

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 (times may vary on certain Holy Days; please check inside pages or parish website)

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

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

<u>Baptism</u> - The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays at 12:30 PM.

<u>Pre-Jordan</u> - 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, September 18 @ 7pm 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.

<u>Marriage</u> - 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.

<u>RCIA</u> - 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 13, 2023			
SAT.	12	5:15 pm	Earl Carr
SUN.	13	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Steve Murphy Elizabeth Ann Mc Andrews
MON.	14	8:30 5:15pm	Anna Di Benedetto Vigil for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Mary TUES.	15	8:30 12:00 pm 7:30 pm	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary THIS IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION
WED.	16	8:30	Robert Sinnott
THURS.	17	8:30	Dennis Ameye
FRI.	18	8:30	Philip Calvo
SAT.	19	8:00 5:15 pm	Janis Pisano Koenig Thomas & Nancy Plover
SUN	20	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Joseph Keough Helen Cahill

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**for the week of August 14 to August 20
is in loving memory of
Dennis Ameye -15th Anniversary
requested by his parents Jacquelyn & Frank.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS





ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Dennis Ameye 15th Anniversary requested by his parents Jacquelyn & Frank.

The rose place in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Dennis Ameye 15th Anniversary requested by his parents Jacquelyn & Frank.



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, Marilyn Cellucci, Officer Andy Chan, Pete Cissone, Michael Clark, Ann Colantonio, Brooke Conklin, Ashley Cox, Quint Cuffe, Earl Dandridge, David Daniels, 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, Joe Evers, Bruce Fairchild, 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, Fay Holder, Sheilah Janes, Frances Jefferys, Steve Jones, Chris Kane, Deborah Kapp, Luke Katona, Keith Kelly, Marek Kijek, 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, Elizabeth Matruak, Winifred Meall, Monica Mellon, Eileen Michel, Mary Mudry, Janet Murphy, Dick & Trudy Neff, Marvin Parnes, Harry Pastella, Luisa Pellicone, Dave Pendleton, Bishop Joseph Pepe, Bill Pinto, Nicole Powlus, Maria Prince, Kathy Pro, Tom Przybek, Karen Pulcinella, John Quirus, Junie Rakosak, Marie Renello, Harper Renshaw, Casey Rigby, Joel Rivera, Tony Ruger, Domiciano Gallego-Ruiz, Anita Russell, Jean Sargus, Susan Savini, 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., Felicia Teske, Paul Teske, Edward Thomas, Molly Thompson, Betty Thummel, Christine Triola, Michael Vassallo, 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.

Pastor's Page

When we gather to celebrate the Sabbath each Sunday, we know where we will find God. We can hear him in the Word proclaimed, we receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, we encounter him in each other as the People of God, coming together in Sacred assembly. The readings today will challenge us to find God in other places and at other times in our lives.

The first reading from the First Book of Kings is a very dramatic example of how we can encounter God in the simplest occasions. Sometimes we start looking in the wrong places and God can surprise us.

In one of the great stories of the Old Testament, Elijah had a victory over the prophets of Baal in a fire contest (1Kings 18:17-40) and Jezebel the Queen threatens his life. So Elijah flees to the desert, where an angel tells him to journey on to Horeb (Mt Sinai). There he takes shelter in a cave and when God asks him why he has come, Elijah filled with self-pity, pours out his woe. There is no point in going on, he mourns; all Israel but he, Elijah, has abandoned God.

God tells him to stand outside the cave to experience his presence. First he feels a powerful wind, then he feels an earthquake, then he sees fire, but God is not in them. Remember in the Old Testament these "special effects" are associated with the Divine Presence. Here however, God's self-revelation is not in anything that dramatic. At last a gentle breeze or a "tiny whispering sound" speaks to Elijah of the presence of God. Elijah learns this lesson and hides his face in shame at his own disbelief.

The story of Jesus walking on the water is another story so important it is mentioned in 3 of the gospels. This week we hear Matthew's version of the event (also MK 6:45-52 and JN 6: 1-14). Jesus has just fed the five thousand and he made the disciples get into a boat to precede him to the other side. He himself went up on the mountain to pray. In the dead of night, the boat was far from shore and was being tossed about. He then was seen coming toward them walking on the water. Peter as usual spoke up, got out of the boat but started to sink because he was unsure, frightened. In each of the three gospel accounts we see some similarities and differences. Each evangelist relates what Jesus said to them: "It is I. Do not be afraid." Jesus words 'it is I" is literally "I am" in the Greek. This phrasing has strong overtones of divinity, echoing the name for Yahweh found in Isaiah. Jesus IS the divine presence; the disciples need not have fear.

This well known story of Jesus walking on the water and quieting the storm for the disciples is much more than a miraculous event. As followers of Christ we will often find ourselves in stormy waters, both in the world and within ourselves. Whether we see the disciple's boat as symbolizing the Church or our own lives, we can relate to Matthew's image: a tiny boat, big waves, roaring wind, disciples left alone through the night. Can we respond to Jesus' words, "take courage, It is I, do not be afraid"? As followers of Christ, we will often find ourselves in stormy waters. It is then that we must trust in Christ, for he will be with us and will still our storms. Our prayer today can be for the vision to see and hear God in our lives, outside this sacred space...on the lake...in a cave....in the dark of night....in the middle of a storm.

