



**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: **TODAY & 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 4, 2018

Vigil	3	5:15PM	Dominic D' Alicandro
SUN.	4	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Frances Kauffman Shirley Lombardo
MON.	5	8:30 7:30PM	Memorial Fund Roy Thompson
TUES.	6	8:30 7:30PM	Helen and Robert Reed, Sr. Helen Deery
WED.	7	8:30 7:30PM	Nguyen Family Giovana and Bernardino Tiberini
THURS.	8	8:30 7:30PM	Francis and Jean Ruch Thomas Kauffman
FRI.	9	8:30 7:30PM	Cecilia Herrera Virginia Ruley
SAT.	10	8:00 5:15PM	Alex Giovannone Richard Kauffman
SUN.	11	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Mary D'Angelo and Agnes Negroni John and Nancy Pellegrino

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 (32B)
- 2) Ephesians 2:4-10
- 3) John 3:14-21



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Walter "Wally" Flamm, Jr.
Helen O'Donnell



ROSES



The rose placed in the *Church* is in loving memory of Walter "Wally" Flamm, Jr. requested by The IHM Rectory Staff.

The rose placed in the *Chapel* is in loving memory of Denise M. Ewing requested by Denise Calabrese.

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, 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, 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, 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, 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 5th to March 11th is in loving memory of Marie Seltzer requested by The Cybularz Family.



Pastor's Page

Covenant is a theme that is recurring during these Sundays of Lent. The first Sunday of Lent we heard about God's covenant with Noah. Last Sunday we heard about God's covenant with Abraham and how Abraham's trust in God was tested when he heard God tell him to sacrifice his only son. Today on this third Sunday of Lent, we hear about God's covenant with his chosen people as they traveled under the leadership of Moses, as they go from slavery and certain death in Egypt to freedom and the Promised Land.

Typically a covenant had two parts, what each party in the covenant would do. God for his part had promised his people liberty, land, prosperity and his special care and love. Today's first reading tells us what God expected of his people in return.

The Israelites perceived the Ten Commandments and the other laws not as burdens that dragged them down, but as mutual understandings that enabled them to live in freedom and peace with one another. The Ten Commandments or "The Decalogue" (ten words) are more than just a series of do's and don'ts. When you look at the actual words, you see that they are personal and relational. Each begins with the word, "you". They all concern the relationship between us and God, or our relationships with each other. They form the foundation of the covenant between God and the Chosen People.

For instance, once vengeful killing is ruled out in a community and everyone agrees to follow that, people no longer live in fear. Once it is understood that people are not allowed to lie about one another, people can trust one another's word. Once stealing is outlawed, people are free to share with one another.

For the Israelites, keeping the Commandments was a sacred pact with one another as well as with God. They recognized that rules can actually free people by giving them lines or boundaries that everyone in a community pledges not to cross. This Covenant of Sinai was a gift.

In the second reading, St. Paul addresses the issue that both the Jews and the Greeks were blinded by their expectations but in different ways. The Jews of Jesus' time had expectations of a Messiah who would come with worldly power and defeat whatever regime was ruling them. A suffering and dying Messiah made no sense. The Greeks with their emphasis on philosophy valued wisdom. The word "philosophy" itself means "love of wisdom." What wisdom is there in following someone who shuns fame and worldly honors, embraced the outcasts, and was eventually put to death. The wisdom and the power of God were not obvious even to Jesus' disciples at the time. It was in humbling himself that he became exalted. This only happened after the Passion.

Father Casey

Weekend Clergy Schedule for March 3rd and 4th

Saturday, March 3rd

5:15PM Vigil: Fr. Casey

Sunday, March 4th

7:30AM: Fr. Verruni

9:30AM: Fr. Bongard/Deacon Sam

11:30AM: Fr. Verruni/Deacon Sam

Celebrants are subject to change

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

Reflection:

Heavenly Father, as I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the best version of myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins.

Parish Information

Weekend Offering February 24/25, 2018

Envelopes \$10,326.00
Loose \$ 1,098.37
\$11,424.37

#envelopes 587
Average \$17.60
Poor Box \$348.13

Thank you for your generosity!

The Legion of Mary at IHM

Hand in hand with Mary, we set about to do simple works of Mercy, promote the Rosary and share our love for Jesus among our neighbors. If you would like to join us in prayer and service, come to a meeting. During Lent we will meet at 6:00PM every Wednesday evening in Father Sullivan Hall (former Teacher's Lounge).



