

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



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SCHOOL**
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Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor

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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 9, 2022 at 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 17, 2022

SAT.	16	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil
SUN.	17	7:30 9:30 11:30	Easter Sunday
MON.	18	8:30	Anna Maksyn
TUES.	19	8:30	Ken & Colleen Gallagher
WED.	20	8:30	Betty Elisio & Stella Fallon
THURS.	21	8:30	John "Jack" C. Lynch 4th Anniversary
FRI.	22	8:30	John Eric Ferrero
SAT.	23	8:00 5:15 pm	Muriel Barronett James Durkin
SUN	24	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Betty Elisio John "Jack" C. Lynch

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

ROSES

The rose placed in the *Church*
is in loving memory of
Jim & Anna Di Benedetto
requested by
their children.



The rose placed in the *Chapel*
Is in loving memory of
Joan A. Reed
requested by
Robert G. Reed, Jr. & Family.

The Sanctuary Light in our
Sacred Heart Chapel
for the week of
April 18 to April 24
is in loving memory of
Vera Pepe
requested by
The DiGuglielmo Family.



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

Theresa Alosi, Mary Bartsch, Anne Basara, Joan Becker, Josephine Bellace, Wayne Bielawski, Nancy Bright, Daniel Brito, Bill Burrow, Dolores Buzby, Lynn Campbell, Erin Caruso, Terry Carr, Officer Andy Chan, Pete Cissone, Michael Clark, Brooke Conklin, Quint Cuffe, Taylor Davis, Christine D'Angelo, Marano Donald D'Angelo, Nancy Di John, Marianne Di Mucci, Madeline Di Pasquale, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Beth Donnelly, Joe Evers, Peg Fierko, Bill & Dorothy Foster, Kathy Foster, Sydney Franzmann, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Helen Golbeski, Kelly Gruninger, Bernadette Harwick, Brenden Heyer, Sheilah Janes, Frances Jefferys, Chris Kane, Marianne Klusek, Olga Kostic, Angela Kotowich, Mary Krier, Hannah Lambert, Flavia Langan, Langan Family, Dolores Lanigan, Edward Lanigan, Marianne Leahy, Agnes Leinheiser, Edward Lenox, Hadley Ludwig, Charles Mansor, Cheryl Maresca, Elizabeth Matruka, Terry McCormick, Brian McGuire, Anne Marie Mc Keever, Felix & Louise McKeogh, Helen Magee, Elizabeth Matruak, Winifred Meall, Rachael Mellon, Anne Marie Melough, Charlie Melough, Eileen Michel, Brian Morris, Mary Mudry, Harry Pastella, Luisa Pellicone, Dave Pendleton, Bishop Joseph Pepe, Bill Pinto, Joe Pro, Kathy Pro, Tom Przybek, Karen Pulcinella, Connie Quigley, John Quirus, Clara Ragni, Junie Rakosak, Harper Renshaw, John Reynolds, Joel Rivera, Anita Russell, Timothy Sager, Donna Scharff, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, Mary Ann Shaw, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Helen Smith, Jake Stefano, Baby Caleb St. George, Richard Strickland, Donna Stine, O.S.F., Felicia Teske, Paul Teske, Edward Thomas, Molly Thompson, Christine Triola, Louise Vesci, Maddox Vielman, Helen Wade, Walter Wayne Whitehouse, Pam Wisdom, Brian Wurtzberger, Kim Wurtzberger, Mike Zacher, Anthony Zul.



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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS



PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN

Before leaving Church please check your pew and remove any personal items and bulletins.

Pastor's Page

Christ is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia! On this, the central feast day of the Church, we come to gather, filled with the hope of new life. This is the day the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice!

The season of Easter, which begins at the Easter vigil on Holy Saturday night and continues until the last mass of Pentecost is a celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The first eight days after Easter constitute the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord. The period of penance and preparation that we began on Ash Wednesday, have readied us to celebrate the glorious realization of our life in Christ.

The scripture readings of the Easter season reflect the theme of hope and resurrection. The first readings of the Easter liturgies are taken from the Acts of the Apostles. "Acts" is the second volume to the Gospel of Luke. Whereas the Gospel of Luke recounts the words and deeds of Jesus, with the theme as our compassionate savior, Acts picks up the story after the Ascension of Jesus. Acts narrates the life of the newborn community as it attempts to understand the mystery of the Resurrection and how the community should live, going forward. One of the best ways I have heard Acts described is that it is the "Gospel of the Holy Spirit". Remember the literal meaning of the word Gospel – "The Good News"!

During the first weeks of Easter, the Gospel readings will recount the discovery of the empty tomb and the encounters between the disciples and the Risen Jesus. After commanding his disciples, and that includes us, to "go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel", Jesus will be taken up into heaven. (Forty days-Ascension)

Just as we observe the Forty Days of Lent in preparation for Easter, so should we celebrate with great joy and thanksgiving the Forty Days between Easter and the Ascension. We don't give this time enough attention as Christians.

We do not complete this journey alone after the Ascension. Jesus promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to testify with us (Fifty Days – Pentecost).

During this special time of Easter, from today until Pentecost Sunday, we have a special opportunity to reflect on the fact that "The Lord has been raised! It is true" Luke 24:34.

We thank you Father for the gift of new life that you have bestowed on us through the Resurrection of your Son. Send your Spirit upon us, that we recognize and appreciate the gift of your Son.