Father Casey

Clergy Schedule for Sunday, August 20, 2023 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, August 19, 2023

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Quan

Sunday, August 20, 2023

7:30 am – Fr. Quan 9:30 am – Fr Casey*** 11:30 am – Fr. Bransfield

***Deacon Sam Preaching

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
- 2) Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
- 3) Matthew 15:21-28



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.





The Golden Age Group is offering a trip to Wind Creek Casino in September. Flyers are located at all the tables of the door ways.

Don't miss out on the fun, get your reservation in ASAP!!!

Welcome to the newest members of our IHM Parish!

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Zajko Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Filewicz Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cavalcante

Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory, grant we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Eighth Annual Padre Pio Festival St. Bede the Venerable Parish September 16-17, 2023

Saint Bede the Venerable Church, located in Holland, Pennsylvania (Bucks County, Northampton Township), welcomes all to its Eighth Annual Festival to honor St. Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as "Padre Pio," on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16 and 17. 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 12:30pm Solemn Mass will be extra special this year, as it will be celebrated by Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, Archbishop of Philadelphia. 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.**

CHURCH KNEELER RENOVATION PROJECT

We hope you are enjoying the comfort of the new kneelers and thank those who have donated to help this renovation.

We are still in need of donors for this project.

If you cannot be a full donor you can always make a contribution to fund this project. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

At all the doorways of our Church there is an information sheet that has details on the Memorials that will be used to fund this very important initiative.

Please take an information sheet which explains all the details of this project. Blue envelopes are on the tables for your convenience in submitting the Memorials.

If you have any questions, call the parish office.



IHM Home and School Association is in the process of planning the Fall Festival Event and the Christmas Bazaar.

The Fall Festival is scheduled for September 30 in the parking lot and the Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for November 18, 2023 in Father Sullivan Hall.

To volunteer for these events you must have clearances on file with the rectory. To obtain these clearances go to:

iheartmary.org, then to resources, then to volunteers and all the links are there for you.

If you need assistance call Denise Schmidt in the rectory office 215-483-1000 or email denise-schmidt@comcast.net.



John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School Class of 1973 50th Reunion Picture at Logan Circle Fountain, 10/14/23 at 4 PM

Mass at the Basilica, 10/14/23 at 5:15 Brunch at IASTE, 10/15/23 Noon till 4 PM Ticket Information: Hallahan73@yahoo.com Sunday Offering Week of July 30, 2023

Envelopes \$ 9,755.80 Loose 699.20 \$10,455.00

of envelopes – 472 Average - 18.74

Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity

Please help our counters (they graciously volunteer their time) by filling out the amount on your Church envelope and please write clearly.

This helps to speed up the process.

Thank you so much!

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

María Luisa Cramphorn

While enjoying your summer vacation don't forget your Church here at home. Your help will still be needed to meet current expenses. If, while on vacation, you cannot contribute regularly, bring your contributions up to date when you return.

May God bless you and keep you all safe this summer season and always.



MARRIED COUPLES – "Live your best life in love" in 2023: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend?

The next in-person experiences are Sept. 15-17 and Nov. 10-12 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown.

For more info visit: https://www.wwme-philly.org/.

The next meetings of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall August 14, 28 & September 18

from 7-8:30 pm.
Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

PREP REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for PREP (the Religious Education Program) at IHM Parish is now open for grades one through seven.

Applications are available by contacting, Mary Anne Kostic-King, DRE, at mking@iheartmary.org or by calling 215-483-4266.

Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 12, 2023. We will be meeting weekly from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Registration must be completed prior to the start date of classes.

A final registration, will be held in Father Sullivan Hall on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

If your child is registering for the first time, you must bring their Baptismal Certificate and any certification from another Parish/ PREP program, if applicable.

Tuition for PREP is \$175.00 per child/\$225.00 for two or more children.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION NOVEMBER 5, 2023 @ 11:30 am Mass

Applications for your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at IHM Parish are still being accepted. If your child is a student at IHM or a parishioner that attends another school and you have not yet registered and/or received your information/study packet, please do so immediately by contacting, Mary Anne Kostic-King, DRE (215) 483-4266 or email: mking@iheartmary.org

All paperwork including a sponsor form should be turned in ASAP.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE is in need of casseroles. Their supply is low due to the summer months with many on vacation.

If you can help please come to the rectory to pick up the casserole pans. Please label your casserole as to the date it was made and what kind of casserole is in the pan. Be sure to freeze the casserole. Please bring all casseroles to the rectory office between the hours of 9am to 4pm.

The next pick up for St. John's Hospice is Wednesday, September 6 at 9 am.

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.,

<u>sidneyj@macleod.com</u> 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, picaruso45@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

<u>SCHOOL PROGRAMS</u> Home & School Association: <u>homeandschool@iheartmary.org</u>

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

Care of Church and Chapel Spaces: parishioners who clean God's house weekly. Denise Schmidt (215-483-1000) Counters: Ann McElroy, <u>irishaim@comcast.net</u>

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 josephflemming@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