



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
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Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor

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Rev. Samuel A. Verruni, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Joseph W. Bongard, in Residence
Deacon Salvatore R. Bianco*

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS: IN CHURCH

SATURDAY 5:15PM VIGIL
SUNDAY 7:30, 9:30, 11:30AM

WEEKDAYS: IN SACRED HEART CHAPEL

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:30AM
SATURDAY 8:00AM

**Wednesdays when school is in session Mass will be held
in the Church - 8:30AM**

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION IN CHURCH

5:15PM VIGIL MASS
8:30AM, 12:00PM & 7:30PM

1ST FRIDAY: IN SACRED HEART CHAPEL

8:30AM

HOLIDAYS: IN CHURCH

**9:00AM (MEMORIAL DAY, INDEPENDENCE DAY,
LABOR DAY AND THANKSGIVING DAY)**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN CHURCH

SATURDAY 4:00-5:00PM

TUESDAY

**SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT AFTER 8:30AM MASS
UNTIL 6:30PM**

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

TUESDAY EVENING AT 6:30PM
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. 2nd & 16th, Oct. 7th & 21st**

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 **September 19th at 7PM in the Sacred Heart
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 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.

We Pray and Worship Together

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF August 19, 2018

SAT.	18	5:15PM	Thomas and Nancy Plover
SUN.	19	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Helen Cahill Alfredo Quintile, Sr.
MON.	20	8:30	Felix Tomassi - 5 th Anniversary
TUES.	21	8:30	Winifred Sedgwick
WED.	22	8:30	Alice Keough
THURS.	23	8:30	In thanksgiving for prayers answered
FRI.	24	8:30	Krista Harron Spera
SAT.	25	8:00 5:15PM	Elizabeth McAndrews Lester Barry
SUN.	26	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Lou DiCicco Lester Barry

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b (122B)
- 2) Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32
- 3) John 6:60-69



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Louise Hannings
Rev. Carlos Rjudavets Montes, S.J.



ROSES



The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Krista Harron Spera requested by The Harron Family and Will Spera.

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Krista Harron Spera requested by, The Harron Family and Will Spera.



**Each Tuesday the Blessed Sacrament is exposed
for our adoration in our Sacred Heart Chapel
from 9:00AM to 6:30PM.
Benediction and Novena follows.**

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Anthony Albera, Ariana Albater, Jeannie Barr, Anna Barras, Jean Basile, Beth Kelly Bates, Joan Beecroft, Joyce Bielawski, Wayne Bielawski, Bill Blum, Gerri Blum, Helen J. Boron, Roberta Bracey, Theresa Branca-Herbst, Catherine Bryan, John Calabrese, Eleanor Calabrese-Avallone, Rita Casciato, Lisa Castellante, Caitlyn Clark, Michael Clark, John Colantonio, Baby Parker Comeau, Brooke Conklin, Silvana Contarin, Baby Brielle Denise Cots, Baby Kevin Crane, Anne Cunningham, Joseph Cylc, Mary D'Angelo, Kathy Davis, Taylor Davis, Jack Deegan, Joan Denshuick, Robert Denshuick, Baby James Dent, Baby Augie DeStefano, Baby Olivia DeStefano, Kim Dichiaro, John Diehl, Roseann DiLullo, Marie Dunne, Sue Fafara, Marianne Felker, Nancy Finn, Janet Fioravante, Joe Flemming, Philomena Forgione, John Funk, Christina Gailey, Kathleen Gavaghan, Tom Halpin, John Hammond, Robert Hannon, Kira Henderson, Eric Hetrick, Jean Hodge, Fay Holder, Baby Jessica Jara, Linda Jara, Margaret Jara, Kellen Jeffrey, Elizabeth Johnston, Mary Jo King, Alberta Klusek, Josephine Konopka, Olga Kostic, Joseph Kovach, Gloria LaNoce, Hedy Latimor, Marianne Leahy, George Lemerise, Ed Lenox, Theresa Lenters, Mackenzie Lilly, Kendra Lutz, Carolyn Mako, Rosemary Martella, Keelin McEleney, Patricia McGinty, Stephen McKeever, Roberta McLaughlin, Matthew McNamee, Sharon McShane, Victoria Mechkov, Maureen McGill Miccoli, Terry Morrissey, Katherine Murphy, Terry Nosek, Rev. Paul Obrimski, Zina O'Connor, Baby Samantha O'Donnell, Anne Louise Owens, Joanna Parnes, James Vincent Penkowski, Vera Pepe, Lynn Pester, Joe Ponzio, George Price, Thomas Przybek, Gloria Pytlar, Joseph Rava, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, John Reynolds, Barbara Rogers, Rose Rudolph, Stephanie Russo, Rosa Maria Santos, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, William Scheibenhoffer, Deacon Joseph Sexton, Benny Shiril, George Siefert, Lisa Simmons, Baby Mason Simmons, Veronica Sirianni, Chris Solarski, Sr., Madison Solis, Salvatore Sparacino, Jason Stock, Barbara Stuhl, Joe Sweeney, Annette Terreri, Sister Mary Thaddeus, C.S.S.F., Christine Triola, Rose Triola, Johnny Van Kemp, Michael Venditto, Maddox Vielman, Antoinette Viola, Christine Wack, Rita Walsh, Carol Wans, Jim Weber, Charlie Whittaker, Elizabeth Wildemore, Emma Wittig, David Woczyna, Owen Worthing, Zeke Wright, Marie Yocco.

