



**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

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 25, 2024

SAT.	24	5:15 pm	Theodore Stefanski
SUN.	25	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Shane Montgomery Joseph Wolek
MON.	26	8:30	Frank Malvestuto
TUES.	27	8:30	Rita Higgins
WED.	28	8:30	John Ferrero
THUR	29	8:30	Frank Malvestuto
FRI.	30	8:30	John "Jackie" Mc Elroy
SAT.	31	8:00 5:15 pm	Sophia Sette Thomas & Nancy Plover
SUN	1	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Kazia Napiwacki & Son Roberta Mowrey-Bracey

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

The names on the Sick List will remain until October 6, 2024. A new list will begin on October 13 and the names will remain on the list for 6 weeks. After that time if you would like the name to remain you need to call the office 215-483-1000 or email: ihmparish@comcast.net.

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 Castellante-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, Michael DeLong, 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.

ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of
Thomas J. Herron, Jr.
requested by
his wife, Kathleen and son, Thomas.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
Michael Costello
requested by
Pat Cherry.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Anthony DiCenzo



The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of August 26 to September 1
Mary Gavula
is for a
requested by her son Joe Gavula.



Pastor's Page

This Sunday we have the last installment of readings from John's Gospel, Chapter 6, centering on the Eucharist. The theme for this week will highlight the necessity of commitment. We are called to respond to Jesus' invitation to join him and make a commitment to following him.

The first reading from the Old Testament today sees Joshua, the successor to Moses giving a speech to the Hebrews after they have been established in the Promised Land. Joshua in this scene is preparing to die. He begs his people never to forget the one God who has done so much for them, and he warns them of the consequences if they do forget. The Israelites renew the covenant at a place called Shechem.

Joshua calls on the Chosen People to make a decision, to commit themselves or to recommit. It is taken for granted that they will serve some god. Joshua announces his own decision: He and his household will serve the Lord. All the rest of the men in authority over Israel wholeheartedly agree. They decide based on their experience with the Lord who freed them from Egyptian slavery, performed wonders and protected them. We too, need to experience God in some way if we are to serve him. A commitment of deeds as well as words is important. We too, need to experience God in some way if we are to serve him.

Each person has to decide what his way of life will be. Joshua asks the Israelites which God they will serve. Jesus asks the disciples if they too, will go away. God often asks hard things of us. It is better to endure difficulties, even crushing ones, with the Lord, than to enjoy the fleeting happiness of a life without Jesus. Those who are close to the Lord retain a peace and joy even while suffering. We also understand God's promise to deliver us in light of Christ and our own resurrection.

In today's passage from John chapter 6, Jesus talks about "flesh" and "spirit". The truth about the Eucharist that Our Lord reveals is not a natural truth that reason can grasp (like honor your father and mother), but a supernatural truth that can only be known if it is revealed. In addition, we need the grace of Christ to assent or to give our belief to it. In the case of the faithful apostles, this grace seems to come from their personal encounter with Jesus. They trusted our Lord, so they could believe the words he spoke.

In his Encyclical, *Evangelii Gaudium*, "The Joy of the Gospel", Pope Francis wrote: "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day". Pope Francis is certainly echoing Joshua to make a commitment and it begins with personally opening ourselves up and encountering Jesus.

We can encounter Christ in many ways if we are looking for him. Let Peter's response be ours: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Father Casey

Visits to the Sick

We are in the process of gathering the names of parishioners who due to illness or age or mobility are not able to make Mass on a regular basis. If you are in need or you know someone who would like to receive the Eucharist at their home, please contact Denise Schmidt, the parish secretary during business hours with their information. We will be setting up visits by our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 (125B)
- 2) James 1:17-18, 21b-22-27
- 3) Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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.

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.

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Monday, October 14.

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

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



Immaculate Heart of Mary School is in need of 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

*God's blessings
to the newly baptized children in the
Catholic faith
Angelo Louis Antonucci*

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**

PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE AT IHM

Our maintenance department has an opening for a part-time custodian.

Hours will be Monday through Friday from 12:30 to 4 pm.

Interested candidates should contact Gene Martino at 215-483-1000 or email: ihmparish@comcast.net

**TRUE PEACE COMES
FROM KNOWING
THAT GOD IS IN
CONTROL.**

- UNKNOWN



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.

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

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

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@iheartmary.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.**

The **MASS BOOK** for **2025** will open on **September 23, 2024.** Since our staff is limited and we have no big space to hold the opening like in past years you may do the following.

1. Mail in your request
2. Email your request to denise-schmidt@comcast.net
3. Put your request in the collection basket
4. Put them in the mail slot at the Rectory Office door.
5. Call the Rectory between the hours of 10 am to 2 pm only on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesdays 12 to 2 pm.

Make sure you have alternate dates as you may not get your first choice. Make all request to the attention of Denise Schmidt,

The Roses and Sanctuary Light are also available for 2025.

The 2024 books are all filled.

Stipends for Masses are \$10, Roses are \$15 and Sanctuary Lights are \$20.



*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 11 2024

Envelopes	\$	9,590.35
Loose		<u>861.00</u>
	\$	10,451.35

of envelopes – 412
Average - 23.28

Mission Sunday \$2,912.00
Assumption \$3,084.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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!

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