

*I have come to set the earth on
fire, and how I wish it were
already blazing!*

Luke 12:49-53

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
SCHOOL**

815 E. Cathedral Road
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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 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 August 14, 2022

SAT.	13	5:15 p.m.	Joseph & Anna Passante
SUN.	14	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners In Loving Memory of Anna Di Benedetto Helen Cahill
MON.	15	8:30	Earl Carr
TUES.	16	8:30	JoAnne Kacelowicz
WED.	17	8:30	Maria Trinh Nguyen
THURS.	18	8:30	Alice Keough
FRI.	19	8:30	Thomas & Nancy Plover
SAT.	20	8:00 5:15 pm	Jenna Jackson Frank Forgione
SUN	21	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Philip "Joe" Maher Krista Harron 7th Anniversary

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of August 15 - 21
is in loving memory of
Anna Di Benedetto
requested by
her children.



PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN

Before leaving Church please check your pew and remove any personal items and bulletins. **Thank you!!**

ROSES

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

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in
Honor of our Blessed Mother



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, Mary Bartsch, Anne Basara, Joan Becker, Josephine Bellace, Wayne Bielawski, Nancy Bright, Daniel Brito, Bill Burrow, Bobby Busch, Dolores Buzby, Lynn 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, Marianne Di Mucci, Madeline DiPasquale, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Beth Donnelly, Joseph Donnelly, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Joe Evers, Peg Fierko, David Fleetwood, Bill & Dorothy Foster, Kathy Foster, Sydney Franzmann, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Helen Golbeski, Kelly Gruninger, Bernadette Harwick, Brenden Heyer, Don Holt, Sheilah Janes, Marge Jara, Frances Jefferys, Chris Kane, Marianne Klusek, Olga Kostic, Angela Kotowich, Mary Krier, Hannah Lambert, Flavia Langan, Langan Family, Dolores Lanigan, Edward Lanigan, Marianne Leahy, Agnes Leinheiser, Edward Lenox, Hadley Ludwig, Charles Mansor, Cheryl Maresca, Elizabeth Matruka, Terry McCormick, Brian McGuire, Anne Marie Mc Keever, Felix & Louise McKeogh, Helen Magee, Elizabeth Matruak, Winifred Meall, Rachael Mellon, Scott Melina, Charlie Melough, Eileen Michel, Brian Morris, Mary Mudry, Dick & Trudy Neff, Marvin Parnes, Harry Pastella, Luisa Pellicone, Dave Pendleton, Bishop Joseph Pepe, Bill Pinto, Joe Pro, Kathy Pro, Tom Przybek, Karen Pulcinella, Connie Quigley, John Quirus, Clara Ragni, Junie Rakosak, Harper Renshaw, John Reynolds, Joel Rivera, Anita Russell, Timothy Sager, Donna Scharff, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, Mary Ann Shaw, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, 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, Pam Wisdom, 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

*Alice Asbury
Rev. Wilfred F. Maloney*



Pastor's Page

I am sure you have heard the old saying “shoot the messenger” As we hear in the first reading this was first said of the prophets in the Old Testament. Today we hear the sad story of Jeremiah. Jeremiah was called to prophecy during the reign of King Josiah (628BC). He was one of the great tragic figures of the Old Testament, preaching to the complacent and falsely secure Judahites in the years before the Babylonian exile.

The role of a prophet is never easy and that was especially true for Jeremiah. He did not relish the idea of confronting people with truths they did not want to hear. He was despised and persecuted by the people he was trying to save. In spite of repeated failures at reaching the people he persevered in his calling, even as he was dragged off to Egypt to an unrecorded death around 570 BC.

Jeremiah pointed out the inevitable doom to come for Judah and Jerusalem if they did not turn things around. Jeremiah continued to preach until the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians around 587 BC. Opposition and violence marred his long prophetic life as the reading today clearly shows.

As we move to the Gospel today we can see a similar theme that the message may not be well received. Jesus himself says that his message is going to cause division. Jesus announces with the zeal of a prophet, “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing” (Luke 12:49). Jesus is well aware of the cost of such preaching as he makes his way to Jerusalem. “There is a baptism with which I must be baptized” (Luke 12:50) This would be a baptism unto his death.

Jesus means by this baptism a plunge into his mission. It is a series of mixed emotions because of the suffering connected with it. The fire Jesus speaks of is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. He is already engaged in the task of lighting a fire on earth. The fire of the Holy Spirit will be cast on the earth through the fulfillment of the events for which Jesus is heading toward Jerusalem.

Jesus in the preceding passages in Luke's Gospel has been directing his disciples on the proper attitude toward possessions and the need for constant watchfulness in anticipation of the coming reign of God. In today's passage he acknowledges that those who follow him risk even harsher difficulties – that of familial discord and rupture.

At times the Word comforts, at times it challenges. Let us pray for the strength and courage to live the words that we hear.

