

**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. 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 January 9, at 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.

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

January 1, 2023

SAT.	31	5:15 pm	Joan A. Reed
SUN.	1	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Barbara Lynn Carmella Morrissey
MON.	2	8:30	John Iacobacci
TUES.	3	8:30	Donna Bonacci
WED.	4	8:30	Nghi Nguyen
THURS.	5	8:30	Robert Skibjak
FRI.	6	8:30	Donald R. Falso 2nd Anniversary
SAT.	7	8:00 5:15 pm	Lam Vuong Dana Young
SUN	8	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners John Iacobacci Anthony Kenny

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of January 2 to January 8
is in
Thanksgiving to the IHM Parishioners
for your continued support and generosity.



May God bless all of you.

ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of
Margaret Schepise
requested by
Jim & Sharon Schepise.

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is for Good Health for
Angela Kotowish
requested by
Mary Salvatore.



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, Lance Bonnet, 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, Marianne Di Mucci, Madeline DiPasquale, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Beth Donnelly, Joseph Donnelly, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Joe Evers, Bruce Fairchild, Peg Fierko, David Fleetwood, Bill & Dorothy Foster, Kathy Foster, Sydney Franzmann, Barbara Freiling, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Helen Golbeski, Kelly Gruninger, Flora Hart, Bernadette Harwick, Anne Headly, Brenden Heyer, Don Holt, Sheilah Janes, Frances Jefferys, Chris Kane, 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, Charles Mansor, Cheryl Maresca, Elizabeth Matruka, Terry McCormick, Brian McGuire, Anne Marie Mc Keever, Felix & Louise McKeogh, Helen Magee, Lindaey Marzo, Elizabeth Matruak, Winifred Meall, Rachael Mellon, Scott Melina, 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, Harper Renshaw, John Reynolds, Joel Rivera, Tony Ruger, Domiciano Gallego-Ruiz, Anita Russell, Timothy Sager, Jane Sargus, 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 Vesci, Maddox Vielman, Helen Wade, Walter Wayne Whitehouse, 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

On this first day of the Year of Our Lord 2023, we look forward to new beginnings, hopeful that this year will be better than the last. In our first reading today from the Book of Numbers, the chosen people were looking forward to a new beginning in the promised land when Aaron and his sons called down God's blessings, God's grace and God's peace upon them. The liturgy chooses this passage from Numbers and invokes this triple blessing the beginning of the civil year and at other times when there is a need to implore God's blessing on the entire community. The Book of Numbers is the fourth book of the Pentateuch. It tells the story of God's people as they journey through the wilderness enroute to the Promised Land of Canaan. As Numbers unfolds there are many ups and downs as the people are tested in their faith.

We also honor Mary today. Mary's willing obedience to God's plan enabled the Incarnation. Luke says that Mary reflected on the shepherd's visit and their message. The shepherds realized a new beginning was taking place in Bethlehem and hurried there to see the newborn King. The Shepherds are Jesus' first evangelizers, proclaiming the "good news of great joy" given them by the Angels (Luke 2:10). Ironically the first people they tell are Mary and Joseph themselves, who already know the good news from the angel's visits to them. Now however they see tangible proof that the good news is already spreading throughout the countryside, bringing great joy to all who hear it. Mary treasured all that happened as she reflected on the shepherd's visit and their message.

Mary, as we hear in Luke, embraced the new beginning her life had taken after she was visited by the angel. We hear this in the wonderful prayer known as the Magnificat: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

As the new year dawns, we realize the blessings that we have been given. God blessed the chosen people as they invoked his Name. We are blessed as sons and daughters, able to call God, "Abba", Father. Like the shepherds who heard the message of the angels and went to find the Word made flesh, let us listen to the Word of God today, and then go forth praising and glorifying God.

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) Isaiah 60:1-6(20ABC)
- 2) Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
- 3) Matthew 2:1-12



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

Mr. & Mrs. Terrence Quirk



PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION!

