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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: **March 15th, 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 is Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7 PM in the Church.** 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.

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

We Pray and Worship Together

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2020

SAT.	7	5:15pm	Frances Kauffman
SUN.	8	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	Lucy DiGiacomo-6 yr. Anniversary
		11:30	Deacon George W. Kletzel, Jr.- 2 nd Anniversary
MON.	9	8:30 7:30pm	Jacqueline Galleo Catherine Prospero & her special intentions
TUES.	10	8:30 7:30pm	James & Edith Myers Practel & Ormsby Families
WED.	11	8:30 7:30pm	Stephanie Forrest Francis "Mike" Kane
THURS.	12	8:30 7:30pm	Can Pham Alberta Klusek
FRI.	13	8:30 7:30pm	Robert F. Ryan John Savelloni
SAT.	14	8:00 5:15pm	In Loving Memory of the Deceased Members of the DiBenedetto Family Joseph & Anna Manzo-Passante
SUN.	15	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Richard Kauffmann Theodore Segletes

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



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, Joe Fierko, 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, 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, Beth Scheid, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, William Scheibenoffer, 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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Exodus 17:3-7 (28A)
- 2) Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
- 3) John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

ROSES

The rose placed in the *Church* is in loving memory of Deacon George W. Kletzel, Jr. requested by his wife, Pat and Family.

The rose placed in the *Chapel* is in loving memory of Philip D. Cavalcante requested by Ed & Rose Oakes



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Sr. Winifred Tormey, SSJ

James K. Curtin

Philip D. Cavalcante



The Sanctuary Light in our Sacred Heart Chapel for the week of March 9th to March 15th in loving memory of the Francis & Jean Ruch requested by Florence Loughran.

Pastor's Page

The Scripture readings during the Sundays of Lent generally take an event from one of the synoptic gospels. Last Sunday we heard Matthew's version of the Temptation in the Desert at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. The Second Sunday of Lent in the year A cycle of readings describes the Transfiguration. One suggestion to gain a deeper understanding of these two events, and to give some good Lenten reading, is to read in succession the Temptation Story and the Transfiguration in each of the synoptic gospels. Do it in chronological order: Read Mark's story, then Luke's, then Matthew's.

As prelude, in the Old Testament reading today, we hear the beginning of the Abraham saga, starting in Chapter 12 of Genesis. When we think of Genesis, we think of the creation stories, the fall of Adam and Eve, the Cain and Abel tragedy, the Flood and the Tower of Babel. This is only a small part of Genesis, albeit a major teaching. The first 11 chapters of Genesis are what can be described as Israel's pre-history. In chapter 12 we now move to the call of Abraham, of Isaac, of Jacob and finally to Joseph and the tribes as they migrated to Egypt. I would also recommend Genesis 12-50 for your Lenten spiritual reading and meditation

In Genesis we learn of God's relationship with the world. Through the sacred writers and inspiration, God reveals himself to us. We learn of God as creator, as judge as redeemer. We have met a God who accepts the weakness of humanity and continues to love, a God who guides and directs, a God who is able to bring good out of evil. And as the word Genesis denotes and connotes it is only the beginning of the story.

As we will see in Genesis 12, there is little preparation given for the call of Abram. "Go to a land that I will show you" is the first introduction of God to Abram. The choice of Abraham remains a mystery in the Yahwist source story, resting solely on God's initiative. What God offers to Abram will prove to be a sign of divine favor and a source of happiness to Abram himself. To be a great nation, Abram will need descendants and land. This is going to be easier said than done. God challenged Abram to "go forth" from a comfortable past, trusting in the future God promised.

Just as God's promise to Abram indicated greatness to come, so too was Jesus glory prefigured in his transfiguration. As St. Paul says, Christ Jesus "destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel". The Transfiguration of the Lord gives us a glimpse of the glory of the Resurrection.

Peter, James and John, like Abram are being called to something beyond their comfort zone, in fact they are afraid at what they are witnessing. They are being "called forth" from any preconceived notions of a glorious earthly Messiahship, and their share of that glory, to a new vision of Jesus mission and theirs. The Transfiguration reveals Jesus as fulfilling the Law (in the person of Moses) and the Prophets (in the person of Elijah). As they will later find out, no flaming chariot is going to deliver Jesus from suffering. They witness a glimpse of glory but will soon witness Jesus abject agony. The Father tells them to "listen" !

Let us go forth this week with Jesus on the road to Calvary. Let us "Listen...to my beloved son" and let us "Rise and do not be afraid".

Father Casey

To Our Parishioners:

We are in the process of reorganizing the Offering Envelope mailings to you. Beginning with the next mailing of envelopes, the Sister-Parish envelope has been replaced. There will be a new envelope each month that will directly go to the support and operation of our parish school. We are blessed here at IHM to have our own parish school. The challenge of the continued sustainability of our school is very real. Our parish finance committee and the Home and School Board have done an outstanding job in facing the difficult task of maintaining the quality of our school versus the expenses of continued operation. A dedicated envelope each month will keep the financial operation of our school in a healthy state. Most of us have benefited from a good parish Elementary School. It is proven that a strong Catholic Grade school is the best way to hand down the Faith. It is our hope that this new initiative will help to maintain the high quality of our grade school and to keep it sustainable. May God bless our efforts to help teach our young people.

Father Casey



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.

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.

Parish Information

Weekend Offering Feb.29/Mar.1, 2020

Envelopes	\$11,325.00
Loose	<u>\$ 919.50</u>
	\$12,244.50

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Average \$17.34
Ash Wednesday \$967.00
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St. Vincent De Paul \$5,674.00

Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity!

15 Week Club Winners Week 4

Sidney J. MacLeod, Jr.	\$300
Pasquale & Maureen Marino	\$100
Joe McKenna	\$100
Theodore & Michela Czyzewski	\$50
James & Marie Palmer	\$50
Margaret Dorsey	\$50
Brandi Breen	\$50
Robert Castillo	\$50

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.

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:
Mar. 9th & 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.

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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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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Parish Information

FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2020

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

Roxborough Manayunk Lionesses invite you and your friends to **Oldies Night**

When: Friday, April 24th

Where: Flourtown Country Club,
150 McCloskey Rd., Flourtown, PA

Time: 7PM to 11PM

Cost: \$40. per person, includes buffet dinner, beer, wine & soda

Take chances on Raffle Baskets & Tombola prizes
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For Tickets Contact: Eleanor Nicastro 215-483-1461 or
Candy Mazzochetti 215-483-2992



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

Andrew John Carberry

Weekend Clergy Schedule March 14/15 2020 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, March 14

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

Sunday, March 15

7:30 a.m -Fr. Bongard
9:30 a.m - Fr. Verruni/Deacon Sam
11:30 a.m.- Fr. Casey/Deacon Sam



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.

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

FORMED PROGRAM

Our Parish no longer subscribes to the FORMED program. This is due to several changes in its structure. The cost of the program has increased. In addition, FORMED installed a new platform which does not provide parishes with detailed information regarding parishioner participation. This information was available in the previous platform. For Catholic information on the Web, Google *Roman Catholic Church Information*. Among the many results you'll find such excellent sites as: **EWTN** - www.ewtn.com, **Catholic Answers** - www.catholic.com, and **Lighthouse Catholic** - www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org and **the Archdiocese of Phila** - <http://archphila.org/>

IHM's Respect Life Mission promotes the Sanctity of Life at every stage through love, prayer and supportive programs and activities. Feel free to join us. We meet the second Monday of the month at 6:30pm and all are welcome. Contact Anne Marie Beaver 215-483-8204 for any additional information.

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

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—Thursdays at 7:00p.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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