



Presentation of the Lord

FEAST | FEBRUARY 2

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

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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

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 2, 2025

SAT.	1	5:15 pm	Joan A. Reed
SUN.	2	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Margherita Szalejko 1st Anniversary Joseph Keough
MON.	3	8:30	Memorial Fund
TUES.	4	8:30	Joan Funk
WED.	5	8:30	John Travaline 5th Anniversary
THUR	6	8:30	Lam Thien Nguyen
FRI.	7	8:30	Rose DiBenedetto
SAT.	8	8:00 5:15 pm	John M. Travaline, Sr. Stanley & Helen Gogola
SUN	9	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Terrence Keough Zachwieja Family

***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, Sharon Monigle, 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
Rose Di Benedetto
requested by Janice Di Benedetto.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
Joan Funk
requested by her husband,
John Funk.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of February 3 to February 9



is in memory of
Rose Di Benedetto
requested by
Janice Di Benedetto.

Sunday Offering Week of January 19, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 5,536.00
Loose	952.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	<u>1,595.00</u>
	\$ 8,083.00

of envelopes – 353
Average - \$15.68

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

It is fairly unusual that the celebration of a feast takes precedence over the celebration of the Sunday liturgy, this week, the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time. It is the case however this year. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Forty days after Jesus was born, in accordance with the Torah, or the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought the child to the Temple in Jerusalem to be presented to the Lord. Today marks his first visit to Jerusalem. It will not be his last.

Jesus parents obeyed the imperial law at the time of Jesus birth and now they are portrayed as observant Jews, fulfilling the prescriptions of the religious law. The scene today at the temple has Luke entwining two separate ceremonies. Leviticus describes the ceremony for the ritual purification of the mother forty days after giving birth. Leviticus prescribed that she was to offer a lamb and a pigeon or a turtledove, but a poor couple was permitted to bring only two pigeons or doves as Luke describes (Lk 2:24)

We had something similar in days gone by with the "Churching of Women". I remember this as a child, and I remember my mother approaching the altar after the births of my younger sister and brother after mass one Sunday. After mass you would see women approaching the altar rail and the priest coming out of the sacristy and offering the blessing. Basically it was a blessing given to mothers after recovery from child-birth. It was not a precept of the church but was a pious and praiseworthy custom. Part of that custom was that the mother sometimes did not participate in the Baptism ceremony and that the Godmother held the baby. That is not the case anymore. Both parents are involved in the Baptism ceremony.

The second part is that the Book of Exodus required the presentation and redemption of the first-born son because the first-born sons "belong" to the Lord who saved them when the Egyptian first born were destroyed at the Passover. It is this part of the ceremony that Luke is emphasizing today. The temple signifies for Luke the continuity between Judaism and Christianity. Simeon and Anna are faithful humble Israelites waiting in the temple for the revelation of God's salvation. Just and pious they are open to the Holy Spirit's inspiration.

Simeon recognizes Jesus as the Anointed of the Lord and in his speech (Lk 2:29-32) further prophesies that Jesus will be a "light for revelation to the Gentiles". In blessing Mary and Joseph he warns that this child will be a sign opposed and that Mary will be pierced with a sword.

The first reading from Malachi gives us a heads up on the events to come: "And suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek, and the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming." Simeon and Anna recognize this in the infant Jesus, the "Christ of the Lord" whom they had sought.

At the first mass of the Presentation, at the Vigil, we will bless the altar candles which will be used at Mass in Church and in the Sacred Heart Chapel throughout the year.

As we celebrate this special feast today, let us take the testimony of Simeon and Anna to heart and challenge ourselves to recognize Jesus in our everyday lives and in the faces of those we meet.

Father Casey

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

*Elizabeth Ortiz
Diane Corbe*



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 (75C)
- 2) 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 15
- 3) Luke 5:1-11



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.





On Sunday, February 9, 2025 the Knights of Columbus will be hosting **BINGO** in Father Sullivan Hall.

Doors open at 1 PM with the first game starting around 1:30 PM.

Come and join the Knights for a fun filled afternoon.

You could be a winner!!

Bingo games and prizes
Basket of Cheer
50/50 tickets
Refreshment for purchase

The Super Bowl does not begin until 6:30 so you will still have time join us for BINGO and watch the game!



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.

15 WEEK CLUB DRAWING

15 Week Club Tickets have been mailed out to all parishioners. This is the **BIGGEST** annual fundraiser for our IHM School. We are asking each family to purchase two tickets. Please return your payment and stubs to the Rectory as soon as possible. **The first drawing will now be on Monday, February 3, 2025 to allow for some extra time for returns.**

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

Welcome to the newest members
of our IHM Family

The Galiano Family
The Zimmerman Family
Cesino Messina & Maria Campbell

Koller Funeral Home will again be offering bereaved care through their Spring Grief Support Group Program. Flyers are at all the tables in the Church and Chapel.

To register call 215-482-5200 or email [kollerbereavement @ gmail.com](mailto:kollerbereavement@gmail.com)

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 for the Golden Age Club
is
February 10.

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.



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.

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

Saturday, February 8, 2025

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Casey

Sunday, February 9, 2025

7:30 am – Fr. Sean

9:30 am - Fr. Casey

11:30 am Fr. Quan

The 8th grade Class of 2025 would like to extend a special thank you to every one who participated in the Stock's Cake Fundraiser.

It was a huge success and we really appreciate the support.

Orders may be picked up on Thursday, February 13 from 6 pm to 8 pm in Father Sullivan Hall.

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

February 10 & March 3, 24, April 14, May 5

All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.

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

The Second Collection for this weekend is for Aging & Infirm Priest.



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, Musicfef5@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.