



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
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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, & 7:00 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**

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 to be announced.** 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—Spring Session TBA.

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
December 1, 2024

SAT.	30	5:15 pm	Joseph Teson
SUN.	1	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Le Bui Luci Bicchieray Birthday
MON.	2	8:30	Memorial Fund
TUES.	3	8:30	Que Anh Maria Ngu
WED.	4	8:30	Elizabeth Barron
THUR	5	8:30	Jack Waldeck
FRI.	6	8:30	Carl Sokolski
SAT.	7	8:00 5:15 pm	Robert Tran Robert G. Reed, Sr. & Helen Reed
SUN	8	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Robert Avington Agnes & Harold Gaughan

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

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

Maria Aduso, Cindi & Lance Bownet, Josie Bucolo, Dolores Buzby, Brooke Conklin, Walter Crate, Helen Cyzio, Maria Downey, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Bernadette Giambuzzi, Lora L. Golasa, James Goussy, Joseph Henkel, Regina Joka, Mary Jo & Paul King, Olga Kostic, Mary Krier, Marianne Leahy, Charles Lott, Patricia Markelewicz, Dominic Matteo, Trudy & Dick Neff, Bill Pinto, Maria Prince, Christine Seymour, & Sierra, David Sparacino, Sr. Mary Thaddeus, Wayne Whitehouse,



We continue to pray for our men & women in the military here and overseas and for all 1st responders.

*God's blessings
to the newly baptized children
In the Catholic faith
Violet Elise Powers
Isabella Elizabeth Powers*

The Annual Fall Appeal letter and census has been mailed. Thank you to all of those parishioners who have already returned their census form and donation. It is most sincerely appreciated as this is the only major Stewardship Appeal for our parish. (Please be sure to return your census with any corrections that need to be made so we can update our records.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of December 2 to December 8



is in loving memory of
Jack Waldeck
requested by Mary & girls.

ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of



John & Rose Rudolph
requested by

John Rudolph, Jr. & Denise Smith.

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of

Bernadette Harwick
requested by her IHM Friends, Students & Collegues.

Sunday Offering Week of November 17, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 6,503.00
Loose	1,326.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	<u>1,365.00</u>
	\$ 9,184.00

of envelopes – 357
Average - \$18.22

To make a **secure contribution** on-line please visit ihmphila.org and click on the Parish Giving Logo.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



Pastor's Page

Advent is traditionally a time of recounting the first coming of Christ some two thousand years ago, when our God chose to dwell among us and ultimately to renew the face of the earth with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit fifty days after the Resurrection of Christ.

The relatively short season of Advent—is an opportunity to draw closer to God and to one another, to listen more readily to God's word in scripture and to partake more willingly in the sacred mysteries of our faith, most especially in the Eucharist as well as the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Perhaps for some it is a time to return to the practice of the faith, handed down from our parents and ancestors, an inheritance of much more value than silver or gold.

Advent combines in a beautiful way, the past, present and future of salvation in Jesus Christ, all of which we are part of as members of Christ's Church.

Advent is traditionally described as a time of hope and expectation, and we need always, especially at Advent, to cultivate the virtue of hope. It is one of the three theological virtues, the other two being faith and love. All three theological virtues are essential in a life of committed Christianity. Faith in fact is the basis of our hope, and love is the greatest expression of both faith and hope. But we can't live our faith without hope, and in doing so we can love. Likewise, there cannot be real love without faith or without hope.

The season of Advent is a sacred time in the Church year when we can especially cultivate our hope in the living God. The entire life of the follower of Christ is a time of conversion, of going to God, dropping that which is not of God, and experiencing to the full the promises made to us as a people who are redeemed in the blood of Christ. In him we are called from the darkness of sin and error to the life of grace and happiness in God's Kingdom.

The readings from the sacred scriptures in the season of Advent, especially the Prophet Isaiah, invite us to relive each year in our personal journey, the long-standing and finally fulfilled hope of a redeemer, whom we Christians and Catholics acknowledge as Jesus Christ.

The Gospel today from Luke focuses on the second coming of Jesus and event in the future. Because we cannot anticipate when this will happen, we need to be prepared at all times. Luke counsels us that "the anxieties of daily life" can easily distract us. This certainly can be true just from all the preparations and obligations we can take on with "the holidays".

The message of Adventide is loud and clear: prepare your hearts, for God is sending a Savior, Emmanuel, a name which means "God is with us." What greater gift could be bestowed? May this Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year, be one of joy for us all, knowing we are making good use of our time and energy for the things of God and receiving the good gifts given to those who are willing to seek first the Kingdom of God.

