



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

815 E. Cathedral Road
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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 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 December 11, 2022

SAT.	10	5:15 p.m.	Robert G. Reed, Sr., & Helen Reed
SUN.	11	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Theresa Schmidt Robert Cahill
MON.	12	8:30	Binh Nguyen
TUES.	13	8:30	Patrick Taggart
WED.	14	8:30	Joseph Vu Nguyen
THURS.	15	8:30	Terry Kauffman
FRI.	16	8:30	Mary Joan Blair Robbins
SAT.	17	8:00 5:15 pm	Terry Keough Frances Pfeil
SUN	11	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Robert Avington Catherine Votto

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

ROSES



The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of
Joan Cybularz
requested by her family.

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
Theresa Schmidt
requested by her family.

PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN

Before leaving Church please check your pew and
remove any personal items and bulletins.

Thank you!!

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of December 12 to December 18
is in loving memory of
Diego Burbano
requested by Frances Burbano.



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, Lance Bonnet, Mary Bartsch, Anne Basara, Joan Becker, Josephine Bellace, Wayne Bielawski, Nancy Bright, Daniel Brito, Bill Burrow, Bobby Busch, Dolores Buzby, Lynn Campbell, Mary Rose 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, Bruce Fairchild, Peg Fierko, David Fleetwood, Bill & Dorothy Foster, Kathy Foster, Sydney Franzmann, Barbara Freiling, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Helen Golbeski, Kelly Gruninger, Flora Hart, Bernadette Harwick, Anne Headly, Brenden Heyer, Don Holt, Sheilah Janes, 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, Dorlene Long, 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, John Quirus, Clara Ragni, Junie Rakosak, Harper Renshaw, John Reynolds, Joel Rivera, Tony Ruger, Domiciano Gallego-Ruiz, Anita Russell, Timothy Sager, Jane Sargus, Donna Scharff, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, Mary Ann Shaw, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Luke Simon, Jake Stefano, Baby Caleb St. George, Donna Stine, O.S.F., Felicia Teske, Paul Teske, Edward Thomas, Molly Thompson, Christine Triola, Louise Vesce, 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.

Pastor's Page

Another name for this Third Sunday of Advent is '*Gaudete Sunday*'. The name comes from the 'Introit' or in English, the entrance antiphon. '*Gaudete in Domino Semper...*' ***Rejoice in the Lord Always!*** This exhortation and invitation to worship comes from Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians. (Phil 4:4-5)

"Rejoice in the Lord always, I say it again rejoice!

Everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord is near."

We are about half way through our Advent season. Time is a gift. Originally Advent was a companion season to Lent, lasting 40 days in preparation to celebrate Christmas as we celebrated Easter. However, since the 9th Century it was set at 4 weeks. Today we have the option of rose colored vestments instead of violet to highlight the feeling of joy in preparation for the Christmas feast as well as the second coming of Christ.

The scripture readings today tell us again about a bright future, seemingly a utopia. "Joyful in hope" should be every Christian's theme of life. Christian hope is a strong antidote to despair.

The very poetic reading from Isaiah continues the theme of the Messianic kingdom that we heard about last week. The coming of the Lord is the cause for joy and gladness. This is a poem of joyful hope. "Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication."

We as Christians apply this vision to the future brought about by Jesus. He is the Messiah, God's Anointed One. "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened." The Lord gives sight to the blind. This is our Christian theme of joyful hope, the Lord who comes to be a light to the world. All the Christmas lights we see driving around symbolize this idea!

The question in the Gospel today regarding Jesus is as "the one who is to come". Jesus' answer to John proves his messianic identity by listing the Messiah's deeds in terms of Isaiah. Jesus affirms John's message of repentance before the reign of God.

As we wait in joyful expectation, at the fulfillment of God's reign there will be no division, no disease, no despair, no sorrow, no mourning. This patience, in joyful waiting is the message of the second reading today. James says to be patient, like a farmer waiting for spring. In doing that, you are going to experience many dark, cold nights.

