



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**
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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*

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, Dec. 2nd & 16th, Jan. 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 in **January at 7PM in the Sacred Heart Chapel is to
be determined. 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
Spring 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.

We Pray and Worship Together

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF November 18, 2018

SAT.	17	5:15PM	Stanley Gogola and Helen Manzo
SUN.	18	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Peter Terreri Peter J. Caruso, Sr. - 14 th Anniversary
MON.	19	8:30	Deceased Members of the Curcio and Raimondo Families
TUES.	20	8:30	George Nagele - 85 th Birthday
WED.	21	8:30	Joan Engelhardt
THURS.	22	9:00	THANKSGIVING DAY (CHURCH) NO INTENTIONS
FRI.	23	8:30	Frank Koneski
SAT.	24	8:00 5:15PM	The Curran Family Joan Reed, Helen and Robert Reed, Sr.
SUN.	25	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Frances McGuire - 5 th Anniversary Anna M. Gallagher

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Daniel 7:13-14 (161B)
- 2) Revelation 1:5-8
- 3) John 18:33b-37

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

*Margaret Deliman, Gemma Gabriele,
James B. Kemm, Sr., Josephine Leszynski,
Guglielmo Lucchesi, Michael Moen, David Perez*



ROSES



The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of The Curran Family requested by Jack Baronett.

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Joan Reed requested by her Vestry Circle friends.

The 2019 Mass Intention Book is now filled. We sincerely thank all parishioners who contributed memorial donations on behalf of their family and friends.

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, Catherine Armstrong, Jeannie Barr, Anna Barras, Jean Basile, Beth Kelly Bates, Joan Beecroft, Bob and Bernadette Bern, Joyce Bielawski, Wayne Bielawski, Bill Blum, Gerri Blum, Helen J. Boron, Roberta Bracey, Theresa Branca-Herbst, Eleanor Calabrese-Avallone, Rita Casciato, Lisa Castellante, Caitlyn Clark, Michael Clark, John Colantonio, Baby Parker Comeau, Brooke Conklin, Silvana Contarin, Baby Brielle Denise Cots, Kathleen Coyne, 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, Anne DiMunzio, Michael Duffy, Marie Dunne, Sue Fafara, Marianne Felker, Nancy Finn, Janet Fioravante, Joe Flemming, Philomena Forgione, John Funk, Christina Gailey, Kathleen Gavaghan, Tom Halpin, Bernadette Hammond, John Hammond, Robert Hannon, Kira Henderson, Eric Hetrick, Jean Hodge, 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, 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, Bill O'Donnell, Baby Samantha O'Donnell, Anne Louise Owens, Joanna Parnes, James Vincent Penkowski, Vera Pepe, Lynn Pester, 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, Baby Mason Simmons, Veronica Sirianni, Chris Solarski, Sr., Madison Solis, Salvatore Sparacino, Jason Stock, Bette Strain, Barbara Stuhl, Joe Sweeney, Annette Terreri, Sister Mary Thaddeus, C.S.S.F., Christine Triola, Rose Triola, Johnny Van Kemp, Antoinette Viola, Christine Wack, Rita Walsh, Carol Wans, Megan Ward-Clifford, Jim Weber, Charlie Whittaker, Elizabeth Wildemore, David Woczyna, Owen Worthing, Zeke Wright, Marie Yocco.

The Sanctuary Light in our Sacred Heart Chapel for the week of November 19th to November 25th is in loving memory of All Deceased Members of the Salvatore, Schneider and Alfieri Families requested by The Salvatore Family.



Pastor's Page

We are approaching the end of the Church's liturgical year, only two weeks left. It is time to start taking stock of ourselves. Generally we do this on a calendar year basis when we make New Year's resolutions. As we approach the last two weeks of the Liturgical year, we can do this with our Spiritual lives.

The readings today focus on the end of time. In the first reading, the prophet Daniel prophesies about the resurrection of those who have already died, a radical notion in his day. The author of Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross atoned for all sins, for all people, for all time. In Mark, Jesus warns his disciples of the terrible signs of the end of time but reassures them that God's elect will be gathered from the ends of the earth.

At this time of year we are given images of the fulfillment of God's kingdom and warned to be ready for the coming of the Lord Jesus in glory. We need to recommit ourselves and be strengthened in our commitment to follow Jesus. The Lord Jesus, our great High Priest, offered himself as a sacrifice for our sins.

Amid the darkness and distress at the end of time, both Jesus and Daniel promise reward for those whom God has chosen. Daniel says that those who are "written in the book" shall escape. Jesus tells the disciples that the "elect" will be gathered by the angels. As destructive as the end times will be, God remains stronger than any force overcoming the earth, able to rescue all those who have been found worthy.

We cannot know when the world will end, just as we don't know when our own worldly end will arrive. Therefore, we must always be ready. But we can be consoled in the redemptive sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross. When we come to celebrate the Eucharist, we unite ourselves to Jesus' sacrifice and give thanks for that. As we heard in Hebrews, those who are made holy are perfect forever. Jesus has enabled us to be worthy of being gathered by God at the end of time.

