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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

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

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, April 5th & 19th**

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 Meeting in the Church is to be
determined.** Please enter through the parking lot door.
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).
The Spring 2020 date is April 4, 2020. 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

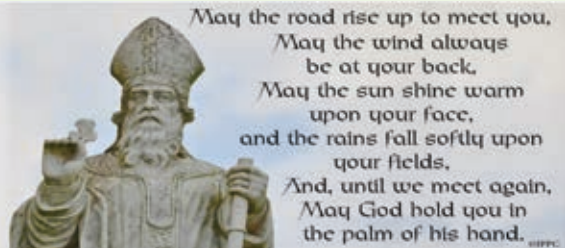
MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2020

SAT.	14	5:15pm	Joseph & Anna Manzo-Passante
SUN.	15	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Richard Kauffmann Theodore Segletes
MON.	16	8:30 7:30pm	Tac Nguen In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
TUES.	17	8:30 7:30pm	May Gaughan Teresa Maloney
WED.	18	8:30 7:30pm	George & Marie Wandsleben Anthony Acquaviva
THURS.	19	8:30 7:30pm	William "Bill" Niehoff, Sr. Jack Horgan
FRI.	20	8:30 7:30pm	Ralph Forbes Dennis Hudecki
SAT.	21	8:00 5:15pm	Lien Pham Rose Caruso
SUN.	22	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Julia D'Angelo & Agnes Negroni Deceased Members of the Kostic Family

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



Reverend John J. Farry



ROSES



The rose placed in the *Church* is in loving memory of Mary & Walter Joka requested by their daughter, Regina .

The rose placed in the *Chapel* is in loving memory of Joseph, Thomas & John Skarbek and Kenneth & Clara Slovitsky requested by Helen Cyzio.



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.



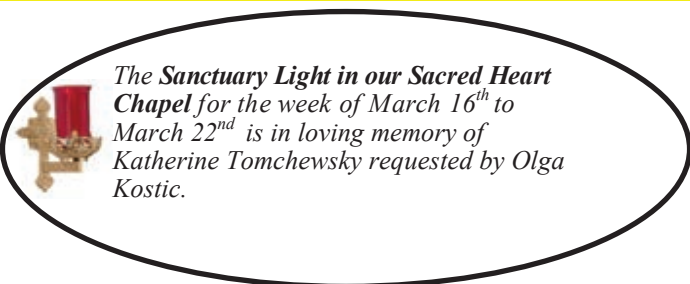
Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

Alan Andreoni, Baby Annette Christine, Elizabeth Barron, Mary Bartsch, Josephine Bellace, Elaine Bene, Joyce Bielawski, Wayne Bielawski, Terry Carr, Officer Andy Chan, Michael Clark, Brooke Conklin, Renzo Contarin, Quint Cuffe, Taylor Davis, Marano Donald D'Angelo, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Virginia Farabelli, 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, Keelin McEleney, Winifred Meall, Ann Marie Melough, Ava Danielle Mormello, Joseph Mudry, Zina O'Connor, Michael O'Callaghan, Christine Orzech, Stephen Pastella, Dave Pendleton, Bill Pinto, Kathy Pro, Tom Przybek, Karen Pulcinella, Harper Renshaw, John Reynolds, Joel Rivera, John Rudolph, Sr., Anita Russell, Timothy Sager, Mary Salvatore, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, William Scheibenoffer, Beth Scheid, Monica Scrocki, Barbara Sheehan, Helen Smith, Salvatore Sparacino, Jake Stefano, Felicia Teske, Paul Teske, Molly Thompson, Rose Triola, Christine Triola, Louise Vesci, Maddox Vielman, Owen Walker, Megan Ward-Clifford, Walter Wayne Whitehouse, Charlie Whittaker, Pam Wisdom, Jack Woods, 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 1st responders.

The second collection this weekend, March 14th & 15th, will be for Solidarity Fund for the Church in Latin America. Thank you for your support.



The Sanctuary Light in our Sacred Heart Chapel for the week of March 16th to March 22nd is in loving memory of Katherine Tomchewsky requested by Olga Kostic.

Pastor's Page

Today on the Third Sunday of Lent, the Church celebrates the first of three scrutinies with the Elect and their communities throughout the Church. The scriptures today are chosen explicitly to help the Elect as they undergo their final preparations for the Easter Sacraments. We the baptized too can scrutinize our own lives today, following the example of the Elect in allowing Our Lord to uncover and heal all that is weak and sinful in the way we live.

The readings today speak of the importance of water. Water is an essential element of life. Without it we die. The biblical personages in both the old and the new testament lived in a land surrounded by barren deserts.

In the first reading from Exodus, the people are facing a challenge in finding water now that they have left Egypt. They have briefly celebrated their newfound freedom from Pharaoh and the Egyptians when they begin to complain about the hardships of the journey. They are bitterly complaining against God and Moses. Eventually they are going to have to learn over and over to keep trusting in God's care for them. This is going to be a long drawn out process.

