



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**
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SCHOOL**
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Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor

Rev. Quan Tran, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Joseph W. Bongard, 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 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 3, 2022

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| SAT. | 2 | 5:15 pm | Deceased Member of the Kauffmann & Wynne Families |
| SUN. | 3 | 7:30 9:30 11:30 | IHM Parishioners Michael A. La Pera, Jr. Pat Salvatore 26th Anniversary |
| MON. | 4 | 8:30 7:30 p.m. | Memorial Fund Frances Mc Guire |
| TUES. | 5 | 8:30 7:30 p.m. | John Antenucci Kathleen M. Mc Knight |
| WED. | 6 | 8:30 7:30 p.m. | Genevieve Cupchak John Antenucci |
| THURS. | 7 | 8:30 7:30 p.m. | Ernest "Pete" Di Benedetto 20th Anniversary Genevieve Farrell |
| FRI. | 8 | 8:30 7:30 p.m. | Victor & Assunta Roncella Robert Avington |
| SAT. | 9 | 8:00 5:15 pm | William Regan Robert G. Reed, Sr. & Helen Reed |
| SUN | 10 | 7:30 9:30 11:30 | IHM Parishioners Robert Avington. Joseph & Jennie Gampico |

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



ROSES

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

The rose placed in the **Chapel**
is for a Special Intention
for a Parishioner.

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

*Megan Ward-Clifford
Eileen Cleveland*



***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, Joe Evers, Peg Fierko, Bill & Dorothy Foster, Kathy
Foster, Sydney Franzmann, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Helen
Golbeski, Kelly Gruninger, 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, Ann 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.***



**The Sanctuary Light in our
Sacred Heart Chapel
for the week of
April 4 to April 10
is in loving memory of
Ernest "Pete" Di Benedetto
requested by his daughter,
Janice Di Benedetto.**

Pastor's Page

As we move deeper now into our Lenten journey, Isaiah in the first reading gives us a message of hope. Isaiah was preaching to the exiles in Babylon who were reflecting back on all the miraculous deeds that the Lord had done for them bringing them out of Egypt. He recognizes they are in bad straits. But he tells them, 'remember not the events of the past...see I am doing something new.' This is a wonderful passage of scripture because it shows us we can leave our past behind. God's offer of grace is the promise of a second chance and a clean slate. He does "new things" when we welcome him into our hearts. God is doing something new right here and now!

In St. Paul's epistle to the Philippians, he teaches us that the grace of God is more than the offer of a pardon of our sins. It is the restoration of a right relationship to God. The power flowing from the Resurrection of Christ not only frees us from our sins, it empowers us to live a new life. This is truly transformative for us.

The woman in the Gospel story today from the 8th Chapter of John was in a terrible circumstance. And more than the sin, it was a capital crime that carried the death penalty. She was to be stoned to death. The punishment it would seem to us today would be far too harsh for the crime. Occasionally we read that some Islamic republic has beheaded those guilty of adultery. This does not even consider the point of what happened to the man that she committed adultery with. Some may consider that such measures may produce a more orderly society.

Jesus did not even threaten her, let alone punish her. He simply said, "Neither do I condemn you. But from now on, avoid this sin." She left there that day with a second chance. It was purely a matter of grace. She did not earn any of it. What could be more wonderful than that? Yet evidence suggests that sometimes we are troubled by it. It is too good to be true?

Consider the number of people given new life in today's readings. Isaiah tells of God putting water in the desert to give life to the Israelites who fled Egypt and later those who were in exile in Babylon. Paul was given life in Christ when he encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus. The woman in the Gospel is given life by Jesus when he challenges the scribes and the Pharisees, then releases her. New life is promised to us as well, life lived in the light of Christ.

If our God was a vengeful God, who could survive? We are sinful creatures, struggling to do good in God's eyes but often coming up short. Even now, during this penitential season, we need to seek God's mercy. Fortunately, our God is a merciful God, always ready to forgive us. As we celebrate as a believing, Christian community today, let us thank God for this overflowing mercy and consider those whom we ourselves need to forgive.

Father Casey

Weekend Clergy Schedule April 10 2022 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, April 9, 2022
5:15 p.m.--Fr. Casey

Sunday, April 10, 2022 (Palm Sunday)
7:30 a.m.-- Fr. Casey
9:30 a.m.-- Fr. Bongard
11:30 a.m. - Fr. Quan

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Isaiah 50:4-7 (38ABC)
- 2) Philippians 2:6-11
- 3) Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49



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.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY

No Morning Mass

7:30 p.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 p.m.
Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

7:00 p.m.
Outdoor Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

1 p.m.
Blessing of the Food
(in the Chapel)

8:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY MASS TIMES

7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 A.M.

PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE



O LORD GOD, WE PRAY FOR PEACE & LOVE
IN ALL THE NATIONS, AMONG ALL THE PEOPLE
THAT ALL WARS AND HATRED WILL END.
WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM
WAR, INJUSTICE, & INTOLERANCE, FOR THE
CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, THE POOR &
NEGLECTED ONES. WE PRAY FOR PEACE IN
OUR LIFE, LANDS, NATIONS, FAMILIES &
IN OUR HEARTS. LORD GIVE US WORLD PEACE.
WE ASK YOUR MERCY IN THE NAME OF OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST. AMEN.

IHM'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT is April 17, 2022
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!



For more information

Email: homeandschool@iheartmary.org

Lenten Schedule

Daily Mass during Lent - 8:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. in
the Chapel.

(NOTE: Wednesdays when school is in session
8:30 a.m. Mass is in the Church).

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Every Wednesday
during Lent from 6:15- & 15 p.m.

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday at 7:00 p.m.
in the Chapel.

*God's blessings
to the newly baptized children
in the Catholic faith*

Malcolm Joseph Ripka

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.

15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS WEEK 7

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| Kristina Lauer | \$300.00 |
| Joan De Malto | \$100.00 |
| Anthony & Annette Levering | \$100.00 |
| Althea Robinson | \$ 50.00 |
| Quintile Family | \$ 50.00 |
| Vaughn Roberts | \$ 50.00 |
| Kelly & Matt Mackrides | \$ 50.00 |
| Frank Gailey | \$ 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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BUISNESS OFFICE

The Ash Wednesday collection for St. Vincent DePaul in the amount of \$500 went to support the Ukraine.

On Holy Thursday the collection will be for Sister Mary Scullion Project Home.

Sunday Offering Week of March 20, 2022

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| Sunday | \$ | 8,506.00 |
| Loose | | <u>552.00</u> |
| | \$ | 9,058.00 |

of envelopes – 496
Average – 17.15

Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity.

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.

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.

TECA RESTAURANT is proud to support Holy Family Home!

Join **THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR** for dinner on Wednesday, April 13th at Teca Restaurant, 4-9 p.m. 20% of your bill will benefit our elderly residents at Holy Family Home. Teca is located at 191 S. Newtown Street Road, Newtown, PA 19073. Call 484-420-4010 for reservations!

Be sure to express your desire in supporting the Little Sisters of the Poor! We are grateful for your assistance! www.tecaneewtownsquare.com.

Holy Family Home is located at 5300 Chester Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19143. For more information about Holy Family Home go to www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.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)*