



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

815 E. Cathedral Road
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215-482-2029
Website: iheartmary.org

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 Monday, May 15 @ 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 30, 2023

SAT.	29	5:15 pm	Helen & Robert Cahill
SUN.	30	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Anthony Delaney Matthew Schotmiller
MON.	1	8:30	In Honor of the Blessed Mother
TUES.	2	8:30	Peter & Eva Fantacone
WED.	3	8:30	Terrence Keough
THURS.	4	8:30	Christine Mazurek
FRI.	5	8:30	Anthony D. Delaney
SAT.	6	8:00 5:15 pm	Helen Palmeri & Agnes Rita Fowler Ken & Colleen Gallagher
SUN	7	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Anne Marie Melough Wonyet Yee

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

ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of
Lito Vivas
requested by his family.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
All Deceased IHM Parishioners.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of May 1 to May 7
is in loving memory of
Mary Miller
requested by John Miller.



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



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, Betty Thummel, 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 1st responders.

Please check to see if anyone has been blessed by our prayers and can be removed from our list. If so, call the rectory and let us know if some one can be removed. Thank you.

Pastor's Page

Each year the Fifty Days of Easter have a kind of shape or structure formed by the Sunday scriptures. The second and third Sundays offer encounters with the risen Christ. The Fourth always brings us into the arms of the Good Shepherd. The Gospels of the fifth, sixth and seventh Sundays are drawn from Jesus 'farewell discourse' in John's Gospel.

In our first reading today, Peter has clearly taken on the role of shepherd, encouraging conversion and faith among his listeners. That the crowd addressed their question to "Peter and the other apostles" indicates Peter was speaking for them all, as the Pope often speaks for the college of bishops today. The crowds are told to repent and are baptized. Acts 2:41 mentions the number three thousand to show that a substantial portion of the Jewish people did believe in their Messiah and thus continued as the people of God's promises.

This section also indicates that salvation has both an individual and a communal dimension. Each person has to accept his or her salvation, but this is not merely a private matter between the individual and Jesus. One is baptized into God's people and saved as a member of the Church.

The First Letter of Saint Peter echoes Acts: Christ "bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness" and anticipates the gospel: "For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd."

In this passage we see the metaphor of Jesus not only as the shepherd but also as the gate. It is he who provides safety for the flock by prohibiting entrance to marauders and who provides food by opening out onto good pasture lands. Jesus will effect all this because he himself is the Good Shepherd, loved by the Father because he will lay down his life for the sheep. It is this act of total loving self-sacrifice that is central to the story. He is the Good Shepherd because of his willing self-sacrifice.

Through Jesus we come in to be nurtured within the community and go out to bear witness in conviction and compassionate service. Jesus has come not only to guide and protect the sheep, but to make sure we flourish. "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Sadly the gospel notes that "the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them. (10:6) We sometimes struggle ourselves to distinguish the voice of the Good Shepherd from among all the voices we hear in our lives, from our friends and neighbors to those on television or online. Let us become attuned to Jesus voice and pray for the grace to recognize what he is calling us to be.

Father Casey

First Holy Communion

Our Parish Celebration of the Reception of the Eucharist will take place on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 10 a.m. Please join us as our parish children receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

Please remember to keep them in your prayers.

May Procession

Please join with us in honoring **Mary, Queen of the May, on Friday, May 12, 2023, at 10 a.m. in our Church.**

Our students will process from the main doors of the school onto Cathedral Road and enter through the main church doors. There is no better way to celebrate Spring than to honor Our Lady, with this Parish Celebration.

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 6:1-7 (52A)
- 2) 1 Peter 2:4-9
- 3) John 14:1-12



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

*Maya Anna Albertson
Edison David Jordan*

SPRING HOUSECLEANING

Immaculate Heart of Mary will be hosting a Clothing and Household Goods Drive to benefit



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at IHM
SUNDAY, MAY 21 from 9am to 12 pm

SVDP will be using the services of The Thrifty Irishman Truck. Look for the truck in the Church parking lot.

The Thrifty Irishman has no restrictions on what donations it will take, so this is a good time to declutter your home with items someone else may be able to use.