The Sanctuary Light in our Sacred Heart Chapel for the week of August 20th to August 26th in thanksgiving for favors received, requested by, Mary Salvatore.



THE BEAUTIFUL GIFT OF LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light burns seven days a week, every week of the year before the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like this candle to burn in memory of a loved one in our Chapel, please call or stop by the parish office. The name of the person to be remembered and the donor will be published weekly in our bulletin.

(Suggested offering is \$20.00)

Pastor's Page

All three of today's Scripture readings talk about a meal and direct the reader/listener to the way of true life. In the first nine chapters of the book of Proverbs, Wisdom is personified as a woman who goes into the streets to invite all to seek her. In today's first reading, she has built a house and invites those who lack understanding to join in a sumptuous banquet. The dinner guest is to forsake foolishness, the opposite of Wisdom, so as to live. In Proverbs, true living consists of fearing and worshipping God, which leads to wealth, family and good reputation.

The Gospel today begins by repeating last Sunday's final verse, verse 51. "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world".

Like the Wisdom woman in the first reading, Jesus offers an invitation to fullness of life. But his invitation today is met with skepticism and misunderstanding. Jesus makes a remarkable statement in today's passage from John: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life" (John 6:54).

In the Old Testament, "wisdom" refers not simply to intellectual attainment – the acquiring of knowledge – but to a life lived in accord with God's will for human beings. The figure of "Lady Wisdom" depicts this sort of life as supremely attractive and supremely rewarding. Here she offers a rich banquet to those who would answer her invitation. To share in the feast of Lady Wisdom is to learn how to live wisely. We find the same idea reflected in the Letter to the Ephesians who are exhorted to live "not as foolish persons but as wise".

For Christians, the Eucharist is Wisdom's feast, where we learn to forsake the foolishness of trying to live without God. We listen to God's wisdom proclaimed in scripture, and then we receive as food the flesh and blood of God's Word, Jesus, so that we may grow in understanding and wisdom.

In thinking about the Eucharist as Wisdom's feast, we must remember that wisdom is not the same thing as information. Today we have lots of information, but perhaps not so much wisdom. In the Eucharist, we do not acquire new information about God, but we draw the reality of God within ourselves – communion - so that we might begin to live in a new way – that way of living that Jesus calls "eternal life".

Father Casey



Mother of Mercy House

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Thank you so much for your latest donation. We are most grateful and so are those we serve!

Peace!

Sister Ann Raymond, IHM and Rev. William Murphy

Weekend Clergy Schedule (Celebrants subject to change) for August 25th and August 26th

Saturday, August 25th

5:15PM Vigil: Fr. Verruni

Sunday, August 26th

7:30AM: Fr. Verruni

9:30AM: Fr. Casey/Deacon Sam

11:30AM: Fr. Bongard/Deacon Sam

Parish Information

Weekend Offering August 11/12, 2018

Envelopes	\$9,080.00
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H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People in Emergencies)

To obtain a ride to the doctors or to Masses from **H.O.P.E.** just call the H.O.P.E. members listed below:

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CASINO TRIP

When: Thursday, August 23rd

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



The Society of St. Vincent DePaul at IHM

If you'd like to join us in this rewarding volunteer work, come to a meeting in the **Father Sullivan Hall (former teacher's lounge) now renamed *The Knights of Columbus Room***, at 7PM-8PM

Please note the changes to our upcoming meetings:

***August 27th - in the Conference Room at The Rectory
September 10th & 24th - in Father Sullivan Hall (K of C Room)
October 8th & 22nd - in Father Sullivan Hall (K of C Room)

TRANSITION NETWORK

ARE YOU UNEMPLOYED OR UNDEREMPLOYED?

Come and join our network group. It has been running for 9 years, offers free advice for job search and resumes and is led by a HR professional with 25 years of experience.