Father Casey

Weekend Clergy Schedule August 21, 2022 **(celebrants are subject to change)**

Saturday, August 20, 2022

5:15 Vigil - Fr. Casey

Sunday, August 21, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Bongard

9:30 a.m. – Fr. Quan

11:30 a.m. - Fr. Bransfield

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Isaiah 66:18-21 (123C)
- 2) Hebrews 12:15-7, 11-13
- 3) Luke 13:22-30



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.



2022-2023 PREP (PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM) REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Parish Religious Education Program registration deadline is fast approaching

for the 2022-2023 PREP year.

Final Registration will be held on

Tuesday, September 6th from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

PREP Classes begin on Tuesday, September 13th!

For further information, please contact:

Mary Anne Kostic-King, CRE @ 215-483-4266 or
e-mail: mking@iheartmary.org

Confirmation Preparation will begin on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 for our PREP Students and Students from private schools who have registered to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, November 20, 2022 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Our IHM school students will be preparing for the reception of this sacrament during their religious studies in class. Parish/PREP Students must attend all Tuesday evening preparation classes and the Retreat Day for receiving this Sacrament.

For information, please contact:

Mary Anne Kostic- King, CRE 215-483-4266 or
e-mail: mking@iheartmary.org

150th Anniversary of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Philadelphia, PA is celebrating their 150th Parish Anniversary with a Mass and dinner on Sunday, October 16, 2022. The ticket price is \$75 per person.

Please call our rectory at 215-465-4050 or visit our website, www.sacredheartchurchsp.com for more information.

*Welcome to the newest members
of our IHM Parish!*

Mr. & Mrs. Francis Yupongco

The next meetings of the St. Vincent dePaul Society will be held in the:

Rectory Conference Room

**August 29
from 7-8:30 pm.**

Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

**The next pick up for
St. John's Hospice is
Wednesday, September 7 at 9 am.**

Casseroles



IHM VIRTUAL ROSARY

The IHM Virtual Rosary meets every
Thursday at 7 PM.

For more information about the IHM Virtual
Rosary Group contact Armand Vanore at
kitwor@comcast.net.

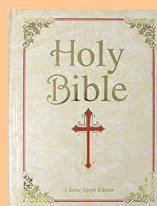


Sunday Offering Week of July 31, 2022

Sunday \$ 9,998.25
Loose \$ 449.00
\$10,447.25

of envelopes – 542
Average– 18.45

Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity



**The Bible is not antique,
nor is it modern,
it is
ETERNAL.**

PART-TIME MAINTENANCE POSITION AVAILABLE AT IHM

Our maintenance department has a permanent part-time position available.

Hours are Monday - Friday 12:30 pm to 4 pm.

For more information and details call Richard Strickland at 215-483-1000.



PART TIME SCHOOL NURSE NEEDED

Merion Mercy Academy, located in Merion Station, PA seeks a part time (3 days/week, 7:30 - 3:30) school nurse for the 2022-2023 school year. As a licensed registered nurse, the school nurse handles acute medical issues, assists with health screenings, monitors record, administers medications and promotes wellness in accordance with Merion Mercy's commitment to providing a safe and healthy environment.

Please visit www.merion-mercy.com/page.cfm?p=785 for a complete job description or call Anne Gregg from Monday - Thursday from 9am to 3 pm.

ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL JOB OPENINGS

Maintenance Supervisor Position - Full-time, 12 month 6AM - 2PM shift. Candidates should be reliable, self-motivated and possess a familiarity with painting, electric, plumbing, etc.. Must also be able to supervise a team. Experience and attention to detail required.

Custodial Position - Part-time, 12 month shift negotiable. Responsibilities include cleaning of classrooms, bathrooms, corridors, etc. Reliable, self-motivated candidates needed.

Interested individuals should forward their resume to:

Mrs. Ann Vassallo-Trost @
avassallo@romancatholicshs.com

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR ST. JEANNE JUGAN GALA/RAFFLE

The Little Sisters of the Poor are excited to invite you to our St. Jeanne Jugan Gala, benefiting the residents of Holy Family Home. The event will be held on Sunday, September 11 at Drexelbrook in Drexel Hill. Tickets are \$150 and includes a chance to win the \$10,000 grand prize. Order tickets at Holy Family Home, Dept PB, 5300 Chester Ave., Phil., PA 19143, on our website littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org, or call Catherine at 215-729-5153 for more information.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

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.

Dates for the Protecting God's Children Class here at IHM are Tuesday, September 27 @ 6pm and Tuesday October 4 @ 6pm. 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.

It is best to get these completed before school begins. All clearances must be completed by November 1st in order for you to volunteer for the 2022-2023 school year.

For more information call Denise Schmidt in the Rectory Office 215-483-1000. Monday - Friday between the hours of 10 am to 2 pm.

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. Richard Strickland - *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, Musicfe5@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: *John Macoretta, Scoutmaster (215-680-1049); 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.: *Chuck Harvey*

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 Thursday @ 7pm in the K of C Room in FSH. contact Joe Flemming (215-964-2624) 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*