



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY 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 6, 2023

SAT.	5	5:15 pm	Eugene Mc Cormick
SUN.	6	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners James & Mary Curtin Nancy Wood 11th Anniversary
MON.	7	8:30	Ernest "Pete" D Benedetto
TUES.	8	8:30	Marianne Klusek
WED.	9	8:30	Carl Sokolski
THURS.	10	8:30	Binh Nguyen
FRI.	11	8:30	Carl Sokolski
SAT.	12	8:00 5:15 pm	Bertha Imisenik Earl Carr
SUN	13	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Anna Di Benedetto Nancy Wood Elizabeth Ann Mc Andrews

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Joan DeMalto



The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of August 7 to August 13
is in loving memory of
Anna Di Benedetto
requested by her children.



ROSES

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



The rose place in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
Carl Sokolski
requested by his wife, Mary Sokolski.



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, Brooke Conklin, Quint Cuffe, Earl Dandridge, David Daniels, Taylor Davis, Marano Donald D'Angelo, Nancy Di John, Madeline DiPasquale, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Beth Donnelly, 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, Anne Roberts, 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.

Pastor's Page

It is unusual when the Ordinary Sunday is surpassed in the liturgical order of celebration by a Feast but the Transfiguration is one of those Feasts. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration remembering the day when Jesus was transfigured before the eyes of his closest disciples. On that day, our Lord's glory shown through him like the sun, his whole being shining with light. We recall that on the first day of creation, God transformed the world with light. Today we join Peter, James and John on the holy mountain, where Jesus who dwells within us, transforms every darkness in our lives.

The Transfiguration is one of the important events that is detailed in each of the Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Luke, Matthew). There are elements that are common to each of the Gospels but also some differences. These are the elements that are common to all three: Jesus takes Peter, James and John up onto a mountain. While there Jesus is transformed in some manner and his clothes become gleaming white. The three disciples see Moses and Elijah talking to Jesus. Peter speaks up and suggests three booths be built, one for each of Jesus, Moses and Elijah. Then a cloud overshadows the group. The voice of God emanates from the cloud, proclaiming that Jesus is his son. "Listen to him" it bellows. Then Moses and Elijah disappear.

The core message of the text is that Jesus is a true prophet like Moses or Elijah yet as the Son of God, he is superior to them and his words carry even more weight. Today we hear Matthew's account. We see an act of reverence by the disciples. They fall on their faces, filled with awe. Then another detail unique to Matthew. Jesus approaches them and touches them saying, "Rise, and have no fear" (17:7) Only Matthew notes Jesus "face shown like the sun". For Matthew it seems his intent is to highlight Jesus identify, especially as the new Moses. Related to this we also see the harmonization of the voice from the cloud at the transfiguration with the voice from heaven at Jesus' Baptism.

We need to realize the Transfiguration is a preview of the Resurrection story. For example, Christ's shining garments are similar to the "dazzling clothing" worn by the angels standing outside the tomb. Despite these parallels it should be noted that the resurrected Jesus does not look like the transfigured Christ (he is mistaken for the gardener for example.)

The Transfiguration stands as a confirmation of Christ's status as prophet, messiah and Son of God. It is a revelation that the Kingdom of God has in some sense, arrived. It looks back to Peter's Confession and to the Lord's double prediction of his own Passion and his Disciples persecution. But it also looks forward to the resurrection of Christ and the glorification of the saints. The entire episode is built atop a mound of allusions to the Old Testament – especially to the ministry of Moses.

Our world has always been in need of transformation, and these days that need seems to be great. Jesus gives us that first step. Let us be as Peter says, a lamp shining in a dark place", shining the light of God into those dark spaces of our lives.

Father Casey

Clergy Schedule for Sunday, August 13, 2023 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, August 12, 2023

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Casey

Sunday, August 13, 2023

7:30 am – Fr. Quan
9:30 am – Fr. Bransfield
11:30 am – Fr. Casey

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) 1Kings 19:9a, 11-3a (115A)
- 2) Romans 9:1-5
- 3) Matthew 14:22-33



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.



Volunteers are an essential part of St. John's Hospice daily operation. Without them, we wouldn't be able to carry out our mission of helping those less fortunate in the great city of Philadelphia. We are currently in need of more volunteers on a regular basis to help serve during our mealtime programs. Lunch is served Monday through Friday from 11 am to 1 pm and our dinner program is Monday through Friday from 4 pm to 6 pm. We hope to have you come and spend some time with us to help out and truly see just how special Saint John's really is.

To learn more about our programs or sign up to volunteer, please visit: saintjohnshospice.org/volunteer/how-to

The Golden Age Group is offering 2 trips. One in September to Wind Creek Casino and the other to Pines Dinner Theater in November.

Flyers for both trips are located at all the tables of the door ways.

Don't miss out on the fun, get your reservation in ASAP!!!

CHURCH KNEELER RENOVATION PROJECT

The Church kneelers are repaired and reupholstered. 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.



Help Wanted - Rectory Cook

EATING IS NECESSARY BUT COOKING IS AN ART! Local parish rectory seeks to hire a part-time (2 to 3 days weekly, 3:30 – 6PM, hourly rate) experienced cook who will plan and serve healthy well-balanced meals within a budgeted allowance, shop and keep kitchen stocked and maintain the kitchen and dining areas. To apply email: agoodcook4u@gmail.com.



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

Sunday Offering Week of July 23, 2023

Envelopes \$ 8,843.00
 Loose 858.50
 \$ 9,701.50

of envelopes – 472
 Average - 18.74

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!

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

Mr. & Mrs. Vicente Gomez
Mr. Brendan Barrows

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.



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

Connor Jack Bergholtz
Ruth Elizabeth Quinn

The next meetings of the
 St. Vincent de Paul Society
 will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall
 August 7, 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 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

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