



"Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

Matthew 18:21-22

*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  
Philadelphia, PA 19128  
215-483-1000, Fax: 215-483-1732  
Website: ihmphila.org**

### **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL**

**815 E. Cathedral Road  
Philadelphia, PA 19128  
215-482-2029  
Website: iheartmary.org**

### 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 as during the pandemic the schedule has changed.**

**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 Wednesday, September 16, 7 pm in the Chapel.** 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 September 13, 2020**

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>12</b>	5:15pm	The Conboy Family
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>13</b>	7:30 9:30	IHM Parishioners Mike Messina 9th Anniversary Rosina Mesina 7th Anniversary Stephen Kostic
		11:30	
<b>MON.</b>	<b>14</b>	8:30	Blessings for the new year for the Golden Age Club
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>15</b>	8:30	The Masi Family
<b>WED.</b>	<b>16</b>	8:30	Diane Stanziani/Sedgwick
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>17</b>	8:30	Richard Urbanski
<b>FRI</b>	<b>18</b>	8:30	Paulette Marino & Marie Brauchman
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>19</b>	8:00 5:15pm	Elizabeth "Betty" Barron Robert Sr., & Helen Reed
<b>SUN</b>	<b>20</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Jerry Orivivo Deceased Members of the Tomchewsky/Zazulia Families

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

**ROSES**



The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Baronett Family requested by Jack Baronett

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Courtney Huff requested by Jill and Mary

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

*Rev. Anthony F. Orth*



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 Davis, 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, Maureen Moroney, Zina O'Connor, Michael O'Callaghan, Christine Orzech, Luisa Pellicone, Dave Pendleton, Bill Pinto, Kathy Pro, Tom Przybek, Karen Pulcinella, Connie Quigley, Harper Renshaw, John Reynolds, Joel Rivera, Anita Russell, Timothy Sager, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, William Scheibenoffer, Beth Scheid, Helen Smith, Salvatore Sparacino, Jessica Stack, Jake Stefano, Felicia Teske, Paul Teske, Molly Thompson, Christine Triola, Louise Vesce, Maddox Vielman, Owen Walker, Megan Ward-Clifford, Wendi Wagoner, 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 1<sup>st</sup> responders.*



The **Sanctuary Light** in our Sacred Heart Chapel for the week of September 14th to September 20th is in loving memory of Joan Funk requested by her husband, John.

## Pastor's Page

Our Old Testament reading today comes from the Book of Sirach. Specifically it is also called “the Wisdom of Sirach” with the author being Jesus ben (son of) Sira, meaning Son of Sira. We know really nothing about him other than what we can deduce from the book. He ran a school for scriptural study and Jewish wisdom in Alexandria Egypt which was then under the Greek Empire until 63 BC. He wanted to instruct his fellow Jews who were confused by the philosophical questions of the Greeks. He wrote that all wisdom comes from God – not Greek thought! Sirach says that wisdom came forth from the mouth of God to make her dwelling with God’s people. He is reminding the Jews of the day, and us, that God’s wisdom is far above the wisdom of the world. Scholars have determined it was written around the year 180 BC, quite late in the Old Testament period.

The Book of Sirach forms part of the “deuterocanonical” books, also referred to as the apocrypha. The designation means that from earliest times Jewish scholars did not include it among the books of Scripture. They would use it however in worship and study. It did not take its place among the sacred books in the Jewish canon. The Catholic Church eventually placed it in the canon of scripture which was a whole other process. Sirach is part of what we see as the Wisdom Literature of the old testament: Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Wisdom, Sirach, Song of Songs and the Psalms. It is noteworthy that there are seven books of Wisdom literature in the Catholic Canon of the Old Testament and the number seven is symbolic of perfection.

Forgiveness can be both the easiest and the most difficult thing a person is asked to give. Daily life is filled with moments in which we ask for forgiveness. Often a simple pardon is given without much thought. But this may not always be the case since some moments are not so easily forgotten. The teaching today in this passage is that we cannot nourish anger and expect our own sins to be forgiven. Sirach tells us that wrath and anger are hateful things. He reminds us of the damaging effects that anger and vengeance can bring to our soul. Sirach asks us to renounce vengeance and “set enmity aside” 28:6

St. Paul in the continuing passages from the letter to the Romans reminds us that ultimately, we are not autonomous. Both in life and death we are the Lord’s.

In the passage from Matthew today, Jesus tells this story after Peter proposes an extravagant level of forgiveness, the biblical number of perfection, “seven times”. Jesus however recalculates this, changing the seven to seventy seven times. In some older translations we hear it as seventy times seven times. This indicates infinity and challenges us to surpass even perfection with a forgiveness as wildly boundless as God’s forgiveness toward us. Jesus made forgiveness a non-negotiable requirement of the life of faith. In other words,

Don’t set limits. Don’t keep score. Keep forgiving!

