

**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. 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, & 7:30 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 18, 2024**

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>17</b>	5:15 pm	Mary Teson
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>18</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Helen Cahill Paula Linehan
<b>MON.</b>	<b>19</b>	8:30	Can Pham
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>20</b>	8:30	Binh Lam Vuong
<b>WED.</b>	<b>21</b>	8:30	Krista Harron-Spera
<b>THUR</b>	<b>22</b>	8:30	Alice Keough
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>23</b>	8:30	Joe Swider Sr. and Joe Swider, Jr.
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>24</b>	8:00  5:15 pm	Caroline Bochenek  Theodore Stefanski
<b>SUN</b>	<b>25</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Shane Montgomery Joseph Wolek

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**  
for the week of August 19 to August 25



is for a  
Special Intention  
requested by  
Mary Salvatore.

**PRAY FOR PEACE**

**ROSES**

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of  
Walter & Dorothy Lesniewski



requested by  
Helen Cyzio.

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of  
Krista Harron-Spera

requested by  
The Harron Family and Will Spera.



***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 1<sup>st</sup> responders.***

## Pastor's Page

All three of today's Scripture readings talk about a meal and direct the reader/listener to the way of true life. In the first nine chapters of the book of Proverbs, Wisdom is personified as a woman who goes into the streets to invite all to seek her. In today's first reading, she has built a house and invites those who lack understanding to join in a sumptuous banquet. The dinner guest is to forsake foolishness, the opposite of Wisdom, so as to live. In Proverbs, true living consists of fearing and worshipping God, which leads to wealth, family and good reputation.

The Gospel today begins by repeating last Sunday's final verse, verse 51. "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world".

Like the Wisdom woman in the first reading, Jesus offers an invitation to fullness of life. But his invitation today is met with skepticism and misunderstanding. Jesus makes a remarkable statement in today's passage from John: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life" (John 6:54).

In the Old Testament, "wisdom" refers not simply to intellectual attainment – the acquiring of knowledge – but to a life lived in accord with God's will for human beings. The figure of "Lady Wisdom" depicts this sort of life as supremely attractive and supremely rewarding. Here she offers a rich banquet to those who would answer her invitation. To share in the feast of Lady Wisdom is to learn how to live wisely. We find the same idea reflected in the Letter to the Ephesians who are exhorted to live "not as foolish persons but as wise".

For Christians, the Eucharist is Wisdom's feast, where we learn to forsake the foolishness of trying to live without God. We listen to God's wisdom proclaimed in scripture, and then we receive as food the flesh and blood of God's Word, Jesus, so that we may grow in understanding and wisdom.

In thinking about the Eucharist as Wisdom's feast, we must remember that wisdom is not the same thing as information. Today we have lots of information, but perhaps not so much wisdom. In the Eucharist, we do not acquire new information about God, but we draw the reality of God within ourselves – communion - so that we might begin to live in a new way – that way of living that Jesus calls "eternal life".

*Father Casey*

*Welcome to the newest members  
of our IHM Parish*

**Mr. & Mrs. Alex Kramer**

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b (122B)
- 2) Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32
- 3) John 6:60-69



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.



**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](mailto: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

*"Finding peace after loss is not about getting over it, but learning to carry grief as a testament to the love that never end"*



St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, Glenside, PA is hosting a Friends of the Poor Walk on Saturday, 9/21/2024, 9AM. (rain date 9/28)

Please meet us in the church parking lot for a 1 mile walk to raise awareness and funds to assist our neighbors in need. Sign up and donate.

Call 215-280-6351 or 215-519-2069 for more information or to sponsor the event.

**SAVE THE DATES**

The IHM Home & School Association is in the process of planning the Fall Festival for September 28 and the Christmas Bazaar for November 23.

Mark your calendar and look for more information in the coming weeks.

In the meantime continue to enjoy the rest of the Summer!!

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



**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**

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



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 24, 2024**  
**(celebrants are subject to change)**

**Saturday, August 23, 2024**

**Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Casey**

**Sunday, August 24, 2024**

**7:30 am – Fr. Quan**

**9:30 am - Fr. Casey \*\*Deacon Sam Preaching**  
**11:30 am Fr. Quan**

### PREP Registration Fall of 2024

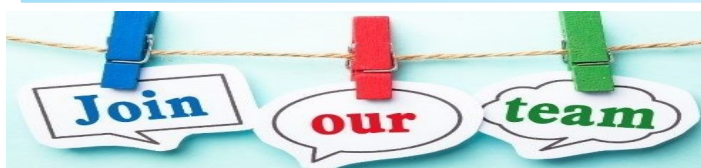
PREP Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 PREP year.

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](mailto:mking@iheart.org) for information.

**\*\*Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 17, 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.

**\*\*This is a new date from the original date of September 10.  
Please make a note of this date change.**



**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](mailto:Principalfoley@iheartmary.org).



*On Saturday, September 7, 2024, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting **BINGO** in Father Sullivan Hall.*

*Doors open at 1 PM with the first game starting around 1:30 PM.*


*Come and join the Knights for a fun filled afternoon.*

*You could be a winner!!*

- Bingo games and prizes**
- Basket of Cheer**
- 50/50 tickets**
- Refreshment for purchase**

Sunday Offering Week of August 4, 2024	
Envelopes	\$ 10,032.00
Loose	<u>899.00</u>
	\$ 10,931.00
# of envelopes –	429
Average -	23.39
<i>Thank you for your continued generosity.</i>	


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

**Gerald Stockmal** 

**ROSES** are still available for 2024 for the following weeks. In the **Church** the week of December 15  
In the **Chapel** Week of: November 17, December 8  
If you would like to request a rose call the Parish Office 215-483-1000.

**The next casserole pickup for St. John's Hospice is on Wednesday, September 4 at 9 am.**

**Casseroles**



## 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](mailto:sidneyj@macleod.com)*

**Ministry of the Eucharist:** *Mary Ann Kostic-King, [mking@iheartmary.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 Next pick up is June 5 @ 9am.*

### 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 @ 7:30pm 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.*