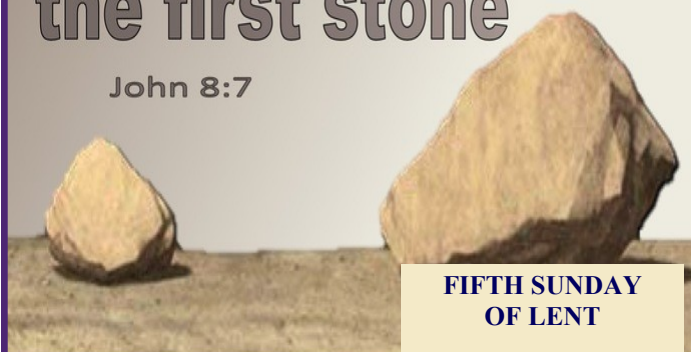


He who is without  
sin let him throw  
the first stone

John 8:7



FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF LENT

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

819 E. Cathedral Road  
Philadelphia, PA 19128  
215-483-1000, Fax: 215-483-1732  
Website: ihmphila.org

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY  
SCHOOL**

815 E. Cathedral Road  
Philadelphia, PA 19128  
215-482-2029  
Website: iheartmary.org

*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 5 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 6, 2025

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>5</b>	5:15 pm	Thomas & Nancy Plover
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>6</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Robert Avington Ernest Di Benedetto
<b>MON.</b>	<b>7</b>	8:30	Memorial Fund
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>8</b>	8:30	Victor & Asunta Roncella
<b>WED.</b>	<b>9</b>	8:30	Ernest "Pete" Di Benedetto
<b>THUR</b>	<b>10</b>	8:30	Jack Waldeck
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>11</b>	8:30	Genevieve Cupchak
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>12</b>	8:00 5:15 pm	Suzanne Whitlock Stephanie Stefanski
<b>SUN</b>	<b>13</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Msgr. Walter Conway Joyce Martino

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

### 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  
All Members of the IHM Memorial Fund.

During Lent:

**Mass** will be celebrated daily at 8:30 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Wednesdays 6:15-7:15.

**Stations of the Cross** will be on Fridays at 7 pm in the Chapel.



The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**  
for the week of April 7 to April 13  
is in loving memory of  
Ernest "Pete" Di Benedetto  
requested by Janice Di Benedetto.

***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, 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 & Mairied Scharff, Matthew Simmons, Denise Smith, David Sparacino, Sr. Mary Thaddeus, Daniel Welsh, Wayne Whitehouse



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

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.**

### Sunday Offering Week of March 23, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 8,312.00
Loose	1,025.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	1,835.00
	<u>\$ 11,172.00</u>

# of envelopes – 472

Average - \$17.61

To make a secure contribution on-line please visit [ihmphil.org](http://ihmphil.org) and click on the Parish Giving Logo.

***Thank you for your continued generosity.***

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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

***Margaret Mucha***



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.

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



### HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2025

**Wednesday, April 16, 2025**

Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:15 P.M.-7:15 P.M.

**Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025**

**No Morning Masses**

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 P.M.

**Good Friday, April 18, 2025**

**No Morning Masses**

Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord 3:00 P.M.

Outdoor Living Stations (IHM Grounds) 7:00 P.M.

(if inclement weather in IHM Church)

**Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025**

**No Morning Masses/No Confessions**

Blessing of Food 1:00 P.M. (in the Chapel)

Easter Vigil 8:00 P.M.

**Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025**

Masses 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 A.M.

Please note that the Parish Office will be CLOSED on Good Friday as no business is to be conducted on this day.

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

*Keane Macklin Goldovich*

*Kostigan Michael Goldovich*

*Mcalister Kelce Goldovich*

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

### 15 WEEK CLUB Week # 9

Megan Rosanova	\$300.00
Delphine Evangelisto	\$100.00
Betty Sienko	\$100.00
Jennifer Dunn	\$ 50.00
Dolores Butler	\$ 50.00
Mary De Barberie	\$ 50.00
Mary Giffear	\$ 50.00
Megan Kasprazak	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

**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 your kindness and generosity. May God, through the intercession of St. Vincent de Paul, bless you and your parish.

**IHM Golden Age Club** has a trip for May 7 to Fulton Opera House in Lancaster to see *Anastasia the Musical*. Cost is \$136. Deposit of \$25 will reserve your seat. Flyers for this trip are at all the doorways of the Church and Chapel.



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

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Quan

Sunday, April 13, 2025

7:30 am - Fr. Sean

9:30 am - Fr. Casey

11:30 am Fr. Quan

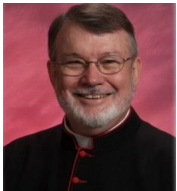


**OUR LADY OF THE SACRED  
HEART RETREAT  
MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE  
JUNE 6, 7, 8, 2025**

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



"Kindness is a gift everyone can afford to give."  
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**The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COR  
MARIAE COUNCIL #4100 is hosting a  
LENTEN FISH FRY ON APRIL 11.**  
**Flyers are at all the tables of the Church  
and Chapel . Please support the Knights  
as they contribute to the many needs of  
our parish.**

**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

**April 14, 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>.

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

Thank you in advance for your participation in this most important survey.

The link is also on our website [www.ihmphila.org](http://www.ihmphila.org)

**IHM CYO UPCOING EVENTS**

**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 for both events are at the doorways of the Church & Chapel.**



**The envelope company inadvertently sent the Easter donation envelope and the Easter Flower envelope in with the April weekly envelopes.**

**You are still getting the Easter letter and the Easter booklet with the Holy Week schedule along with the Easter envelopes in a separate mailing.**

## 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.*