

Today, April 27 in our Sacred Heart Chapel

DIVINE MERCY *Sunday*

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

2:45 Welcome , St Faustina's Litany of Divine Mercy
and Quiet Time

3:00 Chaplet of Divine Mercy

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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 2 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 27, 2025

SAT.	26	5:15 pm	Rose Rudolph
SUN.	27	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	Pat Salvatore
			29th Anniversary
		11:30	Wajda & Stephens Family
MON.	28	8:30	Joseph Mau Vu
TUES.	29	8:30	Mr. & Mrs. Hoa Nguyen
WED.	30	8:30	Mr. Binh Nguyen
THUR	1	8:30	Marshall Keese
FRI.	2	8:30	Ann & Don Kenny
SAT.	3	8:00	Bob Campbell
		5:15 pm	Dennis Ameye
SUN	4	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	All Deceased Members of the Salvatore, Schneider & Alfieri Families
		11:30	Christine Mazurek

***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 28 to May 4
is in loving memory of
Rev. Paul Obrimski
requested by a Friend.



Sunday Offering Week of April 13, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 8,269.00
Loose	1,435.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	1,096.00
	\$ 10,800.00

of envelopes – 448

Average - \$18.46

To make a secure contribution on-line please visit ihmphila.org and
click on the Parish Giving Logo.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Parish Giving™
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***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, 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 1st
responders.***



ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church**
is in loving memory of
Zina O'Connor
requested by her IHM friends



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
Ida Cole
requested by her Valley Avenue Friends

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.

Pastor's Page

Today, on the final day of the Octave of Easter, the eight day celebration of Jesus Resurrection, we give praise and thanks for God's mercy. Scripture is full of examples of the divine mercy. We hear in the responsorial psalm today, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting".

In today's Gospel Jesus commissions the disciples, sending them out as his Father had sent him. We see the fruits of his work in the first reading from Acts: the sick are cured, demons are driven out, sins are forgiven, great numbers come to believe. We see the way Jesus dealt with the doubting Thomas, turning his unbelief into belief.

Pope John Paul II designated the Second Sunday of Easter as 'Divine Mercy Sunday' in April of 2000.

Let us concentrate today on the Lord's presence in Word and Sacrament. We want to be able to say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God."

Save the Dates and Times!

Next Sunday we will begin our Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions. We celebrate Forty Hours starting on the Third Sunday of Easter. The time between Easter Sunday and the Ascension, that special 40 day period, was deemed a good time for us to experience the real presence of our Risen Lord in a special way. The week of the Third Sunday of Easter, will again this year, make this a great opportunity.

Our guest homilist will be Father Peter J. Di Maria. Father Di Maria is assigned to Sacred Heart in Swedesburg, PA. He was ordained in 1993.

Forty Hours Schedule

Sunday May 4

Forty Hours will begin at the conclusion of the 11:30 am Mass

There will be a special procession after Mass from the Church to the Sacred Heart Chapel. The Blessed Sacrament will be solemnly exposed all afternoon.

Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction will begin at 5 PM on Sunday.

Monday May 5

Solemn Exposition will begin at the conclusion of the 8:30 am Mass and conclude with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7 PM

Tuesday May 6

Solemn Exposition will begin after the 8:30 am Mass with the Forty Hours Devotions concluding with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7 PM.

** Note that the Miraculous Medal Novena will be prayed at 6:30 pm as usual.

Please plan to spend 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.

Fr. Casey

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



Pope Francis

**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 5:27-32, 40b-41 (48C)
- 2) Revelation 5:11-14
- 3) John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



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.

IHM CYO is hosting a Mother's Day Bouquet Sale! \$25 for each bouquet. Payment due with order. Cash or Venmo (@lynn-fahringer).

If sending in cash to school or the Parish Office please address envelope to:
CYO ATTN: ROSE HUDECKI.

Portion of proceeds will go to gym bathroom project.
Orders due by April 30th. Flowers will be distributed on Friday, May 9th in Father Sullivan Hall.



15 WEEK CLUB Week # 12

Sydney Wells	\$300.00
Bernard & Ann Mc Cabe	\$100.00
Yolanda Krywucki	\$100.00
Regina Du Bisee	\$ 50.00
Jon Montovani	\$ 50.00
Armando Guzman	\$ 50.00
Mary E. Salvatore	\$ 50.00
Pat Di Guglielmo	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS
OF OUR IHM FAMILY
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Harvey
Erica Gillard

The Second Collection for next weekend will be for Catholic Home Missions.

IHM May Procession is on Friday, May 9th at 10 am in the Church.

Please join us as we honor Mary Our Mother.



On **Sunday, May 18, 2025** the Knights of Columbus will be hosting **BINGO** in Father Sullivan Hall.

Doors open at 1 PM with the first game starting around 1:30 PM.

Come and join the Knights for a fun filled afternoon.

You could be a winner!!

Bingo games and prizes
Basket of Cheer
50/50 tickets
Refreshment for purchase

GIVE A GIFT OF HOPE

Shepherds of Bethlehem imports all of their works of reverent art from the finest Christian craftsmen in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. In these challenging times, with ongoing war, it's extremely difficult for the Christian community, which relies on tourism or pilgrimages. Many families are struggling to provide food for their children.

Let us be your connection to the Holy Land.

We are honored to bless your home and the homes of your loved ones with unique, handmade gifts lovingly carved by our talented craftsmen. Each one-of-a-kind piece will serve as a devout and stunning visual reminder of the presence of God, your relationship to the Lord, and your connection to the Holy Land.

Bring Your Gift List

We will display the carvings after the scheduled Masses On (The 3rd & 4th May, 2025)

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 weekend 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



*Join Mary's Mates for a
fun night out!*
(Raffles and 50/50)

All proceeds will go directly to the Grbec family.

Where: Graham's Pub

8919 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia 19128

When: Saturday, May 17, 2025

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

How Much: \$40 Per Ticket

Ticket includes all you can drink, wine, domestic beer, and light fare

Tickets must be purchased in advance

See Venmo below and include the first and last name of each ticket holder.

Venmo me at: Laurie-MarysMates

If you cannot attend but would like to donate, contact Kristen Hindley, IHM Pre K 3 teacher at khindley@iheartmary.org. All proceeds donated through our school goes directly to Mary and her family. Cash donations and gift cards are appreciated.



Pray for Pope Francis

December 17, 1936
April 21, 2025

PONTIFEX Maximus

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.



Please keep our IHM Parish Children in your prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 3rd at 10 am in our church. All are welcome to join in this most special sacrament.

St Vincent de Paul- Feed the Homeless
(SUDP-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 your 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*

Ministry of the Eucharist: *Mary Ann Kostic-King, mking@iheartmary.org*

Music Ministry: *Rehearsals—Tuesdays at 7:30p.m. in Church. Contact: Linda Pfefferle, 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*

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 April 2, 2025.*

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 @ 7:00pm 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 215-850-9740.