We will meet in

**The Rectory (new offices Garden Level)
on Wednesday, August 29th, 7PM**

To register call Denise Schmidt @ 215-483-1000 or visit our website: www.transitionnetwork.webs.com



On Sunday, August 26, 2018 at 2:30PM, the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia, an affiliate of the American Council for Polish Culture and in cooperation with the Pauline Fathers, will be holding a Wine & Cheese Preview Reception for the opening of the 40th Anniversary of the Adam Styka Art Exhibit & Sale at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. All are invited. For details contact Marie Hejnosz at 215-487-0221. The exhibit will also be opened during the Shrine's Country Festival on September 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9.

Pro-Life Annual Summer Raffle

For ticket information please call

Terry Carr at 215-483-6967 or

Denise Calabrese at 215-483-1000 (Rectory)

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4th PRIZE..... \$250	9th PRIZE..... \$100
5th PRIZE..... \$250	10th PRIZE..... \$100

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Drawing Date: Sept. 29, 2018 Donation: \$25.00

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Parish Information

**Second Annual
State of Vocations Address**

Join the Vocation Office on Facebook Live!

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 **Thursday, August 23, 2018
7:00 PM**

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Questions? 610-667-5778 or HeedTheCall.org


PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

2018-2019 PREP Registration

We are currently accepting registration for IHM Religious Education Program. Classes for grades one through seven meet weekly from 6:30PM - 8:00PM on the first floor of IHM School. Please go to the IHM Website to obtain a form, or call MaryAnne Kostic-King at (215) 483-4266 for further information. Late Registration will be held on Tuesday, 9/11/18 from 6-7:30PM in FSH. Classes begin Tuesday, 9/18/18. Baptismal Certificates are **required** for all new students.

The Legion of Mary at IHM

The Legion of Mary offers a Marian program of prayer, instruction, discussion and volunteer work with special reverence for the Blessed Mother. If you think you might like to join us in the work of home visitation and promoting prayer and the Rosary to families, you are welcome to attend a meeting as a guest. We meet at 7:00PM every Wednesday evening in Father Sullivan Hall (Knights of Columbus Room).



All Engaged Couples Planning to Marry

PRE-CANA PROGRAM

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish
Phoenixville, PA
Saturday – September 29, 2018

Program begins at 9:00AM and ends after the 4:00PM Mass. It includes lunch, snacks and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This one-day Program meets all the requirements of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. A certificate is provided upon completion. Call the Parish Office for an application: 610-933-2526 or visit our website www.stmaryassumption.org - click on Forms/PRE CANA.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT INFORMATION

The State of Pennsylvania and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia require all school volunteers and paid staff members to obtain State clearances and to go through the training that the Archdiocese offers.

If you are planning on volunteering for activities or trips for our school you must take this class. **There will be no exceptions** for volunteering one time, as the Safe Environment Coordinator can not be responsible whether you do one trip or more than one trip.

If you have any questions call Denise Schmidt 215-483-1000



The Tuition Office summer hours are 9AM-2PM on the following days:

Closed during the week of August 20, 2018
Wednesday, August 29 and Thursday, August 30

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School is hiring faculty Math, Science, and Spanish faculty as well as staff for college counseling, technology, and coaching positions. For details, visit gmahs.org/careers.

Welcome to the newest members of our IHM Parish!

Ms. Maria DeSanctis
Mrs. Catherine Stefano



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*
Miss Denise Calabrese - *Director of Advancement and Communications*

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., 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 7:00 pm in Church. Contact Linda Pfefferle (215-704-4652)
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 11 A.M. President, Laura Kusniesz at 215-483-9243
H.O.P.E. Program: see schedule in the weekly bulletin. For more info call Rosemarie Oakes (215-483-4860)
Gardening Angels: helps to maintain the Church grounds. Rosemary Kurtz at rosemarykurtz@aol.com or 215-487-0744
Transition Network: meets monthly in parish center to help unemployed and underemployed: www.TransitionNetwork.webs.com
St. John's Hospice Casserole Day: collected on the last Wednesday of each month

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Home & School Association: Dominica Iacovelli (President) homeandschool@iheartmary.org
Tuition Office: contact Traci Kovach 215-483-1000 Hours are Tuesday & Wednesday 9am to 2pm or email: tuition@iheartmary.org
SCRIP: S & C—Trish Campbell (267-766-3571) Supermarket Script - Susan Lojewski (267-549-2746)

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 6 - Tues. evening 6:30-8:00pm - 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 Bereavement Ministry: Virginia Farabelli, Virginia.Farabelli@phly.com
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 7:00PM in Father Sullivan Hall (former Teacher's Lounge). Call Marianne Klusek 215-482-3020
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 3:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Gloria Domino (610-539-3455)

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