kauffman
SUN.	11	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Mary D'Angelo, Julia D'Angelo and Agnes Negroni John and Nancy Pellegrino
MON.	12	8:30 7:30PM	Thomas McGovern Madeline V. Murphy
TUES.	13	8:30 7:30PM	Ottavia and Louis Pell Marlee Whitehouse
WED.	14	8:30 7:30PM	In Loving Memory of the Deceased Members of the DiBenedetto Family Louis Rambo
THURS.	15	8:30 7:30PM	Francis and Deborah Jean Loughran Robert P. Boyle
FRI.	16	8:30 7:30PM	Thomas and Josephine Loughran Betty Elisio and Stella Fallon
SAT.	17	8:00 5:15PM	Patricia Shiel May Gaughan
SUN.	18	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Rose Caruso - 4 th Anniversary John Reedy

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Jeremiah 31:31-34 (35B)
- 2) Hebrews 5:7-9
- 3) John 12:20-33



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

No intentions this week



ROSES



The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Helen Moyer (2nd Anniversary) requested by Donna Pirollo.

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Ottavia and Louis Pell requested by Anne Stanley.

Dear Parishioners,

There are available memorial weeks for both the roses in the Church and Chapel and also for the Sanctuary Light for 2018. Please call the Rectory at 215-483-1000 if you would like to add your loved one's name in the weeks to come.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community, all those in the military, law enforcement and for all who are in need.

Anthony Albera, Ariana Albater, Anna Barras, Beth Kelly Bates, Helen J. Boron, Jean Basile, John Bevenour, Joyce Bielawski, Wayne Bielawski, Bill Blum, Gerri Blum, Roberta Bracey, Theresa Branca-Herbst, Catherine Bryan, Jackie Busch, Edith Cifelli, John Calabrese, Eleanor Calabrese-Avallone, Mary Campbell, Rita Casciato, Lisa Castellante, Caitlyn Clark, John Colantonio, Baby Parker Comeau, Brooke Conklin, Baby Kevin Crane, Anne Cunningham, Joseph Cylc, Anna Dahm, Mary D'Angelo, Jack Deegan, Robert Denshuick, Baby James Dent, Baby Augie DeStefano, Baby Olivia DeStefano, Kim Dichiaro, John Diehl, Roseann DiLullo, Marie Dunne, Sue Fafara, Marianne Felker, Nancy Finn, Janet Fioravante, Joe Flemming, Christina Gailey, Kathleen Gavaghan, Tom Halpin, Louise Hannings, Robert Hannon, Corrine Hare, Eric Hetrick, Jean Hodge, Fay Holder, Dennis Hudecki, Baby Jessica Jara, Linda Jara, Kellen Jeffrey, Lewis Kershaw, Deacon George Kletzel, Alberta Klusek, Josephine Konopka, Olga Kostic, Hedy Latimor, Marianne Leahy, Ed Lenox, Theresa Lenters, Mackenzie Lilly, Kendra Lutz, Carolyn Mako, Rosemary Martella, Keelin McEleney, Patricia McGinty, Stephen McKeever, Roberta McLaughlin, Matthew McNamee, Maureen McGill Miccoli, Geri Miller, Terry Morrissey, Katherine Murphy, Teresa Nagele, Terry Nosek, Rev. Paul Obrimski, Baby Samantha O'Donnell, Anne Louise Owens, Joanna Parnes, Rose Pastella, Vera Pepe, James Vincent Penkowski, Lynn Pester, Joe Ponzio, George Price, Thomas Przybek, Gloria Pytlar, Joseph Rava, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, John Reynolds, Barbara Rogers, Rose Rudolph, Stephanie Russo, Michael Ryan, Rosa Maria Santos, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, William Scheibenhoffer, Benny Shiril, George Siefert, Baby Mason Simmons, Jack Singer, Veronica Sirianni, Madison Solis, Salvatore Sparacino, Jason Stock, Theresa Stockmal, Barbara Stuhl, Joe Sweeney, Annette Terreri, Sister Mary Thaddeus, C.S.S.F., Christine Triola, Rose Triola, Johnny Van Kemp, Michael Venditto, Antoinette Viola, Christine Wack, Rita Walsh, Carol Wans, Jim Weber, Charlie Whittaker, Elizabeth Wildemore, Emma Wittig, David Woczyna, Zeke Wright, Marie Yocco.



