



## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 TBA.** 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 Date to be announced.

**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 4, 2024

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>3</b>	5:15 pm	Veronica Murphy
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>4</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners All Family Members of Jim and Sharon Schepise Edward "Ed" Oakes
<b>MON.</b>	<b>5</b>	8:30	Memorial Fund
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>6</b>	8:30	Dominic & Mary Di Guglielmo
<b>WED.</b>	<b>7</b>	8:30	Rose Di Benedetto
<b>THUR</b>	<b>8</b>	8:30	Anthony Delaney
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>9</b>	8:30	Tung Vu & Thu Duong
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>10</b>	8:00 5:15 pm	Marianne Klusek Joan A. Reed
<b>SUN</b>	<b>11</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Florence & Michael Iacobacci Stephen "Steve" Murphy

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**  
for the week of February 5 to February 11  
is loving memory of  
Rose Di Benedetto  
requested by her daughter,  
Janice Di Benedetto.



### ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of  
Rose Di Benedetto  
requested by  
her daughter,  
Janice Di Benedetto.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of  
Emily Pisano  
requested by  
her family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS

*Joseph Angelastro*



*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, Terry Carr, 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, 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, Terry McCormick, Anne Marie Mc Keever, Felix & Louise McKeough, Helen Magee, Lindsey Marzo, Elizabeth Matruak, Winifred Meall, Monica Mellon, Eileen Michel, Adrian Mumford, Mary Mudry, Janet Murphy, Dick & Trudy Neff, Tom Newell, 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 1<sup>st</sup> responders.*

## Pastor's Page

We hear many times the expression, “He/she has the patience of Job”. The passage today gives us a fuller picture of Job and what he faced. “The Book of Job is part of a group of Old Testament writings known as Wisdom Literature. The story of Job is that of a righteous man upon whom God inflicts great suffering in order to test Job’s fortitude. Central to the theme is wrestling with the question of the suffering of the innocent. Scholarship tells us that Job is not an historical figure and the details related throughout the book are not to be taken literally as objective history. As Jesus relates later, God the Father does not randomly pick out people to inflict torture upon in dialogue with the devil as a sort of experiment or sport.

We can learn as we read from Job that we can have the courage to raise our voice to God in prayer, sharing our disappointments and sorrows. Job is in the throes of despair. His days are miserable, his nights are troubled. Yet, he is addressing his lament to God. Expressing lament is a valid form of prayer. At this time we pray for the type of healing that comes only through Jesus. Somewhere inside Job must have had glimmer of hope—a hope that God will hear him. If we take some time to read through the conclusion of the Book, we see that God does respond.

In our passage from Mark today, we see the quick movements of Jesus as he begins his powerful ministry. (1:29-39). Mark has Jesus move immediately from his first powerful miracle to another. The visit to Simon’s mother –in-law turns into a second sign that God’s kingdom of wholeness is present in Him. In verse 25 he cures with a word. Here he cures with a touch (1:31). His touch saves surely as his word. The fact that the woman’s cure is immediate and total is made clear by Mark’s emphasis on how she resumes her duties of hospitality as she waits on her guests.

His first day of preaching and healing has given them hope that God is at work among them. Mark presents Jesus as being very reserved about letting his reputation as a miracle worker spread. This reticence is called by scripture scholars, “the messianic secret”. In emphasizing such secrecy regarding Jesus’ identity as the Messiah, Mark hopes that his Christian readers will accept Jesus’ true identity, on his terms in the context of his entire life and mission. Mark’s Jesus will reveal himself as Messiah by being powerless on the Cross. Christians are free to proclaim Jesus as their Messiah and Lord only when they accept his way of suffering messiahship along with his miraculous works.

We conclude today with Simon informing Jesus that everyone is seeking him. Jesus responds that he must travel to other villages and preach, “for this purpose I have come”. This signals that the healing and casting out of demons are not the goal of Jesus’ ministry but are simply signs that the reign of God is at hand.

Today we see and hear Job in his suffering and lament. The people who encounter Jesus today in the Gospel are full of hope. We can see ourselves in both situations. Let us continually remind ourselves of the healing grace of Jesus in his Word and Sacrament.

