



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

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Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor

Rev. Quan H. Tran, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Joseph W. Bongard in Residence

Rev. Sean P. Bransfield, in Residence

Deacon Salvatore R. Bianco

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS: IN CHURCH

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Vigil

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAYS: IN SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Wednesdays when school is in session Mass will be held in the Church - 8:30 a.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION IN CHURCH

5:15 pm Vigil Mass

8:30 am, Noon, & 7:30 p.m. (times may vary on certain Holy Days; please check inside pages or parish website)

HOLIDAYS: IN CHURCH

9:00 a.m. (Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN CHURCH

Saturday 4-5 p.m.

TUESDAY

SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT AFTER 8:30 a.m. MASS
UNTIL 6:30 p.m.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

TUESDAY EVENING AT 6:30 p.m.

BENEDICTION FOLLOWS NOVENA PRAYERS

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism - The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays at 12:30 PM.

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 is Monday, May 15 @ 7 PM in the Chapel.** 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). **There is no Pre-Cana Seminar planned at this time.** 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

April 16, 2023

SAT.	15	5:15 pm	Margaret Ann Boyle
SUN.	16	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Hugo Di John Hugo Di John
MON.	17	8:30	Mary E. Barr 100th Birthday
TUES.	18	8:30	John MacLeod
WED.	19	8:30	Colleen & Ken Gallagher
THURS.	20	8:30	Anna Maksyn
FRI.	21	8:30	John Eric Ferrero
SAT.	22	8:00 5:15 pm	Muriel Baronett Thomas F. Wynne, Jr.
SUN	23	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners James Hodges John “Jack” Lynch

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

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
Jim & Anna Di Benedetto
requested by their children.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of April 17 to April 23
is in loving memory of
John MacLeod
requested by
his parents, Sid and Mary Jane MacLeod.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR
BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Louise De Simone, John Relihan



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

Theresa Alosi, Louis Andreola, Lee Aponte, Mary Bartsch, Anne Basara, Josephine Bellace, Joyce & Wayne Bielawski, Nancy Bright, Daniel Brito, Bill Burrow, Bobby Busch, Dolores Buzby, Lynn Campbell, Mary Rose Campbell, Erin Caruso, Terry Carr, Officer Andy Chan, Pete Cissone, Michael Clark, Brooke Conklin, Quint Cuffe, Earl Dandridge, Taylor Davis, Marano Donald D'Angelo, Nancy Di John, Madeline DiPasquale, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Beth Donnelly, Joseph Donnelly, Marie Dunne, Barbara Dziedzic, Francis “Joe” Elliott, Ruth Erenberg, Joe Evers, Bruce Fairchild, Rosemary Fatovic, Peg Fierko, David Fleetwood, Carol Foley, Bill & Dorothy Foster, Kathy Foster, Sydney Franzmann, Barbara Freiling, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Bernadette Giambuzzi, Helen Golbeski, Kelly Gruninger, Flora Hart, Anne Headly, Brenden Heyer, Sheilah Janes, Frances Jefferys, Chris Kane, Deborah Kapp, Keith Kelly, Marek Kijek, Marianne Klusek, Olga Kostic, Angela Kotowich, Mary Krier, Hannah Lambert, Flavia Langan, Langan Family, Edward Lanigan, Marianne Leahy, Agnes Leinheiser, Dorlene Long, Carol Ann Lott, Hadley Ludwig, Cheryl Maresca, Dominic Matteo, Elizabeth Matruka, Terry McCormick, Anne Marie Mc Keever, Felix & Louise McKeough, Helen Magee, Lindsey Marzo, Steve Murphy, Elizabeth Matruak, Winifred Meall, Rachael Mellon, Eileen Michel, Brian Morris, Mary Mudry, Janet Murphy, Dick & Trudy Neff, Marvin Parnes, Harry Pastella, Luisa Pellicone, Dave Pendleton, Bishop Joseph Pepe, Bill Pinto, Nicole Powlus, Kathy Pro, Tom Przybek, Karen Pulcinella, John Quirus, Junie Rakosak, Marie Renello, Harper Renshaw, Casey Rigby, Joel Rivera, Anne Roberts, Tony Ruger, Domiciano Gallego-Ruiz, Anita Russell, Vince Savini, Donna Scharff, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, Veronica Serianni, Mary Ann Shaw, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Luke Simon, Cindy Synder-Earnhardt, Jake Stefano, Baby Caleb St. George, Donna Stine, O.S.F., Felicia Teske, Paul Teske, Edward Thomas, Molly Thompson, Christine Triola, Louise Vesci, Maddox Vielman, Helen Wade, Walter Wayne Whitehouse, Luke Winterbottom, Pam Wisdom, Brian Wurtzberger, Kim Wurtzberger, Mike Zacher, Donna Zetterberg, Anthony Zul.



