



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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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, & 7:00 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 9, 2025

SAT.	8	5:15 pm	Stanley & Helen Gogola
SUN.	9	7:30 9:30 1:30	IHM Parishioners Terrence Keough Zachwieja Family
MON.	10	8:30	Mary Ann Pastore
TUES.	11	8:30	Marie Travaline
WED.	12	8:30	Rosemary Carney
THUR	13	8:30	Jack Waldeck
FRI.	14	8:30	Teresa "Terry" Carr
SAT.	15	8:00 5:15 pm	Thomas F. Cunnane Joseph & Celestine Mc Fadden
SUN	16	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Florence & Mike Iacobacci William & Priscilla King

***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, Maria Downey, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Bernadette Giambuzzi, Lora L. Golasa, James Goussy, Joseph Henkel, Regina Joka, Mary Jo & Paul King, Olga Kostic, Victor Kost, Mary Krier, Marianne Leahy, Charles Lott, Eugene Magee, Michael Magee, Carmine Martino, Patricia Markelewicz, Dominic Matteo, Sharon Monigle, Trudy & Dick Neff, Frances Orlicki, Bill Pinto, Maria Prince, Anne Sargus-Varian, Christine Seymour, & Sierra, John Sharkey, David Sparacino, Sr. Mary Thaddeus, Wayne Whitehouse



We continue to pray for our men & women in the military here and overseas and for all 1st responders.

ROSES

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



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Dominic & Mary Di Guglielmo requested by a Friend.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of February 10 to February 16



is in memory of Jack Waldeck requested by Mary & the girls.

Sunday Offering Week of January 26, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 10,529.00
Loose	971.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	<u>1,460.00</u>
	\$ 12,960.00

of envelopes – 427
Average - \$24.66

To make a **secure contribution** on-line please visit ihmphila.org and click on the Parish Giving Logo.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



Pastor's Page

An unlikely thread links the three who are called to be disciples in today's reading. All pronounce themselves unworthy.

Isaiah, Paul and Peter are disciples who each see themselves as sinners and unworthy of the call they have received. As we listen to the readings today, we need to realize that even though we are unworthy, God still calls us to be disciples.

Isaiah felt totally unworthy to answer God's call. He felt totally overwhelmed by the holiness of God. How could he measure up to such purity and power? God empowered Isaiah to do his work by cleansing his lips and purging his heart. After this process, his final answer to God's call is important: "Here I am, send me"!

In the second reading from Corinthians, we can see that Paul had an experience similar to Isaiah's awareness of God's presence in the Temple. He also shows a feeling of being unworthy. He gives credit to God: "Only by the grace of God I am what I am." This enabled him to carry the Good News far and wide.

In the Gospel, Peter as usual gets right to the point: "Depart from me Lord, for I am a sinful man." Simon was a fisherman when he first met Jesus. This was how he earned his living. Like all fisherman, Simon had his good days and his bad days. Over the long haul he must have caught enough fish to stay in business. There were days though when he went home empty handed.

Today, we hear on of the times when it did not go so well. At least that's how it started out. Simon and his crew had fished all night and caught nothing. The next morning they were on the shore, cleaning their nets. Jesus walked upon that scene, and ended up sitting in Simon's boat while he taught people on the shore. Afterwards, he instructed Simon to push out into deep water and let down his nets for a catch. Simon was skeptical. They had already been out all night and now they were going back out at a time when there would probably be no fish.

Simon-Peter did what the Lord asked, but he seemed skeptical. To his utter amazement, they caught so many fish that the nets could hardly hold them. Simon knew after that he was in the presence of someone very special. He was then overwhelmed by a feeling of his own unworthiness. Jesus told him: "Do not be afraid. From now on you will be catching men."

Simon had some good reasons to feel unworthy. He was hot tempered, impetuous and a times a bigoted man. Christ accepted all that and worked with it. In effect, he said, "This is what your are. Let's start with that and see what you can do with it." His name will be changed from Simon to Peter. He will be the spiritual rock. It is a substantial change.

The conclusion is they left everything and followed Him. This is quite a transformation. We are all called to be disciples. Our challenge is to take what we have, let the Lord's grace transform us and follow Jesus to the best of our ability.

Father Casey

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

*Elaine Jordan, John "Skeeter" Fish
Sharon Monigle*



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Jeremiah 17:5-8 (78C)
- 2) 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20
- 3) Luke 6:17, 20-26



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.



Clergy Schedule for Next Weekend (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, February 15, 2025

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Quan

Sunday, February 16, 2025

7:30 am – Fr. Quan

9:30 am - Fr. Sean

11:30 am Fr. Casey



This Sunday, February 9, 2025 the Knights of Columbus will be hosting BINGO in Father 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**
- Refreshment for purchase**



GO BIRDS!!

The Super Bowl does not begin until 6:30 pm so you will still have time join us for BINGO and watch the game!

GOLDEN AGE CLUB NEWS!

The meetings in February will be
10th & 24th

WELCOME BACK EVERY ONE!

FYI

The Parish Office and IHM School will be closed on February 17th in observance of the Presidents' Day Holiday.

Koller Funeral Home will again be offering bereaved care through their Spring Grief Support Group Program. Flyers are at all the tables in the Church and Chapel.

To register call 215-482-5200 or email kollerbereavement@gmail.com

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.



**15 WEEK CLUB
Week # 1**

Chelsea Eisenhower	\$300.00
Rita Ferrante	\$100.00
Karen Rupp	\$100.00
Marge Pastella	\$ 50.00
Mary Ellen Nypower	\$ 50.00
Gerry Alfarano	\$ 50.00
Kathie Fean	\$ 50.00
Christopher Ritter	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

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.



Stock Cake orders may be picked up on Thursday, February 13 from 6 pm to 8 pm in Father Sullivan Hall.

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

February 10 & March 3, 24, April 14, May 5

All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.

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 casserole pickup for St. John's Hospice is on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 9 am.



IHM CYO



SPRING REGISTRATION

Boys Baseball (5th-8th grade)
Girls Softball (5th-8th grade)
Co-Ed Track & Field (4th-8th grade)
Registration will close on Saturday, February 15th.

Scan the QR Code for more info and to register.



THANK YOU to all who participated to make our Catholic Schools Week a great success!

A special thank you to Audrey Kovach who spoke about her Catholic School education and what it means to her.

We pray that God will continue to bless our principal, teachers, students, maintenance workers, staff, parents and all who make our school the great place that it is.

Welcome to the newest members of our IHM Family

The Morocho Family

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

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*
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—Christian Hochstuhl ihmcyo.athletic.director@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 January 8.*

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 @ 7:00pm 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.