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**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

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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**

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 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.

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 February 11, 2024

SAT.	10	5:15 pm	Joan A. Reed
SUN.	11	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Florence & Michael Iacobacci Stephen "Steve" Murphy
MON.	12	8:30	Marianne Klusek
TUES.	13	8:30	Jack Waldeck
ASH WEDNESDAY			
WED.	14 ***	8:30 12:00 7:30p	Stanley & Helen Gogola DeAngelis Family Di Benedetto & Varacallo Families
THUR	15	8:30	Tiem Van Pham
FRI.	16	8:30	Baby Anna Maksyn
SAT.	17	8:00 5:15 pm	Roger Magranua Josephine & Joseph Stockmal
SUN	18	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Thomas J. Mower Hoan Tam Quang

***** Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14.
All Masses on Ash Wednesday are in the Church.
Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses.**

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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE OFFICE

We regret to inform you because of the extending circumstances with Fr. Casey's health we will not be able to offer the 7:30 pm Mass in the Chapel or Confession on Wednesday evenings during Lent.

Our Chapel will remain open for private prayer from 8AM to 6PM daily. Confession will still be available on Saturdays from 4PM to 5PM in the church.

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 7PM starting February 9.

If you have a Mass intention for any of the 7:30 pm Masses please contact Denise Schmidt in the rectory office.

215-483-1000 or denise-schmidt@comcast.net.

Please continue to pray for Fr. Casey as he continues to recuperate.

Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.



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, Lance & Cindi Bonnet, Nancy Bright, Daniel Brito, Bill Burrow, Bobby Busch, Dolores Buzby, Lynn Campbell, Mary Rose Campbell, Erin Caruso, Terry Carr, Joe Casciato, 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, Mary Delaney, Nancy Di John, Madeline DiPasquale, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Joseph Donnelly, Marie Dunne, Barbara Dziedzic, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Joe Evers, 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, Adrian Mumford, Mary Mudry, Janet Murphy, Dick & Trudy Neff, Tom Newell, Harry Pastella, Luisa Pellicone, Dave Pendleton, Bishop Joseph Pepe, Bill Pinto, Beth Pisano, Maria Prince, 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

It seems like we have just settled into 2024 and already we are looking at the beginning of yet another liturgical season as we begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

Lent is a time for us to acknowledge that we are sinners and that we are saved through God's abundant love. Our journey of conversion during Lent serves as a reminder to all of us that God's work of redemption and salvation continues in our midst.

On Ash Wednesday in the first reading at Mass, the prophet Joel tells us to rend our hearts not our garments. Jesus himself is going to tell us in Matthew's gospel that our conversion begins within and not with showy outward signs. Now is the acceptable time to lift our heart to God who is gracious and merciful. We need to let the ashes on our dependence on the God who made us. He invites us to renew our lives through the traditional ways of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This will prepare us to celebrate Easter in a most fitting way.

Mass and Distribution of Ashes will take place at **8:30 AM, 12:00 PM and 7:30 PM.**

Here are some of the additional ways we can observe Lent at IHM.

Prayer

Mass: Each weekday we will have Mass at 8:30AM in the Sacred Heart Chapel. On Wednesdays, when school is in session it will be in the Church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Each Saturday from 4PM to 5 PM.

Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: All day Tuesdays from after the 8:30AM Mass until Miraculous Medal Novena and Benediction at 6:30 PM.

Fasting

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further all person eighteen years of age and older up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

Almsgiving

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry person here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and the world. The Poor Boxes in our Church and Chapel directly fund the excellent work of the St. Vincent dePaul Society of IHM Parish, as well as the Ash Wednesday Church Envelope in your February packet.

May our journey of Forty Days with the Lord into the desert help us arrive with him to celebrate Easter in the best way possible.

Father Casey

ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of
Pat Salvatore - Happy Birthday
requested by the Salvatore Family.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
Timothy Patrick McGuinness & Jennie Frumento
requested by their family.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of February 12 to February 18

is loving memory of
Jack Waldeck
requested by
Mary and the girls.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Genesis 9:8-15 (23B)
- 2) 1 Peter 3:18-22
- 3) Mark 1:12-15



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.



