



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
SCHOOL**

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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 TBA.** 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 9, 2023

SAT.	8	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
SUN.	9	7:30	Easter Sunday
		9:30	Resurrection of
		11:30	Our Lord
MON.	10	8:30	Lam Vuong
TUES.	11	8:30	Jack Waldeck
WED.	12	8:30	Deceased members of the
			Fuges Family
THURS.	13	8:30	Vera & Frank Pepe
FRI.	14	8:30	Genevieve Cupchak
SAT.	15	8:00	John & Marianne Gorman
		5:15 pm	Margaret Ann Boyle
SUN	16	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	Hugo Di John
		11:30	Hugo Di John

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



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, 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.



DIVINE MERCY
Sunday
April 16, 2023



Divine Mercy Sunday
April 16, 2023, 2:50 pm
Sacred Heart Chapel

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

2:50 pm - St. Faustina's Litany of Divine Mercy & Quiet Time
3:00 pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Quote from Jesus to St Faustina (Diary 699):
"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."

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR
BROTHERS AND SISTERS



Pastor's Page

Christ is risen! Alleluia Alleluia! On this, the central feast day of the Church, we come 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 themes 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 new-born 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, that includes us by the way, to "go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel" Jesus will be taken up into heaven. (Forty days-Ascension)

We will not be left alone however, 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

Today we unite with faith communities large and small all around the world. The paschal candle burns brightly in our midst as we listen to the great good news of the Resurrection, renew our baptismal promises gather around the Eucharistic table to consume the Body and Blood of the risen Christ

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. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice.

Father Casey

**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 2:42-47 (43A)
- 2) 1 Peter 1:3-9
- 3) John 20:19-31



The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of April 10 to April 16
is in loving memory of
Deceased Members of the Salvatore, Schneider, &
Alfieri Families
requested by The Salvatore Family.



EASTER EGG HUNT TODAY!!!!
Immediately after the 11:30 Mass on the
grounds of the Church & School.



Bring your own basket!
All children are welcome to join in the fun!!



A very special thank you
to
ACTION KARATE in
MANAYUNK
for donating the eggs
and sponsoring this
year's Egg Hunt!!

For more information email:
homeandschool@iheartmary.org



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting **Bingo** on
Sunday, April 23. Doors open at 12 PM with the
first game beginning at 1pm.

Packet of 15 games is \$11.

(1) \$50 game and (1) \$100 game.

ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of
Ken Dougherty
requested by Eileen Donnelly



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
Peter, Karoline & Theresa Schmidt &
Hedi and Stephen Kuropas.

CONGRATULATIONS

*To the newly married couple in
God's love*

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Neff



ATTENTION!

**1973 St Hubert Catholic HS for Girls NE Philly
Grads!**

50TH REUNION & GOLDEN GIRLS

Wednesday, JUNE 7, 2023

Details at: huberts.org; Support SH; Reunions
Or contact Cindy Warner Brong
at cbrong530@gmail.com.

Hope to see you on June 7th!!! Deadline now: April
15th!

Sunday Offering Week of March 26, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 10,235.00
Loose	<u>640.00</u>
	\$10,875.00

of envelopes – 579
Average – 17.68

Military Collection - \$2,812.00

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!

IHM SACRAMENTAL NEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will take place on **Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 10 am.**
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE will take place on **Thursday, May 4, 2023 from 9 am to Noon**

RETREAT DAY for all the children making their First Communion will take place at the **SHRINE OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL** on **Friday, April 21, 2023.****
 Departure from IHM School is at 8 am and the return to IHM School will be at 2:30 pm.

For more information, please call Mary Anne Kostic-King, Director of Religious Education at **215-483-4266** or email: mking@iheartmary.org

CONFIRMATION NEWS

FALL OF 2023

Applications for Candidates for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in the Fall of 2023, are now available. If your child attends IHM School, IHM PREP, and/or any Private Academy, please contact Mary Anne Kostic-King, D.R.E. at 215-483-4266 or E-Mail: mking@iheartmary.org for further information.

15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS WEEK 8

George Surosky	\$300.00
Frank & Alice Porrini	\$100.00
Karen Long	\$100.00
Christina Fakette	\$ 50.00
Daniel Evans	\$ 50.00
Jacqueline Straface	\$ 50.00
Thelmo Vivas	\$ 50.00
Paul Loschiavo	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

We will **NOT** be automatically mailing out the end of the year **2022 contribution statements** to our parishioners.

To request a contribution statement please call the Rectory Office at 215-483-1000.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

The next meetings of the St. Vincent dePaul Society will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall
April 10th, & May 1st
 from 7-8:30 pm.

Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.



The next meeting for the Golden Age Club will be April 10 & 24th.

Welcome to the newest members
of our IHM Parish!

Eleanor Wiley

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.

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