



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY  
SCHOOL**

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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*

**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 23, 2025

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>22</b>	5:15 pm	Josephine & Joseph Stockmal
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>23</b>	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	Patricia A. Kost & Charles Dyer
		11:30	Sarah & Dennis O'Brien
<b>MON.</b>	<b>24</b>	8:30	Minerva Avila
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>25</b>	8:30	Carol Bogush
<b>WED.</b>	<b>26</b>	8:30	Florence Hamill
<b>THUR</b>	<b>27</b>	8:30	Mary E. Schlosser
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>28</b>	8:30	Mr. & Mrs. Lien Pham
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>29</b>	8:00	Concetta "Connie" Pace
		5:15 pm	Padaiges Family
<b>SUN</b>	<b>30</b>	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	Edward Mittura
		11:30	Patricia & Victor Kost 68th Wedding Anniversary

**\*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, Mary Delaney, Maria Downey, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Bernadette Giambuzzi, Lora L. Golasa, James Goussy, Joseph Henkel, Regina Joka, Beverly King, 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 1<sup>st</sup> responders.***

### ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church**  
is in loving memory of  
Frank Sudell  
requested by  
his wife, Kathleen



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is for  
Mary Delaney  
requested by  
her sister, Kathleen Herron and her  
nephew, Tom Herron.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**  
for the week of February 24 to March 3



is in memory of  
Chester Cybularz  
Requested by  
Chet & Sharon Cybularz & Family.

### **Sunday Offering Week of February 9, 2025**

Envelopes	\$ 6,238.00
Loose	630.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	<u>2,320.00</u>
	\$ 9,188.00

# of envelopes – 316  
Average - \$19.74

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

To make a **secure contribution** on-line please visit  
[ihmphila.org](http://ihmphila.org) and click on the Parish Giving Logo.

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*



## Pastor's Page

This Sunday we continue with Luke's Gospel. This section continues Jesus' instruction on true discipleship. In this section Jesus challenges us to continue to seek perfection. The Golden Rule is spelled out: "Do to others as you would have them do to you." This sometimes requires us to place ourselves in the other person's shoes. It sometimes requires imagination. It can be helpful to have an appreciation of the other person's plight or station in life. It definitely requires an empathy toward the other person.

One of the first things we learn about ourselves, as human beings, is we are created in the 'image and likeness of God'. What exactly does that mean? It means if we truly want to follow Jesus as a disciple, we should want to reflect the goodness of God in our own lives. Jesus commands us to show mercy to those who hurt us. "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." We are called to be merciful not just because it is the right thing to do, but because God is merciful and we are called to reflect the goodness that God projects. Since we are created in the image of God, and God is merciful, we are created to be merciful.

This is not some additional feature that Jesus is throwing out there and telling his disciples to do. This is part of our constitution, our humanity. It is not an accident that the word *humane* is often used as a synonym for *merciful*. To be human is to be merciful.

We can see Jesus offering us the extreme example of mercy when he died on the cross. Today's passage is not regarded as a prediction of his passion, but it could be. Everything that he said to his disciples on this occasion early in his ministry, happened to him on Good Friday. He was hated, he was cursed, he was mistreated. He was struck on the cheek, his cloak was taken away from him. Jesus forgave them all, saying on the cross, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

The exhortation to "lend expecting nothing back" is another practical example of living out discipleship. In biblical times, money did not yet have the commercial function it has now. There is a big difference between a bank granting a business loan or a mortgage and an individual helping a friend as well as possible under trying circumstances.

The passage concludes with some practical everyday examples: Stop judging, stop condemning. Forgive. Give to others without counting the cost. This can spread even more good will. "Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing, will be poured into your lap". Jesus further says we will receive return in proportion to how we give. "For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

Today let us listen for what God is calling us to do, as we reflect the goodness, life and light of Christ in our lives. In the responsorial psalm today we will sing the refrain, "The Lord is kind and merciful". We are called to be as well.

