



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 4, 2022

SAT.	3	5:15 p.m.	Joan Reed
SUN.	4	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Carl Sokolski Patricia Kost
MON.	5	8:30	Memorial Fund
TUES.	6	8:30	Frank Tornavacca
WED.	7	8:30 5:15 pm	Rev. Cornelius Breslin Vigil Mass for the Holy Day
THURS.	8	8:30 12:00 7:30 pm	Holy Day of Obligation Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary
FRI.	9	8:30	Lam Vuong
SAT.	10	8:00 5:15 pm	Susan Andrews Robert G. Reed, Sr., & Helen Reed
SUN	11	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Theresa Schmidt Robert Cahill

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

ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of
Catherine & Raymond Kosiak
requested by their daughters,
Kathy & Eileen.

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in
honor of the
Blessed Mother.



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 5 to December 11
is in
Honor of the Blessed Mother



***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 Vesci, Maddox Velman, 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

On this Second Sunday of Advent our focus is on the time before the first coming of Christ, in history. The Old Testament Reading and the Gospel feature two of the most prominent voices of Advent: Isaiah and John the Baptist.

In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah, we see described the peaceable kingdom of God, the day of the Messiah of the Lord, who is of course going to be Jesus. Isaiah has described a glimpse of God's holy mountain, where true justice reigns.

The setting of the first reading is Eighth Century Israel BC and the King of Israel at that time was Ahaz, who though of the Davidic line was totally weak and ineffective as King. Ahaz has in fact brought the country to the brink of ruin, where Isaiah compares it to the stump of a tree, not exactly a symbol brimming with life.

Verses 2-5 describe the attributes of this future king. The spirit of the Lord will be upon him and he will do all that a righteous king should do. Verses 6-9 describe a transformation of nature in his reign. The description is quite fantastic, as it concerns a transformation of animal nature that no king could readily achieve: "A wolf will be a guest of a lamb...the cow and the bear becoming neighbors." It should be obvious that this is poetic passage, a fantasy of an ideal world rather than a prediction of the future. It paints a picture of what an ideal world would be like. The Messiah will come through the 'Davidic' line.

In the Gospel passage from Matthew the theme is preparing for the Lord's coming. Fully accepting him may require a change of life style. John the Baptist speaks clear language not just to the Jews of his time but to us also.

Verse 2 summarizes John's preaching that is also spoken by Jesus himself later in chapter 4, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Both preachers demand a radical conversion of the whole person to God and both urge it as a preparation for the new age when the God of Israel will be acknowledged as the Lord by all creation.

The Jewish historian Josephus (an historical reference totally independent of the Bible) confirms that John the Baptist drew large crowds for his exhortations to justice and piety. He describes John's ritual of baptism as a symbolic action signifying that conversion of heart had taken place.

John the Baptist's message is very strong in Matthew's gospel and he is seen as the precursor to Jesus and his message: Conversion of heart, the coming of God's Kingdom and bearing fruit in good deeds. John is not very well disposed to those who are coming out to the Baptism only for show or empty ritual. He directs some pointed comments to the Pharisees and Sadducees: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath!" He is also very clear that the one coming after me, "is mightier than I. I am not worth to carry his sandals."

We can look to St. Paul today to sum up the lesson: It is through endurance and by the encouragement of God's Word that we have hope. He entrusts this Word to us and prays that our reflection on it will bring us hope.

Father Casey

Weekend Clergy Schedule December 11, 2022 **(celebrants are subject to change)**

Saturday, December 10, 2022

5:15 Vigil - Fr. Quan

Sunday, December 11, 2022

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Bongard

9:30 a.m. - Fr. Casey

11:30 a.m. - Fr. Bransfield

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Isaiah 11:1-10(4A)
- 2) Romans 15:4-9
- 3) Matthew 3:1-12



**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.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR
BROTHERS AND SISTERS

*Elisa Castellante, Michael Bell
Stephen Notwick, Walter Roche, Jr.
Stephen Pietrzykowski, Michael Shiel,
John Colantonio, Daniel Sweeney,
William Kesserling, Sr.
Pam Mundy-Hicke, Luigi Balestra*



REMEMBER ADVENT

isn't about

shopping
stressing
planning
or buying

it's about

praying
expecting
hoping
and waiting

Advent is expectant waiting, hopeful anticipation, and joyful preparation for God coming into our lives and hearts in all moments at all times. So this Advent, add some meaning to your waiting: volunteer at a hospital or a soup kitchen, spend some extra time in prayer and share hope with those who need it most. Appreciate those around you and don't be critical of others. Do all things with a happy heart.

The next pick up for
St. John's Hospice is
Wednesday, December 7 at 9 am.

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



Feast of the Immaculate Conception A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 7
5:15 PM

Thursday, December 8
8:30 AM
12:00 PM
7:30 PM

All Masses are in the Church.



The Polish American Heritage Association Manayunk/Roxborough

WIGILIA DINNER
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 2022
2:00 PM

ST. JOSAPHAT CHURCH HALL
124 COTTON STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA
Tickets \$22.00

Children 5 TO 12: \$8.00 Children under 5: Free

Information Contact: Helen Cyzio 215-482-3040
or
Joe Deskiewicz 215-482-9276



*God's blessings
to the newly baptized children
in the Catholic faith*

Aoife Gretta Hellings

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.

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

*Monday, December 12th
(Christmas Luncheon)*



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2022

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Confession)

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

MASSES

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.

Any questions call Denise Schmidt in the Rectory Office.

Gifts are due no later than **Sunday, December 11.**

Thank you for participating and for your generosity.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who
have given a lifetime.



**Special
Collection
in all parishes**

Dec. 3/4

The second collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Sunday Offering Week of November 20, 2022

Sunday	\$7,719.00
Loose	219.00
	\$7,938.00

of envelopes – 469
Average– 16.46

Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity

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*

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