

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)

<u>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN</u> <u>CHURCH</u> Saturday 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

<u>TUESDAY</u> 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 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 819 E. Cathedral Road Philadelphia, PA 19128 215-483-1000, Fax: 215-483-1732 Website: ihmphila.org

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL 815 E. Cathedral Road Philadelphia, PA 19128 215-482-2029 Website: iheartmary.org

Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor

Rev. Quan H. Tran, Parochial Vicar Rev. Sean P. Bransfield, in Residence Deacon Salvatore R. Bianco

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

<u>Baptism</u> - The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays at 12:30 PM.

<u>Pre-Jordan</u> - 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 5 @ 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.

<u>Marriage</u> - 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—May 11 in Father Sullivan Hall. Details on page 5 of the bulletin.

<u>RCIA</u> - 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

<u>MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF</u> <u>February 18, 2024</u>				
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SAT.	17	5:15 pm	Josephine & Joseph Stockmal	
SUN.	18	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Thomas J. Mower Hoan Tam Quang	
MON.	19	8:30	Emily Mc Elroy	
TUES.	20	8:30	Marianne Klusek	
WED.	21	8:30	Tuat Thi Ta	
THUR	22	8:30	Minerva Avila	
FRI.	23	8:30	Tien Phung Vuong	
SAT.	24	8:00 5:15 pm	Veronica & Joseph Horan Celestine & Joseph Mc Fadden	
SUN	25	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Patricia Kost Deacon George W. Kletzel, Jr.	

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

IMPORTANT ANNOUCEMENT REGARDING THE SCHEDULE FOR LENT

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. (Yes, we still have the 8:30 daily Mass)

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 .

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.

"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18



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 BielawskiLance & 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, Robert Frederico, Marina Frederico, 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, Bill Milford, Adrian Mumford, Mary Mudry, Janet Murphy, Dick & Trudy Neff, Tom Newell, Rosemary Notwick, 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

A few days ago on Ash Wednesday we heard the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel". We hear the words again today in the Gospel of Mark. Lent is the appropriate time to consider our sins, promise to turn back to God and place our trust in Jesus.

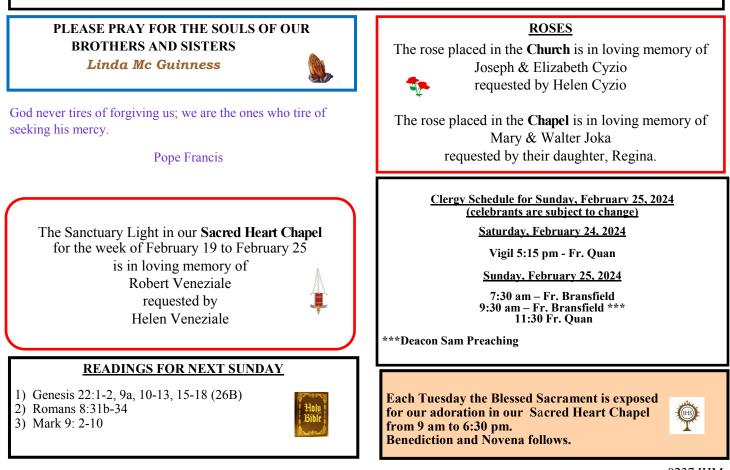
The Gospel from the first chapter of Mark sets up two themes that will be developed throughout Mark's Gospel: resistance and proclamation. Beginning with the demonic realm. Jesus will do battle with Satan and his demons, particularly in the first few chapters of Mark. Political and religious forces will also attempt to prevent Jesus' mission. The proclamation of the Gospel of God is not so easily thwarted. The time of fulfillment of God's promises and the realization of the reign of God are imminent. The disciples are to repent and believe. The Gospel is the "good news" of salvation.

The forty days of Lent is the annual retreat of the people of God in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. Forty is a significant number in the scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation of their entry into the promised land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. We are called to journey with the Lord in a special season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving and penitence as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Easter, the Christian Passover.