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**

Our upcoming meetings are:
March 5th and 19th

PARISH RESOURCES FOR LENT

During Lent use parish resources to prepare for Easter: **Daily Mass 8:30AM and 7:30PM; Stations of the Cross at 7PM Friday. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Tuesdays from 9:00AM 6:30PM,** followed by **the Miraculous Medal Novena; Visit our Spiritual Resources Center,** adjacent to the church's main lobby. It contains a variety of Lenten **Books, CDs and Booklets;** in that same room browse our **Spiritual Free Lending Library.** At home, you can use your computer to access Lenten material at **FORMED.ORG.** Use our parish code **B2H4YJ** to browse it's wealth of material.

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

15 Week Club Winners
Week 3

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ms. Karen Kinoshita	\$300.00
William and Bernadette Fahringer	\$100.00
Joseph Ross and Family	\$100.00
Sean and Gina Morgan	\$ 50.00
John and Helen Bevenour	\$ 50.00
James Schepise	\$ 50.00
Mary Ann Shaw	\$ 50.00
Rose and Ed Oakes	\$ 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) NO ONE AVAILABLE
(Doctors) Beth Donnelly 267-228-2905
 (appointments in the Manayunk, Roxborough, and Andorra areas only)



Congratulations to Roman Catholic High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team and Coaching Staff on winning the Philadelphia Catholic League Championship Finals that were held on February 26th at The Palestra! This is their 3rd PCL win in the last 4 years!

Parish Information

Announcing 25th Annual Marian Day at St. Charles Seminary, Wynnewood, PA

Saturday, March 17, 2018
"Marian Apologetics"

Speaker - Tim Staples from Catholic Answers

9AM - Registration
 9:30AM Talk - "The Immaculate Conception and the Dignity of Man"
 11:15AM Talk - "The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass"
 12:00PM - Lunch
 1:15PM Talk - "Behold Your Mother"
 2:45PM - Holy Hour

Optional Box lunch for \$10 donation.

To attend RSVP to advancement@scs.edu
 or call 610-785-6270 by March 11.

Mount Saint Joseph Academy

The Mount, a catholic preparatory school for girls, invites all interested 7th grade girls to the **7th Grade Practice Test (Pre-HSPT)** to be given on **Saturday, March 24, 2018**
8:00 – 11:30 a.m.

The Pre-HSPT is a 7th grade edition of the actual Scholarship/Entrance Exam given to eighth grade applicants

Registration is available *online only*.
Register at: www.msacad.org/practicetest

You will receive registration confirmation via email.

Job Openings

Saint Basil Academy, a private, Ukrainian Catholic, all-girls high school located in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, is looking for a **part-time, year-round maintenance person**. Additional working hours are needed in the summer.

Applicants must be able to work Monday through Friday from 2:00-6:30PM and fulfill the following job responsibilities:

- Daily trash removal
- Event set up and break down
- Painting
- Lifting and moving of furniture, desks, boxes, etc.
- Assemble and fix furniture and equipment as needed
- Assist facilities manager and cleaning staff
- Line sports fields
- Replace light bulbs
- Maintain security inside and outside the building
- Assist with snow and ice removal

Interested applicants should contact Glen Angus, Facilities Manager at #215-778-9664. Salary based on experience.

High School Student Academic Honors

(all information is posted as it comes in)

Archbishop Carroll High School



First Honors: Maeve Buchanan '18,
 Anthony N. Raffaele '18, Lara Ann Ramirez '18,
 Daniel W. Roscioli '18, Kerri A. Campbell '19,
 Isabella H. Lechtenberg '19, Lour C. Ramos '19,
 Rachel E. Marano '20, Dylan Mendoza '20,
 Amelia C. Painter '20, Audra Quigley '20,
 Madison M. Klepac '21, Theresa Pham '21

Second Honors: Lauren J. Devenney '18,
 Siobhan L. Egan '18, Thomas D. Esbensen '18,
 Victoria M. Galie '18, Danielle R. Gioquindo '18,
 Michaela R. Heil '18, Gabriel A. Legido '18,
 Meghan E. McGuire '18, Kyleigh A. O'Brien '18,
 Robert T. Vernitsky '18, Emily M. Elliott-Hoffman '19,
 Amber R. Klepac '19, Alison R. Kurac '19,
 Abigail M. Rowan '19, Julia E. Straface '19,
 Evelyn R. Godlewski '20

Congratulations

Cultural Heritage
 Saturday **MASS 2018**
 March 17
 Share the Journey with Migrants and Refugees

Native American, Asian, African, European, Caribbean, and Brazilian Catholics in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia welcome all to join us in this celebration!

**One Faith
 Many
 Cultures
 One Family**

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT & HOMILIST
Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
 Procession - 2:00 p.m. • Mass - 2:30 p.m.

Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul | 18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway | Philadelphia, PA 19103
 Sponsored by the Office for Pastoral Care for Migrants & Refugees | (215) 587-3540 | Archdiocese of Philadelphia
migrantsandrefugeesphilly.org | www.facebook.com/pcmrphilly

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)