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**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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SCHOOL**

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Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor

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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, & 7:30 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 September 3 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—Fall date to be announced.

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
August 11, 2024


SAT.	10	5:15 pm	In Honor of the Blessed Mother
SUN.	11	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Edith & James Myers Carl Sokolski
MON.	12	8:30	Frank Bartolone
TUES.	13	8:30	Harry Gatlone Family
WED.	14	8:30 5:15 pm	Anna Di Benedetto 9th Anniversary Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
THUR	15	8:30 12:00 7:30 pm	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
FRI.	16	8:30	Stoddard Rodgers
SAT.	17	8:00 5:15 pm	Earl Carr 15th Anniversary Mary Teson
SUN	18	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Helen Cahill Paula Linehan

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

ROSES


The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of
Dennis Ameye
requested by
 his parents, Frank & Jacquelyn Ameye.

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
Carl Sokolski
requested by
his wife, Mary Sokolski.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of August 12 to August 18
is in loving memory of
 Anna Di Benedetto
requested by
Her Children.



Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.
 Maria Aduso, Anne Akyuz, Theresa Alosi, Lee Aponte, Mary Bartsch, Anne Basara, Josephine Bellace, Romulua Berretta, Joyce & Wayne Bielawski, Lance & Cindi Bonnet, Daniel Brito, Bill Burrow, Dolores Buzby, Lynn Campbell, Mary Rose Campbell, Erin Caruso, Joe Casciato, Tom Cassidy, Lisa Castallante-Martin, Marilyn Cellucci, Officer Andy Chan, Pete Cissone, Michael Clark, Ann Colantonio, Brooke Conklin, Ashley Cox, Helen Cyzio, Quint Cuffe, Earl Dandridge, David Daniels, Taylor Davis, Mary Delaney, Angelita Diccion, Ben Diccion, Sr., Ben Diccion, Jr., Perla Diccion, Madeline DiPasquale, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Joseph Donnelly, Marie Dunne, Barbara Dziedzic, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Joe Evers, Mary Ellen Ferrell, Peg Fierko, David Fleetwood, Carole Foley, Jody Forte, Bill & Dorothy Foster, Kathy Foster, Sydney Franzmann, Robert Frederico, Marina Frederico, Barbara Freiling, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Bernadette Giambuzzi, Helen Golbeski, James Goussy, Kelly Gruninger, Katie Harris, Kelly Hagelauer, Flora Hart, Stace Harvey, Anne Headly, Brenden Heyer, Fay Holder, Sheilah Janes, Frances Jefferys, Regina Joka, Steve Jones, Chris Kane, Deborah Kapp, Keith Kelly, Marek Kijek, MaryJo King, Paul King, Michael Kohute, Olga Kostic, Angela Kotowich, Mary Krier, Hannah Lambert, Flavia Langan, Langan Family, Edward Lanigan, Marianne Leahy, Agnes Leinheiser, Dorlene Long, Hadley Ludwig, Cheryl Maresca, Patty Markelewicz, Dominic Matteo, Elizabeth Matruka, Ben Mazzochetti, Terry McCormick, Felix & Louise McKeough, Helen Magee, Lindsey Marzo, Elizabeth Matruak, Winifred Meall, Monica Mellon, Eileen Michel, Adrian Mumford, Mary Mudry, Janet Murphy, Dick & Trudy Neff, Tom Newell, Rosemary Notwick, Harry Pastella, Mary Ann Pastore, Luisa Pellicone, Dave Pendleton, Bishop Joseph Pepe, Bill Pinto, Beth Pisano, Maria Prince, Karen Pulcinella, John Quirus, Junie Rakosak, Harper Renshaw, Casey Rigby, Joel Rivera, Matthew Christopher Rowe, Jr. Tony Ruger, Domiciano Gallego-Ruiz, Anita Russell, Donna Scharff, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, Veronica Serianni, John Sevcik, Mary Ann Shaw, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Luke Simon, Mary Sokolski, David Sparacino, Jake Stefano, Ryann Stoffere, Baby Caleb St. George, Donna Stine, O.S.F., Stanley T., Felicia Teske, Paul Teske, Sister Mary Thaddeus, Edward Thomas, Molly Thompson, Betty Thummel, Christine Triola, Angelo Valucci, Louise Vesci, Sr. Lolita Visitacion, Helen Wade, Walter Wayne Whitehouse, 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.***