They even question whether they should have stayed in Egypt. Amazing how revisionist history can color our perspective. "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it to make us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" Their lack of faith even moves them to cry out and ask, "Is the Lord in our midst or not?"

Rocks are not known for their water content. But in another of the miracles the Lord works through Moses, he instructs him to strike a rock with his staff, the same staff that he used in parting the Red Sea. The water struck from the rock is to quench the people's thirst, it becomes a strong symbol for life. "Come let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with Thanksgiving."

The Gospel reading from John chapter 4 today, also speaks of the symbol of water, used to describe God's life giving presence. Jesus himself becomes the living water to the Samaritan woman. Recall that the Jewish relationship with the Samaritans, who were located between Galilee on the north and Judea to the south was very bad and historically conditioned. The problems dated back to the 700sBC, when foreigners came into this area after the Assyrian exile. The foreigners who came into the territory partially adopted Israel's religion but were always viewed by the Jews as hated, semi-pagan invaders. It would have been very surprising that Jesus even spoke to this woman.

The story includes a lengthy dialogue with the woman. Jesus meets the woman at the well where Jacob met Rachel. To start off with, this Samaritan woman was considered outside the law, by faith and by lifestyle. Jesus guides her from perceiving him as simply another man to the point where she says, "I can see you are a prophet." Eventually the dialogue leads to her, of all people, becoming an evangelizer, hastening to her fellow townspeople. She becomes a conduit of faith's living water. Remember water seeks its own level.

As Moses struck the rock with his staff, may Jesus' cross – the abiding instrument of God's unconditional mercy – strike our hardened hearts, unsealing God's merciful love to flow into our lives.

Father Casey

During Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on Wednesdays from 6:15pm to 7:15pm in the Church. Stations of the Cross will take place on Fridays at 7p.m. in the Chapel.

Weekend Clergy Schedule March 21/22 2020 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, March 21

5:15 p.m.. Vigil: Fr. Casey

Sunday, March 22

7:30 a.m -Fr. Bongard

9:30 a.m - Fr. Casey/Deacon Sam***

11:30 a.m.- Fr. Verruni/Deacon Sam***

***Deacon Sam Preach

Legion of Mary -

Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary

All members of the Legion of Mary are invited to attend the **Annual Consecration Ceremony** (called the **Acies**) whereby we renew our dependence on, confidence in, and faithfulness to our Blessed Mother. This year is a special opportunity because **the Ceremony will be in IHM Sacred Heart Chapel on March 22 at 3:00 PM.** The Rosary and Legion prayers, Consecration and Benediction will be included with refreshments afterward. *IHM Auxiliary (praying) members are especially invited to attend.* Assemble in Father Sullivan Hall at 2:30 PM. Contact Marianne 215-285-7348.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a (31A)
- 2) Ephesians 5:8-14
- 3) John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Parish Information

Weekend Offering March 7/8, 2020

Envelopes	\$9,921.00
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Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity!

IHM Golden Age Club will be having a trip to the Mohegan Sun Casino on **Thursday, March 26th**. We will leave IHM parking lot at 10:00 am and return to IHM parking lot at 8:00pm. Cost is \$37.00 which includes \$25.00 in slot play and \$5.00 for food. Contact Laura Kusniesz-215-483-9243.

Roxborough Manayunk Lionesses invite you and your friends to **Oldies Night, Friday, April 24th**. For more information, go to ihmphila.org and search under News & Events.

Women's Guild Designer Bag Bingo at St. Philip's, April 17 at 6:30 PM. For more information go to ihmphila.org and look under News & Events.

IHM's St. Vincent DePaul 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:
March 23rd, Apr. 6th & 20th**



A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

PLEASE NOTE: We will **NOT** be automatically mailing out end of year 2019 contribution statements to our parishioners. To request a contribution statement, **please call IHM Rectory at 215-483-1000.**

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE is in great need of casseroles. **Frozen turkeys are not accepted at this time.** They pick up the first Wednesday of the month. The next pick up will be **Wednesday, April 2nd**. If you are able to make a casserole, please pick up a pan in the rectory. Please note also that **St. John's Hospice** is in need of **toiletries**. **Socks** are needed as well. There will be boxes placed at the doorways of the Church for the toiletries and socks. Thank you for your support.

15 Week Club Winners Week 5

Paula Bransfield	\$300
John Romano	\$100
Jean DiNardi	\$100
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Salvatore	\$50
Gary Jonas	\$50
Kenneth & Mary Ann Doyle	\$50
James Murphy	\$50
Josephine Konopka	\$50

2020 Spring Craft Fair

The Immaculate Heart of Mary School has been part of the Andorra/Roxborough Community for over 60 years now! **The Home and School Association** is excited to host our first annual **Spring Craft Fair**.