A NOTE FROM THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY

As always we would like to say that we are most grateful to our IHM Parishioners for their continued support of the IHM Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent dePaul.

As you know we rely mostly on the poor box, your generous donations and the Giving Tree gift cards.

With your support we have been privileged to bring Christ's caring love to people of all faiths in our area and we always let them know that the generosity they experience from us is due to the loving kindness of the parishioners of IHM.

In your February envelope packet there is an envelope for Ash Wednesday, February 14 and all donations are for our IHM St. Vincent dePaul Society. We thank you in advance for your generosity and pray that God will continue to bless each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

The Society of St. Vincent dePaul, Immaculate Heart of Mary Conference

St. Vincent dePaul Society

The next scheduled meetings of the St. Vincent DePaul Society will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall from 7-8:30 pm on February 19 and March 11, 2024.

All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.

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

Lina Patricia Smart

Clergy Schedule for Sunday, February 18, 2024
(celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, February 17, 2024

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Bransfield

Sunday, February 18, 2024

7:30 am – Fr. Quan
9:30 am – Fr. Bransfield
11:30 Fr. Quan

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

*Theresa Rogalski,
Margherita Szalejko,
Lorraine Smallwood, Barry Smallwood*



Has Our Blessed Virgin Mary been a comfort in your life?

Might you have a feeling that Our Mother Mary has blessed you abundantly and you are looking for a way to thank her? Consider thanking her by being one of her helpers in the Parish. The Legion of Mary serves our Blessed Mary and the Parish through prayer and works of mercy. You are invited to join in this grace filled service to Our Lady at IHM...to Jesus through Mary!

Find out more by visiting a meeting. The Rosary starts the Legion meeting at 6:30 PM each Wednesday in Father Sullivan Hall. Please call or text Frank at 215 356 3441 for any meeting changes due to weather.

Sunday Offering Week of January 28, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 9,343.00
Loose	1,199.00
	\$10,542.00

of envelopes – 560
Average - 16.69



Travelling Statues of the Virgin Mary and the Sacred Heart

The IHM Legion of Mary sponsors a travelling statue of the Pilgrim Virgin (Our Lady of Fatima) to pray for the intentions of each family. Prayer in your home brings miracles of grace. You may schedule a visit on your birthday, anniversary or for a special intention.

A travelling Sacred Heart of Jesus statue is also visiting homes in the IHM Parish for the specific purpose of praying for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. We so much need prayers to support religious vocations!

For Information call Frank 215-356-3441

Ash Wednesday is not a holyday of obligation but it is a day of opportunity.

The next casserole pickup for
St. John's Hospice is on
Wednesday, March 6 at 9 am.

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 s 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 emilytmiller@comcast.net

The 2024 Mass Book is now full. There are no more Masses for intentions.

For the 2024 year there are still weeks for Sanctuary Lights and Roses that are open. If you would like to have an intention for either of these call the rectory office. 215-483-1000.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB NEWS

WE ARE BACK!!!

The next meeting of the Golden Age Club will be on
February 12, 2024
Hope to see you all there!!!

We will not be automatically mailing out the end of year 2023 contribution statements to our parishioners.

To request a contribution statement please call Mrs. Schmidt in the Rectory Office 215-483-1000.



Girl Scout Troop # 9392 will be selling Girl Scout cookies after all the Masses.

The Catholic Parishes of Manayunk, East Falls and Andorra will present the Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program for engaged couples on **SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024** in

Father Sullivan Hall,

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
819 E. Cathedral Road.

The day begins with registration at 9:30 AM and concludes with attendance at the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass. Continental breakfast and lunch are provided. Certificates are distributed after Mass. Cost is \$100.00 per couple.

To register, please call:

Holy Family Rectory 215-482-0450
Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 3 PM.

RICE BOWLS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL THE DOORWAYS



OF THE CHURCH AND CHAPEL & ALSO IN THE RECTORY OFFICE

IHM 15 WEEK CLUB DRAWING

The first drawing will be on Monday, February 12, 2024

If you did not receive your tickets or would like to purchase additional tickets, there are extra tickets at all the doorways of our Church and in the Rectory.

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. Gene Martino - *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, Bill King

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.