We continue to pray for our men & women in the military here and overseas and for all 1st responders.

The prayer list is too long. Please check to see if anyone has been blessed by our prayers and can be removed. If so, call the rectory and let us know. Thank you.

Pastor's Page

Easter is so much more than just one day that we celebrate each year. Liturgically and spiritually we celebrate Easter for seven weeks. We do this as a believing Christian community because we need all this time to appreciate all the new things that God is doing in our lives. On this Second Sunday of Easter, which the Church has also designated as the Sunday of Divine Mercy, we focus on the early church and how those first disciples received and spread the Good News of God's merciful love.

Throughout Easter time of the Cycle A readings, we read from the First Letter of Saint Peter. This work is an ancient baptismal catechesis or teaching. Today's selection echoes the Acts of the Apostles, reminding believers of their call: "a new birth to a living hope...to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading (1 Peter 1:3-4) The passage anticipates today's Gospel of Thomas' doubting and believing.

A major theme during Easter is our Baptism. Notice how the letter intimately connects our rebirth through Baptism to the Resurrection of Jesus. Christian rebirth from water and Spirit is a birth to hope.

Also during the Easter Season we will hear extensively from the Acts of the Apostles in the first reading. This takes the place of the Old Testament reading. The Acts of the Apostles is the second part of the Gospel of Luke, the first part being his gospel. The Acts of the Apostles is sometimes called "The Gospel of the Holy Spirit". Roughly the first half of the book focuses on the life of the first Christian community living in Jerusalem – the works of the various Apostles and disciples there, leading up to the conversion of Paul. We later see how the Apostles explain or better yet proclaim their experience of Jesus to various audiences.

Acts portrays the young community's inner life as the fount from which its public witness springs, the foundation upon which its witness stands. That community's four identifying marks brand us still: the teaching of the Apostles, to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. (Acts 2:42)

In today's Gospel we have the famous story of the "doubting Thomas". His stance is one of extreme incredulity or unbelief. This is in opposition to some of the other characters in the Resurrection story of the gospel so far. For example, the Beloved disciple when arriving at the tomb sees the burial cloths and head wrapping. Peter is perplexed, but the response of the Beloved Disciple is one of faith: "He saw and believed" (verse 8). Thomas will not believe unless he sees and touches. And so Jesus invites him to faith through sight and touch. Thomas was placed in a position in which unbelief became impossible.

Verse 28 is very important to note: "My Lord and My God". John intends this powerful phrasing as a cornerstone of the Christian profession of faith. To all who will read or hear this story, the lesson is: "Do not be unbelieving, but believe". We give thanks to the Lord for this gift of faith, especially when we gather for the breaking of the bread and the prayers.

Father Casey

Weekend Clergy Schedule April 23, 2023 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, April 22, 2023

5:15 pm - Fr. Casey

Sunday, April 23, 2023

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Quan

9:30 a.m. – Fr. Bongard

11:30 a.m.– Fr. Bransfield **

****Opening of Forty Hours Procession to the Chapel**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33 (46A)
- 2) 1 Peter 1:17-21
- 3) Luke 24:13-35



**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.**





Divine Mercy Sunday
Today, April 16, 2023, 2:50 pm
Sacred Heart Chapel

Let's join together in prayer to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday:

2:50 pm - St. Faustina's Litany of Divine Mercy & Quiet Time
 3:00 pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Quote from Jesus to St Faustina (Diary 699):
 "The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."

SPRING HOUSECLEANING

Immaculate Heart of Mary will be hosting a Clothing and Household Goods Drive to benefit The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at IHM SUNDAY, MAY 21 from 9am to 12 pm

SVDP will be using the services of The Thrifty Irishman Truck. Look for the truck in the Church parking lot. The Thrifty Irishman has no restrictions on what donations it will take, so this is a good time to declutter your home with items someone else may be able to use.



PLEASE, DO NOT BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE SCHOOL OR RECTORY AND PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THEM IN THE PARKING LOT. BRING THEM WHEN THE TRUCK IS HERE.

Welcome to the newest members of our IHM Parish!

