



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 31, 2023

SAT.	30	5:15 pm	John Devenney, Jr. & John Devenney, III.
SUN.	31	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Michael A. Delaney Carmella Morrissey
MON.	1	9:00	Memorial Fund
TUES.	2	8:30	Mary & Joseph Walsh
WED.	3	8:30	Donna Mowrey-Bonacci
THUR	4	8:30	Mary & Joseph Walsh
FRI.	5	8:30	Thanksgiving for Good Health
SAT.	6	8:00 5:15 pm	Donna P. Falso Jane Malloy Glass
SUN	7	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners John Iacobacci Chien Dat Nguyen

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of January 1 to January 7
is in loving memory of the
Robert Veneziale
requested by
Mary Anne & Bill King.



ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of the
Catherine & Thomas Dolan
requested by
The O'Brien Family.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
Edward Oakes
requested by
Mary Anne & Bill King.

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



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.

Pastor's Page

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is a strong reminder that Christmas is a family feast, and that Jesus was born and raised in a family like us. It was introduced into the Liturgical Calendar in 1921, promulgated as a way to honor the Christian family. When I was in grade school at both St. Francis De Sales and later Good Shepherd in Southwest Philadelphia, the Feast of the Holy Family was the only Sunday of the school year when we did not have the children's mass and could go to mass with our parents.

Family is of great importance in the wide scope of God's work here on earth. One might think that the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is too remote, too special, too holy to be an effective model for our families. But just like our families, they enjoyed times of great joy but also suffered through terrible hardships. The delight of a newborn baby was accompanied by the fear that led them to a foreign land. Today we can pray that the faith and love shown by the Holy Family can sustain us through both our joys and struggles.

In the Cycle B first reading today from Genesis, God assures Abram that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars in the sky, though reality at that time told him that the prospects for even one child were bleak. God made a three fold promise to Abram. He will possess a land, he will become a great nation and he will be a blessing to the peoples of the earth. On God's word, Abram has faith.

"Abram put his faith in the Lord, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness." Abram renounced all certainty that can come from human beings. As a result, in old age he and his wife had a son, Isaac. Through that act God reveals his love and faithfulness. Hence the family becomes a sign of the faith of human beings and the love of God.

The faith of Abraham is also the subject of today's second reading. Written toward the end of the first century, Hebrews is in the genre of a homily, but is presented in letter format. The author of this work is unknown. The author sees Abraham's faithful trust in God's promise as exemplary.

While the first two readings today focus on the promise of offspring made to Abraham, the Gospel reading speaks of the fulfillment of that promise in Jesus. In the story today from Luke, Mary and Joseph bring their first born child to the temple to consecrate him to the Lord.

Jesus then is the one who enriches Abraham and his descendants by bestowing on them God's grace. Jesus is the one through whom Abraham and his descendants can hope. Indeed, the fulfillment in Jesus of God's promise to Abraham is so abundant that it overflows beyond the circle of Abraham and his descendants to bless all peoples. As the Gospel passage proclaims today, Jesus is a "light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory for your people Israel."

Father Casey

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Genesis 15:1-6; 1-3 (17B)
- 2) Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
- 3) Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



Monday, January 1, 2024
Solemnity of Mary
 (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)
 Mass at 9:00 AM in Church

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.



*Welcome to the newest members
 of our IHM Parish*
Mr. & Mrs. Ugwuanyi

MASS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & PRESENTATION OF ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

On January 13, 2024 at 11 am, four of our P.R.E.P. Catechists are receiving anniversary awards for their dedication to Religious Education. This will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and the celebrant will be Archbishop Nelson J. Perez.

Our four Catechists are:

Nancy Cipriani	30 years
Anne Roberts	25 years
Sharon Schepise	10 years
Frank Klusek	10 years

We thank and congratulate them all for their dedication to the P.R.E.P. program and ask each of you to keep them in your prayers.

WISHING ALL OF OUR
PARISHIONERS AND
YOUR LOVED ONES A
VERY BLESSED AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

PRAY FOR PEACE!!

IHM CYO KNIGHTS IS IN NEED OF:



HIGH SCHOOL CYO VOLLEYBALL COORDINATOR

VOLLEYBALL COORDINATOR WOULD HELP WITH
UNIFORMS. OPENING THE GYM, GAME UPDATES,
ETC..

MUST HAVE CLEARANCES

ANYONE INTERESED CAN EMAIL:
ATHLETICDIRECTOR.IHM@GMAIL.COM



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 17, 2023

Envelopes \$ 11,785.00
Loose 1,156.00
\$ 12,941.00

of envelopes – 598
Average - 19.71

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.

St. Vincent dePaul Society

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.

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 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.