



**23RD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

*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 6, 2020**

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>5</b>	5:15pm	Joan Reed
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>6</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Joseph D'Angelo John S. Calabrese
<b>MON.</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9:00</b>	Memorial Fund Labor Day
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>8</b>	8:30	John S. Calabrese
<b>WED.</b>	<b>9</b>	8:30	Richard Urbanski
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>10</b>	8:30	Joseph D'Angelo
<b>FRI</b>	<b>11</b>	8:30	Lorna Zito 44th Wedding Anniversary
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>12</b>	8:00 5:15pm	Joan Funk The Conboy Family
<b>SUN</b>	<b>13</b>	7:30 9:30  11:30	IHM Parishioners Mike Mesina 9th Anniversary Rosina Messina 7th Anniversary Stephen Kostic

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

**ROSES**



The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Lorna Zito requested by her husband, Al & son, Nick.

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Joan Funk requested by her husband, John.

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

*Irene Reilly*



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, Andrew Lowry, 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 Vesci, 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 7th to September 13th is in loving memory of Richard Urbanski requested by his wife, Marie.

## Pastor's Page

The scripture readings today focus on relationships and care of the other. These are not just any relationships, but the difficult and complex ones too. In the first reading, the prophet Ezekiel cautions us not to give up on the wicked but rather warn them that their behavior is unacceptable. However, if they do not heed our warnings, at least we will know that we tried to enlighten them.

The gospel today is very specific on how to deal with issues of conflict or disagreement. The scenario Jesus paints could apply to any family, community, workplace or environment which breeds conflict or confusion. It takes courage for us to be persistent and confront contentious issues: first in private, then with witnesses and finally in front of the assembly – to provide evidence of injustice or wrongdoing. If after all these measures have been taken and still there is no resolution, we must turn away and move on, knowing that we have done everything humanly possible to rectify the situation.

In Jesus' view, mutual correction is never punishment, revenge or settling scores but rather following the first commandment, the law of love – seeking the good of another. As St. Paul puts it, "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.....Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:8-10)

We can see the lessons for common Christian life in the gospel lesson today. First of all, Jesus knew that conflict would arise within the Church, so we should not be surprised by it. Jesus encourages us to not descend into a world of silence, or passive aggression or other forms of deviant forms of manipulation to handle their conflict. Healthy families on the other hand learn to speak their hurt directly, openly and in a spirit of reconciliation.

Secondly Jesus placed the responsibility for initiating the process of reconciliation on the person who feels hurt. This would on the surface seem to run against the grain of our experience. When someone hurts us we seem to expect – no we demand – that they make the first move toward reconciliation. We want justice. They hurt us, so they should come crawling to us begging for our forgiveness, after they repaired or repaid their injury against us. And until they do, we feel justified nursing our anger against them, rehearsing our story of their evil deed to all who will give us a listening ear.

The problem here is that often the person offended is the only one who knows about the offense. While we are upset, the person who offended us may be sleeping fine at night, not because they are callous and uncaring but because they are simply unaware of our pain. How much time and energy are wasted if we could just follow the council of Jesus on this point. Someone has to begin the reconciliation. Often peace waits only for that one start. Jesus does not seem so concerned with who is at fault, as on the importance of an honest reconciliation between members of the body of Christ. Forgiveness empowers us as much as it does the person we have forgiven.

Father Casey

### **Weekend Clergy Schedule September 12 & 13, 2020** **(celebrants are subject to change)**

**Saturday, September 12**  
5:15 p.m. Vigil: Fr. Verruni

**Sunday, September 13**  
7:30 a.m. - Fr. Bongard  
9:30 a.m. - Fr. Verruni  
11:30 a.m. – Fr. Casey

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

- 1) Sirach 27:30-28:7 (130A)
- 2) Romans 14:7-9
- 3) Matthew 18:21-35

**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 23, 2020

Sunday \$10,819.00

Loose 269.00

\$11,088.00

# of envelopes – 558

Average-\$19.39

Poor Box -\$292.25

*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.

### P.R.E.P. PARENT MEETING

There will be a P.R.E.P. parent meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 @ 6pm in Father Sullivan Hall.

Registration forms will be available with final registration on Tuesday, September 8th.

The agenda of this meeting is very important, as there have been many changes in the P.R.E.P. program that must be addressed and explained.

Masks are mandatory and we will be practicing safe distancing in the hall.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing everyone!

Let's keep praying for a good year for all of our students!!

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

*Emma Angela Steinhaus*

**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.**

### News from the Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.



**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).



The Congregation for the Eastern Churches has asked that since there were no public liturgies taking place on Good Friday in many parts of the world, the annual collection to support the Shrines in the Holy Land has been moved to next weekend September 12 & 13. If you can and have not already supported this collection please do so. Thank you.

**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)

Please remember to keep our school children, their families, our teachers, all the support staff and our principal, Mr. Lowry in your prayers as they prepare for the new school year.

Pray for a successful and healthy year for all!!



**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.

## 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 IS BACK!!**

Scrip orders are now being taken via email ([scrip@iheartmary.org](mailto:scrip@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.

Mass time on Monday September 7th for the **Labor Day Holiday** is 9 am in the Church

## 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)