

# HEALING

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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

## 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**

**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, April 4, 2020, is cancelled.** 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 MARCH 22, 2020**

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>21</b>	5:15pm	Rose Caruso
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>22</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Julia D'Angelo & Agnes Negroni Deceased Members of the Kostic Family
<b>MON.</b>	<b>23</b>	8:30 7:30pm	The Dziura Family John J. Mary B. McManus
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>24</b>	8:30 7:30pm	Betty Elisio & Stella Fallon Michael Lodise & Donna Lodise-Pham
<b>WED.</b>	<b>25</b>	8:30 7:30pm	Donna Lodise-Pham Helen Moyer
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>26</b>	8:30 7:30pm	Lam Vuong Vincenza Grillo
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>27</b>	8:30 7:30pm	Christopher Lopez (Happy Birthday!) Joan Reed
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>28</b>	8:00 5:15pm	Robert & Virginia Jefford Robert, Sr. & Helen Reed
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>29</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Deceased Members of the Kostic Family Richard O'Keefe

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



*Bill Ryan  
Elizabeth "Betty" Barron  
Deacon Peter J. Calabrese  
Corporal James O'Connor*

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

**Tobias Finn Altman**

**ROSES**



The rose placed in the *Church* is for good health and a speedy recovery for Elizabeth Matruka requested by Paul R. Schreiber.



**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, Mary Bartsch, Anne Basara, 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, Terry McCormick, 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 1<sup>st</sup> responders.***

Welcome to the newest members of our IHM Parish!

The Cruz Family

***The Sanctuary Light in our Sacred Heart Chapel for the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup> to March 29<sup>th</sup> is in loving memory of Joan Reed requested by Vestry Circle Friends.***



## Pastor's Page

Today, on this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Church prays the second scrutiny with the Elect. We seek the light of the Lord in their lives and in our own. So often our world seems to be plunged in darkness of sin and evil. We want to seek to live as children of the light. Today we are going to hear the story from the gospel of John of Jesus bringing light to the darkness of a blind man's world. He can do the same for us in fact has already done this for us.

In the baptismal liturgy we receive a share of the light of Christ. The Paschal candle is always displayed prominently near the baptismal font during most of the Year. During Easter season, it is placed near the Ambo where the Word is proclaimed. In a funeral mass, it is placed near the casket. In the baptismal liturgy, after the pouring of the water and the anointing with the Sacred Chrism, the priest lights the individual candle and gives it to the newly baptized or to the parents and godparents and says, "Receive the Light of Christ! This light is given to you to be kept burning brightly. You are to walk always as a child of the light."

In the second reading today from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians, he speaks of the importance of that light of Christ. "You were once in darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light..." Remember both Isaiah (9:2) and Matthew 4 talk about this. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom, a light has shone." The source of this light is unmistakable: in John's Gospel Jesus says very clearly, "I am the light of the world."

The Healing of the Blind man is one of four miracles stories that are found only in the Gospel of John. John includes just seven miracles in his Gospel, far fewer than in the Synoptic Gospels. However in John's gospel he describes those seven miracles in much greater detail than the synoptic gospels describe theirs. For example, John often follows the story of a miracle with a lengthy discussion about its deeper meaning among those who witnessed it. The synoptic accounts focus on the miracles themselves, whereas John's accounts focus on the symbolic meaning of the miracles.

In first century Palestine, sickness and suffering were regarded by the Jews as punishment from God. At times we fall into that trap. "Why is God doing this to me?" Jesus does not agree with this point of view. Ultimately, human suffering remains a mystery. It is very ironic in the story that the religious leaders who can physically see, wind up expelling the once blind man out of the temple. The spiritually blind end up safely inside the temple, but locked out of the light-filled knowledge of Jesus as Lord. We need to walk as children of the light as St. Paul urges us.

Jesus is the light of the world. He gave sight to the blind, but more than that, he gives light to our minds and hearts – light that guides us toward eternal life.

Grateful for the gift of light that has been entrusted to us at Baptism, let us continue to nurture that light with the oxygen of grace as we offer our prayer of thanksgiving this weekend.

*Father Casey*

### *A Message from St. John's Hospice*

Saint John's has been closely monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak to make informed decisions about the safety of our volunteers, staff, and guests. As the situation continues to evolve, **we are continuing with our normal scheduled casserole pickups.**

These are difficult times for all of us, and Saint John's remains committed to providing life-sustaining services for the vulnerable in Philadelphia. Casserole donations are at the heart of these services. Your generosity and support has allowed us to serve people in need for over 55 years. Your continued support during these difficult times will allow us to continue serving.

