



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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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, & 7:00 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 March 11 @ 7 pm 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 Session is May 31. See more information on page 5 of the bulletin.

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 16, 2025

SAT.	15	5:15 pm	Joseph & Celestine McFadden
SUN.	16	7:30 9:30 1:30	IHM Parishioners Florence & Mike Iacobacci William & Priscilla King
MON.	17	8:30	Mr. & Mrs. Tung Vu
TUES.	18	8:30	Eileen Atkins
WED.	19	8:30	Emily D. McElroy
THUR	20	8:30	Domenick Pirolo, Jr
FRI.	21	8:30	Charles Rehr
SAT.	22	8:00 5:15 pm	Robert Stimmler Josephine & Joseph Stockmal
SUN	23	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Patrick A. Kost & Charles Dyer Sarah & Dennis O'Brien

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

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

Maria Aduso, Ruben Aduso, Robert Asbury, Joyce Bielawski, Wayne Bielawski, Cindi & Lance Bownet, Josie Bucolo, Dolores Buzby, Lois Cartwright, Brooke Conklin, Walter Crate, Helen Cyzio, Maria Downey, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Bernadette Giambuzzi, Lora L. Golasa, James Goussy, Joseph Henkel, Regina Joka, Mary Jo & Paul King, Olga Kostic, Victor Kost, Mary Krier, Marianne Leahy, Charles Lott, Eugene Magee, Michael Magee, Carmine Martino, Patricia Markelewicz, Dominic Matteo, Trudy & Dick Neff, Frances Orlicki, Bill Pinto, Maria Prince, Anne Sargus-Varian, Christine Seymour, & Sierra, David Sparacino, Sr. Mary Thaddeus, Wayne Whitehouse

We continue to pray for our men & women in the military here and overseas and for all 1st responders.



ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Joseph & Elizabeth Cyzio requested by the Helen Cyzio.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Michelina "Mickey" Hoad.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of February 17 to February 23

is in memory of

Dominic & Mary Di Guglielmo

requested by

A Friend.



Sunday Offering Week of February 2, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 7,812.00
Loose	918.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	<u>1,290.00</u>
	\$ 10,020.00

of envelopes – 423

Average - \$18.47

Care of the Aging & Infirm Priests \$2,591.00

To make a **secure contribution** on-line please visit ihmphila.org and click on the Parish Giving Logo.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



Pastor's Page

The message in the first reading today highlights how important it is that we place our trust in the Lord. He warns that the person who puts his strength in the flesh is doomed to disappointment. A life of mere prosperity, pleasure and prestige is like a barren bush in the desert. It bears no lasting fruit, displays no lasting beauty. He ultimately enjoys no vibrant life.

Jeremiah is contrasting the true and the false Israelite. Jeremiah's observations are contrasting the mysterious workings of the human heart and conclude with a declaration of doom for those who forsake God.

"Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the Lord". Jeremiah 17:5

Jeremiah then contrasts the person who puts his trust in the Lord. Such a person is like a tree *"planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream. It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green."*

Jeremiah 17: 8

In our continuing reading from the Epistle to the Corinthians the past couple weeks, Saint Paul asks 'How can we live as if this life alone matters'. Death is the great enemy of all worldly goods. What good will our money, our pastimes, material goods accrued do for us when we leave this world. Life truly matters only if it points to something beyond this world.

Many of the people in Corinth have denied the possibility of the resurrection from the dead. Is this a lie? Is faith in vain? The resurrection of believers hinges on the resurrection of Christ. He says if those who have died have no hope, believers are the most pitiable of people.

"If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain; you are still in your sins." 1 Corinthians 15: 16-17

Today in the Gospel we hear Luke's version of the Beatitudes. The differences between this passage and the eight beatitudes are striking. Instead of staying on the mountain to deliver his discourse, Jesus comes down from the mountain like Moses descending to deliver the law to the people (Exodus 34:15) As before, the people crowd around him to hear the word of God and to be healed.

The Lukan version of the Beatitudes is also more challenging. Luke's "Blesseds" are immediately followed by "woes". Jesus gives his blessing to the poor and heaped scorn upon the rich. He obviously cared and cared deeply about the disparity between the rich and the poor. It troubled him that some people have too little while others have too much. He wondered why those with much are reluctant to help the poor. To Jesus the rich were anyone who could meet all of their own needs with a little left over. His "woes" applied to those who could help someone else a little but did not.

As we ponder Luke's teaching on the Beatitudes today, let us pray that God's grace can transform us on our journey of conversion.

Father Casey

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

*John Sharkey, Eleanor Pollock
Thomas Burger*



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.



**The Parish Office and IHM School will be closed on
February 17th in observance of the
Presidents' Day Holiday.**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23 (81C)
- 2) 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
- 3) Luke 6:27-38





The Golden Age Club is hosting a trip to Resorts on **Wednesday, March 29**. The bus leaves IHM Parking Lot at 9:30 and will arrive in Atlantic City at 11 am. The bus will depart from Resorts at 4 pm and will arrive at 5:30 pm back at IHM. Cost is \$35.00 (non refundable) You will receive \$20.00 in slot Play. Deadline for payment in full is February 24.

On **Wednesday, April 2**, IHM Golden Age Club is going to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse in West Hampton, NJ to see the show SWING-SWING. This show celebrates the Jazz Music of the Swing Era. Cost is \$132. A \$25 deposit will reserve a seat. No Refunds and final payment is due on March 3. The bus leaves at 9:30 from IHM parking lot and returns at 6 pm.



IHM CYO DONUT DAY



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

Lewis Joseph Morgado

**PARISHIONERS,
YOU'RE INVITED!**

**CYO ATHLETES,
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!**

**Sunday, March 2nd
Father Sullivan Hall**

Our CYO athletes will be serving donuts and coffee to parishioners after 9:30am mass. Athletes will also set up, serve and clean up.

Service opportunity is open to all CYO athletes. It is the expectation that each athlete commits 2 service hours per sport season.



**15 WEEK CLUB
Week # 2**

Porrini Family	\$300.00
Travis Terrell	\$100.00
Melissa Gallagher	\$100.00
Matt Shervin	\$ 50.00
Annette Levering	\$ 50.00
Ashley Szlanic	\$ 50.00
Theresa Mc Cabe	\$ 50.00
Rosemarie Fuges	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

The Catholic Parishes of East Falls, Manayunk, Roxborough and Andorra will present the **Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program** for engaged couples on **SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025** 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.

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS
OF OUR IHM FAMILY

Mr. & Mrs. James Quinn

Koller Funeral Home will again be offering bereaved care through their Spring Grief Support Group Program.

To register call 215-482-5200 or email kollerbereavement@gmail.com

Flyers are at all the tables in the Church and Chapel.

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

March 3, 24, April 14, May 5

All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.

There are available weeks for roses both in the Church and Chapel and also the Sanctuary Light in the Chapel for 2025.

To request one of these call the rectory 215-483-1000.

The next casserole pickup for St. John's Hospice is on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 9 am.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Please Note: We will **NOT** be sending out the end of year contribution statements unless requested.

If you would like your contribution statement for 2024, call the Parish Office at 215-483-1000 or email: ihmparish@comcast.net

The next meeting of the Golden Age Club will be February 24.

Clergy Schedule for Next Weekend (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, February 22, 2025

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Casey

Sunday, February 23, 2025

7:30 am – Fr. Casey

9:30 am - Fr. Quan

11:30 am Fr. Quan

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. Rita Morados - *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—Christian Hochstuhl ihmcyo.athletic.director@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 January 8.*

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 @ 7:00pm 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.