Each Tuesday the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for our adoration in our Sacred Heart Chapel, from 9:00AM to 6:30PM. Benediction and Novena follows.

The Sanctuary Light in our Sacred Heart Chapel for the week of March 12th to March 18th is in loving memory of Robert Ryan requested by his mother Mary.



Pastor's Page

We are now just past the half way point of our Lenten preparations for Easter. The first line of the Introit or entrance antiphon today begins, "Rejoice". Today is also known as "Laetare Sunday". We rejoice because we know that the love God bears for us is stronger than any trials, hardships or sufferings we must endure, even death. We know that the sacrifice that we are building toward holds the greatest victory imaginable, our salvation.

The boundless love of God is on full display in the scripture readings today. The Chosen People had "added infidelity to infidelity, repeatedly turning away from God. The First and Second book of Chronicles present an account of the rise and fall of the Kingdom, their subsequent destruction and finally the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem. The books retell Israel's history in terms of its meaning in God's unfolding plan, rather than in factual chronological events like we see in the Books of Kings. The Books of Chronicles were the writer's effort to put things in focus. They reminded the Jews that they were called to be a priestly people and a holy nation, not an empire.

The Babylonian Captivity (587-538 BC) was a devastating time for the Kingdom of Judah. The northern kingdom of Israel had previously been defeated by the Assyrians in the 700s BC., and later the Babylonians came in and captured the southern Kingdom of Judah. In today's first reading, we learn that the enemy had burned down the Temple and carried off many of the people remaining to Babylon. When Cyrus the Persian comes to power, God inspires him to send the exiles back to Judah, so that they might rebuild the house of God.

In the second reading from Ephesians, we see that God's grace, not our works, bring about salvation. Though dead in our transgressions, God's mercy and love brings us back to life in Christ. Redemption in Christ is both a present possession and a future assurance. We have eternal here and now, but the fullness of life we experience here on earth is but a foretaste of the perfection of life that awaits us in heaven.

The same merciful divine nature that is revealed in the return from exile is also revealed in the words of Jesus. As Son, Jesus was not sent to condemn the world but to give it life and light. Any judgement or condemnation is in fact a self-judgment. People are condemned to life in darkness because they have chosen to reject the light. In a sense, people chose to live in exile from God. God has chosen to be present with us, in Jesus, as the saving light.

We see people all the time who chose to remain exiled from those they love all the time. Children and parents who are estranged, friendships that break down and go unreconciled, those who love God and Christ yet keep their distance from the Church and the Sacraments. But scripture testifies to the power of God to overcome such estrangement and exile. Lent is a time for the exiles to return, a time of reconciliation, a time to accept the gift of divine love described in the Letter to the Ephesians.

Father Casey

Weekend Clergy Schedule for March 10th and 11th

Saturday, March 10th

5:15PM Vigil: Fr. Jordan

Sunday, March 11th

7:30AM: Fr. Bongard

9:30AM: Fr. Casey/Deacon Sam

11:30AM: Fr. Verruni/Deacon Sam

Celebrants are subject to change

Weekend Clergy Schedule for March 17th and 18th

Saturday, March 17th

5:15PM Vigil: Fr. Casey

Sunday, March 18th

7:30AM: Fr. Verruni/Deacon Sam***

9:30AM: Fr. Verruni/Deacon Sam***

11:30AM: Fr. Bongard

*** Deacon Sam preaching/Celebrants are subject to change

Reflection:

"Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth." (Ephesians, Chapter 5)

Parish Information

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND CHAPLET

In 1937 Jesus appeared to St. Faustina Kowalska and asked her to make His unfathomable Mercy known throughout the world. He asked that the Sunday after Easter be established as **Divine Mercy Sunday and gave her the words of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.** Jesus also asked that a novena of preparation be said before that feast, starting on Good Friday and ending on the following Saturday. **Jesus Himself gave her the prayers of the Novena.** Learn how you can take part in the Novena and the Chaplet. Pick up a pamphlet and flyer that can be found on the tables next to our Church Bulletins.