The **Legion of Mary** has been active in IHM Parish for over 40 years. Our mission is growth in personal holiness through prayer and by reaching out to others searching for a closer relationship with Christ and His Church. Our way to Jesus is through Mary, our Blessed Mother. Come and explore!

We meet weekly on Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM in Father Sullivan Hall.



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

*Thomas Lyons
Mary Durkin*



The **IHM Scrip program** is a wonderful way to offset your tuition payments!! Scrip is now open to accumulate Scrip Credits for the 22/23 school Year! Buy gift cards from your favorite stores to earn tuition credits for your favorite purchases. Even if you do not have children that attend or will attend IHM, our Scrip Program can donate your rebate to a deserving IHM family or to our IHM Tuition Assistance Fund!

ShopWithScrip has launched a new app for families to order gift cards. This app is for families to use and place orders directly from your phone. The gift cards can also be paid for electronically and shipped to your home for a fee. Even with the app, you can still place physical gift card orders, but this app will allow you to use and order eGift cards as well.

How it works: Your family buys gift cards at face value. Your family earns a percentage on each gift card you buy. Your family uses gift cards at full value for your everyday purchases!

How to get started: Orders can be placed on the Raise Right app, or via email at scscrip@iheartmary.org. **The deadline for orders is every Sunday at 8 pm. Pick up your gift cards on Thursday evenings between 7:00 and 8:00 pm in Father Sullivan Hall. All orders over \$1500 will need to be prepaid in advance.**

Please reach out to scscrip@iheartmary.org with any questions about our Scrip program.

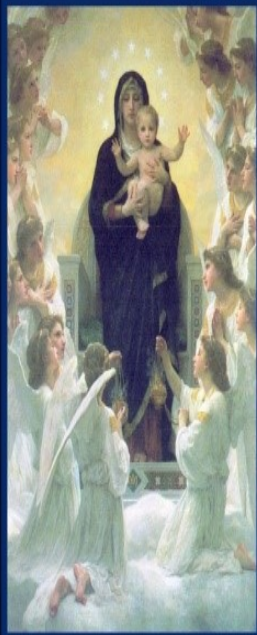
*God's blessings
to the newly baptized children
in the Catholic faith*

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PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN
Before leaving Church please check your pew and remove any personal items and bulletins.

Thank you!!

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Pray for us,
Oh Holy Mother
of God!
May we be made
worthy
Of the promises
of Christ.

“Called to Service”

A mini-documentary on the Permanent Deacons of Philadelphia.

If you want to know more about the diaconate, or if you think you may have a vocation, please consider watching this well done film on the diaconate.

<https://vimeo.com/753050230>.

Don't hesitate to ask Deacon Sam if you have any questions.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

Once again our sick list has unfortunately grown very large. Please check the names on the list and see if prayers have been answered and your loved one may be removed as they have been healed.

If your loved one can be removed please call Denise Schmidt in the rectory office at 215-483-1000.

Thank you!

St. John's Hospice is in need of casseroles. The casseroles are picked up on the first Wednesday of the month.

Casserole pans are available at the rectory office.

St. John's Hospice is also in need of toiletries and socks. There is a box at all the doorways of the Church and Chapel.

If you have any questions call Denise Schmidt 215-483-1000.

The next pick up will be:
Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 9 AM.

*Thank you for your generosity to
St. John's Hospice.*

Casseroles



Are You Looking For A Worthwhile Cause to Volunteer For Here at IHM?

Perhaps you are retired or simply someone with extra time to share with others. Are you someone with compassion, good judgment and discretion?

Consider joining the IHM Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP). If you do, you could become part of a network of friends inspired by the Gospel who grow in spirituality while providing personal service to neighbors in need.

If you would like to talk with a current IHM member to find out more, call the Church Rectory at 215-483-1000 and ask to be connected with the SVdP HelpLine where you can leave a message with your name and phone number. One of our members will call you back to answer your questions and to discuss the value of our Society, not only for those that are helped as well as for the volunteers themselves.

Our next meetings will be held in Father Sullivan Hall in the Knights of Columbus Room on:

**Tuesday, January 3, 2023
from 7-8:30 pm.**

Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

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 @ 7pm 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*