



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

815 E. Cathedral Road
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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 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.

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 5, 2023

SAT.	4	5:15 pm	Robert G. Reed, Sr., & Helen Reed
SUN.	5	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Philip W. Cavalcante Thomas J. Mower, Jr. 28th Anniversary
MON.	6	8:30	Memorial Fund
TUES.	7	8:30	Rose Di Benedetto
WED.	8	8:30	Harry Shaw
THURS.	9	8:30	Veronica & Joseph Horan
FRI.	10	8:30	Terrence Keough
SAT.	11	8:00 5:15 pm	Angelo Sperduto Joan A. Reed
SUN	12	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Florence & Michael Iacobacci Stephanie Monastery

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of February 6 to February 12

is in

loving memory of

Rose Di Benedetto

requested by Janice Di Benedetto.



ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of
Pat Salvatore - Birthday
requested by
The Salvatore Family



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
Bernadette "Bern" Harwick,
our teacher, colleague and friend
requested by the Christmas Group.



*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, Don Holt, 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, Elizabeth Matruka, Terry McCormick, Brian
McGuire, Anne Marie Mc Keever, Felix & Louise
McKeogh, Helen Magee, Lindsey Marzo, Elizabeth Matruak,
Winifred Meall, Rachael Mellon, Charlie Melough, 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, John Reynolds, Casey Rigby, Joel Rivera, Tony
Ruger, Domiciano Gallego-Ruiz, Anita Russell, Timothy
Sager, Donna Scharff, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, Mary
Ann Shaw, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Luke Simon, Jake Stefano,
Baby Caleb St. George, Donna Stine, O.S.F., Felicia Teske,
Paul Teske, Edward Thomas, Molly Thompson, Christine
Triola, Louise Vesce, 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.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR
BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Marianne Dímucci



Pastor's Page

Our Gospel journey for this Fifth Sunday continues the Sermon on the Mount from Matthew's Gospel. (Chapters 5-6-7). Often times this section is called "The Greatest Sermon ever preached." The scholars tell us that Matthew compiled these teaching not from one event in Jesus public ministry, but as a type of compilation presented in the narrative as a continuous homily or teaching.

Remember the setting that Matthew has painted. Jesus act of climbing a mountain and then teaching the people divine truth calls to mind at least two figures of the Old Testament who did the same. Moses who climbed Mount Sinai to receive the Law of God and deliver it to Israel and Solomon, who as King of Israel took his throne on Mount Zion and from there dispensed divine wisdom to all the nations. Jesus is both a new Moses and a new Solomon, a divine legislator and a king filled with heavenly wisdom. What is different is Jesus is speaking of his own authority.

In today's passage Jesus is preparing to teach us how to live is we are to be part of the Kingdom that he is establishing. He is telling us that we are salt and light. He is telling us what a major effect we can have on others and on our world if we live as he is about to show us. It is worth noting here that in the Sermon on the Mount Jesus is not just talking to the Twelve Apostles but to a large crowd. He is very visible speaking from a mountain

To be a light to the world is obviously a positive characteristic. We all know how important light is to us. Imagine living in a world of darkness. We get a glimpse of the lack of light during the winter months. The time of daylight is shortened, it can get cloudy and gloomy. There are even some people who get seriously depressed at this time of year simply due to the lack of adequate sunlight. That condition is called appropriately S.A.D (Seasonal affective disorder)

Jesus also tells us we are "the salt of the earth". Salt these days is known for flavoring food and melting ice but in Jesus day it was used as a food preservative. It was as important to that culture as refrigeration is to us. People's food quickly spoiled unless it had been preserved in salt. Meat and fish were dried in the light of the sun and salted to preserve them. Light and salt both have disinfectant and preservative qualities.

"A city set on a mountain" is a clear reference to the Temple city of Jerusalem, the most famous "city set on a mountain" in all of Israel. In fact, the ridgeline on which Jerusalem sits is one of the highest in all the traditional territory of Israel, with the result that travel to Jerusalem was typically described as "going up" to Zion, since one literally had to ascend to the city from almost any other location. The Temple in turn was built on the highest point of the ancient city, dominating the skyline,

In calling us salt and light, Jesus is praising us for he is telling us we have talents and gifts that can be of great value and help to others, talents and gifts for which we often do not give ourselves enough credit. He is challenging us to be the gift to others that we can be.