PLEASE, DO NOT BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE SCHOOL OR RECTORY AND PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THEM IN THE PARKING LOT. ONLY BRING THEM WHEN THE TRUCK IS HERE.

**THE KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS WELCOMES
BACK JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR FROM**

**TUESDAY, MAY 2ND THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 7TH.
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT:**

<https://www.kimmelculturalcampus.org/events-and-tickets/202223/broadway/jesus-christ-superstar/>

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL
ANN-MARIE NACCHIO
AT AMNACCHIO@ALLIEDGLOBALMARKETING.COM.

*Welcome to the newest members
of our IHM Parish!*

Theodore & Rachel Czyzewski

Annie JR.



'YOU'RE NEVER FULLY DRESSED WITHOUT A SMILE' AND 'THE SUN WILL COME OUT TOMORROW' IN IHM DRAMA CLUB STUDENTS' ANNIE JR. PRODUCTION Leaping Lizards! Andorra will "stick up its chin and grin and sing 'Tomorrow! Tomorrow!'" when IHM School Drama Club performs **Annie JR.** It tells the story of a spunky Depression-era orphan determined to find her parents. IHM will present **Annie JR.** on **May 4 & 5 at 7:00 PM at Father Sullivan Hall.**

Tickets can be purchased by musicfef5@gmail.com. There is no dress code, but the cast will remind you that you are "never fully dressed without a smile."

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 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 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.

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.

The **Mass Book for 2024** will open on Thursday, May 4. Please mail in or email your request to ihmpaish@comcast.net. You may also call Denise Schmidt @ 215-483-1000. Please call between the hours of 10 to 2 only. No in office request until further notice.

Please be advised that you may only request 5 Masses at this time. No exceptions.

2023 Roses are still available for the following weeks:

In Church - May 28, July 2, 23, 30 September 17, 24, October 15, 22, November 5, 12, 19, 26, December 3, 10

In Chapel - May 21, 28, June 25, July 2, 16, 23, 30 August 20, 27, September 24, October 8, 15, 22, 29, November 19, 26, December 3, 10,

Sanctuary Light (in the Chapel) the weeks available are:

May 1 to 7, May 15 to 21, May 22 to 28, May 29 to June 4, July 10 to 16, July 17 to 23, July 24 to 30, July 31, August 28 to September 3, Sept 18 to 24, October 16 to 22, October 23 to 29, December 11 to 17, December 18 to 25.

Sunday Offering Week of April 16, 2023

Envelopes \$ 8,208.00
Loose 840.00
\$9,048.00

of envelopes – 496
Average – 16.55

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!

The Good Shepherd is risen. He who laid down His life for the sheep, who died for His flock. He is risen.

Alleluia!

The next meetings of the
St. Vincent de Paul Society
will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall
May 1 & 22, June 12 & 26
from 7-8:30 pm.

Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

The next pick up for St. John's Hospice is
Wednesday, May 3 at 9 am.





Immaculate Heart of Mary School
14th Annual
2023 Race for Education



*Ready,
Set,
Go!*

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023
9:00 AM

All proceeds go directly to Immaculate Heart of Mary School's 2023 race goals!

The 14th Annual IHM Race for Education will be held on **Thursday, May 11, 2023!**

This year, our challenge is to reach \$25,000! These funds will be used to help pay for ongoing security upgrades for our school, improving the curb appeal of our school building and additional necessary improvements.

If you would like to donate to our Race, please email Traci Kovach, Director of Finance, Development and Admissions at tuition@iheartmary.org to obtain the Race link. We are also looking for Corporate Sponsors, so if you own or work for a business that would like to support the students of Immaculate Heart of Mary School, please email Mrs. Kovach.

Thank you for your continued support of Immaculate Heart of Mary School!

15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS

WEEK 11

Mary Sinis	\$300.00
Courtney Parisse	\$100.00
Michele Roasanova	\$100.00
Margaret Eisler	\$ 50.00
Barbara Sheehan	\$ 50.00
Siobhan Pierce	\$ 50.00
Carol Feliccitti	\$ 50.00
Kathleen V. Lanahan	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!



The next meeting for the Golden Age Club
will be May 8 & 22.

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*

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: *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.: *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 @ 7:30pm 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

Pregnancy Hotline 610-626-4006 or Pro Life Union 215-855-8150