**MASS SCHEDULE**

**WEEKENDS: IN CHURCH**

SATURDAY  5:15 p.m. VIGIL  
SUNDAY    7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

**WEEKDAYS: IN SACRED HEART CHAPEL**

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY  8:30 a.m.
SATURDAY  8:00 a.m.

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

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION IN CHURCH**

5:15 p.m. VIGIL MASS  
8:30 a.m., Noon & 7:30 p.m. (times may vary on certain Holy Days; please check inside pages or parish website)

**1ST FRIDAY: IN SACRED HEART CHAPEL**

8:30 a.m.

**HOLIDAYS: IN CHURCH**

9:00 a.m. (MEMORIAL DAY, INDEPENDENCE DAY, LABOR DAY AND THANKSGIVING DAY)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN CHURCH**

SATURDAY 4-5 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AFTER 8:30 a.m. MASS UNTIL 6:30 p.m.

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

TUESDAY EVENING AT 6:30 p.m. 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 & Sept. 15th, October 6th & 20th

**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 Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 7:00pm in the 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 Fall 2019 date is to be determined. 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.
**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

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

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

*Bartholomew J. Brownholtz, Sr.*

*Lawrence A. Kornacki*

**ROSES**

The rose placed in the *Church* is in loving memory of Anthony J. Gampico requested by Dr. Angeline M. Gampico.

The rose placed in the *Chapel* is in loving memory of Adam Michini requested by Anne Stanley.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

1) Wisdom 9:13-18b (129C)
2) Philemon 9-10, 12-17
3) Luke 14:25-33

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


**We continue to pray for our men & women in the military here and overseas and for law enforcement.**

**The Sanctuary Light in our Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of September 2nd to September 8th is in loving memory of Anthony J. Gampico requested by Dr. Angeline M. Gampico.
The key word that can sum up the thrust of our scripture readings this Sunday is ‘Humility’. In fact, we can expand the teaching today with three other words that begin with H: Honesty, Happiness and Hospitality.

The Old Testament passage today is from the Book of Sirach. Sirach was composed rather late in the Old Testament period, around 180 BC. It is part of what is called the “deuterocanonical” books or “Apocrypha”. This means that from the earliest times Jewish scholars did not include it among the books of Scripture. They did use the book on occasion in worship and for study, but it did not take its place among the sacred books. Sirach has always been included in the Catholic Canon of Scripture, but was not included in the Protestant versions of the Old Testament.

A man named Jesus Ben Sirach ran a school for scriptural study and Jewish wisdom in Alexandria and wrote between 200 BC and 175 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 from Greek thought!

Wisdom is found specifically in the teachings of Israel as given by God, and keeping the commandments is the way to wisdom. Greek philosophy and culture were attracting formerly religious Jews who were now forsaking their faith. By blending Israel’s history and traditions with more conventional wisdom Ben Sira demonstrates the wisdom of God is far more effective than the philosophy of the Greeks. Humility is honesty, not self-humiliation. Humility and self-knowledge go hand in hand. Both feet are planted on the ground, the Latin ‘humus’ means “earth, soil, ground”. Alms also atones for sins.

The lesson in the first reading sets the stage for the Gospel today. Luke’s is a Gospel of reversals. Tax collectors and sinners dine with Jesus. The unjust judge fears a widow who might strike him. The humble tax collector and not the self-righteous Pharisee is justified.

In today’s passage those whose status and wealth could assure them of the best seats at the table are told to step back. “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted”. (Lk 14:11). This is in keeping with the teaching earlier in Luke’s Gospel of Jesus himself: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.” (Lk 4:18) Self-exaltation must not be sought either openly or secretly. Earlier Jesus had reprimanded his disciples for vying for rank (Lk 9:46-48)

In doing good, we should serve freely, without regard for our own prospects, leaving the recompense to God. This is the way Jesus went about doing good, emptying himself for others without counting the costs. The kingdom is for everyone and our hospitality should embrace all, especially those who are overlooked by people with only selfish motives.

Being humble is simply being truthful about one’s gifts and one’s limitations. We thank God for giving them to us along with the ability to develop them.

Father Casey

Rectory Summer Office Hours are:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9 am to 7 pm
Thursday and Friday 9 am to 4 pm
Saturday 11 am to 7 pm
Sunday 9 am to 2 pm

Mass for Labor Day, Monday, September 2nd is scheduled for 9:00 A.M. in Church.

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the Rectory office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd.

The second collection next weekend, September 7th & 8th, will be for Black & Indian Missions.
Thank you for your support.

The 2019 ProLife summer raffle occurs on Saturday, September 28th 2019 and the proceeds benefit the pro-life legal fund for Southeast Pennsylvania. Please call Ann Marie Beaver 215-483-8204 to get your raffle ticket today. They are $25.00 Thank you for supporting the pro-life movement.
IHM Golden Age Club trip to Mohegan Casino (Wilkes Barre, PA)

When: Friday, October 18, 2019 board bus at IHM parking lot at 10:15am and returning at 7:30pm
Cost: $40.00 includes $25.00 slot play & $5.00 food voucher
Contact: Laura Kusniesz, 7255 Shalkop St., Phila., PA, 19128, 215-483-9243

ST. JOHN’S HOSPICE is in great need of casseroles. FROZEN TURKEYS ARE ACCEPTED. They pick up the first Wednesday of the month. Please note this is a change. They will no longer pick up on the last Wednesday of the month. Next pick up will be September 4th. If you are able to make a casserole, please pick up a pan in the rectory.

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul at IHM

IHM’s SVDP 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 the Knights of Columbus Room in Father Sullivan Hall from 7–8 p.m.

