



### 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**

### **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**819 E. Cathedral Road  
Philadelphia, PA 19128  
215-483-1000, Fax: 215-483-1732  
Website: ihmphila.org**

### **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL**

**815 E. Cathedral Road  
Philadelphia, PA 19128  
215-482-2029  
Website: iheartmary.org**

*Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor*

*Rev. Quan H. Tran, Parochial Vicar*

*Rev. Sean P. Bransfield, in Residence*

*Deacon Salvatore R. Bianco*

### 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 4, 2024

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>3</b>	5:15 pm	Joan A. Reed
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>4</b>	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	Leah Kathleen Mc Gettigan
		11:30	Elizabeth Mc Andrews
<b>MON.</b>	<b>5</b>	8:30	Memorial Fund
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>6</b>	8:30	Tuat Thi Ta
<b>WED.</b>	<b>7</b>	8:30	Ernest "Pete" Di Benedetto
<b>THUR</b>	<b>8</b>	8:30	Wajda & Stephens Family
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>9</b>	8:30	John Cupo
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>10</b>	8:00	Paula Moran Linehan
		5:15 pm	In Honor of the Blessed Mother
<b>SUN</b>	<b>11</b>	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	Edith & James Myers
		11:30	Carl Sokolski

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

### ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of  
Ernest "Pete" Di Benedetto  
requested by  
Janice Di Benedetto.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of  
Mary & Walter Joka  
requested by  
their daughter, Regina Joka.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**  
for the week of August 5 to August 11  
is in loving memory of  
Ernest "Pete" Di Benedetto  
requested by  
Janice Di Benedetto.



***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, Anne Headly, Brenden Heyer, Fay Holder, Sheilah Janes, Frances Jefferys, Regina Joka, Steve Jones, Chris Kane, Deborah Kapp, Keith Kelly, Marek Kijek, 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

This Sunday we continue the Gospel readings from John's 6th Chapter. It is in this chapter that we see very clearly the teaching that Jesus is the Bread of Life.

We are nourished each Sunday when we come to Mass. We are nourished by the Word of God and we are nourished by the Eucharistic Meal. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals himself to be the Bread of Life, the source of everlasting sustenance.

The Gospel of John uses different styles of speech than those found in the synoptic Gospels. A distinctive feature of John's Gospel is the use of what are called the "I AM" sayings. These sayings are somewhat like similes in that they compare Jesus to another reality. Recall that the name for God in the Old Testament revered by the Hebrews was Yahweh and that the translation of the name is "I Am Who Am". This is the very definition of the verb to be. It is existence in itself.

In John's gospel, Jesus often begins his teachings with the words, "I am". Scholars tell us that John intended for such references to show a direct relationship between Jesus and Yahweh. That is, the "I am" sayings signal Jesus' divinity as the Son of God. This is something we take for granted as a matter of faith of course.

There are seven "I am" sayings that appear in the Gospel of John. Notice the number seven is probably significant. The number seven in the bible denotes something that is finished or complete. The Seven Sacraments would be an example. A listing of the I am statements:

- I am the Bread of Life (6:35-40)
- I am the Light of the World (8:12)
- I am the Gate (10:7-10)
- I am the Good Shepherd (10:11-18)
- I am the Resurrection and the Life (11:17-27)
- I am the Way and the Truth and the Life (14:1-7)
- I am the True Vine (15:1-11)

This section of John's gospel is an introduction to the longer discourse or speech later in chapter six. The crowd that had been satisfied with the miraculous multiplication of the loaves and fishes goes in search of Jesus. Jesus warns them not to seek food that perishes. They are to seek the food that will last into eternal life. Jesus himself is that bread. We need to seek that food that will endure for eternal life.

I would suggest that you read the entire Chapter 6 of John's Gospel sometime during this month to prepare to hear the Word proclaimed during the Eucharistic Liturgy.

*Fr. Casey*

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

*Lois Baj*



### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) 1Kings 19:4-8 (116B)
- 2) Ephesians 4:30-5:2
- 3) John 6:41-51



We are in need of **altar servers!** If you received the sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion, are a member of IHM Parish and are in the fifth grade and above, please contact Mrs. Schmidt in the parish office. (215-483-1000)

**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.**



**UPCOMING GOLDEN AGE BUS TRIP  
AUGUST 7**

If you are planning on going to the Golden Age trip on August 7th to see the Patsy Cline Show please park on the street and not in our parking lot as Summer Camp is still going on and the children will be playing in the parking lot. The bus will be picking you up in front of the Church.

Thank you.

**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 5 & 26, September 16 & October 7**

*All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.*

*Providing Help & Hope to Neighbors in Need!*

**Father Sullivan Hall will be closed for all activities beginning August 9th so our maintenance staff can prepare it for the coming school year.**

**Sunday Offering Week of July 21, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 9,759.00  
Loose 830.00  
\$10,589.00

# of envelopes – 410  
Average - 23.81

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

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



**Do You Really Know that Jesus is alive in the Holy Eucharist?**

Join parishioners in a 5-week retreat to explore the Real Live Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, using **Matthew Kelly's book: 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory**

This is an invitation to deepen your awareness of the grace in this Sacrament.

There is a 15-minute reading per day that can be done at home.

**The August 6 discussion meeting will be held in Father Sullivan Hall at 7 pm.**

**The August 13 meeting will be held in the Parish Office Conference Room at 7 PM.**



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.

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

**The second collection for the weekend of August 10 & 11 is for the Mission Appeal .**

Please support the Mission Appeal and pray for them as they bring the message of Jesus to others around the world.

**Envelopes are on the tables at the doorways of the church.**

**Clergy Schedule for Sunday, August 11, 2024**  
**(celebrants are subject to change)**

**Saturday, August 10, 2024**

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

**Sunday, August 11, 2024**

**7:30 am – Fr. Bransfield  
9:30 am - Missionary Priest  
11:30 am Fr. Quan**

## ROSES

There are still roses available in the Church for the following dates:

Week of August 25, September 1, 8 & 22.  
November 17, December 8 & 15

In the Chapel Week of: August 25,  
September 1, 15 & 22, October 6, 13,  
November 3, 10, 17, 24, December 8, 15 &  
29.

If you would like to request a rose call the Parish Office 215-483-1000.

### Ninth Annual Padre Pio Festival St. Bede the Venerable Parish September 14-15, 2024

Saint Bede the Venerable Church, located in Holland, PA., (Bucks County, Northampton Township), welcomes all to its Ninth Annual Festival to honor St. Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as "Padre Pio," on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14 and 15. 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 Sept. 15, **12:30pm Solemn Mass** will be extra special this year, as it will be celebrated by **Fr. Pio Mandato**. 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](http://padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com), or call the St. Bede parish office at 215-357-5720.



The next casserole pickup for  
St. John's Hospice is on  
Wednesday, August 7, at 9 am.

Welcome to the newest members  
of our IHM Parish

**Mr. & Mrs. Dylan Watson**  
**Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Yeoll**  
**Mr. & Mrs. Edward Malandro**

Calling all Roman and Hallahan Alumni!  
Please join us for:

## DAY AT THE BAY



**THE PARTY WITH A PURPOSE!**

Saturday, August 10, 2024  
from 2:00pm-7:00pm at the

## SEAPORT PIER

in North Wildwood, NJ

Cost is \$30 per person in advance, \$40 at the door.  
Includes beer specials, food and music.  
Must be 21 to attend

[www.RomanCatholicHS.com/DayAtTheBay](http://www.RomanCatholicHS.com/DayAtTheBay)

## 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, [Musicfe5@gmail.com](mailto:Musicfe5@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.*