If we are the light of the world as Jesus tells us it is because we are reflecting the light of Christ. We are told in John's Gospel especially that Jesus is the light of the world and all who follow him will have the light of life. When we were baptized we were given a candle, lit from the Easter Paschal Candle and told to walk always in the Light of Christ. We need to be aware of our Light and let it constantly shine.

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) Sirach 15:15-20 (76A)
- 2) 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
- 3) Matthew 5:17-37



Sunday Offering Week of January 22, 2023

Envelopes \$ 8,286.00
 Loose 1,296.50
 \$ 9,582.50

of envelopes – 481
 Average– 17.23

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.

FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

We will not be automatically mailing out the end of the year **2022 contribution statements** to our parishioner.

To request a contribution statement please call the Rectory Office at 215-483-1000.

IHM SACRAMENTAL NEWS

FIRST PENANCE will take place on **Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6 p.m.**

FIRST PENANCE PRACTICE will take place on **Monday, February 13, 2023 from 9 am to Noon**

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**



The next meetings for the Golden Age Club will be February 13th and the 27th.

Come and join us for friendship, fun and laughter.

The 15 Week Club—The IHM 15 Week Club is the only major fundraising event of the fiscal year. We urge each parishioner to buy or sell the two tickets to help defray IHM School expenses. Just fill out the SMALL portion of the ticket and return it to the Rectory (either by mail, in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory Office in person) along with the \$40 for each ticket. Thank you for your continued support of our school and **GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!**

The first drawing will be February 6.



Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia presents a CONCERT IN HONOR OF FRYDERYK CHOPIN on the anniversary of his 213th birthday!

Featuring: Pianist, William Yang

Date: Sunday, February 26, 2023 at 2:30 pm

Location: Settlement Music School, 6128 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, PA

A light reception will follow the performance.

Tickets are \$30 per person; \$20 for students

Reservations may be made through the Concert Chairperson:

Debbie Majka 215-627-1391 or email dziecko2@comcast.net or regular mail.

Checks are payable to: Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia and mailed to Debbie Majka 812 Lombard Street #12; Philadelphia, PA 19147. You may also use PayPal for payment.

Send the amount to "Debbie Majka" account.

Weekend Clergy Schedule February 12, 2023 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, February 11, 2023

5:15pm - Fr. Quan

Sunday, February 12, 2023

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Casey

9:30 a.m. – Fr. Bongard

11:30 a.m. -- Fr. Bransfield

Message from the Business Manager

You may have recently noticed that the Church Envelopes have a different look and there are March envelopes in with February envelopes. Also, there are extra envelopes that should not be in your packets.

What should be in your February packet is an envelope for each Sunday. (Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26) One envelope for Support Our School, One for The Offering for the Care of Aging and Ill Priest, and one for St. Vincent dePaul Society. School parents should not have a Support Our School envelope.

When your March envelopes come there may be duplicates for March as they put March 5 & 12 in with your February envelopes.

We have spoken to the envelope company and hopefully all this is straightened out.

If you have any questions or concerns call **Emily Miller** in the Rectory Office **215-483-1000**.

Merion Mercy Academy 1st Semester Honor Roll

Grade 12 - Mackenzie Taggart, Annelise Fresta, Charlie Trimbur,

Grade 11 - Ava Adair, Hannah Cramutola, Christine Link,

Grade 9 - Jennah Marie Figueroa, Lauren Kovacs

Congratulations to these students!!!

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

*Leo James Walters
Ethan Victor James*



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 6, and 27,
& March 20.
from 7-8:30 pm.

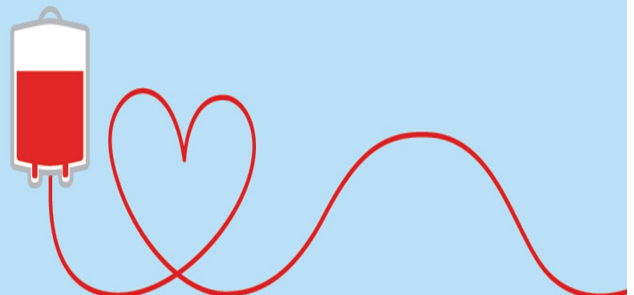
Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

The IHM CYO will be hosting a donut day after the 9:30 Mass on **Sunday, February 12.**

All are welcome to come to Father Sullivan Hall and meet some of our young parishioners.



Help save lives. Give blood.



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

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