Father Casey

Weekend Clergy Schedule April 24, 2022 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, April 23, 2022

5:15 Vigil - Fr. Quan

Sunday, April 24, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Casey

9:30 a.m. – Fr. Bongard ***Deacon Sam Preaching

11:30 a.m. - Fr. Casey

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Acts of the Apostle 5:12-16 (45C)
- 2) Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
- 3) John 20:19-31



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.





Save the Date:
IHM Annual Forty Hours Devotions 2022

The annual Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions will be held on Sunday May 1 through Tuesday May 3. Rev. Joseph Howarth, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Jenkintown will be our homilist. Father Howarth was assigned here as a Parochial Vicar from 1991-1993 and he is thrilled to be able to return and share this time with us.

Forty Hours will open at the 11:30 am Mass on May 1. At the conclusion of Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be borne in procession to the Sacred Heart Chapel. Our Lord will be available for prayer and contemplation in Solemn Exposition in the Chapel until 5 o'clock when we will celebrate Evening Prayer and Benediction.

On Monday and Tuesday, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from the conclusion of the 8:30 am Mass until 7 PM when we will have Evening Prayer and Benediction. The Miraculous Medal novena will be prayed as usual at 6:30 pm on Tuesday evening.

Please plan to spend some quiet, quality time with Jesus, especially in the Easter Season where will celebrate His Resurrection and appearances to his Disciples.

Long-term Substitute Teacher needed at Immaculate Heart of Mary School to cover maternity leave.

8th Grade Homeroom/Middle School Math.

Position could start as early as April 19, or as late as May 2, depending on God and the baby, and run through our last day of June 16.

Even if you could cover part of that time, that could help.

Trust me when I tell you that the teacher you will be filling in for will leave you well-prepared/briefed.

If you have any interest, or just want to join us as a substitute teacher, please contact me, Patrick Foley, at principalfoley@iheartmary.org or 215-482-2029.



**HAPPY EASTER
TO
OUR PARISH FAMILY**
*Thank you for your support &
prayers throughout the year!*

IHM'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT is TODAY after the 11:30 Mass.

Bring your own basket and meet on the front lawn of the Church and School grounds. All children are welcome!



A REMINDER TO ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS, please remember that when coming to the Chapel for Mass or for prayer that we have a school on our premises.

The children come to school between 7 & 8 am and then have recess from 11:40 to 12:40 in the parking lot. Also on nice days the little ones may be walking to the enclosed playground (aka the corral) at any time.

We are asking that everyone be mindful that the children could be outside and to please slow down and drive carefully. No one should be coming in off of Cathedral Road but should use the Port Royal entrance when school is in session.

Parents when picking your child up from CARES please slow down as well, as the children will be outside on good weather days.

We want to keep all the children, teachers, and parishioners safe.

Thank you for your cooperation in this very important matter.



15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS WEEK 9

Liz & Kyle Reed	\$ 300.00
Lora Golasa	\$ 100.00
Barbara Sheehan	\$ 100.00
Angelina Monroe	\$ 50.00
Holly Scally	\$ 50.00
Mary Mudry	\$ 50.00
Christina Fakette	\$ 50.00
Rich Sularski	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

The Society St. Vincent de Paul at IHM

Our next meetings will be held in Father Sullivan Hall in the Knights of Columbus Room on:

***April 19, May 9 & June 6
from 7-8:30 pm.**

Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work

*Note: April 19th is a change from April 18th and is on a Tuesday evening instead of the usual Monday evening time.

Sunday Offering Week of April 3, 2022

Sunday	\$	10,026.69
Loose		<u>565.00</u>
	\$	10,591.69

of envelopes – 565
Average– 17.75

Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity.

St. John's Hospice is in need of casseroles . The casseroles are picked up on the first Wednesday of the month.

The next pick up will be:
Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 9 AM.

Employment Opportunity

Part Time Business Manager is needed for St. Bridget Parish.

Applicant must be proficient in Quickbooks.

For more information call the rectory office
215-844-4126 or email secretary@stbridgeteastfalls.org

Are You Looking For A Worthwhile Cause to Volunteer For Here at IHM?

Perhaps you are retired or simply someone with extra time to share with others. Are you someone with compassion, good judgment and discretion?

Consider joining the IHM Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP). If you do, you could become part of a network of friends inspired by the Gospel who grow in spirituality while providing personal service to neighbors in need.

If you would like to talk with a current IHM member to find out more, call the Church Rectory at 215-483-1000 and ask to be connected with the SVdP HelpLine where you can leave a message with your name and phone number. One of our members will call you back to answer your questions and to discuss the value of our Society , not only for those that are helped as well as for the volunteers themselves.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Retreat Day at the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal will take place on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 for our Second Grade Class and all the children receiving their First Communion at IHM in May.

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Our First Communion Class from IHM will participate in the May Procession at the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 11 a.m., followed by the Noon Mass. Please feel free to join in this celebration at the Shrine to honor Mary, as our children have been chosen to participate.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish May Procession is on Friday, May 13, 2022. More details to follow.

For further information, please contact: Mary Anne Kostic-King, DRE at 215-483-4266 or e-mail: mking@iheartmary.org

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. Richard Strickland - *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: 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 (215-482-2029). 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.: 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.
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 Thursday @ 7pm in the K of C Room in FSH. contact Joe Flemming (215-964-2624) 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)
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)