Mr. & Mrs. Sean Carr
Ms. Kyrstin Franz
Mr. & Mrs Christian Fink

Forty Hours Devotion



Next Sunday we will begin our Forty Hours Devotions. Please plan to spend some quality time with the Lord during this special time of grace. It is especially appropriate during the Easter Season as we meditate upon the Lord's encounters with his disciples after his Resurrection

Schedule for Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions 2023

Sunday April 23, 2023

Opening of the Forty Hours Devotions begins at the conclusion of the 11:30 am Mass with a procession from the Church to the Sacred Heart Chapel where Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held until Evening Prayer.

****Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction is at 5:00 PM**

Monday April 24, 2023

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at conclusion of the 8:30 am parish mass

****Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7:00 PM**

Tuesday April 25, 2023

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at conclusion of the 8:30 am parish mass.

****Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7:00 PM**

Each of the Evening Devotions will be in the Sacred Heart Chapel.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting **BINGO**, Sunday, April 23. Doors open at 12 PM with the first game beginning at 1PM.

Packet of 15 games is \$11.

(1) \$50 game and (1) \$100 game.



ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

In your **May** packet of envelopes there are three envelopes for **Support Our School**. There should only **ONE** envelope for this per month. The yellow **IHM Grade School** envelope you should not be receiving at all. Only school families should receive envelopes that say **IHM Grade School** and they are usually blue.

We have notified the envelope company of their error and hopefully it will not be repeated in the future.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

If you have any questions contact Emily Miller in the Rectory Office, 215-483-1000

Sunday Offering Week of April 2, 2023

Envelopes \$ 11,591.00
Loose 1,297.00
\$12,888.00

of envelopes – 649
Average – 17.86

Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity

Please help our counters by filling out the amount on your Church envelope and please write clearly. This helps to speed up the process.

Thank you so much!



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

The next meetings of the
St. Vincent dePaul Society
will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall
May 1st
from 7-8:30 pm.

Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.



The next meeting for the Golden Age Club
will be April 24th.

The next pick up for St. John's Hospice is
Wednesday, May 3 at 9 am.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL SCHOOL AND
CHURCH VOLUNTEERS**

All volunteers of our IHM School and Church must meet all Safe Environment requirements mandated by the State of Pennsylvania and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This includes all school volunteers and parish volunteers i.e. Lectors, EM, Choir Members, etc.

A list of all requirements are on the school website: iheartmary.org
Go to Resources then to Volunteer and all the links are posted there. These clearances are **FREE** for volunteers.

These requirements are **MANDATORY** and there will be no exceptions. These **MUST** be completed or you may not volunteer in our school for any trips, dances or in house activities or any parish ministries.

The date we have for the Protecting God's Children Class here at IHM is **Thursday, May 11 @ 6:30 pm in Fr. Sullivan Hall**. There are many choices for other nights at other locations. Go to virtusonline.org then first time registrant then to list of sessions to find one that is convenient for you to attend. There are classes available also through zoom.

For more information call Denise Schmidt in the Rectory Office 215-483-1000. Monday - Friday between the hours of 10 am to 2 pm or email denise-schmidt@comcast.net.

Please note: All clearances are free for volunteers. The State of PA requires that these be updated every 5 years. The requirements of the Archdiocese only needs to be completed once.

Believe

**15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS
WEEK 9**

Sol-Anna Martinez	\$300.00
Elizabeth Allen	\$100.00
Sara Hutchinson	\$100.00
Diane Bomberger	\$ 50.00
Helen Siorek	\$ 50.00
Barbara Hudecki	\$ 50.00
Thelmo Vivas	\$ 50.00
Santina Devine	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

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. Patrick Foley - *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 - *Coordinator of Religious Education*
Mr. Larry Concio - *Maintenance Supervisor*
Mrs. Denise Schmidt - *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—Bill Hannigan
athleticdirector.ihm@gmail.com

Boy Scouts: 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 (215-482-2029). 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.: Mary Kostic-King (215-483-4266)

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.

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 6:30 p.m. in Father Sullivan Hall (former Teacher's Lounge). Call Frank Klusek (215-356-3441)

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: Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 7:30pm in the K of C Room in FSH. contact Joe Flemming (215-964-2624) or josephflemming0@gmail.com

Respect Life Committee: promotes the sanctity of life, at every stage, through love, prayer and supportive programs & activities. Ann Marie Beaver (215-483-8204)

If you need help or have a question call

Pregnancy Hotline 610-626-4006 or Pro Life Union 215-855-8150