Weekend Offering March 3/4, 2018

Envelopes	\$13,005.00
Loose	<u>\$ 1,519.57</u>
	\$14,524.57

#envelopes 681
Average \$19.10
Poor Box \$418.13

Thank you for your generosity!

15 Week Club Winners Week 4

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nicholas and Diane DiPiero	\$300.00
Adrian Burk	\$100.00
Mary McDevitt	\$100.00
Dolores Murphy	\$ 50.00
Mary Ellen Nypower	\$ 50.00
Nancy Rowbottom	\$ 50.00
John Hamilton	\$ 50.00
Erin Taylor	\$ 50.00

H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People in Emergencies)

To obtain a ride to the doctors or to Masses from **H.O.P.E.** just call the H.O.P.E. members listed below:

(Masses) Rosemarie Oakes 215-483-4860

(Doctors) Mary Krier 215-483-5897

(appointments in the Manayunk, Roxborough, and Andorra areas only)

The Legion of Mary at IHM

The annual Acies or Consecration to Mary of all active and auxiliary members will be on Sunday, March 25th at 2:30PM. This year's ceremony will be at the Miraculous Medal Shrine, 500 E. Cheltenham Ave., Philadelphia. Legion prayers, rosary, homily, individual consecration and benediction with refreshments afterward. All auxiliary (praying) members are especially invited to attend.



The Society of St. Vincent DePaul at IHM

If you'd like to join us in this rewarding volunteer work, come to a meeting in the **Father Sullivan Hall (former teacher's lounge)** now renamed, **The Knights of Columbus Room**, at 7PM

Our upcoming meetings are:
March 19th, April 9th & 23rd, May 7th & 21st

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE is in great need of casseroles. They pick up the last Wednesday of the month. This month it will be **March 28th**. If you are able to make a casserole please pick up a pan in the rectory.

REMINDERS:

Please deliver casseroles frozen to the Rectory

Please label the pan with the date prepared

Please label the pan with the name of the casserole

Please prepare your recipe so it can be eaten with a

"spork" (combination of spoon and fork - no knives are given out) Visit: saintjohnshospice.org for Favorite Recipes

TRANSITION NETWORK

ARE YOU UNEMPLOYED OR UNDEREMPLOYED?

Come and join our network group. It has been running for 8 years, offers free advice for job search and resumes and is led by a HR professional with 25 years of experience. We will meet in

The Rectory (new offices Garden Level)
on **Wednesday, March 28th, 7PM**

To register call Denise Schmidt @ 215-483-1000 or visit our website: www.transitionnetwork.webs.com

High School Student Academic Honors

(all information is posted as it comes in)

La Salle College High School

Academic Excellence Award:

Jeffery Adamo, Jr. - Sophomore
Dylan Gianfrancesco - Sophomore
Zachary John Roche - Junior



Congratulations

Parish Information



The Golden Age Club will meet Monday, March 12th. We will be entertained by Susan Smolen. Our Club Trip will be to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see Steel Magnolias on Thursday, April 12th. The cost is \$105. For more information please call Laura Kusniesz at 215-483-9243.

Roman Catholic High School - Important Dates

7th Grade Visitation Day

Roman Catholic High School invites prospective students for the Class of 2023 to visit the school on Wednesday, March 14th for 7th Grade Visitation Day. For additional information or questions regarding the day call (215)-627-1270 ext. 146/159 or e-mail admissions@romancatholichs.com.

Romauction 2018

Roman Catholic High School proudly announces its 2018 premier gala and major fundraising event, the Romauction. This event will be held on Saturday, March 24th 6:00PM at Roman Catholic High School. Plan to join us for an entertaining evening featuring a lavish buffet, raffle items, games of chance as well as silent and live auction items. For more information about tickets, sponsorships, and advertisements, please visit our website at Romauction@romancatholichs.com or call 215-627-1270 (ext. 221).

Spring Open House

Roman Catholic High School will hold a Spring Open House intended for 6th and 7th grade students and their families on Sunday, April 8th from 11:00AM – 1:00PM. Registration available online at RomanCatholicHS.com. For additional information or questions regarding the event call (215)-627-1270 ext. 146/159 or e-mail admissions@romancatholichs.com.

