



## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor*

*Rev. Quan H. Tran, Parochial Vicar*

*Rev. Sean P. Bransfield, in Residence*

*Deacon Salvatore R. Bianco*

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY - THE LORD'S DAY

**Vigil - Saturday 5:15 pm**

**7:30 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am**

#### WEEKDAYS: IN SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Monday thru Friday 8:30 am  
Saturday 8:00 am

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

#### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

5:15 pm Vigil Mass  
8:30 am, Noon, & 7:00 pm

#### HOLIDAYS: IN CHURCH

9:00 am (Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day)

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN CHURCH

Saturday 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

#### TUESDAY

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

#### MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

TUESDAY EVENING AT 6:30 pm  
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 May 13 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.

**Pre-Cana Marriage Prep—Spring Session is May 31.**  
**See more information on page 4 of the bulletin.**

**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 20, 2025

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>20</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> He is Risen Alleluia Alleluia
<b>MON.</b>	<b>21</b>	8:30	Vincent Schaeffer
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>22</b>	8:30	George J. Kowalski
<b>WED.</b>	<b>23</b>	8:30	John Eric Ferrero
<b>THUR</b>	<b>24</b>	8:30	Betty Elisio
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>25</b>	8:30	Louise Curcio
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>26</b>	8:00 5:15 pm	Domenick Pirolo, Jr. Rose Rudolph
<b>SUN</b>	<b>27</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Pat Salvatore 29th Anniversary Wajda & Stephens Family

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of April 21 to April 27 is in loving memory of the Deceased Members of the Salvatore, Schneider & Alfieri Family requested by the Salvatore Family.



**WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS  
OF OUR IHM FAMILY**

*Maverick John Hannan*

**Parish Giving**  
simple. secure. convenient.

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

Maria Aduso, Ruben Aduso, Joyce Bielawski, Wayne Bielawski, Cindi & Lance Bownet, Dolores Buzby, Lois Cartwright, Brooke Conklin, Walter Crate, Helen Cyzio, Mary Delaney, Mary Lou Dinda, Matthew Michael Donnelly, Maria Downey, Marie Dunne, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Chuck Fuges, Bernadette Giambuzzi, Lora L. Golasa, James Goussy, Mary Grbec, Joseph Henkel, Regina Joka, Florence Kesserling, Beverly King, Mary Jo & Paul King, Olga Kostic, Victor Kost, Mary Krier, Marianne Leahy, Colleen Long, Charles Lott, Eugene Magee, Michael Magee, Carmine Martino, Patricia Markelewicz, Dominic Matteo, Valerie Mc Carthy, Mary Mudry, Trudy & Dick Neff, Rosemary Notiwick, Frances Orlicki, Bill Pinto, Pope Francis, Maria Prince, Anne Sargus-Varian, Christine Seymour, & Sierra, John & Maired Scharff, Matthew Simmons, Denise Smith, David Sparacino, Vivian Swiggard, Sr. Mary Thaddeus, Daniel Welsh, Lena Weredene, Wayne Whitehouse

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



### ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of the Deceased Members of the Di Benedetto Family requested by Janice Di Benedetto.



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



## 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*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS**



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



There are available weeks for roses both in the Church and Chapel and also the Sanctuary Light in the Chapel for 2025.  
**The 2026 Books will NOT open until all of the 2025 books are filled.**

To request one of these call the rectory 215-483-1000.



### 15 WEEK CLUB Week # 11

Judith Parducci	\$300.00
Sabrina Nansteel-Bunt	\$100.00
Megan Rodriguez	\$100.00
Sydney Wells	\$ 50.00
Joseph Tobin	\$ 50.00
Sade Sparks	\$ 50.00
Nina Sposato	\$ 50.00
Justin Bonner	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

The Catholic Parishes of East Falls, Manayunk, Roxborough and Andorra will present the

**Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program** for engaged couples on **SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025** in Father Sullivan Hall, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 819 E. Cathedral Road. The day begins with registration at 9:30 AM and concludes with attendance at the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass.

Continental breakfast and lunch are provided.

Certificates are distributed after Mass.

Cost is \$100.00 per couple

To register, please call Holy Family Rectory, 215-482-0450, Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 3 PM.

