



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, January 15 at 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.

Pre-Cana Marriage Prep—Spring 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 December 24, 2023

SAT.	23	5:15 pm	Francis Pfeil
SUN.	24	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	Josephine Spaeder
		11:30	All Deceased Members of the Salvatore, Schneider & Alfieri Families
		4:00pm	Christmas Eve
		7:00 pm	Christmas Eve
MON.	25	7:30	Christmas Day
		9:30	no intentions
		11:30	
TUES.	26	8:30	Binh Nguyen
WED.	27	8:30	Loretta Kusek & Cheryl Ann Boyer
THUR	28	8:30	Rev. Dominic Chiaravalle
FRI.	29	8:30	Pasquale Sciaudone
SAT.	30	8:00	Joseph Wolek
		5:15 pm	John Devenney, Jr. & John Devenney, III
SUN	31	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	Michael A. Delaney
		11:30	Carmella Morrissey

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of December 25 to December 31
is in loving memory of the
Pat, Dorothy, Rose Salvatore &
All Deceased Family Members.
requested by
The Salvatore Family.



ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of the
Deceased Members of the Salvatore, Schneider
& Alfieri Families
requested by the Salvatore Family.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
Anna & Henry Gwiszcz.



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

Theresa Alosi, 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, Ann Colantonio, Brooke Conklin, Ashley Cox, Helen
Cyzio, Quint Cuffe, Earl Dandridge, David Daniels, Taylor
Davis, Nancy Di John, Madeline DiPasquale, Janet Bollinger
Doherty, Joseph Donnelly, Marie Dunne, Barbara Dziedzic,
Francis "Joe" Elliott, Joe Evers, Bruce Fairchild, Mary Ellen
Ferrell, Peg Fierko, David Fleetwood, Carole Foley, Bill &
Dorothy Foster, Kathy Foster, Sydney Franzmann, Barbara
Freiling, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Bernadette Giambuzzi,
Helen Golbeski, James Goussy, 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, Michael Kohute, 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, Tom Newell, Harry
Pastella, Luisa Pellicone, Dave Pendleton, Bishop Joseph Pepe,
Bill Pinto, Nicole Powlus, Maria Prince, Kathy Pro, Karen
Pulcinella, John Quirus, Junie Rakosak, Harper Renshaw,
Casey Rigby, Joel Rivera, 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, Louise Vesci,
Maddox Vielman, Helen Wade, Walter Wayne Whitehouse,
Luke Winterbottom, 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.*

The next meeting of the St. Vincent DePaul Society will be
held in Fr. Sullivan Hall from 7-8:30 pm on January 8 & 29.

Pastor's Page

Our season of fervent anticipation is nearly over. This year time is at a premium. Every so often the fourth week of Advent consists only of the Fourth Sunday of Advent. For three weeks we have been encouraged to use this time of grace to prepare for Jesus' coming. Now is the time. Now is the day of salvation!

In the first reading today, King David intended to prepare a house of the ark of God, a fitting temple. It will be a house for him to dwell among his people. However God has other plans. Through the prophet Nathan, who was a sage counselor to David, God informs David that it is not his place to build a house for God. The message was that no temple built with human hands could be a suitable dwelling for God. It is going to be God who will build David's house, that is that God will establish David's lineage and his heir will inherit a throne that will last forever.

In the second reading, we hear the conclusion of St. Paul's letter to the Romans. Paul prays that Roman Christians might be strengthened with the good news of Christ's saving cross. St. Paul was directly involved in the establishment of the community of faith in Rome.

The Gospel presents us with the story of the Annunciation. The angel Gabriel announces that Mary has found favor with God. The promise God made to David will be brought to fruition in Mary's child. He will be given the throne of David and will rule forever. Jesus is the rightful heir to David. He is the one whose kingdom will last forever. What we will celebrate on Christmas is the advent of the new dwelling place of God, in the humanity of Jesus, which is a mystery we can marvel at every day of every year.

At the conclusion of the passage from Luke today, we hear Mary say, "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your Word." She is able to say this 'yes' to God because she is "full of grace". May her response be a model for us to accept God's invitation to follow her Son.

Father Casey

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

Helen Bevenour



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Genesis 15:16; 21:1-3 (17B)
- 2) Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
- 3) Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



**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.**



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

2023

MASSES

Sunday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2023

Vigil 4:00 PM

Vigil 7:00 PM

Monday, Christmas Day, December 25, 2023

7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM

Monday, January 1, 2024

Solemnity of Mary (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass at 9:00 AM in Church

All Masses are in the Church

IHM CHRISTMAS MASS MUSIC SCHEDULE

December 24, Christmas Eve

4PM CHERUB CHOIR

7PM CAHILL FAMILY
SINGERS

December 25, Christmas Day

7:30 LARRY & TRUMPET

9:30 ADULT CHOIR WITH
INSTRUMENTS

11:30 TRUMPET & CANTOR



On behalf of Our Lady of Hope and Our Lady of Hope Hispanic Ministries, Missionaries of Charity, Inn Dwelling, Guiding Star Ministries, St. Vincent dePaul Society, and IHM Tuition Assistance we thank you for your continued generosity to help make Christmas special for many who would not have anything for Christmas if it weren't for you.

The generosity that you have shown to these organizations and their people in need is more than words can describe.

May God continue to bless each and everyone of you, as you have blessed so many with your generosity and kindness.

We would like to wish everyone a joyous and blessed Christmas season. May the joy of Christmas be with you and your families throughout the coming year!



Merry
Christmas

Job Opening: Parish Business Manager, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Philadelphia

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in the Andorra section of Philadelphia has a full time opening for a Parish Business Manager. The Business Manager serves in a key management position in the parish and together with the Pastor and the School Principal forms the core leadership team of the parish. Proficiency and experience with QuickBooks is essential.

Essential Qualifications:

Ability to work with staff and volunteers
Computer literacy with proficiency in Microsoft Office and Quick Books

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

Maintains the accuracy of all financial files and records and establishes a responsible cash flow management and record keeping system.
Prepares, administers and reviews budget processes in collaboration with the Pastor, Finance Committee and the School Principal
Monitor the collection, counting, recording and depositing of parish revenue
Produces payroll for the parish and the school
Liaison between the parish and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in all financial matters
Reconcile all accounts in QuickBooks in a timely matter
Accounting for all financial activity
Monitors spending and reviews parish and school budgets
Assists the Pastor with hiring of new staff members.
Maintains employee files
Attends Financial Council meetings
Benefit coordinator
Other duties as assigned.

Salary and Benefits Package information furnished upon request.

The Business Manager reports to the Pastor.

Interested persons should submit a cover letter and resume to emilvtmler@comcast.net

Sunday Offering Week of December 10, 2023

Envelopes \$ 7,659.00
Loose 746.00
\$ 8,405.00

of envelopes – 449
Average - 17.06

Retirement Fund for Religious \$2,627.00

Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity

The next casserole pickup for
St. John's Hospice is on
Wednesday, January 3 at 9 am.

*God's blessings
to the newly baptized children
in the Catholic faith*
Michael Santo Travaline, III

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*
TBA *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, Musicfe5@gmail.com

Ushers: John Rudolph, Peter Caruso

Sacristans: Peter Caruso

SOCIAL OUTREACH

CYO: High School and Grade School—Bill Hannigan
athleticdirector.ihm@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

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
sscrip@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.