



## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 27, 2023

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>26</b>	5:15 pm	Robert & Virginia Jefford
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>27</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Shane Montgomery Deacon George W. Kletzel, Jr. 51st Wedding Anniversary
<b>MON.</b>	<b>28</b>	8:30	John Ferrero
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>29</b>	8:30	John "Jackie" Mc Elroy
<b>WED.</b>	<b>30</b>	8:30	Bill Weiss
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>31</b>	8:30	Rita Higgins
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>1</b>	8:30	Kazia Napiwocki & Son
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>2</b>	8:00 5:15 pm	Doris Zurcola Roman & Helen Cupchak & Deceased Family Members
<b>SUN</b>	<b>3</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners The D'Angelo Family Edward Lenox

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**  
for the week of August 28 to September 3

is in loving memory of

John Ferrero

requested by Pauline Polek.



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



### ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of  
Deacon George W. Kletzel, Jr.

51st Wedding Anniversary  
requested by his wife, Pat.



The rose place in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of  
Michael "Mike" Shiel  
requested by  
Teresa.



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

## Pastor's Page

We are Christians because we chose to follow Jesus Christ. As we listen to the readings today, especially today's passage from Matthew, it is good for us to reflect on who Christ is for us, just as he asks the disciples that question. The YOU can be singular and plural. "Who do YOU say that I am."

Peter's confession of faith begins as a dialogue between Jesus and the disciples. It takes place near Caesarea Philippi in northern Palestine and marks the initial step of the journey that will result in Jesus' passion and death in Jerusalem. When Jesus wants to know what the popular opinions are regarding his possible identity, the disciples list a number of possibilities.

Herod Antipas thought that he was John the Baptist come back to life. Elijah was mentioned. It was Jewish belief that the return of Elijah was expected to accompany the coming of God's kingdom. Jeremiah is mentioned. Jesus then asks for the disciples' own assessment. As is often the case in this section of Matthew's gospel, Peter appears as the spokesman for the group and he proclaims Jesus to be the Messiah. Messiah is a Hebrew word that means 'the anointed one'. The Greek translation of 'Messiah' is Christos. Peter's confession of Jesus as the Messiah reflects the disciples' hope that Jesus would deliver Israel from its enemies and establish God's Kingdom on earth.

The blessing in verse 17 declares that Peter's confession was a revelation from God and verse 18 promises that Peter is the rock on which the Christian community will be built after Jesus' death and resurrection. No power opposed to God will be able to destroy that community. His exercise of the power to bind and loose will be confirmed by God.

At many points in his life, Peter seemed weak in character, overly emotional and unpredictable. Yet, Peter was Jesus' choice as the rock on which he would build his church. It is not because of our own merits that we are called to serve but because of what God can do with our willingness and faithfulness. During our journey of faith, we gradually become formed into the image of Christ. It is a lifelong journey. Because of his faith, Peter is given great responsibility. As we listen to today's readings perhaps we will hear God challenging us too. What is God calling us to do, as we live out our calling as Christians? Let us pray today for the grace to live up to the name of Christ with which we identify ourselves.

Each time we gather together at Mass, we listen to the Word of the Lord. We are fed at the table of the Lord. We grow in knowledge of the Lord and are sustained in the Lord's mission. The goal is to deepen that relationship. We become a part of something much larger than ourselves, for we are a part of a parish community, of a diocese, of the whole church, indeed the body of Christ.

*Father Casey*

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

**Mrs. Frances Cowgill  
Mr. & Mrs. David Hand**

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Jeremiah 20:7-9 (85):3-5
- 2) Romans 12:1-2
- 3) Matthew 16:21-27



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.



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

**Ana Clarisa Iraci**





The Parish Office will be closing on Friday, September 1, at 1pm and will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

The Catholic Parishes of Manayunk, East Falls and Andorra will present the Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program for engaged couples on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023** in Father Sullivan Hall, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 819 E. Cathedral Road.

The day begins with registration at 9:00 AM and concludes with attendance at the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass. Continental breakfast and lunch are provided. Certificates are distributed after Mass. Cost is \$100.00 per couple.

To register, please call Holy Family Rectory, 215-482-0450, Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 3 PM.



**John W. Hallahan**  
CATHOLIC GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

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](mailto: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. In order to have a name added to the plaque a full donation is needed.

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.  
215-483-1000.

*Thank you*

### Roman Catholic High School Class of 1973 50th Year Reunion

When: Saturday, October 14th, 2023 7-11 PM  
Where: Venetian Social Club  
8030 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA  
Cost: \$125.00 per classmate, \$100.00 per significant other  
Includes: A dinner buffet, 2 hours of open bar, & each classmate receives a commemorative Roman Catholic golf shirt  
Deadline: Ticket must be ordered by Sept. 7, 2023  
Payment: Make checks payable to Andy Sontag 3316 Ainslie St Philadelphia, PA 19128 or through  
WWTS://RomanCatholic.com/alumni/reunions  
(specify that it is for the Class of 1973 Reunion)  
Questions: Bob Climaldi [rcimaldi@gmail.com](mailto:rcimaldi@gmail.com)

School has begun for some of our high school and college students. Keep them in your prayers as they begin a new school year.

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.

**Sunday Offering Week of August 13, 2023**

**Envelopes \$ 10,108.00**  
**Loose 990.00**  
**\$11,098.00**

**# of envelopes – 515**  
**Average - 19.63**

***Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity***

**Feast of Assumption \$2,690.75**

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!*

**VENDORS WANTED**

On Saturday, September 30, 2023 IHM Home and School will be holding our second annual Fall Festival. This event will take place in the IHM Parking Lot from 11 am to 3 pm. Based on some feedback from last year's event, we are looking to have vendors this year. If you are unfamiliar with this event, we will have bounce houses, pony rides, face painting, food trucks, a DJ, games and more.

There will be no charge for vendor spaces at this event. You will need to provide your own table. You will also be responsible for your own tent/canopy if you feel it is necessary.

If you are interested in this event, please contact:  
[homeandschool@iheartmary.org](mailto:homeandschool@iheartmary.org).

Link for Google Sign Up Form: <https://forms.gle/7MQ4DAzUMv971uwQ6>

If you plan on volunteering for this event be sure you have clearances up to date in the parish office.

If you need help obtaining clearances contact Denise Schmidt, Safe Environment Coordinator: [deniseschmidt@comcast.net](mailto:deniseschmidt@comcast.net).

**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!!!**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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, [pjcaruso45@yahoo.com](mailto:pjcaruso45@yahoo.com)

### SOCIAL OUTREACH

**CYO**: High School and Grade School—Bill Hannigan  
[athleticdirector.ihm@gmail.com](mailto:athleticdirector.ihm@gmail.com)

**Boy Scouts**: email: [scouttroop474@yahoo.com](mailto:scouttroop474@yahoo.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

### 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.**