*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.**



*God's blessings  
to the newly baptized in the Catholic faith*  
**Jordan Thomas Rodgers**  
**Carter Jacquinto**

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

**Theresa Mc Cormick, John Romano**



### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Sirach 27:4-7 (84C)
- 2) 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
- 3) Luke 6:39-45



## IHM BLOOD DRIVE



Father Sullivan Hall  
Monday, March 31  
2 pm to 7 pm.

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org enter IHM Parish to schedule an appointment.

Sponsored by the Cor Mariae Council, Knights of Columbus

*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

## 15 WEEK CLUB Week # 3

Don & Lisa Sesarco	\$300.00
Edwin M. Fisher	\$100.00
Frank Gailey	\$100.00
Alexis Rivera	\$ 50.00
Gary Jonas	\$ 50.00
Emily Munn	\$ 50.00
John Marcinek	\$ 50.00
Timothy Duncan	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our CYO High School 12th grade team who defeated St. Helena's 12th grade team to win the Region 21 Championship. IHM will participate in the upcoming Philadelphia Archdiocese Tournament!



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 meeting of the Golden Age Club will be February 24.

**CYO DONUT DAY**

**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.*

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.**



### 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.*

### POLISH HERITAGE SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA

presents a

### CONCERT OF HONOR OF FRYDERYK CHOPIN

**March 23, 2025** at 2:30 pm  
at the Music Settlement School on  
6128 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19144.  
Free enclosed parking.

Pianist Nathaniel Zhang, a winner in the Miami competition, who will participate in the Chopin Competition in Poland.

A light reception will follow concert.

**Tickets:** \$30 per person; \$20 for students. *NO tickets will be mailed, no refunds issued.*

Reservations may be made through the Concert Chairperson: Debbie Majka  
tel: 215-627-1391 e-mail: [dziecko2@comcast.net](mailto:dziecko2@comcast.net) or via regular mail.

Checks payable to *Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia* may be mailed to:

Debbie Majka, 812 Lombard Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147

You may also use PayPal for Payment. Send the amount to "Debbie Majka" account.

### Cardinal Dougherty High School Class of 1975

#### 50 Year Reunion

**Saturday, April 5, 2025**

**6 - 10 pm**

**Heroes Ballroom FOP Lodge #5**

**11630 Caroline Road**

**Philadelphia PA**

**\$75 per person**

Venmo Jim Gallagher1975CDREUNION or send checks payable to 1975 Cardinal Dougherty 50th Reunion, c/o John Lennon, 861 Beverly Road, Rydal, PA 19046.

Additional questions email: [1975cdreunion@gmail.com](mailto:1975cdreunion@gmail.com)

Deadline to purchase tickets is March 10.

**IHM Golden Age Club** has two upcoming trips. March 19th the trip is to Resorts in Atlantic City and the second trip is on April 2 to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse in West Hampton, NJ. Flyers are at all the doorways of the church and chapel with all the details.



**IHM CYO KNIGHTS  
IS IN NEED OF:**

**CO-ED HIGH SCHOOL CYO  
VOLLEYBALL COACH &  
COORDINATOR**

VOLLEYBALL COORDINATOR WOULD HELP  
WITH UNIFORMS, OPENING THE GYM, GAME  
UPDATES, ETC.  
\*MUST HAVE CLEARANCES\*

IF INTERESTED EMAIL:  
[IHMCYO.ATHLETIC.DIRECTOR@GMAIL.COM](mailto:IHMCYO.ATHLETIC.DIRECTOR@GMAIL.COM)




**VOLLEYBALL  
COED HIGH SCHOOL**

SCAN QR CODE  
FOR INFO & TO  
REGISTER

Registration closes on Friday, February  
28th

Open to male & female athletes in 9th to  
12th grade

QUESTIONS, EMAIL:  
[IHMCYO.ATHLETIC.DIRECTOR@GMAIL.COM](mailto:IHMCYO.ATHLETIC.DIRECTOR@GMAIL.COM)



## 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](mailto:sidneyj@macleod.com)  
**Ministry of the Eucharist**: Mary Ann Kostic-King, [mking@iheartmary.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ihmcyo.athletic.director@gmail.com)

**Golden Age Club**: Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:tuition@iheartmary.org)

**SCRIP**: S&C and Supermarket Scrip—Traci Kovach  
[scscrip@iheartmary.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**