



## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 4 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 13, 2025

(Holy Week)

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>12</b>	5:15 pm	Stephanie Stefanski
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>13</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Msgr. Walter Conway Joyce Martino
<b>MON.</b>	<b>14</b>	8:30	Amir Rashid
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>15</b>	8:30	Mike & Mary Swider
<b>WED.</b>	<b>16</b>	8:30	Robert & Helen Cahill
<b>THUR</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> <b>NO MORNING MASS</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper
		7:30 pm	
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>NO MORNING MASS</b> Passion of the Lord Outdoor Stations
		3:00 pm 7:00 pm	
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> <b>NO MORNING MASS</b> Blessing of the Food in the Chapel
		1:00 pm	
		8:00 pm	<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>20</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>



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

Wednesday April 16 from 6:15 to 7:15 is the last Wednesday evening for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. No Confession on Holy Saturday.



The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of April 14 to April 20 is in loving memory of Msgr. Walter J. Conway requested by Olga Kostic.

The collection on Holy Thursday is for Sr. Mary Scullion Project H.O.M.E. which provides housing, opportunities, medical and educations for the homeless.

On Good Friday the collection is for the Holy Land.

*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 Kesslerling, 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, Denise Smith, David Sparacino, Vivian Swiggard, 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.*

### ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Domenick Pirollo requested by Kathy & Donna.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Jim & Anna Di Benedetto requested by their Children.

### Sunday Offering Week of March 30, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 7,880.00
Loose	1,091.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	1,220.00
	<u>\$ 11,172.00</u>

# of envelopes – 412

Average - \$19.13

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

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*



## Pastor's Page

We enter into Holy Week today as we commemorate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. It is here, to the center of the Jewish religious world, that Jesus has come to accomplish his Paschal Mystery.

Jesus, like thousands of observant Jews has gone up to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. The Passover was celebrated each year, recalling God's saving act of leading the chosen people out of Egypt and certain death. With Moses as the intermediary, the Lord led them out of Egypt with his strong arm. This Passover celebration is going to be different. Jesus himself is going to be the Paschal Lamb.

The Passover Lamb served several purposes. In the Exodus story, the blood of the Lamb that was shed was used to put on the doorposts and the lintels of the houses where the Hebrews were so that the Angel of Death would "pass-over" those houses. The tenth plague upon the Egyptians would then be completed, that "every first born of the Egyptians will die". The Lamb also served as food for the journey. (Exodus Chapters 11&12).

As we begin the celebration today, we have palm branches in our hands, recalling the crowds that cried both "Hosanna" and then "Crucify". The symbolism of Jesus entrance into Jerusalem is captured in Zechariah 9:9 "The Coming of Zion's King – See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey". It was perceived that Jesus was declaring he was the King of Israel to the anger of the Sanhedrin. The people of course thought he was going to declare himself the new King and inaugurate a new political world that would lead to their freedom from the Roman rule. It was in reality a radical misunderstanding of Jesus' mission and message.

Each of the four Gospels presents Jesus' Passion as the culmination of its narrative. The conflict initiated in Galilee is brought to a head in Jerusalem. Each evangelist tells his story through a particular lens or point of view. In the Year C cycle of readings we hear the Passion from the Gospel of Luke. Jesus journey to Jerusalem is a march toward exaltation ("to be taken up") in fulfillment of God's plan. The earthly journey of Jesus serves also as the framework for the progress of the church in the time after the ascension. As we read, we find ourselves on the way toward Jerusalem with the Lord. But the march to glory, as Jesus has already warned, is a path through suffering. The disciples must expect to be treated no better than the Master. The cost of Christian discipleship is clearly stated as the journey gets underway.

In Luke's Passion narrative Jesus says "Let the greatest among you be as the youngest and the leader as the servant." Jesus lives as one who serves. He feeds the disciples with his body and blood. He heals those who arrest him. He prays that God's will be done. He is the fulfillment of the Suffering Servant as told in Isaiah.

Let us go up to Jerusalem with Jesus this week.

Father Casey

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

***Brian Dougherty***



### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Acts of the Apostles 10:34-a, 37-43 (42ABC)
- 2) Colossians 3:1-4 or 1Corinthians 5:6b-8
- 3) John 20:1-9



**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.**



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.

### 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  
Magnus Felix Mc Grath*



### 15 WEEK CLUB Week # 10

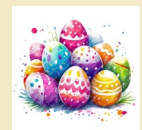
Beth Smith	\$300.00
Stephen & Joann Obrimski	\$100.00
Livio Francis Torre	\$100.00
Maureen Kirsch	\$ 50.00
Jim & Kathy Kennedy	\$ 50.00
Danielle Marquess	\$ 50.00
Rasheed Brown	\$ 50.00
Cortese Family	\$ 50.00

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.



The Annual IHM Home & School Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 11:30 Mass on April 20. (Easter Day)  
Meet on the lawn of IHM School and remember to bring your Easter Basket.



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.

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

Saturday, April 19, 2025

Vigil 8:00 pm - Fr. Casey

Sunday, April 20, 2025

7:30 am - Fr. Sean

9:30 am - Fr. Casey

11:30 am Fr. Quan

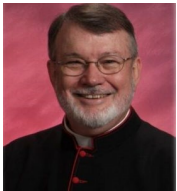


## OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART RETREAT MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE JUNE 6, 7, 8, 2025

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



**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.*

## IHM CYO CARWASH!!!!

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.



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>.

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

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

Thank you in advance for your participation in this most important survey. We must have all surveys mailed to them by April 21.

Here is a few things to do for the rest of the Lenten Season and beyond...

Spend more time listening and less time interjecting.

Look for the good in people instead of focusing on any inconvenience you experience.

Step into the classroom of silence each day, sit down with God and spend a few minutes in prayer and reflection.

Pray for somebody as your are walking, driving or waiting for a meeting to start, pick out a person who appears to be in need and pray for that person.

Fast from rushing through your day. Take time to pray and appreciate each moment, asking God to guide you on your journey with purpose and gratitude.

Fast from a small comfort, like sleeping in or streaming your current favorite show.

Pray the rosary daily for someone that has caused you harm. Meditate on how much Jesus loves that person.

Intentionally give sincere compliments to everyone you have a conversation with.

## 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.**