Pastor's Page

In our Old Testament reading today we hear one of the many events in the life of Elijah, considered to be Israel's greatest prophet. The people in Israel were not getting leadership from the Kings, with each one worse than the previous one. It had been a downward spiral from the high point of David and Solomon's reign. Who could speak of God to them? The answer would be Prophets.

Among the Israelites they alone had no interest in power, money or any approval but God's. Their mission was to "speak out" and lead the people back to observance of the covenant. Prophesying is often seen as a kind of crystal ball gazing that foresees the future, but the prophets of Israel based their oracles on the will of God. When the kings became obsessed with power and wealth and led their people into idolatry, God called upon certain individuals to warn Israel of the consequences and those individuals were the prophets. The period of Elijah and Elisha was approximately from 874 BC to 796 BC.

Leading into today's passage, Elijah has successfully defeated the prophets of Baal, one of the false Gods that the King Ahab and his wife Jezebel were leading the people to worship. This infuriates Jezebel and Elijah has to flee for his life. In this passage, Elijah feels he has failed, and he needs the strength of God's presence. God then sends Elijah food for his journey. At this point in his journey Elijah needed the bread only God could provide. The Lord sustained Elijah on his journey into the desert, providing food and water when he was ready to give up. The bread that the angel brought Elijah sustained him on a forty day journey through the desert to Mt. Horeb, a place where he would encounter God.

I would suggest for your summer reading this week the First Book of Kings Chapters 17-18-19. It is a fascinating story of Elijah as the successful leader in the struggle to preserve the knowledge and worship of Yahweh against the idol worship introduced by Jezebel, wife of King Ahab.

This feeding of Elijah that only God could provide leads us into our Gospel reading from John. This is the 3rd of 5 installments over 5 weeks that we consider Jesus as the bread of life. We can center in on verse 51 today: "I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever."

The Bread of Life discourse in John's Gospel presents Jesus as the life giving bread who has come down from heaven. The Jewish leadership questions Jesus' origin: "How can he say, I have come down from heaven?" We as the readers of John's Gospel know the answer to this already previously in the Gospel.

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God" vs. 1 Also we hear in verse 14: "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us".

The first reading on Sunday usually gives us a guide to understand the Gospel that we will hear. As we listen to Jesus proclaim that he is "the living bread that came down from heaven", the plight of Elijah helps us see that God has sent us Christ himself as food for our journey, living out our mission as Christians.

Father Casey

Sunday Offering Week of July 28, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 7,993.00
Loose	<u>761.00</u>
	\$ 8,754.00

of envelopes – 384
Average - 20.82

Thank you for your continued generosity.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Proverbs 9:1-6 (119B)
- 2) Ephesians 5:15-20
- 3) John 6:51-58



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.





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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Doris Winters



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
***August 26, September 16 & October 7**
All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.
Providing Help & Hope to Neighbors in Need!
The August 26 meeting will be in the Parish Office Conference Room

Grief is hard work! Grief often depletes the griever physically as well as emotionally (and cognitively, spiritually and socially). Tending to oneself after the loss of a loved one creates a place and space for your grief. A grief support group provides the opportunity to share your loss with others while receiving care, support and tools to adapt to your loss.

Registration is required. Please email kollerbereavement@gmail.com or call 215.482.5200
PROGRAM WILL BE HELD ALTERNATING THURSDAYS, 6:30-7:45 beginning September 26 through December 5, 2024.


September 26, 2024 YOUR Grief, YOUR Journey!
October 10, 2024 What to Expect - Stages of Grief
October 24, 2024 When Grief is Not Enough: Grief vs. Mourning
November 7, 2024 Preparing for Special Days, Anniversaries and Holidays
November 21, 2024 Coping Strategies and Self-care
December 5, 2024 Moving Forward Toward Acceptance and Hope

Do You Really Know that Jesus is alive in the Holy Eucharist?