Please help us spread the word as we reach out to all of our partners. Thanks so much for all of your support, we could not do this without you.

Best,  
Marty Farrell

### **Legion of Mary Consecration Ceremony (Acies) is Cancelled.**

The Acies Ceremony scheduled for this Sunday, March 22 at 3:00 PM at IHM Sacred Heart Chapel is postponed indefinitely due to concerns about the spread of the Corona virus. Let's pray to Our Lady for protection and a quick end of the virus.

**IHM Legion of Mary**

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

- 1) Ezekiel 37:12-14 (34A)
- 2) Romans 8:8-11
- 3) John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Parish Information**

Weekend Offering March 14/15, 2020

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**ALERT-IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**IHM Golden Age Club** trip to Mohegan Sun Casino on **Thursday, March 26th** has been **cancelled** and has been **rescheduled** for **Thursday, June 4th**. We will leave IHM parking lot at 10:00am 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.

**IHM Golden Age Club** meeting for **Monday, March 23, 2020** is **cancelled**.

**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 cancelled until further notice!**



**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 6*

Clare McNally	\$300
Matthew Mangaroo	\$100
Ed Petko	\$100
Anne Stanley	\$50
James & Marie Palmer	\$50
Jackie Pirolli	\$50
Amy Sadowski	\$50
Kevin Brecht	\$50

**J.W. Hallahan High School Class of 1970 50th reunion, Sunday, October 25, 2020. Check our FB page Class of 1970 J.W. Hallahan 50th Reunion, or email 1970hh2020@gmail.com for additional information.**

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

**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](mailto:fundraisinghsa@iheartmary.org). All spaces are no more than 8 1/2 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](mailto:fundraisinghsa@iheartmary.org). We thank you

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**DATE: TOPIC:**

Tuesday, March 31, 2020	Common Myths about Grief
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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**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish****Updated Directives in Response to the Caronavirus Epidemic March 18, 2020**

In response to the epidemic of the Caronavirus, Archbishop Perez has suspended the celebration of all public Masses in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia until further notice. This includes all Sunday and Weekday Masses. Below are some clarifications for IHM parish as related to the guidelines set forth by the Archbishop.

- **CHURCHES ARE TO REMAIN OPEN:** at IHM parish the Sacred Heart Chapel will continue to be open from 7 am to 6 pm each day. You are encouraged to make frequent visits to the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and to pray the various devotions and private prayer that are so valuable especially at this time.
- **MASS WILL CONTINUE TO BE OFFERED EACH DAY PRIVATELY BY THE PRIESTS AT IHM.** Please be assured your intentions will be included each day in the celebration and in the General Intercessions that will be made during these Masses.
- **OTHER SACRAMENTS AND FUNERALS:** as per the guidelines from the Archbishop, “Baptisms, Penance and Marriages are to take place as usual but with due regard for the limitation of participants and reasonable social distancing.” Please contact the rectory for any particular questions regarding Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings.
- **The SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** will continue to be celebrated at the usual times. This will be on Saturday afternoons from 4pm-5pm and during Lent on Wednesday evening from 6:15pm to 7:15pm. Confessions will be in Church as usual.
- **VISITS TO THE SICK AND THE LAST SACRAMENTS:** In conjunction with directives already in force in hospitals and institutions, all visits to the sick with Holy Communion, including private homes, by Priests, Deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are suspended. Priests are expected to celebrate the Sacraments for those in danger of death and especially Holy Viaticum. Contact the rectory as usual in these situations.
- **MASS ON LINE AND ON TV** – Mass is available each day on line from Bishop Barron’s Word on Fire Ministries. Go to [WORDONFIRE.ORG/DAILYMASS](http://WORDONFIRE.ORG/DAILYMASS). This is an excellent resource. Please utilize this. EWTN also has daily Mass on cable. On Sunday we have the Channel 6 Mass at 5:30 am and Comcast channel 2/802 at 7 am. The Archdiocese website also has information about live-stream opportunities for Mass, resources for prayer, devotions and spiritual guidance.

Please contact the rectory if you have any other specific questions not covered in this outline. Thank you very much for your continued prayers and assistance during these most unusual times.

**Father Casey**

## 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](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 (215-483-1103). 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  
[scscrip@iheartmary.org](mailto: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](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)

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