Why did Jesus single out prayer, fasting and almsgiving for his disciples? The Jews considered these three as the cardinal works of the religious life. These were seen as the key signs of a pious person, the three great pillars on which the good life was based. Jesus pointed to the heart of the matter. Why do you pray, fast and give alms? To draw attention to yourself so that others may notice and think highly of you? Or to give glory to God? The Lord warns his disciples of self-seeking glory — the preoccupation with looking good and seeking praise from others. True piety is something more than feeling good or looking holy. True piety is loving devotion to God. It is an attitude of awe, reverence, worship and obedience. It is a gift and working of the Holy Spirit that enables us to devote our lives to God with a holy desire to please him in all that we do.

The Lord gives us spiritual food and supernatural strength to seek his face and to prepare ourselves for spiritual combat and testing. We, too, must follow in the way of the cross in order to share in the victory of Christ's death and resurrection. As we begin this holy season of testing and preparation, let's ask the Lord for a fresh out pouring of his Holy Spirit that we may grow in faith, hope and love and embrace his will more fully in our lives.

Father Casey



15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS WFFK 1

Catherine Kosiak	\$300.00
Daniel Kwartnik	\$100.00
Matthew Moore	\$100.00
Adam Shipley	\$ 50.00
Jesse Scott	\$ 50.00
Jesse Painter	\$ 50.00
Dina Turella	\$ 50.00
James Rainford	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

IHM Drama Club presents Disney's The Little Mermaid

Friday, February 23 @ 7:30 PM Saturday, February 24th @ 7:30 PM

Father Sullivan Hall 819 E. Cathedral Road

Contact Mrs. Pfefferle for tickets: Musicfef5@gmail.com

To reserve tickets go to: https//form.gle/tmwJGXVE5wCjyM6x5



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.

The next meeting of the Golden Age Club will be on February 26, 2024 Hope to see you all there!!!

Sunday Offering Week of February 4, 2024

Envelopes \$ 10, 979.00 Loose 1,140.00 \$12,119.00

of envelopes - 486 Average - 22.59

ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY EASTER FOOD SALE

We are happy to announce the return of our annual St. Mary Polish American Society Easter Food Sale. Food items will include: Babkas (cheese, cinnamon crumb, or raspberry cheese) for \$16 each from L&M Bakery in Delran, NJ; -Pierogi (potato, potato cheese, or sauerkraut) for \$10 per dozen from Polka Deli in Port Richmond, Kiełbasa for \$9 per pound from Czerw's in Port Richmond. The deadline to place a food order will be Wednesday March 13th so our suppliers have enough time to process our orders.

Order pick-up will be on Friday, March 22nd and Saturday March 23rd from 1 to 4 pm at St. Mary Catholic Church Hall in Conshohocken.

Proceeds from the Easter Food Sale support our mission of promoting Polish heritage in Montgomery County, PA and assistance with the restoration of St. Mary Catholic Church in Conshohocken, PA.

To place a food order please email foodsale@stmarypolish.org or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

Immaculate Heart of Mary School, in conjunction with the Foundation for Catholic Education, is continuing to find new donors to support Immaculate Heart of Mary School through the Pennsylvania EITC program. Let your tax dollars work for the IHM Kids! Please join a webinar to learn more about how you can donate!

Contact Traci Kovach at tuition@iheartmary.org for more details.

FLYERS ARE AT ALL THE DOORWAYS OF THE CHURCH with dates and times of the webinars!

Travelling Statues of the Virgin Mary and the Sacred Heart

The IHM Legion of Mary sponsors a travelling statue of the **<u>Pilgrim Virgin</u>** (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

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.

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 <u>emilytmiller@comcast.net</u>

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19th

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Observance of Presidents' Day

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.

The Catholic Parishes of Manayunk, East Falls and Andorra will present the Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program for engaged couples

on **<u>SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024</u>** 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 , Chapel and in the Rectory Office.



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.

Parish Resources

<u>SPONSOR GUIDELINES FOR BAPTISM/</u> 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 <u>Stewardship: A Mission of Faith</u> 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., <u>sidneyj@macleod.com</u> Ministry of the Eucharist: Mary Ann Kostic-King, <u>mking@iheartmary.org</u> Ministry of the Eucharist Outreach: Chuck Fuges, (215-482-1397) Music Ministry: Rehearsals—Tuesdays at 7:30p.m. in Church. Contact: Linda Pfefferle, <u>MusicfefS@gmail.com</u> 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

<u>SCHOOL PROGRAMS</u> Home & School Association: <u>homeandschool@iheartmary.org</u>

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, <u>irishaim@comcast.net</u>

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.