Join parishioners in a 5-week retreat to explore the Real Live Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, using **Matthew Kelly's book: 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory**

The August 13 meeting will be held in the Parish Office Conference Room at 7 PM.

The main restroom construction in the Cathedral Road Vestibule is in progress. Please be patient as this project is completed.



**ON LINE GIVING IS COMING TO IHM CHURCH!
LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION IN THE COMING WEEKS!**

SCAM ALERT! Please know that Fr. Casey, Fr. Quan, Fr. Sean and the IHM Parish Staff or any other clergy will NEVER email or text requests for money, gift cards or help in any way. If you receive an email, DO NOT respond to these requests, just delete the email.

Clergy Schedule for Sunday, August 18, 2024 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, August 17, 2024
Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Quan

Sunday, August 18, 2024
7:30 am – Fr. Bransfield
9:30 am - Fr. Casey
11:30 am Fr. Quan

MISSIONARY IN OUR MIDST

This weekend, a Carmelite Friar, Father Sunny Mathew will be with us at all Masses to tell us about Carmelite missionary work. The Carmelites respond to the call to love one another through prayer and action by establishing ministries where there is the greatest need. They create humanitarian programs to relieve the suffering of the poor, minister to those in hospitals and prisons, provide education, and conduct spiritual and religious formation in almost 40 countries on five continents. This year we are hoping to be of continued help to the victims of the war in Ukraine. Your generosity in the second collection this week to support the Carmelite Friars' missionary work will be greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU!

The second collection for this weekend is for the Mission Appeal .

Please support the Mission Appeal and pray for them as they bring the message of Jesus to others around the world.

Envelopes are on the tables at the doorways of the church.



Immaculate Heart of Mary School is looking for a School Secretary and a Middle School Science Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact Principal Patrick Foley at:

Principalfoley@iheartmary.org.

ROSES are still available for 2024 for the following weeks.

In the **Church** the week of September 8 & 22, November 17, December 8 & 15

In the **Chapel** Week of:

November 17, December 8, 15 & 29.

If you would like to request a rose call the Parish Office 215-483-1000.

PREP Registration Fall of 2024

PREP Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 PREP year.

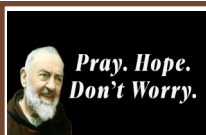
If you are interested in enrolling your child in our PREP program, please contact:

MaryAnne K. King (215) 483-4266

E-Mail: mking@iheart.org for information.

Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

Final registration date and tuition payment due date is **Tuesday, September 3, 2024** from 5:00- 7:00 p.m. in Father Sullivan Hall.



Ninth Annual Padre Pio Festival St. Bede the Venerable Parish September 14-15, 2024

Saint Bede the Venerable Church, located in Holland, PA., (Bucks County, Northampton Township), welcomes all to its Ninth Annual Festival to honor St. Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as "Padre Pio," on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14 and 15. The two-day event begins with Saturday's All-American Picnic Buffet (tickets will be sold at the event), featuring games and amusements for children, food and craft vendors, and live music. The highlight will be a **5:30pm Vigil Mass**, followed by blessings with holy relics of Padre Pio.

The Sunday Sept. 15, **12:30pm Solemn Mass** will be extra special this year, as it will be celebrated by **Fr. Pio Mandato**. The Mass is followed by a street procession with a statue of Padre Pio through the surrounding neighborhood. After the procession, there will be a healing service with confessions and veneration of holy relics. All day there will be specialty food and craft vendors, amusements for children, and live musical entertainment.

Plenty of free parking will be available, and pilgrim buses are welcome. For more information, go online to: padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com, or call the St. Bede parish office at **215-357-5720**.

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. 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*
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, Bill King*

SOCIAL OUTREACH

CYO: *High School and Grade School—Christian Hochstuhl ihmcyo.athletic.director@gmail.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 Next pick up is June 5 @ 9am.*

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 215-850-9740.