

*Love your enemies
Bless those who curse you
Do good to those who hate you
And pray for those who
persecute you*

Matthew 5:44

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
SCHOOL**

815 E. Cathedral Road
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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 Tuesday, March 14 @ 7 pm in the Church.** 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 February 19, 2023

SAT.	18	5:15 pm	Josephine & Joseph Stockmal
SUN.	19	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Emily D. Mc Elroy Doris E. Fernandes
MON.	20	8:30	Phung Vuong
TUES.	21	8:30	Lorna Zito
WED.	22	8:30 Noon 7:30 pm	ASH WEDNESDAY** Lam Vuong Joseph Higgins & David Higgins Elizabeth Barron
THURS.	23	8:30 7:30 pm	Frances Lodise Marie Perez Vazquez
FRI.	24	8:30 7:30 pm	Phung Vuong Ernest Steinke
SAT.	25	8:00 5:15 pm	James K. Curtin Celestine & Joseph Mc Fadden
SUN	26	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Carol Bogush James K. Curtin

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

** On Ash Wednesday all Masses are in the Church.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of February 20 to February 26 is in loving memory of
 Dominic & Mary Di Guglielmo requested by a friend.

ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Lorna Zito requested by her husband, Al and son, Nick.



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



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, Lee Aponte, Mary Bartsch, Anne Basara, 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, Madeline DiPasquale, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Beth Donnelly, Joseph Donnelly, Marie Dunne, Barbara Dziedzic, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Joe Evers, Bruce Fairchild, Rosemary Fatovic, Peg Fierko, David Fleetwood, Carol Foley, Bill & Dorothy Foster, Kathy Foster, Sydney Franzmann, Barbara Freiling, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Helen Golbeski, Kelly Gruninger, Flora Hart, Anne Headly, Brenden Heyer, Don Holt, Sheilah Janes, Frances Jefferys, Chris Kane, Deborah Kapp, Marek Kijek, 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, Cheryl Maresca, Dominic Matteo, Elizabeth Matruka, Terry McCormick, Anne Marie Mc Keever, Felix & Louise McKeogh, Helen Magee, Lindsey Marzo, Steve Murphy, Elizabeth Matruak, Winifred Meall, Rachael Mellon, Eileen Michel, Brian Morris, Mary Mudry, Janet Murphy, 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, Marie Renello, Harper Renshaw, Casey Rigby, Joel Rivera, Tony Ruger, Domiciano Gallego-Ruiz, Anita Russell, Timothy Sager, Vince Savini, Donna Scharff, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, Mary Ann Shaw, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Luke Simon, Cindy Synder-Earnhardt, Jake Stefano, Baby Caleb St. George, Donna Stine, O.S.F., Felicia Teske, Paul Teske, Edward Thomas, Molly Thompson, Christine Triola, Louise Vesci, Maddox Vielman, Helen Wade, Walter Wayne Whitehouse, Luke Winterbottom, Pam Wisdom, Brian Wurtzberger, Kim Wurtzberger, Mike Zacher, Donna Zetterberg, Anthony Zul.



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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR
BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Michael Triola, Joan Landolf



Pastor's Page

Today Jesus continues his invitation to us to go beyond the letter of the law by calling us to go beyond our human tendencies toward hatred and revenge. In a world where demands for payback are all too common, we are encouraged to lower the temperature of the rhetoric and reflect the heart of our merciful and loving God.

The Old Testament reading today is taken from the Book of Leviticus. Leviticus is one of the five books of the Torah – or the first five books of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. The Pentateuch is also referred to as the “Law” which Jesus often refers to.

The writer of the Book of Leviticus was probably an Israelite priest in the time after the Exile (587-538 BC) when the Temple was rebuilt in Jerusalem. Leviticus was basically a handbook of instructions for Israel's worship. Community worship was crucial in the life of the Israelites. It expressed who they were. Besides ritual instructions, the Book of Leviticus includes teachings and directives on how to live out the holiness of their worship in relationships.

In the passage today, God's people are called to be holy, “for I, the Lord, your God, am holy”. The verses that follow explain that is most essential for holiness. It all revolves around love, mercy, kindness and compassion. As the Responsorial Psalm refrain today reinforces, “The Lord is kind and merciful.”

The Old Testament law of retaliation (an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth) is pushed to the point of abrogation by Jesus. This is the old “Lex Talionis”. This law was intended to restrict vengeance and to keep violence within limits. It was actually very rational. Jesus urges his followers to forgo even the limited retaliation allowed by the Old Testament and thus to interrupt the whole cycle of revenge.

Disciples of Jesus must not adopt the attitudes and actions of their enemies and four practical examples of non-retaliation in the face of evil are provided in verses 30-42. Each example challenges accepted, I instinctive human behavior patterns.

The final antithesis demands that Jesus followers love not only the members of their own national or religious group but even their enemies. This new demand is based not on human nature but on the example of God. Jesus speaks of his own authority: “You have heard it said.....But I say to you.....”

When God's love and care for all people are taken as the standard, the disciples of Jesus cannot limit their love to their own group or their own nation. The disciple's perfection reflects and is measured by God's perfection.

Do unto others as you would have them do to you. The message of Jesus is a great challenge. It demands an act of the will. God's grace will help us as we seek to follow Jesus. Let us learn from the master teacher, just like his first disciples did two thousand years ago.

