



Luke 12, 32-48

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. 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 TBA.**

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 7, 2022

SAT.	6	5:15 p.m.	Joan A. Reed
SUN.	7	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Deceased Members of the Tomchewsky Family Earl Carr
MON.	8	8:30	Bill Mc Devitt
TUES.	9	8:30	Phung Vuong
WED.	10	8:30	Henry Falicki
THURS.	11	8:30	Carl Sokolski
FRI.	12	8:30	Joyce Lotkowski
SAT.	13	8:00 5:15 pm	Robert J. & Louise Wittman Joseph & Anna Passante
SUN	14	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners In Loving Memory of Anna Di Benedetto Helen Cahill

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of August 8 to August 14
is in loving memory of
Theodore Stefanski
requested by
Chet, Sharon & Family



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
Carl Sokolski
requested by
his wife, Mary Sokolski

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
Megan Mary Donnelly—4th Anniversary
requested by
her family.



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, Alice Asbury, 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, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Helen Golbeski, Kelly Gruninger, Bernadette Harwick, Brenden Heyer, Don Holt, Sheilah 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, 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, Harry Pastella, Luisa Pellicone, Dave Pendleton, Bishop Joseph Pepe, Bill Pinto, Joe Pro, Kathy Pro, Tom Przybek, Karen Pulcinella, Connie Quigley, John Quirus, Clara Ragni, Junie Rakosak, Harper Renshaw, John Reynolds, Joel Rivera, 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.



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**



Pastor's Page

The second reading today is from the Letter to the Hebrews. It is one of the most eloquently written works of the New Testament. Its origin is actually shrouded in mystery. Over the last two thousand years there has been a great deal of inconclusive speculation about its author, place of writing and destination.

Traditionally it has sometimes been attributed to St. Paul, but all modern scholars agree that it is not by St. Paul and it actually originally was not addressed to the "Hebrews". This should not lead us to any negative thoughts about the work however. On the contrary, it is a magnificent work, treasured for centuries in the life of the Church and well worth our effort to read and study it carefully. I would recommend it to your summer spiritual reading.

It is also clearly not a letter, even in the broad category of New Testament letters. It has no letter greeting and is not addressed to any particular church or individual. It is more in the form of a sermon, a written sermon, and it is important as one of the very earliest Christian sermons on record. It combines theological explanation with exhortation to persevere in hope and faith. It is a completely self-contained theology of salvation in Christ.

Hebrews shows us a dimension of early Christianity that is entirely centered on the death of Jesus as the saving act. Secondly, the sermon is important because it shows us more clearly than any other New Testament writing the extent to which the interpretation of the Old Testament played a role in the development of early Christian thought. This is important for the Christian belief in the continuity of salvation history from creation to redemption, but Hebrews illustrates this in a special way. The literary structure of Hebrews intermingles doctrinal teaching and moral exhortation.

In the passage today from Hebrews Chapter 11, the patriarch Abraham is explored as an example of fidelity. Without knowing where he was going, Abraham left his home and followed God's call in order to receive his inheritance. This was in light of "Faith being the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen"

In the Gospel reading from Luke's Gospel, Jesus continues to teach the disciples the appropriate response to possessions in the light of the coming reign of God. "Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" Vs. 34. Earlier Jesus had reminded them to seek the kingdom and now he warns about watchfulness. Early Christians expected that Jesus would return very soon and fully establish God's reign on earth. As the time between the Resurrection and the return lengthened, the vigilance of believers waned.

Jesus' words are still instructive for us. Our time frame of looking at things is not God's time frame of looking at things. Jesus continues to urge us to make ourselves ready for the Master's return, for we do not know when that will happen. Let us continue to be prepared for whenever the appointed hour comes so that we will be eager to meet the Lord.

Father Casey

Weekend Clergy Schedule August 14, 2022 **(celebrants are subject to change)**

Saturday, August 13, 2022

5:15 Vigil - Fr. Casey

Sunday, August 14, 2022

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Bongard

9:30 a.m. - Fr. Bransfield

11:30 a.m. - Fr. Quan

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 (120C)
- 2) Hebrews 12:1-4
- 3) Luke 12:49-53



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.

Calling all Roman and Hallahan Alumni, join us for:

Day at the Bay

Boardwalk Edition!

Join us on August 13, 2022 from 2:00pm-7:00pm at the

SEAPORT PIER

in North Wildwood, NJ

SAVE THE DATE!

Cost is \$30 per person in advance, \$40 at the door.

Includes beer specials, food and music.

Must be 21 to attend

Hallahan Forever



FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:

For more information email:

Hallahan: [Office @hallahanalumnae.net](mailto:Office@hallahanalumnae.net)

Roman: Chuck Taylor: ctayloratromancatholics.com

The next meetings of the St. Vincent dePaul Society will be held in Father Sullivan Hall in the Knights of Columbus Room on:

August 8
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.



IHM VIRTUAL ROSARY

The IHM Virtual Rosary meets every Thursday at 7 PM.

To join the Zoom Meeting go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82774055223>

Meeting ID: 827 7405 5223

Passcode: 392879

For more information about the IHM Virtual Rosary Group contact Armand Vanore at kitwor@comcast.net.



MERION MERCY ACADEMY ANNOUNCES 2ND SEMESTER HONOR ROLL FOR 2021-2022

Grade 10 Distinguished Honors

Christine Link

Grade 12 Honors

Jessica Link

Grade 11 Honors

Annelise Fresta, & Grace Siorek

Grade 10 Honors

Hannah Cramutola



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

Luciana Rose Grady

Sunday Offering Week of July 24, 2022

Sunday \$ 7,732.00

Loose \$ 375.00

\$ 8,107.00

of envelopes – 464

Average– 16.67

Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity

MAINTENANCE POSITION AVAILABLE AT IHM

Our maintenance department has an opening Monday - Friday.

The Summer hours will be full-time from 8 am to 3 pm. In the Fall the hours go down to part-time Monday through Friday from 12:30 - 4 pm.

For more information and details call Richard Strickland at 215-483-1000.

**ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
JOB OPENINGS**

Maintenance Supervisor Position - Full-time, 12 month 6AM - 2PM shift. Candidates should be reliable, self-motivated and possess a familiarity with painting, electric, plumbing, etc.. Must also be able to supervise a team. Experience and attention to detail required.

Custodial Position - Part-time, 12 month shift negotiable. Responsibilities include cleaning of classrooms, bathrooms, corridors, etc. Reliable, self-motivated candidates needed.

Interested individuals should forward their resume to:

**Mrs. Ann Vassallo-Trost @
avassallo@romancatholicshs.com**

Keep a lookout for news from our IHM Home and School Board as they have been working hard this summer to get many activities together for the upcoming school year.

These activities will not only include the school but the entire parish.

More information will follow as they finalize their plans!

**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.

We have requested from the Archdiocese dates to hold the Protecting God's Children Class here at IHM and are waiting for a response. These classes will be listed ASAP.

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*