



**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 TBA.** 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 2, 2023

SAT.	1	5:15 pm	Robert G. Reed, Sr., & Helen Reed
SUN.	2	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Frances Mc Guire Pat Salvatore 28th Anniversary
MON.	3	8:30 7:30 pm	Michael La Pera, Jr. Memorial Fund
TUES.	4	8:30 7:30 pm	Binh Nguyen Dorothy & Edward Mc Namee
WED.	5	8:30 7:30 pm	Ernest "Pete" Di Benedetto Victor & Assunta Roncella
THURS.	6	8:30 7:30 pm	No Morning Mass Mass of the Lord's Supper
FRI.	7	3:00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord
SAT.	8	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
SUN	9	7:30 9:30 11:30	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**  
for the week of April 3 to April 9

is in loving memory of

Jack Waldeck

requested by Mary & the girls.



### ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of  
Ernest "Pete" Di Benedetto  
requested by Janice Di Benedetto.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of  
The Deceased Members of IHM Memorial Fund &  
The Deceased Member of our Parish 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, 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 1<sup>st</sup> responders.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS

*Dolores Lanigan*



## Pastor's Page

We enter into Holy Week today as we commemorate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. It is here, to the center of the Jewish religious world that Jesus has come to accomplish his Paschal Mystery.

Jesus, like the thousands of observant Jews has gone up to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. The Passover was celebrated each year, recalling God's saving act of leading the chosen people out of Egypt and certain death. With Moses as the intermediary, Yahweh led them out of Egypt with his strong arm. This Passover celebration is going to be different. Jesus himself is going to be the Paschal Lamb.

The Passover Lamb served several purposes. In the Exodus story, the blood of the Lamb that was shed was used to put on the doorposts and the lintel of the houses where the Hebrews were so that the Angel of Death would "pass-over" those houses. The tenth plague upon the Egyptians would then be completed, that "every first born of the Egyptians will die". The Lamb also served as food for the journey. (Exodus chapters 11&12).

As we begin the celebration today, we have palm branches in our hands, recalling the crowds that cried both "Hosanna" and then "Crucify". The symbolism of Jesus entrance into Jerusalem is captured in Zechariah 9:9 "The Coming of Zion's King – See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey". It was perceived that Jesus was declaring he was the King of Israel to the anger of the Sanhedrin. The people of course thought he was going to declare himself the new King and inaugurate a new political world that would lead to their freedom from the Roman rule. It was of course a radical misunderstanding of Jesus' mission and message.

Each of the four Gospels presents Jesus' Passion as the culmination of its narrative. The conflict initiated in Galilee is brought to a head in Jerusalem. Each evangelist tells his story through a particular lens or point of view. This year in the Year A cycle of readings we have the Passion from the Gospel of Matthew.

One of the very appropriate quotes of Jesus from Matthew comes from Matthew 26:38 as we begin Holy Week. Jesus asks, "Remain here and keep watch with me." Jesus prays three times and returns three times to find the disciples asleep. Jesus needed to be constant in prayer to help him accept the suffering that awaited him. Peter, James and John were not yet up to the task.

Each year the Church celebrates this holiest of weeks with reverence and awe. We want to stand with the Lord Jesus, who suffered and died to save us from our sins. We should be overwhelmed by this great act of love that brings new life to all who call out to him in faith. We want to embrace the cross of Christ on this journey through Holy Week.

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.

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43 (42ABC)
- 2) Colossians 3:1-4
- 3) John 20:1-9







**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
**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."



**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9th**  
 Immediately after the 11:30 Mass on the grounds of the Church & School.



Bring your own basket!



All children are welcome to join in the fun!!

A very special thank you to  
**ACTION KARATE in MANAYUNK**

for donating the eggs and sponsoring this year's Egg Hunt!!

For more information email:  
[homeandschool@iheartmary.org](mailto:homeandschool@iheartmary.org)

**The next pick up for St. John's Hospice is**  
**Wednesday, April 5 at 9 am.**



**OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place on Good Friday, April 7, 2023 at 7 pm. Fr. Quan will be leading our group as we walk through the streets of Andorra. Please join us.

Flyers are at the doorways of the Church.



**The collection on Holy Thursday is for**  
**Sister Mary Scullion's Project Home**

**Sunday Offering Week of March 19, 2023**

Envelopes	\$ 9,900.00
Loose	<u>1,051.00</u>
	\$10,951.00

# of envelopes – 660  
 Average – 15.97

*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!*



**IS BACK!!!!**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting Bingo on 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.

# Holy Week & Easter

**MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023**

**8:30 AM & 7:30 PM MASS IN THE CHAPEL**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023**

**8:30 AM & 7:30 PM MASS IN THE CHAPEL**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023**

**8:30 AM MASS IN THE CHURCH**

**CONFESSION 6:15 TO 7:15 PM**

**7:30 PM MASS IN CHURCH**

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**7:30 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023**

**3:00 PM - PASSION OF OUR LORD**

**7:00 PM OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023**

**1:00 PM—BLESSING OF THE FOOD**

**8:00 PM—EASTER VIGIL**

**EASTER DAY—THE RESSURECTION OF OUR LORD  
APRIL 9, 2023**

**MASS TIMES—7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM**

## 15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS WEEK 7

Tasheika Peart	\$300.00
Mary Jo Rivero	\$100.00
Lorraine Wood	\$100.00
Jakob Niederhaus	\$ 50.00
Mary Waldeck	\$ 50.00
Dennis & Jeanne McGuinn	\$ 50.00
Lawrence Huber	\$ 50.00
Mildred Mc Quade	\$ 50.00

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

We will **NOT** be automatically mailing out the end of the year **2022 contribution statements** to our parishioners.

To request a contribution statement please call the Rectory Office at 215-483-1000.



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

The next meetings of the  
St. Vincent dePaul Society  
will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall  
**April 10th, & 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 10 & 24th.

Applications for Candidates for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in the Fall of 2023, are now available. If your child attends IHM School, IHM PREP, and/or any Private Academy, please contact Mary Anne Kostic-King, D.R.E. at 215-483-4266 or E-Mail: [mking@iheartmary.org](mailto:mking@iheartmary.org) for further information.

### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:sidneyj@macleod.com)

**Ministry of the Eucharist**: Mary Ann Kostic-King, [mking@iheartmary.org](mailto: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](mailto:Musicfef5@gmail.com)

**Ushers**: John Rudolph, Peter Caruso

**Sacristans**: Peter Caruso, [pjcaruso45@yahoo.com](mailto:pjcaruso45@yahoo.com)

### SOCIAL OUTREACH

**CYO**: High School and Grade School—Bill Hannigan  
[athleticdirector.ihm@gmail.com](mailto:athleticdirector.ihm@gmail.com)

**Boy Scouts**: email: [scouttroop474@yahoo.com](mailto:scouttroop474@yahoo.com)

**Golden Age Club**: Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:tuition@iheartmary.org)

**SCRIP**: S&C and Supermarket Scrip—Traci Kovach  
[scscrip@iheartmary.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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**