



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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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 (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**

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 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.

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 20, 2023

SAT.	19	5:15 pm	Thomas & Nancy Plover
SUN.	20	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Alice Keough Helen Cahill
MON.	21	8:30	Krista Harron-Spera 8th Anniversary
TUES.	22	8:30	Mary M. Monaghan
WED.	23	8:30	Prachtel & Ormsby Families
THURS.	24	8:30	Caroline Bochenek
FRI.	25	8:30	Joe Sr. & Joe Jr. Swider
SAT.	26	8:00 5:15 pm	Rose Rudolph Robert & Virginia Jefford
SUN	27	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Shane Montgomery Deacon George W. Kletzel, Jr. 51st Wedding Anniversary

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



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, Joseph Donnelly, Marie Dunne, Barbara Dzedzic, 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.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of August 21 to August 27



is for a
Special Intention
requested by Mary Salvatore.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Patricia Dolan



ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Donna Bonacci requested by her loving sister, Laura.



The rose place in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Krista Harron Spera-8th Anniversary requested by The Harron Family & Will Spera.

Pastor's Page

In a world in which those who are perceived as different seem to be at greater risk, God invites us to break down the boundaries that separate us from others. The Canaanite woman of today's Gospel is desperate for the healing of her daughter. She breaks through very stringent social and political barriers, even challenging Jesus himself as she seeks relief for her child.

Finding no welcome in his own neighborhood, Jesus took a detour into gentile territory. He was confronted by a Canaanite woman. When she begged him to heal her daughter, Jesus balked at the idea since his mission was to his own people. In fact, he sounds downright rude. First Jesus pretends not to hear her at all, refusing to answer her plea. But she persists. His next response is to tell her in no uncertain terms that she is a gentile and thus falls outside the scope of his mission to the Israelites. He even uses an illustration that likens Israelites to "children" and gentiles like her to "dogs". Jesus' response while shocking to us would be standard procedure for any practicing Jew who heard or read this story. First of all she was a woman and secondly a gentile.

Referring to the woman as a dog is a dishonoring and shameful reference. In Jesus' world the dog was not the beloved pet or protector it is today. It was certainly not "man's best friend." It was considered little more than a rodent. Usually dogs were wild, and even when they were domesticated they were essentially scavengers. The word "dog" was used by Jews as a term of contempt for gentiles.

Even after this, rebuffed and insulted, she still will not go away. Instead she replies with wit and humility, "Yes Lord, but even the dogs get to eat the scraps that fall to the floor from the children's table." And with that clever reply, he commends the woman for her great faith and heals her daughter. What lesson could this story hold for us today.

First we must affirm the full humanity of Jesus, as well as his full divinity. His actions may be the result of a man who was either frustrated or simply exhausted. Yes, full human. If we read the context of what went before, we learn that Jesus had just been rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. Heartbreak. And then he learned that his prophetic forerunner and cousin John the Baptist had been beheaded.

In the region of Tyre and Sidon, Jesus broke down a major barrier between his own people, the Jews, and the rest of the world. We must remember that Matthew's Gospel was written primarily for a Jewish-Christian audience. The lesson would be with Jesus giving the direction, that God's love was not restricted to the people of Israel only, nor was Jesus' coming as the Messiah intended for Israel only. The "great commission" with which Matthew's Gospel concludes has Jesus sending his followers to make disciples of "all nations". Quite a change from being sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

We see the irony in the process. It was the Canaanite woman who calls Jesus "Lord" when his own town rejected him. This passage shows how strong is the woman's faith in the face of discouragement and obstacle. Her strong faith stands as a judgement against the lack of faith and response on the part of the Israelites around Jesus. As we listen to God's holy word today, let us examine the artificial boundaries that we sometimes set, and listen for God's challenge to break them down.

Father Casey

Clergy Schedule for Sunday, August 27, 2023 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, August 26, 2023

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Casey

Sunday, August 27, 2023

7:30 am – Fr. Bransfield

9:30 am – Fr. James

11:30 am – Fr. Quan

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Isaiah 22:19-23 (121A)
- 2) Romans 11:33-36
- 3) Matthew 16:13-20



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.





JOIN US FOR A
BEEF & BEER
IHM CYO FUNDRAISER

**SAT
23
SEPT**

**7PM-
10PM**

IHM FATHER SULLIVAN HALL

FOOD - MUSIC - 50/50 - RAFFLES

\$25 per person
Money raised will go toward improvements to
the gym bathrooms

Contact Mary Vukas at vuka519@comcast.net

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

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!!!



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

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.

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.



Sunday Offering Week of August 6, 2023

Envelopes \$ 10,355.00
Loose 960.00
\$11,315.00

of envelopes – 466
Average - 22.23

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!

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/>.

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.

The next meetings of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall August 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., 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, pjcaruso45@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*

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 ssscrip@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
Pregnancy Hotline 610-626-4006 or Pro Life Union 215-855-8150*