Our upcoming meetings are:
September 9th & 23rd, October 7th & 21st
November 4th & 18th, December 2nd & 16th

ST. JOHN’S HOSPICE
September 1, 2019

Parish Information

Congratulations to the newly married couple in God’s love!
Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Rodgers

Weekend Offering August 17/18, 2019
Envelopes $9,685.00
Loose $876.80
$10,561.80

#envelopes 544
Average $19.11
Poor Box $507.50

Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity!

Weekend Offering August 24/25, 2019
Envelopes $7,441.00
Loose $943.00
$8,384.00

#envelopes 425
Average $17.51
Poor Box $477.00
Mission Co-Op $3215.00

Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity!

God’s blessings to the newly baptized child in the Catholic faith!
James Anthony Marano, Jr.

Casino Trip
When: Wednesday, September 25, 2019
Where: Resorts, Atlantic City
Time: Bus leaves from in front of IHM at 2:00PM, returns at 10:00PM
Cost: $25 when boarding bus, $25 back from casino
Contact: Mike Shiel, 215-487-7296 or email, mppsj5@aol.com

Sunday Funday
When: Sunday, September 29th
Where: IHM Father Sullivan Hall
Time: Doors open 12:30PM, First game 1:30PM
Cost: $11.00 for pack 11 games
Prizes: $10.00 and $25.00, one $50.00 prize and one $100.00 prize
Contact: Mike Shiel, 215-487-7296 or email, mppsj5@aol.com
A message from our Principal:

Please note the following important school dates:

**Wednesday, September 4th** – First day for grades 1-4
Back to school night for PreK and Kindergarten 6:00pm in Fr. Sullivan Hall.

**September 5th** – First day for students in grades 5-8

**September 10** – First Day for Kindergarten and Pre-School

**September 11** – Picture Day

**September 12** – Opening School Liturgy 8:30am
Back to school night grades 1-8 6:30 in Fr. Sullivan Hall
Band parent meeting 6:00 pm in Fr. Sullivan Hall.

We want to welcome Mrs. Meghann Rash to our school faculty. She will serve as our Middle School Language Arts teacher and 7th Grade homeroom teacher. Also, welcome officially to Mrs. Meg Kirby as our Music and Spanish teacher. Mrs. Kirby was our long term substitute teacher last winter and has been hired permanently.

Our school theme this year is “Give it your Best”. Our teachers are encouraging our students to work hard in all that they do in their class work as well as on the sports field. Our students are amazing boys and girls. We want them to work hard in all that they do. Please feel free to check out our school Facebook page and school Instagram to see the pictures of some of things that are happening in school.

Mr. Andrew Lowry M. Ed

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**PREP REGISTRATION**
Hope everyone is staying cool this summer! Fall is fast approaching—**Just a reminder that Final PREP Registration is on Tuesday, 9/3/19 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in F.S.H.** All registration fees must be paid no later than the first night of class, Tuesday, 9/10/19. Checks made payable to IHM Parish.

Also, please note that we are changing the hours for PREP on Tuesday evenings. Classes will start at 6:00 p.m. and Dismissal will take place at 7:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing our children in September. Enjoy the rest of your summer!! For further information, please e-mail: mking@iheartmary.org or call: Mary Anne Kostic-King @ 215-483-4266.

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**John W. Hallahan Class of 1969-50th Reunion**

Sunday, September 29, 2019

Noon to 4PM

Swan Caterers, Waterfall Room

2015 S. Water Street, Philadelphia

For information, please contact Paula DiGiacomo @ 610-308-0797

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**Mount Saint Joseph Academy**

The Mount Open House will be on October 6th from 12 – 3:00. Girls in 6th, 7th and 8th grade are invited to attend with their parents to explore the innovative programs and spaces at the Mount. Register at [www.msjacad.org](http://www.msjacad.org)

The Scholarship/Entrance exam will be on Saturday, October 19th from 8:00 – 12:00.

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**Holy Cross Community Picnic**

Sunday, September 15, 2019. 140 E. Mt. Airy Ave, Philadelphia, Pa. 12-3:00PM. For more information, go to ihmphila.org under News & Events.

**Girls on the Run at Kendrick Recreation Center** for girls grades 6-8. Season begins 9/23. Registration is now. See ihmphila.org under News & Events for additional information.

All are invited to St. Mary Polish American Society’s 4th Annual Polish Harvest Festival at the TK Club at 521 East Hector Street in Conshohocken on Sunday, September 29th from Noon to 5 pm. Funds raised from this event will be used to support St. Mary Polish American Society in its mission to promote Polish heritage in Montgomery County and the restoration of St. Mary’s Church in Conshohocken, the home for the Latin Mass in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This event will feature live Polka music, delicious Polish food, a 50/50 drawing and other games of chance, a basket raffle, and baked goods for sale. Families are welcome, as there will be games for children with plenty of prizes! Admission is $10 in advance and $15 on the day of the event. Admission for children 6 to 12 years old is $7 each and free for children under the age of 6. For tickets, please email stmaryconshy@gmail.com or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.
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 Kavanagh - Bulletin and Website Editor

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., sidney@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—Thursdays at 7:00p.m. in Church.
Contact: Linda Pfefferle (215-704-4652)
Ushers: John Rudolph, Peter Caruso
Sacristans: Peter Caruso, picaruso45@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 Kuniesz 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—Traci Kovach scscrip@iheartmary.org;
Supermarket Script - Susan Lojewski (215-549-2746)

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 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 McEvoy, irishkain@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 SPDS 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)
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