To all of our IHM Parishioners we wish you all the best this Easter and always. May God continue to bless all of you.



#### IHM UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MAY

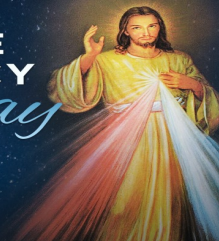
On May 3 our the children of IHM Parish will be making First Communion at 10 am.

On May 4 the Shepherds of Bethlehem will be here and 40 Hours Devotion will begin with a procession to our Chapel after the 11:30 Mass.

May 9th will be our May Procession at 10 am in the Church.

More information will be coming in future bulletins.

### DIVINE MERCY *Sunday*



**April 27, 2025, 2:45 pm**  
**Sacred Heart Chapel**

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

**2:45 – Welcome, St. Faustina's Litany of  
Divine Mercy & Quiet Time**

**3:00 - Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

Quote from Jesus to St Faustina, "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender Mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. 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." (Diary 699) "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy." (Diary 1109)

#### Clergy Schedule for Next Weekend (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, April 26, 2025

**Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Quan**

Sunday, April 27, 2025

**7:30 am – Fr. Quan**

**9:30 am - Fr. Sean**

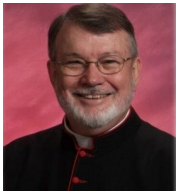
**11:30 am Fr. Casey**

## OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART RETREAT MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE JUNE 6, 7, 8, 2025

Fellow parishioners, please join other men from this parish on a catholic men's weekend retreat at the Malvern Retreat house in Malvern PA. The week-end will start Friday at 6 pm and conclude on Sunday at 11am. All meals & rooming included.

The retreat will offer Masses, Confession, Conferences, Outdoor Stations of the Cross and Fellowship, all on the 125 acre campus in the beautiful hills of Chester County.

**Retreat Director Msgr. Stephen McHenry**  
**Music by: Marty Rotella**  
**Guest Speaker: Mr. Nick Gibboni from the St. Padre Pio Shrine**



**Contact: Matt Butterly**  
**matt@bigdawgsplumbing.com or call**  
**215-880-4473**

Malvern Retreat House  
 315 Warren Ave  
 610-664-0400 or  
 malvernretreat.com



**St. Vincent dePaul Society**  
 The next scheduled meetings of the  
 St. Vincent dePaul Society  
 will be held in  
 Fr. Sullivan Hall  
 from 7-8:30 pm  
**May 5, 19, June 9 & 30**

*All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.*

A few weeks ago we asked all parishioner participate in the Disciple Maker Index created by the Catholic Leadership Institute. The online links is <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/xx7t9x>. The link is also on our website [www.ihmphila.org](http://www.ihmphila.org)

Please take this 10 to 15 minute survey as it will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this most important survey. We must have all surveys mailed to them by **April 21**.

### IHM CYO CARWASH!!!!

**Also on Saturday April 26th the IHM CYO Athletes will be volunteering their time to host a Car Wash at Maria's Ristorante on Ridge and Summit from 8:30 am to 11:00 am.**

**Donations in any size are welcome. Your generosity is appreciated. Proceeds will go to the gym bathroom renovations.**

**Flyers are at the doorways of the Church & Chapel.**



**St Vincent de Paul- Feed the Homeless (SVDP-FTH) is collecting gently used hoodies/sweatpants for the month of April.** Please would you kindly place the items in the designated boxes/bins at the entrances of the church. Thank you in advance for you kindness and generosity. May God, through the intercession of St. Vincent de Paul, bless you and your parish.



## 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. Rita Morados** - *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. Gene Martino** - *Facilities Manager*  
**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)  
**Music Ministry**: Rehearsals—Tuesdays at 7:30p.m. in Church.  
 Contact: Linda Pfefferle, [Musicfe5@gmail.com](mailto:Musicfe5@gmail.com)  
**Ushers**: John Rudolph, Peter Caruso  
**Sacristans**: Peter Caruso, Bill King

### SOCIAL OUTREACH

**CYO**: High School and Grade School—Christian Hochstuhl  
[ihmcyo.athletic.director@gmail.com](mailto:ihmcyo.athletic.director@gmail.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 April 2, 2025.

### 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 @ 7:00pm 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 215-850-9740.**