Father Casey

Looking Ahead

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a **Holy Day of Obligation, December 8th**, falls on a Saturday this year. The Immaculate Conception is one of those Holy Days of Obligation that is always observed, even if it falls on a Saturday or a Monday. Yes, that means we have to go to Church two days in a row!!! Is this confusing? No not really. So here is the plan for that at IHM. On Friday, December 7th we will have the Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception at 7:30PM (**note the adjustment from the usual holy day schedule**). On Saturday December 8th, we will have two Masses: 8:30AM and 12:00Noon. All the Masses for the Holy Day will be in Church.

The Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent will be as usual at 5:15PM on Saturday night. I wanted to get this out ahead of time so we can plan our worship for that weekend.

Looking to be nourished this Advent? Join us for an ***Advent Prayer Service: Our Call to Welcome Mary, Joseph, and Other Immigrants***. This journey takes place on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 from 7:00PM-8:30PM at **Mount Saint Joseph Academy** in the Auditorium. Refreshments will be provided. Please register before **Monday, December 3rd** by calling Sue Grogan at 215-348-9584 or register at: <http://adventservice.rsvpify.com> so we can plan accordingly for refreshments. We hope you can join us! This event is sponsored by the Sisters of Saint Joseph Commission for Justice.



Weekend Clergy Schedule November 24th and November 25th (Celebrants subject to change)

Saturday, November 24th
5:15PM Vigil: Fr. Casey

Sunday, November 25th
7:30AM: Fr. Bongard
9:30AM: Fr. Verruni/Deacon Sam***
11:30AM: Fr. Verruni/Deacon Sam***

*** Deacon Sam Preach

Parish Information

Weekend Offering November 10/11, 2018

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Looking for someone to assist with getting my mom ready for bed. Must be able to lift/move her (she's a small woman) from wheelchair to stair climber. Need one hour every evening 5-7 days. Please call Pat at 215-482-0223.

Congratulations to the newly married couple in God's love!

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Uva



Roman Catholic High School's Annual Blue Mass will take place on Wednesday, November 21st at 10AM at Roman. If you are a law enforcement officer, a firefighter, or a first responder, please let us thank you for your dedication and sacrifice. Please arrive at 9:45AM so that you may participate fully.



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

November 19th & December 3rd



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December 1st at 7PM
December 2nd at 2PM
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(Masses) Rosemarie Oakes 215-483-4860
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Come and See Weekends come in two varieties: an overnight stay from Saturday into Sunday for **high school men**, and a Friday night to Sunday afternoon weekend for **post-high school men**.

High School C&S : Dec. 8-9, 2018;
Jan. 26-27, 2019; Feb. 16-17, 2019

Post-High School C&S : Jan. 18-20, 2019;
Feb. 22-24, 2019; Mar. 29-31, 2019

IHM Day at Pizzeria Uno! Thursday, December 6, 2018

Please join us on Thursday, December 6th for a "Doughraiser" to celebrate **IHM Day at Pizzeria Uno**, located at 1009 W. Ridge Pike, Conshohocken, PA 19428. This event will be held all day, so there will be no time constraints on your family's busy schedules! You can go to UNO for lunch, an after-school snack, and appetizers after work or dinner with the family! This voucher (available on Church website) can be used from 11:30AM to 12:00AM on Thursday, December 6th. Pizzeria UNO will donate up to 20% of your check, for dine-in orders, take-out orders, or catering orders all day! You will need to show the attached voucher for IHM to receive the 20% donation, so please print out the attached and bring it with you!

If you have any questions with regard to this night at UNO, please email Traci Kovach, Director of Finance and Development at tuition@iheartmary.org.

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December 9, 3:00 -4:30PM

Event: Christmas Concert at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul

Our annual Christmas celebration is back and better than ever. Cathedral Music Director Charlene Angelini leads an uplifting program of beautiful carols and the traditional music of Christmas, performed by the combined forces of the Cathedral Choir and the choirs of the Philadelphia Archdiocese. Resounding brass add to the spectacle as voices rise in celebration of the festive season!

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St. Charles Seminary Open House and Christmas Concert

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CHAPEL

Sunday, December 9 – Open House and Christmas

Concert: Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our annual Open House and Christmas Concert, featuring our seminarian choir. The Open House and seminary tours begin at 1:00PM and the concert begins at 4:00PM in our St. Martin of Tours chapel.

Visit <https://www.scs.edu/node/2506>

Registration is now **OPEN** at **Immaculate Heart of Mary School** for the **2019-2020** school year! Applications are being accepted for all new PreK3, PreK4, Kindergarten and 1st Grade students, in addition to transfer students in Grades 2-6. If you would like to come for a school tour, private tours are available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 9:00AM to 11:00AM, and from 1:00PM to 2:00PM. Please contact Traci Kovach, Director of Finance and Development, at tuition@iheartmary.org to schedule a tour, or to obtain an enrollment packet.

If you would like to see our school in action daily, please follow us on Facebook at Immaculate Heart of Mary School (IHM) Philadelphia.

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 Parish 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: helps those seeking advice with their employment strategies. Rosemary Kurtz at 215/487-0744 or rosemarykurtz@aol.com

St. John's Hospice Casserole Day: 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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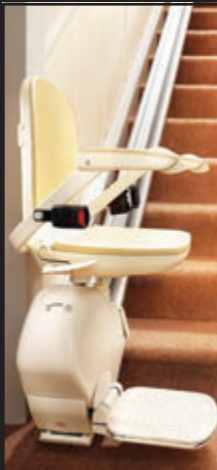
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