



**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 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 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**  
**January 12, 2025**

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>11</b>	5:15 pm	Jane Reardon
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>12</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Alice & Joseph Keough May Gaughan
<b>MON.</b>	<b>13</b>	8:30	Laura Falso
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>14</b>	8:30	Maria Lien Pham
<b>WED.</b>	<b>15</b>	8:30	Maria Nga Nguyen
<b>THUR</b>	<b>16</b>	8:30	Bethann Kasper
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>17</b>	8:30	Peter Tramo
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>18</b>	8:00 5:15 pm	Mary & Joseph Walsh Vincent & Anna Manzo
<b>SUN</b>	<b>19</b>	7:30 9:30  11:30	IHM Parishioners *Lora & Albert Golasa Happy 56th Wedding Anniversary Thomas J. Mower, Jr. 30th Anniversary

**\*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, 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, Mary Krier, Marianne Leahy, Charles Lott, Carmine Martino, Patricia Markelewicz, Dominic Matteo, Trudy & Dick Neff, Frances Orlicki, Bill Pinto, Maria Prince, Christine Seymour, & Sierra, David Sparacino, Sr. Mary Thaddeus, Wayne Whitehouse,



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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of January 13 to January 19

is in memory of Chris Kane

requested by

his family and friends.



**ROSES**



The rose placed in the **Church**

is in loving memory of

Stephanie Stefanski

requested by

Chet & Sharon Cybularz & Family.

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory

of

Suzanne Whitlock

requested by

her family.

Sunday Offering Week of December 22, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 9,325.00
Loose	1,191.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	<u>1,150.00</u>
	\$ 11,666.00

# of envelopes – 462

Average - \$20.19

Christmas \$33,216.00

Christmas Flowers \$2,294.00

To make a **secure contribution** on-line please visit [ihmphila.org](http://ihmphila.org) and click on the Parish Giving Logo.

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*



## Pastor's Page

Today marks the end of the Christmas liturgical season. We are at the crossroads of the end of the Christmas celebration and the beginning of Ordinary Time. Today is also the beginning of the first week of Ordinary Time.

In the Gospel today, we are witnesses to the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. The story is from Luke's gospel. All three of the synoptic gospels relate this story of the Baptism of the Lord. There are some differences in each of the accounts which can be easily compared. In Luke's account, Jesus is seen at prayer after the Baptism has taken place. It is then that the Spirit descends upon him.

John the Baptist was one of many wandering prophets of first century Palestine. He was different in that he did not proclaim himself as a Messiah or Savior. Rather he pointed to "one who is more powerful than I" (Lk 3:16). John's task was to prepare the way for Jesus' ministry by calling people to an awareness of their sin and the need for repentance.

The sign John used to express this change of heart, this openness of mind and spirit was a ritual bathing called baptism. The act of bathing in water as a sign of spiritual purification was a common practice for many religions of the time.

Jesus is ready for his mission and affirmed by the Voice of God. He enters the Jordan River to wash away the sin of the world. He himself of course was not in need of sin being washed away. Matthew's account addresses this question directly. According to Matthew, Jesus accepted Baptism because it "is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Matthew wanted to show that Jesus' acceptance was not an admission of sin. Rather, it indicated his willingness to immerse himself completely in the life and concerns of his people.

John the Baptist himself testifies that this is why he has come: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world."

Today the Holy Spirit hovers over the water in the form of a dove. A dove announced to Noah that the flood had disappeared from the earth, so now a dove is to reveal that the world's journey into sin can end.

Because we put on Christ in Baptism, we too are beloved sons and daughters of God. The Holy Spirit has been poured out on us. We do more than just point the way to Christ like John the Baptist. We are called to live Jesus.

Baptism makes us heralds of glad tidings who announce that God is with us. As we stand at the Sacred Altar, the heavens open and we know the Lord's presence. As God's beloved children we raise our prayer of thanksgiving.

*Father Casey*

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

***Suzanne Whitlock  
Claire Ioanucci***



*The Second Collection*

The second collection for this weekend  
is for  
Catholic Relief Services

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 62:1-5 (66C)
- 2) 1 Corinthians 12:4-14
- 3) John 2:1-11



Please support our IHM 8th Grade Class of 2025 with their Stock's Pound Cake Fundraiser.

Cost is \$20.00 per cake and orders must be in by Friday, January 24, 2025. Pick up will be Thursday, February 13, between 6 and 8 PM in Father Sullivan Hall.



There are order forms at all the doorways of the Church and Chapel.

Thanks for supporting this delicious fundraiser!

**15 WEEK CLUB DRAWING**

15 Week Club Tickets have been mailed out to all parishioners. This is the **BIGGEST** annual fundraiser for our IHM School. We are asking each family to purchase two tickets. Please return your payment and stubs to the Rectory as soon as possible. **The first drawing will be on Monday, January 27, 2025 to allow for some extra time for returns.**

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

<b>I.H.M. 15 Week Club</b>	
Based on 3000 Tickets Sold 16th WEEK FREE	
Prizes Weekly Total 16th Week After 15th Week	\$15,000 FINAL WEEK (15th Week)
1 - \$500.00	First Prize \$5000.00
2 - 100.00	Ten Prizes \$1000.00 Each
3 - 100.00	
4 - 50.00	
5 - 50.00	
6 - 50.00	
7 - 50.00	
8 - 50.00	
9 - 50.00	
10 - 50.00	
ANY PRIZE OVER \$600.00 IS SUBJECT TO IRS REGULATIONS	
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There are no Golden Age Meetings scheduled for January.

We will resume our meetings on February 10.



**Jubilee 2025**  
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Meaning: The theme invites people to share the hope of their Christian faith with others and to rekindle their own faith. It's also a time to reestablish relationships with God, one another and Creation.

Context: The Jubilee Year is a time of hope for the world, which is suffering from the effects of war, the COVID 19 pandemic and climate change.

Events: The Jubilee Year includes pilgrimages, missions, World Mission and more.

Dates: The Jubilee Year began on December 24, 2024 with the Opening of St. Peter's Basilica and ends on January 6, 2026.

Logo: The logo for the 2025 Jubilee features four figures embracing each other, with the figure at the front holding a cross. The cross is dynamic, bending down toward humanity to offer hope. The waves under the figures symbolize that life's pilgrimage is not always smooth. The lower part of the cross is elongated and turned into an anchor, which is a symbol of hope.

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

**Saturday, January 18, 2025**

**Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Sean**

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

**7:30 am – Fr. Heron**

**9:30 am - Fr. Casey**

**11:30 am Fr. Quan**

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.



## Catholic Schools United in Faith and Community

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.

**Catholic Schools Week in 2025 will be from Sunday, January 26 to Saturday February 1.**

**The theme for the week is “Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community” and will be used through 2026.**

**Details of the events here at IHM will be announced in the coming weeks.**

**May God continue to bless our schools, teachers, children, parents and all those who make it possible for us to continue Catholic Education.**

### **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

**January 20, February 10 & March 3.**

*All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.*

*The next casserole pickup for St. John's Hospice is on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 9 am.*

*Welcome to the newest members  
of our IHM Family*

*John Pearce*

*&*

*Megan Barbieri*

## 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](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, [Musicfef5@gmail.com](mailto:Musicfef5@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](mailto:ihmcyo.athletic.director@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 January 8.*

### 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 [scscrip@iheartmary.org](mailto: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](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 @ 7:00pm 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.*