7th Grade Practice Test

Roman Catholic High School will hold a 7th Grade Practice Test on Saturday, April 21st from 9:00AM – Noon. This is an opportunity for 7th graders to prepare for the Scholarship Entrance Test required in the Fall of 2018. Online registration is available at RomanCatholicHS.com. For additional information or questions regarding Roman Catholic High School's admissions process call (215)-627-1270 ext. 146/159 or e-mail admissions@romancatholichs.com.

Job Openings

Our extraordinary long time Secretary has decided to retire and relax. Looking for her replacement to work 2-3 days per week at our family funeral home. Please contact Koller Funeral Home at 215-482-5200 for further information.

Welcome to the newest members of our IHM Parish!

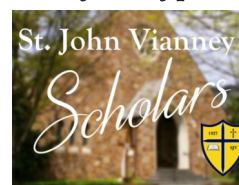
Ms. Maribeth Duffy and Family
Mr. Jonathan Eckardt and Ms. Anisha Keri Chand



Congratulations to:

Nathan Lechtenberg
Sophia Rutan
Lauren Spratt

Each student will receive a partial four year scholarship to the Archdiocesan High School of their choice. Nine hundred and seven (907) eligible students sat for the examination in October 2017, and we as an IHM community are very proud of these students!



Holy Family Church located at 234 Hermitage St. in Philadelphia will host a visiting sister from St. Elisabeth Parish in Belarus (Eastern Europe) on Tuesday, March 13th at 8:00AM. Please support the beautiful work and mission of this community of sisters by purchasing the items of devotion.

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

Rochelle A. Grasso - Principal of IHM School
Emily Miller - Business Manager
Denise Schmidt - Parish Secretary
Traci Kovach - Tuition Officer
Linda Pfefferle - Director of Music
Mary Anne Kostic-King - Director of Religious Education
Richard Strickland - Maintenance Supervisor
Denise Calabrese - Director of Advancement/Communications

OUR PARISH OFFERS SPIRITUAL RESOURCES IN OUR CHURCH and IN OUR HOMES

Stewardship of Faith Display Case: Free spiritual books, CD's, Pamphlets 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. Many by well-known Catholic authors.

*These **Spiritual Resources** are located adjacent to the Main Lobby in the room formerly used for Baptisms. Please stop in and browse before or after mass.*

We need to know our faith before we can share it.

FORMED Program: The parish also provides us with **FREE** access to a wealth of spiritual material **ONLINE**, including: FEATURE LENGTH MOVIES, PROGRAM/COURSES, AUDIO TALKS, and DEVOTIONAL EBOOKS. You can access **FORMED** by going to **FORMED.org**. Register using the Parish Code **B2H4YJ** and set up your username.

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: Frank Klusek, frank.k@verizon.net
Ministry of the Eucharist Outreach: Chuck Fuges, 215-482-1397
Music Ministry: Rehearsals—Thursdays at 7:00 pm in Church.
 Contact Linda Pfefferle (215-704-4652)
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 11 A.M. President, Laura Kusniesz at 215-483-9243
H.O.P.E. Program: see schedule in the weekly bulletin. For more info call Rosemarie Oakes (215-483-4860)
Gardening Angels: helps to maintain the Church grounds. Rosemary Kurtz at rosemarykurtz@aol.com or 215-487-0744
Transition Network: meets monthly in parish center to help unemployed and underemployed: www.TransitionNetwork.webs.com
St. John's Hospice Casserole Day: collected on the last Wednesday of each month

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Home & School Association: Dominica Iacovelli (President) homeandschool@iheartmary.org
Tuition Office: contact Traci Kovach 215-483-1000 Hours are Tuesday & Wednesday 9am to 2pm or email: tuition@iheartmary.org
SCRIP: S & C—Trish Campbell (267-766-3571) Supermarket Script - Susan Lojewski (267-549-2746)

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 6 - Tues. evening 6:30-8:00pm - 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 Bereavement Ministry: Virginia Farabelli, Virginia.Farabelli@phly.com
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 7:00PM in Father Sullivan Hall (former Teacher's Lounge). Call Marianne Klusek 215-482-3020
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 3:00 pm in the Parish Center. Gloria Domino (610-539-3455)