



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

815 E. Cathedral Road
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215-482-2029
Website: iheartmary.org

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 is Monday, September 12 at 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 28, 2022

SAT.	27	5:15 p.m.	Robert G. Reed, Sr. & Helen Reed
SUN.	28	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Shane Montgomery Deacon George W. Kletzel, Jr.
MON.	29	8:30	Can Pham
TUES.	30	8:30	Bill Weiss
WED.	31	8:30	John "Jackie" Mc Elroy
THURS.	1	8:30	Phung Vuong
FRI.	2	8:30	Phung Vuong
SAT.	3	8:00 5:15 pm	Kazia Napiwocki & Son Jerry Hefter
SUN	4	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Mike Messina 11 yr. Anniversary & Rosina Messina 9 yr. Anniversary Carmen "Charles" Tramo

*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, 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, Barbara Freiling, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Helen Golbeski, Kelly Gruninger, Bernadette Harwick, Brenden Heyer, Don Holt, Sheila 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, Carol Ann Lott, 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, Nicole Powlus, Kathy Pro, Tom Przybek, Karen Pulcinella, Connie Quigley, John Quirus, Clara Ragni, Junie Rakosak, Harper Renshaw, John Reynolds, Joel Rivera, Domiciano Gallego-Ruiz, 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.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of August 29 - September 4 is in loving memory of Deacon George W. Kletzel, Jr. 50th Wedding Anniversary requested by his wife, Pat.



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 Deacon George W. Kletzel, Jr. 50th Wedding Anniversary requested by his wife, Pat.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Sara Quinn requested by the IHM Choir Members



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

***Gerardo "Jerry" Papíro
Joe Pro, Mary Monaghan***



Pastor's Page

The key word that can sum up the thrust of our scripture readings this Sunday is 'Humility'. In fact we can expand the teaching today with three other words that begin with H: Honesty, Happiness and Hospitality.

The Old Testament passage today is from the Book of Sirach. Sirach was composed rather late in the Old Testament period, around 180 BC. It is part of what is called the "deuterocanonical" books or "Apocrypha". This means that from the earliest times Jewish scholars did not include it among the books of Scripture. They did use the book on occasion in worship and for study, but it did not take its place among the sacred books. Sirach has always been included in the Catholic Canon of Scripture, but was not included in the Protestant versions of the Old Testament.

A man named Jesus ben Sirach ran a school for scriptural study and Jewish wisdom in Alexandria and wrote between 200 BC and 175 BC. He wanted to instruct his fellow Jews who were confused by the philosophical questions of the Greeks. He wrote that all wisdom comes from God – not from Greek thought !

Wisdom is found specifically in the teachings of Israel as given by God, and keeping the commandments is the way to wisdom. Greek philosophy and culture were attracting formerly religious Jews who were now forsaking their faith. By blending Israel's history and traditions with more conventional wisdom Ben Sira demonstrates the wisdom of God is far more effective than the philosophy of the Greeks. Humility is honesty, not self-humiliation. Humility and self-knowledge go hand in hand. Both feet are planted on the ground, the Latin 'humus' means "earth, soil, ground". Alms also atones for sins.

The lesson in the first reading sets the stage for the Gospel today. Luke's is a Gospel of reversals. Tax collectors and sinners dine with Jesus. The unjust judge fears a widow who might strike him. The humble tax collector and not the self-righteous Pharisee is justified.

In today's passage those whose status and wealth could assure them of the best seats at the table are told to step back. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted". (Lk 14:11). This is in keeping with the teaching earlier in Luke's Gospel of Jesus himself: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." (Lk 4:18) Self-exaltation must not be sought either openly or secretly. Earlier Jesus had reprimanded his disciples for vying for rank (Lk 9:46-48)

In doing good, we should serve freely, without regard for our own prospects, leaving the recompense to God. This is the way Jesus went about doing good, emptying himself for others without counting the costs. The kingdom is for everyone and our hospitality should embrace all, especially those who are overlooked by people with only selfish motives.

Being humble is simply being truthful about one's gifts and one's limitations. We thank God for giving them to us along with the ability to develop them.

Father Casey

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Wisdom 9:13-18b (129C)
- 2) Philemon 9-10, 12-17
- 3) Luke 14:25-33



The Rectory Office will close at 1PM on, Friday, September 2 and will be closed on Monday, September 5 for the Labor Day Holiday.

On Monday, September 5 (Labor Day) Daily Mass will be held in the Church at 9:00 AM.



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.





THE 2022 PRO-LIFE SUMMER RAFFLE

1ST PRIZE \$5,000
2ND PRIZE \$1,000
3RD PRIZE \$500
4TH PRIZE \$250 (4 prizes)
5TH PRIZE \$100 (5 prizes)

The drawing for this raffle occurs on
Saturday, September 24, 2022
 All proceed benefit the Pro-Life Legal Fund.

For tickets call:
Anne Marie Beaver 215-483-8204

*True Happiness is not found in any other
 reward than that of being united with
 God.*

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

IHM HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION is hosting a
Market Day for all Vendors, Crafters, and Rummage
 Sellers.

DATE: Saturday, September 17, 2022

TIME: 9am to 2pm

WHERE: **Father Sullivan Hall**
Immaculate Heart of Mary School
815 E. Cathedral Road,
Philadelphia PA 19128

Tables are \$25/single or \$40/double

If interested contact the IHM Home and School Association:
homeandschool@iheartmary.org

Breakfast and lunch will be available to purchase.



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



Sunday Offering Week of August 14, 2022

Sunday \$7,301.00
 Loose 365.00
\$7,666.00

of envelopes – 403
 Average – 18.12

Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity

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.



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!

Mount Saint Joseph Academy

Join us for our annual fall Open House on Sunday, October 2, from 10am to 1pm!

Learn how a mission-driven education and the bonds of sisterhood fuel meaningful learning at the Mount. Tour our campus with a student tour guide, attend an information session, learn about dynamic academics and student life, and meet our experienced faculty, staff, and coaches. Prospective families in grades 5-8 may register today at msjacad.org/openhouse.

Apply today for the Class of 2027 at msjacad.org/apply! Applications are due by October 7.

Scholarships/Entrance Exams will be offered on October 8 and October 9.

Contact the Admissions Team at admiss@msjacad.org or (215) 233-9133 with any questions.

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.

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.

The date we have for the Protecting God's Children Class here at IHM is Tuesday, September 27 @ 6:30pm. 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. There are classes available also through zoom.

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*