



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY 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, & 7:30 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 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.

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—May 11 in Father Sullivan Hall. Details 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 25, 2024

SAT.	24	5:15 pm	Celestine & Joseph Mc Fadden
SUN.	25	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Patricia A. Kost Deacon George W. Kletzel, Jr.
MON.	26		James K. Curtin
TUES.	27	8:30	Mary E. Schlosser
WED.	28	8:30	Ben Grisafi
THUR	29	8:30	Tung Vu & Thu Duong
FRI.	1	8:30	Charles Hoffman
SAT.	2	8:00 5:15 pm	Joseph & Florence Horan 67th Anniversary Frances & Richard Kauffman
SUN	3	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Victor Schepise Dominic D'Alicandro, Jr.

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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT 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.

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

Teresa "Terry" Carr, Michael Katona



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 Bielawski, Lance & Cindi Bonnet, Nancy Bright, Daniel Brito, Bill Burrow, Bobby Busch, Dolores Buzby, Lynn Campbell, Mary Rose Campbell, Erin Caruso, 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, Ben Mazzochetti, 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

As Jesus is transfigured before his disciples in today's Gospel from Mark, a voice comes from the cloud saying: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." Lent is a special time to listen even more closely to Jesus. Last week we heard him proclaim. "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

In the first reading, the faith of Abraham is tested in a most extreme way. So too will the faith of the disciples be tested during the time leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection. We know what awaits us at the end of Lent, but the disciples in real time did not and their faith wavered. As St. Paul tells the Romans, the resurrection of Christ demonstrated once and for all that God has the power to snatch victory from defeat and bring life out of death.

Strong in faith or weak in faith, God has a special place for all. Abraham was strong in faith right from the beginning. "Go to a land that I will show you". It took a great deal of faith to do that. As a good Lenten story, read the saga of Abraham in Genesis chapters 12 to 25. Abraham was the very model of trust in God. He obeyed God even in extreme circumstances. He was willing to sacrifice his own son if this is what God was asking.

In the Gospel, Jesus is transfigured and appears in glory with Elijah and Moses. This happens with the inner circle of disciples, Peter, James and John. In Mark's version, they are terrified and later confused. At this point, Peter is unable to understand or accept what Jesus reveals to him. In contrast to Abraham, Peter's faith is often weak. Yet Jesus chooses Peter to lead the church.

St. Paul gives us a very good pep talk today in the epistle to the Romans. Paul asks, "If God is for us, who is against us?" The question is really a statement. Paul is saying, "If God is for us, then it does not ultimately matter who is against us." God gave up Jesus, the eternal Son, for us all. Nothing can separate us from this love of God, claims Paul. At the end of this chapter, it is as if Paul names everything he can think of that might separate us from God (Romans 8:35-39). The worst that can happen to us cannot separate us from the love of God. Not trial, not distress, not persecution, not hunger, not nakedness, not danger, not the sword.

Nowhere, not in Romans nor anywhere else in the Bible, are we promised freedom from suffering. Some illnesses will not be healed, some mistakes will not be erased, some pain will never go away. Faith in God does not insulate us from the rest of humanity with its struggles, its disappointment and its losses.

Faith in God is relational, not circumstantial. We trust in God's unconditional love. People of faith in all ages have found that the assurance of God's love has sufficed for every need. Trusting in God's unfailing love can strengthen us in our ordeals, encourage us in grief and loss and inspire us to live in hope. Secure in God's love, no threat need to overpower us, no danger defeat us. The good news of the gospel is this: If God is for us, it matters little who is against us. If God is for us, all will be well.

Fr. Casey

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 (29B)
- 2) 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
- 3) John 2:13-25



The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of February 26 to March 3
is in loving memory of
Chester Cybularz
requested by
Chet & Sharon Cybularz & Family.



ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of
Carol Bogus
requested by the Loughlin Family

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
Teresa "Terry" Carr
requested by her IHM Friends.

**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.**



15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS**WEEK 2**

Mitchell Carbaugh	\$300.00
Gerald & Janice Prospero	\$100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Hill	\$100.00
Jessica Teson	\$ 50.00
Pat Mayo	\$ 50.00
Fred Rizzo	\$ 50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Thuat Pham	\$ 50.00
Matthew Martino	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!**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, Kielbasa 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On Saturday, March 16, 2024, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting BINGO in Fr. 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
Refreshments for purchase

*Welcome to the newest members
of our IHM Parish*
The Domzalski Family
The Marroletti Family

Sunday Offering Week of February 11, 2024

Envelopes \$ 7,932.00
Loose 1,246.00
\$ 9,178.00
of envelopes – 486
Average - 16.32
St Vincent dePaul \$2,961.00
Aging & Ill Priest \$2,912.00

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!

UPCOMING LEGION OF MARY EVENTS
Save the date and register.

Saturday, March 23, 2024 - **Evangelization Day #1** at Visitation BVM Catholic Church, Norristown – Welcome all neighbors to visit the Catholic Church. Rosary at 7:45 am, Mass 8:15 followed by breakfast, training, visitation of homes, lunch, ending around 2:30 pm.

Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 3:00 pm– **Consecration to the BVM** – Annual Acies ceremony for *IHM Legion of Mary praying members* at St. Martin De Porres Church, 2340 West Lehigh Avenue – Mass, Consecration and social afterwards.

Saturday, April 13, 2024 - **Marian Day Conference** at St. Helena Parish, Blue Bell - Enjoy a Marian Eucharistic day with Rev. Dennis Gill SLL; Rector at Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul - 8:00 am Check-in & Breakfast, 9:30 Rosary, 10:00 talk #1, 11:15 Mass, 12:15 Lunch, 1:15 talk #2, 2:30 Holy Hour. Cost: \$30

Saturday, May 18, 2024 - **Evangelization Day #2** at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Bridgeport – Share the love of your Faith. Rosary at 8:30 am, Mass 9:00 followed by breakfast, training, visitation of homes, lunch, ending around 2:30 pm.

Registration required for attendance – Registration / Flyer is posted at <https://philadelphiasenatus.org/upcoming-events/> For info: Text or phone Frank 215 356 3441 (C)

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 deposit-
ing 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
emilytmiller@comcast.net

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.

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 **SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024** 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 11, April 1, 22 and May 13

All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.

Providing Help & Hope to Neighbors in Need!

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

*Rylee Anne Brecht
Kinsley Anne Mc Daid*

The next meeting of the Golden Age Club will be on
February 26, 2024

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. 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—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*

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 sscrip@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 215-850-9740.