Father Casey

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Baruch 5:1-9 (6C)
- 2) Philippians 1:4-6,8-11
- 3) Luke 3:1-6



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 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Mass will be in the Chapel at 8:30 am.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

*John Hanrahan, Jr.
Patricia Hanrahan*



Giving Tuesday is coming on December 3, 2024. Immaculate Heart of Mary School is once again joining with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for the 12th Annual #iGiveCatholic campaign. The #iGiveCatholic Giving Day is held annually on Giving Tuesday, a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and generosity.

This will be our 5th Giving Tuesday campaign. Your generosity helped IHM finish in the top 20 of the entire Archdiocese of Philadelphia over the last 4 years. Your support makes a meaningful difference to IHM School students. With your help, we will reach our \$5,000 fundraising goal on the #iGiveCatholic Giving Day! Our donation link can be found on our website at iheartmary.org then to "resources/support us". Donations can also be dropped off to the rectory. Checks can be payable to "Immaculate Heart of Mary School."

As always, thank you for your continued support of our Immaculate Heart of Mary School!

Any questions call 215-482-2029 or email [tuition @iheartmary.org](mailto:tuition@iheartmary.org).



IHM CHERUB CHRISTMAS CHOIR

IHM STUDENTS in grade 3 to 8 are invited to join our Cherub Choir. You will sing at the **CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT 4:00PM**

REHEARSALS IN CHURCH, WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30PM PLEASE CONTACT MS. PFEFFERLE WITH YOU INTEREST. SIGNUPS WILL BE ON 11/26 IN CHURCH

CHURCH KNEELER RESTORATION PROJECT

We are still accepting donations for the **Church Kneeler Restoration Project**. Forms and envelopes are at all the entrances of the Church and Chapel.

The person that you choose to memorialized, their name will be placed on a plaque that will hang in the Church. This is a beautiful way to remember your loved one and support the improvement of our Church.

If you have any questions, please call Denise Schmidt in the Parish Office. 215-483-1000.

New Beginnings II

This group is for widows and widowers who share a common bond to come together in community for the purpose of friendship and social outings. It is open to widows and widowers of all faiths to join together monthly for fun and enjoyment.

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm at St. Helena's Church in Blue Bell, PA in the school cafeteria. Any questions contact Patti Lenox, 215-483-9395

The next casserole pickup for St. John's Hospice is on Wednesday, December 4 at 9 am.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Father Sullivan Hall
Tuesday, December 31, 2024
8:00am to 1:00pm

To schedule an appointment visit:
[Red CrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)
and enter: IHM Parish

There is no better way to start the New Year than by giving the gift of life.

PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE AT IHM

Our maintenance department has an opening for a part-time custodian.

Hours will be Monday through Friday from 12:30-4pm.



Interested candidates should contact Gene Martino at 215-483-1000 or email ihmparish@comcast.net

Welcome to the newest members of our IHM Parish

Rosemary Bryon

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

December 9 & 30, January 20, February 10 & March 3.

All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.

The Giving Tree has been extended to December 15th.

There will be trees at all the doorways of the Church and Chapel along with flyers explaining each organization and their needs.

If you have any questions call Denise Schmidt in the Parish Office 215-483-1000.

Thank you for participating and for your generosity.

May God bless each and everyone of you.



Special Offering

The second collection for next weekend will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

First Sunday of Advent

"STAY AWAKE!"

Loving God, as we begin the sacred season of Advent, be with us, lead and guide us as we do all we can to stay awake and prepare for the birth of Jesus.

Give us the courage, strength and patience to slow down, even just a bit as we wait in joyful hope for the coming our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

CLEANERS NEEDED FOR GOD'S HOUSE

We are looking for a few volunteers to help keep our church clean. It will be dusting, vacuuming the rugs and cleaning the glass doors.

If you are able to clean once a month please contact Denise Schmidt in the Parish Office for details.

Visits to the Sick

We are in the process of gathering the names of parishioners who due to illness or age or mobility are not able to make Mass on a regular basis. If you are in need or you know someone who would like to receive the Eucharist at their home, please contact Denise Schmidt, the parish secretary during business hours with their information. We will be setting up visits by our Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist.

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*
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, Bill King*

SOCIAL OUTREACH

CYO: *High School and Grade School—Christian Hochstuhl ihmcyo.athletic.director@gmail.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 Next pick up is December 4 @ 9am.*

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 215-850-9740.