Father Casey

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Leviticus 131-2, 44-46
- 2) 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
- 3) Mark 1:40-45



**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.**





## IHM 15 WEEK CLUB DRAWING

The 15 Week Club Tickets have been mailed out to all parishioners. This is the **BIGGEST** annual fundraiser for our school. We are asking each family to purchase 2 tickets. Please return your payment and ticket stubs to the Rectory as soon as possible.

**The first drawing will be on Monday, February 12, 2024 to allow extra time for returns.**

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

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.

### Sunday Offering Week of January 21, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 5,815.00
Loose	759.00
	<u>\$ 6,574.00</u>

# of envelopes – 418  
Average - 13.92



Girl Scout Troop # 9392 will be selling their delicious Girl Scout cookies after all the Masses this weekend and next.

Please support them if you are able.

## Travelling Statues of the Virgin Mary and the Sacred Heart

The IHM Legion of Mary sponsors a travelling statue of the **Pilgrim Virgin (Our Lady of Fatima)** to pray for the intentions of each family. Prayer in your home brings miracles of grace. You may schedule a visit on your birthday, anniversary or for a special intention.

A travelling **Sacred Heart of Jesus** statue is also visiting homes in the IHM Parish for the specific purpose of praying for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. We so much need prayers to support religious vocations!

For Information call Frank 215-356-3441

**Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia**

**ANTONI KLECZEK**  
*Chopin Concert*  
Light reception follows performance

**\$30 (students \$20)**

Info:  
Debbie Majka:  
215-627-1391  
dziecko2@comcast.net

Germantown Settlement Music School  
6128 Germantown Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19144  
Off-Street Parking

**Sunday, February 25, 2024 \* 2:30pm**

### 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 on February 19 and March 11, 2024.

All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.

### Clergy Schedule for Sunday, February 11, 2024 (celebrants are subject to change)

#### Saturday, February 10, 2024

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Quan

#### Sunday, February 11, 2024

7:30 am – Fr. Quan  
9:30 am – Fr. Bransfield  
11:30 Fr. Bransfield

### 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.

The next casserole pickup for  
St. John's Hospice is on  
Wednesday, February 7 at 9 am.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The Sacrament of First Penance will take place on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6 pm in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Family members of our second grade children from IHM Parish are invited to receive the Sacrament of Penance as well.

## CYO SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Athletes will be serving donuts and coffee to parishioners after mass. Service includes set up, serve and clean up. Valentines will be made and distributed to parishioners. Please wear red, pink or purple for our Valentine theme.

Open to all CYO athletes. It is the expectation that each athlete commits 2 service hours per sport season.

**Sunday,  
February 4th  
9:30a-11:30a  
Father  
Sullivan Hall**



**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.

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

**Location:** Koller Funeral Home

6835 Ridge Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19128

**Time:** 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED call 215.482.5200**

**Or email [kollerbereavement@gmail.com](mailto:kollerbereavement@gmail.com)**

### NO FEE

#### DATE:

#### TOPIC:

March 7, 2024	Understanding Your Grief- Your Personal Journey
March 21, 2024	Grief on the Hardest Days- Preparing for Special Days
April 4, 2024	The Journey Continues... Stages of Grief/Tasks of Mourning
April 18, 2024	Coping Strategies-Building Your Tool Kit
May 2, 2024	Rebuilding-Finding Your Strengths and Helping Yourself Heal
May 16, 2024	Continuing the Journey- Leaning into Hope

The above outline is not meant to limit the focus of the support group. It is merely offered as a starting place. The needs of the participants, both as individuals and a group, will determine the course of our journey and time together.

**Facilitated by Carmela S. McDowell, MSW, LSW**

For over 25 years Ms. McDowell has provided bereavement support to hospice families and the community who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

### GOLDEN AGE CLUB NEWS

The next meeting of the Golden Age Club will be on  
February 12, 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](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, [Musicfe5@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:athleticdirector.ihm@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*

### 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 [sscrip@iheartmary.org](mailto: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](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 @ 7:30pm 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.*