



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

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Website: iheartmary.org

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 26, 2023

SAT.	25	5:15 pm	Celestine & Joseph McFadden
SUN.	26	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Carol Bogush James K. Curtin
MON.	27	8:30 7:30 pm	Mary E. Schlosser Mr. & Mrs. Peter J. Conboy, Sr.
TUES.	28	8:30 7:30 pm	Ben Grisafi Paul Maksyn
WED.	1	8:30 7:30 pm	Guia Lopez Nancy Flanagan
THURS.	2	8:30 7:30 pm	Florence & Joseph Horan 66th Anniversary In Honor of St. Lucy
FRI.	3	8:30 7:30 pm	Binh Nguyen Margaret "Marge" Jara
SAT.	4	8:00 5:15 pm	Richard Jarotta Veronica Murphy
SUN	5	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Hugh Loughlin Deacon George W. Kletzel, Jr 5th Anniversary

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of February 27 to March 5 is in loving memory of
 Frank Szalejko
 requested by
 his wife, Margherita Szalejko.

ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of
 Margaret Fisher
 requested by
 Pat & Rich Cross.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
 Dominic D'Alicandro, Jr.
 requested by
 his parents.



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, 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, Connie Mazzochetti, Terry McCormick, Anne Marie Mc Keever, Felix & Louise McKeough, 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**



Pastor's Page

The scripture readings today remind us that we are faced with choices in our lives. These choices can either move us closer to God or move us away from him. As we will see from Genesis to Matthew today, the transgression of Adam and Eve is overcome by the righteousness of Jesus.

In Genesis, we see the character of the serpent introduced into the story. In Canaan, the promised land that the Hebrews moved into a serpent was associated with pagan fertility cults which were a constant source of temptation to Israel. Israel often fell into these things. The choice of a serpent to represent the tempter of humanity is the author's way of saying: "Don't get involved with these things, they will only cause you trouble as they did for the first man and woman."

A big question we may have is why the serpent engages the woman in conversation and not the man. Could it be they see the woman as inherently weak, incurably curious or could she be viewed as much stronger than the man. If she can be made to sin, man will automatically follow. There is no definite answer to this. The bottom line is they both listen to the serpent, disobey God and chose to sin.

The bottom line is God as the creator, has given man great gifts. Man is created with an intellect and free will. There is a limit placed on humanity. Some things are objectively wrong in themselves. Humanity can know many things, but who is to decide what is best for humanity – the God who created humanity or the creature who was created? The problem is that humanity overstepped the limit imposed by God. This becomes in itself rebellion against the creator, ruptures the relationship. That is the essence of sin.

The Gospel today is Matthew's version of the Temptation of Jesus in the desert. This story is related in each of the synoptic gospels (Mark, Luke and Matthew). Mark's narrative of the testing of Jesus contains only two verses, but Luke and Matthew provide a lengthy debate in which the devil presents three tests and Jesus answers with three quotations from the Book of Deuteronomy.

The three tests show that Jesus does not seek to satisfy his own material needs or to make a miraculous display of his status or power or enter into a relationship with the devil for the sake of political authority. Jesus emerges from this period in the desert and the temptation totally obedient to the will of the Father, especially as that will is expressed in the words of the Old Testament scriptures.

This story provides a model for us who may be tempted to pay too much attention to material goods or to seek influence and wealth without regard for justice and morality. Jesus sojourn in the desert can be a model for our Forty Day Lenten observance.

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 12:1-4a (25A)
- 2) 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
- 3) Matthew 17:1-9



PART-TIME SACRISTAN POSITION

IHM has an opening for a part-time sacristan position.

Duties include working funerals and special events during the week and some weekends.

For more information contact Denise Schmidt in the Rectory Office 215-483-1000 or email: ihmparish@comcast.net

Sunday Offering Week of February 12, 2023

Envelopes \$ 9,469.00

Loose 987.00

\$10,456.00

of envelopes – 565

Average– 16.76

Care of Aging and Ill Priest \$1,960.00

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. Please be sure to label the casseroles with the date and the name of the casserole.

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

Invitation from the Legion of Mary

All IHM Legion of Mary Auxiliaries (prayer members) and interested parishioners are invited to the Legion **Annual Consecration to Mary (Acies) Ceremony** that will be held on Saturday, March 25 (Annunciation Feast Day) at St. Martin De Porres Church, 2340 W. Lehigh Avenue, Phila. Legion Prayers with Rosary, Homily, Mass and a social will follow. Start time is at 2:00 pm.

For information: flklusek@ieee.org or text 215 356 3441

Are you willing to offer your time and talents to do something beautiful for Our Blessed Mother? The Legion of Mary at IHM invites you to be our guest at a weekly meeting held on Wednesdays in Father Sullivan Hall. Come to pray the Rosary and find out more about this international lay organization whose goal is the spiritual growth of its members. During Lent, we will meet at 6:00 pm before the Lenten Mass.

15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS
WEEK 2

Janice Di Benedetto	\$300.00
Elaine Donohue	\$100.00
Patricia Cubbin	\$100.00
Stephen & Susan Ryan	\$ 50.00
Beth Scheid	\$ 50.00
Dorothy Mc Carthy	\$ 50.00
Amy Sadowski	\$ 50.00
Jenifer Cessna	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

*'One does not live
on bread alone,
but on every
word that comes
forth from the
mouth of God.'*


 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.**

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.

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

Mr. & Mrs. Shaun Mc Phillips

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@romancatholichs.com

Uniting for Ukraine

There is a way you can help! You can change people's lives by becoming a sponsor and join others by forming a Welcome Circle. Catholic Social Services was commissioned by Archbishop Perez to assist our Ukrainian sisters and brothers interested in resettling in the Philadelphia and suburban areas. Welcome Circles are groups of 5 or more adults who agree to support Ukrainians to rebuild their lives right here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and feel at home in their new communities. Currently, Catholic Social Services is providing supportive services to many Ukrainians, as well as those from Afghanistan, Haiti, Venezuela and other areas suffering from violence and poverty. Some of those services include: housing, assistance with benefits, employment, cultural orientation, and mental health resources. We are reaching out to offer the opportunity to serve those most in need and to carry out our mission of being like Jesus on earth.

If interested in hearing more, contact Beth Wood at 267-351-6035 or email bwood@chs-adphila.org

Or simply logon to our next information session on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 6:00pm. Here is the link for the meeting - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81454499976>

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