Our Spring Craft Fair will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2020 in Father Sullivan Hall (FSH), from 11 am until 4 pm. If you are interested in reserving a space to display and sell your products, please contact Bridget Berns at fundraisinghsa@iheartmary.org. All spaces are no more than 8 ½ ft. The cost is \$40 per space or \$75 for two. Spaces will be set in the main hall and throughout the first-floor hallway. You may access FSH on the day of the event at 9 am for set up. Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis and space is not considered reserved until payment has been processed. Please take note that tables are NOT provided by IHM or the Home & School Association. If you have any questions or concerns please call 215-667-5550 or email Bridget directly, fundraisinghsa@iheartmary.org. We thank you for your interest.



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Tuesday, April 14, 2020	Special Days & Dates
Tuesday, April 28, 2020	Manifestations of Grief
Tuesday, May 12, 2020	All Feelings are "Normal"
Tuesday, May 26, 2020	Belongings & Reminders
Tuesday, June 9, 2020	Does Grief End?

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Parish Information

Early Childhood ART SHOW!

- Please join us for our first annual art show with creative works made by our Pre- K 3, Pre-K4, and Kindergarten students.
- There will be a contribution bucket at the front door for any donations you are able to give to our Early Childhood program.
- Complimentary coffee and pastries.

Art show will be held at

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Sunday,
April 19th
11 A.M. to
1 P.M.

The children have worked very hard on their art projects and they will be displayed for family and friends to view.

ALL ARE
WELCOME!

First look at our Book Fair that will be set up in the Hall.

Books will be available to purchase.



First Holy Communion Practice/Retreat (all second grade students)

Wednesday, April 29, 2020 (8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.)

First Holy Communion

Saturday, May 2, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.

Parent/Sponsor Meeting for Confirmation for Fall of 2020 (all sixth grade parents w/sponsor)

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m., Father Sullivan Hall

IHM Parish Confirmation Fall of 2020

Applications for candidates to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Fall of 2020 are now being accepted. If your child will be in the 7th grade in September, and you are registered at IHM, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Mary Anne King at (215)483-4266 or e-mail: mking@iheartmarv.org. **Deadline for applications is March 30th! There will be a Mandatory Parent/Sponsor Meeting on Wednesday, April 15th at 6 p.m. in Father Sullivan Hall.** Date for Confirmation to be announced.

John W. Hallahan's Spring Open House will take place on **Tuesday, March 24, 2020** from 6-8pm. 7th Grade Girls are invited to visit our school, talk to teachers, students and take a tour of our buildings! Please email: NAguiar@jwhallahan.com to register. We look forward to seeing you!



Saint Basil Academy presents The WIZ

Spring Musical Dates

Friday, March 27 at 7 PM

Saturday, March 28 at 7 PM

Sunday, March 29 at 2 PM

Tickets cost \$13

Purchase tickets at www.stbasilacademy.org/events

The Parishes of Manayunk and East Falls will present the **Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program** for engaged couples on **SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2020** in Holy Family Parish Hall, 234 Hermitage Street. The day begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and concludes with attendance at the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. Certificates will be distributed after Mass. The day includes continental breakfast and lunch. Cost is \$100.00 per couple. To register, please call Holy Family Rectory at 215-482-0450, on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

On **Sunday, March 22, 2020**, the **Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia** will be hosting their **Annual Chopin Concert** at the Settlement Music School located at 6128 Germantown Avenue Philadelphia, PA at 2:30PM. It is the 210th Anniversary of the birth of Chopin. Our featured artist is: Martin Labazevitch, who has appeared on numerous stages and festivals in Europe, Israel, Japan, South Korea and the United States. Born in Poland. He divides his time between Washington, DC and New York City. For tickets and reservations contact, Debbie Majka, at 215-627-1391 or email dziecko2@comcast.net. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and \$20.00 for students. A light reception will follow the concert.

Merion Mercy Academy, a leading independent Catholic girls' school outside Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, seeks an innovative and student-centered college counselor well versed in best practices in independent education to begin in July 2020. Applicants should have Master's Degree in Education or School Counseling (preferred) and/or experience in college admissions; excellent writing skills, facility with technology, strong communication and organizational skills; appreciation of and commitment to single gender education, diversity and to serving the needs of a diverse population; commitment to the traditions and philosophy of a Catholic educational community and a style consistent with the Mercy core values are also important. Please visit our school's website for complete details for this position, www.merion-mercy.com.

Interested candidates should send a resume, cover letter and statement of educational philosophy along with three professional references to Valerie Prucnal, the Interim Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs at vprucnal@merion-mercy.com.

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 Kavanaugh - 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

Ministry of the Eucharist: Mary Ann Kostic-King, 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

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 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

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 and Supermarket Scrip—Traci Kovach
scscrip@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

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)

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