The Eucharistic meal gives us a foretaste of the life to come. For this we offer our great prayer of thanksgiving and praise.

Father Casey



**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.**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Isaiah 7:10-14
- 2) Romans 1:1-7
- 3) Matthew 1:18-24



Weekend Clergy Schedule December 18, 2022
(celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, December 17, 2022

5:15 Vigil - Fr. Casey

Sunday, December 18, 2022

7:30 a.m.— Fr. Bransfield

9:30 a.m.— Fr. Bongard***

11:30 a.m. - Fr. Quan

***Deacon Sam preach

*The next meetings of the
Golden Age Club will be:*

*Monday, December 12th
(Christmas Luncheon)*

CONGRATULATIONS

*To the newly married couple in
God's love*

Mr. & Mrs. Theil Anthony Vivas

The next meetings of the
St. Vincent dePaul Society
will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall
Tuesday, December 13, & Tuesday, January 3
from 7-8:30 pm.

Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

St. John's Hospice is in need of casseroles . The casseroles are picked up on the first Wednesday of the month.

Casserole pans are available at the rectory office.

St. John's Hospice is also in need of toiletries and socks.

If you have any questions call Denise Schmidt
215-483-1000.

The next pick up will be:
Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 9 AM.

*Thank you for your generosity to
St. John's Hospice.*

Casseroles



The IHM Scrip program is a wonderful way to offset your tuition payments!! Scrip is now open to accumulate Scrip Credits for the 22/23 school Year! Buy gift cards from your favorite stores to earn tuition credits for your favorite purchases. Even if you do not have children that attend or will attend IHM, our Scrip Program can donate your rebate to a deserving IHM family or to our IHM Tuition Assistance Fund!

ShopWithScrip has launched a new app for families to order gift cards. This app is for families to use and place orders directly from your phone. The gift cards can also be paid for electronically and shipped to your home for a fee. Even with the app, you can still place physical gift card orders, but this app will allow you to use and order eGift cards as well.

How it works: Your family buys gift cards at face value. Your family earns a percentage on each gift card you buy. Your family uses gift cards at full value for your everyday purchases!

How to get started: Orders can be placed on the Raise Right app, or via email at scscrip@iheartmary.org. **The deadline for orders is every Sunday at 8 pm. Pick up your gift cards on Thursday evenings between 7:00 and 8:00 pm in Father Sullivan Hall. All orders over \$1500 will need to be prepaid in advance.**

Please reach out to scscrip@iheartmary.org with any questions about our Scrip program.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2022

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Confession)

Tuesday, December 20, 2022
6:15 PM to 7:15 PM

MASSSES

Saturday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022
4:00 PM
7:00 PM

Sunday, Christmas Day, December 25, 2022
7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM

Saturday, December 31, 2022
Solemnity of Mary
5:15 PM Vigil

Sunday, January 1, 2023
Solemnity of Mary
7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM

Saturday, January 7, 2023
Epiphany of the Lord
5:15 PM Vigil

Sunday, January 8, 2023
Epiphany of the Lord
7:30, 9:30, 11:30

Confessions and all Masses are in the Church



THE GIVING TREE GIFT COLLECTION

There are trees at all the entrances to our Church and Chapel with tags for the Giving Tree.

A list of the organizations and what color tag goes with each are available on the tables at the doorways of the Church and Chapel.

If there are no tags on the little trees the big tree in the main vestibule of the Church has many.

Do the best you can with your tag. The information on your tag is what they have given to us.

Since there are still many tags left on the trees, we are extending the giving tree until next SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18. ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CHURCH BY 12:30PM.

Any questions call Denise Schmidt in the Rectory Office.

Thank you for participating and for your generosity.

Sunday Offering Week of November 27, 2022

Sunday	\$8,935.00
Loose	<u>590.00</u>
	\$9,525.00

of envelopes – 522
Average– 17.12

Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity

Please help our counters by filling out the amount on your Church envelope and please write clearly. This helps to speed up the process..

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, 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 or kevintinneny@yahoo.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.: *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 @ 7pm 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