



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 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 25, 2022

SAT.	24	4:00 pm	Christmas Eve
		7:00pm	No Intentions No Intentions
SUN.	25	7:30	Christmas Day
		9:30	No Intentions
		11:30	No Intention
MON.	26	8:30	John J. Devenney, III First Anniversary
TUES.	27	8:30	John J. Devenney, Jr.
WED.	28	8:30	Prachtel & Ormsby Families
THURS.	29	8:30	Fausto Lombardi
FRI.	30	8:30	Joseph Wolek
SAT.	31	8:00	Christine B. Wack
		5:15 pm	Joan A. Reed
SUN	1	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	Barbara Lynn
		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 26 to January 1
is in loving memory of
Pat, Dorothy & Rose Salvatore
and All Deceased Family Members
requested by
Mary Salvatore.



ROSES



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

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
Joan A. Reed
requested by
Robert G. Reed, Jr. & 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, 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, Lindaey Marzo, Elizabeth Matruak, Winifred Meall, Rachael Mellon, Scott Melina, Charlie Melough, Eileen Michel, Brian Morris, Mary Mudry, Janet Murphy, 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 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.

Pastor's Page

Proclamation of the Birth of Christ from the Roman Martyrology.

*Today, the twenty-fifth day of December,
unknown ages from the time when God created the heavens and the earth
and then formed man and woman in his own image.
Several thousand years after the flood,
when God made the rainbow shine forth as a sign of the covenant.
Twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah;
thirteen centuries after Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt.
Eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth and the Judges;
one thousand years from the anointing of David as king;
in the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel.
In the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;
the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome.
The forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus;
the whole world being at peace,
Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father,
desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming,
being conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and nine months having passed since his conception,
was born in Bethlehem of Judea of the Virgin Mary.
Today is the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.*

[This traditional translation of the Proclamation of the Birth of Christ comes from the Roman Martyrology](#), the official listing of the saints celebrated by the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church. For centuries, it was read on Christmas Eve, before the celebration of Midnight Mass.

With the implementation of the New Rite of the Mass in 1969, the Proclamation was dropped. Then, in the 1980's, Pope John Paul II restored the Proclamation of the Birth of Christ to the papal celebration of Midnight Mass. Since that time, many parishes have followed the Holy Father's lead, though the reading of the Proclamation is still optional.

The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ situates the Nativity of Christ within the context of human history generally and salvation history specifically, making reference not only to biblical events but also to the Greek and Roman worlds. The coming of Christ at Christmas then, is seen as the summit of both sacred and secular history.

The Proclamation makes clear the wonderful news we celebrate on this most solemn day, the Birth of the Christ, the Son of God. Christ is born here and now among us. In celebrating the Nativity, we fervently pray that Jesus will also be born and borne in our hearts and that we will share this presence with the world around us. ***“And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.” John 1:14***

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) Numbers 6:22-27 (18ABC)
- 2) Galatians 4:4-7
- 3) Luke 2:16-21



Sunday Offering Week of December 2022

Envelopes \$ 8, 831.00
 Loose 601.00
\$ 9,432.00

of envelopes – 599
 Average– 14.75

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.

Thank you so much!

Special Collections

Immaculate Conception \$1,880.00

Retirement Fund for Religious \$2,015.00

Thank You for Your Gifts



A great big **THANK YOU** to all who participated in the Giving Tree!

Once again the generosity of our parishioners compares to none. Our parish is full of loving and giving people who always rise to the occasion of helping those in need.

On behalf of all the organizations that you helped to make a Merry Christmas for, we wish you God's love and peace this Christmas Season and throughout the coming new year!

The Sanctuary Light in the Chapel will be for our IHM Parishioners the week of January 2nd to the 8th in thanksgiving for all you do for our parish and others.

God Bless you all!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

*Robert Caruso, Matthew Mazza,
 Angeline Daulerio,*



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.

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

Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

The next pick up for St. John's Hospice is Wednesday, January 4 at 9 am.

Just a reminder that all casseroles should be cooked, then frozen and should only need to be reheated.





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



“Called to Service”

A mini-documentary on the Permanent Deacons of Philadelphia.

If you want to know more about the diaconate, or if you think you may have a vocation, please consider watching this well done film on the diaconate.

<https://vimeo.com/753050230>.

Don't hesitate to ask Deacon Sam if you have any questions.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

Once again our sick list has unfortunately grown very large. Please check the names on the list and see if prayers have been answered and your loved one may be removed as they have been healed.

If your loved one can be removed please call Denise Schmidt in the rectory office at 215-483-1000.

Thank you!



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*