Father Casey



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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7 (22A)
- 2) Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19
- 3) Matthew 4:1-11



Weekend Clergy Schedule February 25, 2023 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, February 24, 2023

5:15pm - Fr. Casey

Sunday, February 25, 2023

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Bongard

9:30 a.m. – Fr. Quan***Deacon Sam Preaching

11:30 a.m. -- Fr. Bransfield

Sunday Offering Week of February 5, 2023

Envelopes \$ 11,301.00
 Loose 764.00
 \$ 12,065.00

of envelopes – 638
 Average– 17.72

Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity

Please help our counters by filling out the amount on your Church envelope and please write clearly. This helps to speed up the process.

Thank you so much!

**The next pick up for St. John's Hospice is
 Wednesday, March 1 at 9 am.**

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

IHM GOLDEN AGE CLUB

On **Wednesday, March 22, 2023** the Golden Age Club will be hosting a bus trip to **Wind Creek Casino**.

Cost is \$38.00 in full No Refund

Receive \$25.00 in Slot Play
 Outlet stores for shopping in the building

Board Bus at 9:15 am
 Depart IHM Church parking lot at 9:30 am
 Arrive at Wind Creek at 11:30 am
 Leave Wind Creek at 4:30 pm
 ARRIVE AT IHM 6:30 pm (5 hour stay)

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
IHM GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Please include telephone number and a separate check for each trip.

SEND CHECK TO:

Laura Kusniesz
 7255 Shalkop Street, Philadelphia, PA 19128
 215-483-9243

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IN FULL IS
FEBRUARY 27, 2023

Please be mindful when parking in the Church parking lot that school is in session and the children use the parking lot at recess. Please park away from the school. Thank you.

15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS

WEEK 1

John Duffin	\$300.00
Theodore Prusinski	\$100.00
Leah Gallagher	\$100.00
Jeanne Jansen	\$ 50.00
Diane Collins	\$ 50.00
Beverly Callahan	\$ 50.00
Kelly Cabell	\$ 50.00
Kris Donahue	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

*Welcome to the newest members
 of our IHM Parish!*

Mr. & Mrs. Shaun Mc Pillips



and
the



**American
 Red Cross**

WORKING TOGETHER

**The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a
 blood drive on **Monday, March 13, 2023** in
 Father Sullivan Hall. Time is from 2pm to
 7pm.**

**For an appointment, please visit:
 redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code:
 IHM Parish or call 1-800-733-2767**



The next meetings for the Golden Age Club will be February 27, March 13 & 27.
Please note that on March 13, the meeting will start promptly at 10:30 as the Red Cross will be coming in at 1pm to begin set up for the Blood Drive.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses. Mass times on Ash Wednesday are: 8:30 am, Noon and 7:30 pm. All Masses are in the Church.

During Lent, Mass will be offered daily at 8:30 am and 7:30 pm in the Chapel, Monday through Friday only. (When school is in session the 8:30 am Mass on Wednesdays is in the Church)

Stations of the Cross is every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the Chapel. It is followed by Mass at 7:30 pm.

Confession times during Lent are on Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5 from 6:15 to 7:15 pm. Confession is always offered on Saturdays from 4 pm to 5 pm. Confession is **NOT** offered on Holy Saturday April 8.

Please participate in Operation Rice Bowl if you are able. Rice Bowls are available at all the doorways of the Church and Chapel.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

We will **NOT** be automatically mailing out the end of the year **2022 contribution statements** to our parishioners.

To request a contribution statement please call the Rectory Office at 215-483-1000.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

The next meetings of the
St. Vincent dePaul Society
will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall
Monday, February 27,
& March 20.
from 7-8:30 pm.

Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

IHM SACRAMENTAL NEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will take place on
Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 10 am.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE will take place
on **Thursday, May 4, 2023 from 9 am to Noon**

RETREAT DAY for all the children making their First
Communion will take place at the **SHRINE OF THE
MIRACULOUS MEDAL** on **Thursday, April 27, 2023.**
Departure from IHM School is at 8 am and the return to
IHM School will be at 2:30 pm.

For more information, please call Mary Anne Kostic-King,
Director of Religious Education at **215-483-4266** or
email: mking@iheartmary.org



Upcoming Admissions Events at Roman Catholic

**ENTRANCE EXAM
(CLASS OF 2027)**

**FEBRUARY
25TH**

**7TH GRADE
VISITATION DAY**

**MARCH
23RD**

**SPRING OPEN
HOUSE**

**MARCH
26TH**

**7TH GRADE
PRACTICE TEST**

**APRIL
1ST**

To register, please contact admissions@romancatholics.com

Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia presents a
CONCERT IN HONOR OF FRYDERYK CHOPIN
on the anniversary of his 213th birthday!

Featuring: Pianist, William Yang

Date: Sunday, February 26, 2023 at 2:30 pm

Location: Settlement Music School, 6128 German-
town Ave., Philadelphia, PA

A light reception will follow the performance.

Tickets are \$30 per person; \$20 for students

Reservations may be made through the Concert

Chairperson: Debbie Majka 215-627-1391 or email
dziecko2@comcast.net or regular mail.

Checks are payable to: Polish Heritage Society of
Philadelphia and mailed to Debbie Majka 812 Lom-
bard Street #12; Philadelphia, PA 19147. You may
also use PayPal for payment. Send the amount to
“Debbie Majka” account.

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 or kevintinneny@yahoo.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 @ 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

Pregnancy Hotline 610-626-4006 or Pro Life Union 215-855-8150