Father Casey

### **Weekend Clergy Schedule September 19 & 20, 2020** **(celebrants are subject to change)**

**Saturday, September 19**  
5:15 p.m. Vigil: Fr. Casey

**Sunday, September 20**  
7:30 a.m. - Fr. Casey  
9:30 a.m. - Fr. Verruni  
11:30 a.m. – Fr. Bongard

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

- 1) Isaiah 55:6-9 (133A)
- 2) Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
- 3) Matthew 20:1-16a

**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 August 31, 2020

Sunday \$10,475.00  
Loose 518.00  
\$10,993.00

# of envelopes – 585  
Average-\$17.91  
Poor Box -\$218.00

*Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity!*



P.R.E.P. 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)

**IHM SCHOOL** is looking for substitute teachers for the current school year. Hours are 7:30 am to 3:30 pm.

We are looking for kind, strong individuals with experience with children.

All State of PA and Archdiocese of Philadelphia clearances are required.

Interested candidates should email Jennifer Finnegan, school secretary, at [jfinnegan@iheartmary.org](mailto:jfinnegan@iheartmary.org).

**Welcome to the newest members  
of our IHM Parish!**

*Mr. & Mrs. Roger Ross  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Blake  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Teson*

### 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.

**God's blessings to the newly baptized children  
in the Catholic faith**

*Declan Sweeney Morrison  
Brook Genevieve Morrison  
Benjamin James Stauffer*

**All are invited to participate at the  
Public Square Rosary Rally  
Saturday, October 10 at 12:00 Noon  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish  
Church Front Lawn on Cathedral Road**  
(Please bring lawn chairs if you are unable to stand)

The Public Square Rosary is sponsored by *America Needs Fatima* and will occur across the United States on that day. Please join us and all across America to pray for our families, our children, our Church, our country, our world and also to make amends for all the offenses committed against Our Lord and the Immaculate Heart of Mary—as Mary proclaimed at Fatima. Please visit the website: [www.ANF.org](http://www.ANF.org) for additional information.

**We will practice social distancing and wear masks. Thank you.**

**IHM contact person: Sharon Schepise 215-482-8129.**





**Saint Basil Academy** welcomes 8th Graders to enroll in our Saturday reading / writing / math workshops to prepare for the High School Entrance Exam.

Saturday, September 12 - Reading and Writing

Saturday, September 19 - Math and Problem Solving

Saturday, September 26 - 8th Grade Entrance Exam

Personal Tours for students and their families for the Class of 2025!

Contact Rachel McGonigle in the admissions office at  
215. 649. 9083 or email [rmcgonigle@stbasilacademy.org](mailto:rmcgonigle@stbasilacademy.org)

## 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**

**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, October 7.** Casserole pans are available at the rectory office.

**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 these items. Thank you for your support.

**If you have any questions please call Denise Schmidt - 215-483-1000 .**

**Scrip Sales** will resume for the school year on Thursday evening, September 17, 2020, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Father Sullivan Hall. You can preorder all supermarket and store gift cards via email at [scscrip@iheartmary.org](mailto:scscrip@iheartmary.org). There will be very limited quantities of supermarket and store gift cards available for purchase on Thursday evenings beginning on Thursday, September 17.

Therefore, please place your orders in advance! All orders for gift cards must be placed by Sunday evenings at 8:00 pm for Thursday evening pickup.

Please note that we will not be offering Sunday sales or pickups in the church vestibule until further notice due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

If you would like to learn more about the Scrip program, and how you can help IHM families offset tuition, please email Traci Kovach at [scscrip@iheartmary.org](mailto:scscrip@iheartmary.org)

**IHM's St. Vincent de Paul Society** assists people in need in the Andorra, Roxborough, and Manayunk areas, but also in other nearby Philadelphia neighborhoods. Our funding comes primarily from the poor box so please continue to be generous.

If you know of someone in need of assistance, please encourage them to call the IHM Rectory at 215-483-1000 to request the SVDP HelpLine where they can leave their name, telephone number, and a brief message. Office hours are currently 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If the office is closed, an answering machine will come on, and callers should press 9 for the SVDP Help-Line. Someone will get back to them, usually within a day. We are following social distancing regulations but will find a way to determine how we can help.

## JUST A REMINDER

**School is now in session.** Hours are 8 am with dismissal at 2:45 pm. Our students will have recess from 11:55 to 12:55 in our parking lot.

Also we have **Daily Mass at 8:30** Monday through Friday in our Church.

Please be mindful of each other and drive **SLOWLY** through our parking lot.

**THANK YOU!**



## Mount Saint Joseph Academy

**Class of 2025, the Mount application is now open!** Visit [msjacad.org](http://msjacad.org) to apply by September 25.

Scholarship/Entrance exams will be offered on Saturday,  
September 26, at 8:00 AM  
and  
Sunday, September 27, at 12:00 PM.

For more information or to learn more about the Mount, email the Admissions Team at [admiss@msjacad.org](mailto:admiss@msjacad.org).

## 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](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 (215-482-2029). 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)