

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

COME & SEE

John 1:35 –42

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
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, & 7:30 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 Monday, January 15 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.

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 January 14, 2024

SAT.	13	5:15 pm	Sr. Jane Reardon
SUN.	14	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	Sr. Jane Reardon
		11:30	Peter N. & Edward Notwick
MON.	15	8:30	Triola Family
TUES.	16	8:30	Barbara Philben
WED.	17	8:30	Thomas J. Mower, Jr. 29th Anniversary
THUR	18	8:30	Mary & Joseph Walsh
FRI.	19	8:30	Stephanie Monestero
SAT.	20	8:00 5:15 pm	Walter Kusniesz Robert G. Reed, Sr., & Helen Reed
SUN	21	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Stephanie Monestero Stephanie Monestero

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of January 15 to January 21
is for all the daily Mass attendees and
their intentions.



ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of



Robert Veneziale
requested by
Kathy Jones.

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
Joan A. Reed
requested by her
Vestry Circle Friends.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Margaret "Marge" Solarski
Rose Scipione, James Hickey



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, 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, Bruce Fairchild, 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, 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 1st responders.

Pastor's Page

'Time waits for no one' the old saying goes. We had the joyous opportunity to celebrate the Christmas season. The Baptisms of the Lord marked the end of the Christmas season and at it's conclusion begins Ordinary Time.

Today then becomes the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Something is lost in the translation when we say in English, "ordinary time". The temptation might be to think of Ordinary Time as something not special or not important. The Latin word '*ordinalis*' refers to the numbers in a series. The weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The weeks refer to the ordered life of the church and give structure to the scripture readings that are usually centered around one of the 3 Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Luke, Matthew) and a related Old Testament theme.

When we speak of Ordinary Time we also focus on Sunday. Each first day of the week celebration of the Lord's Day. The Christian Sabbath, is the basic structure upon which the Church's year is built. The great liturgical seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter are more expansive celebrations of particular aspect of the one Paschal mystery we celebrate every Lord's day. These special seasons focus our attention upon critical dimensions of one mystery, a mystery so overwhelming that we are compelled to separate its various elements for particular attention.

These seasons in no way minimize the critical importance of the Sunday celebration the rest of the year. The 3rd commandment still applies! Remember to keep holy the Sabbath Day. Ordinary Time is not very ordinary at all. The celebration of Sunday, the day of the Lord's Resurrection is the identifying mark of the Christian community which comes together. We come together to celebrate the first day of the week the Lord was raised up and creation at last came to completion.

Isaiah, Paul and John the Baptist were each called by God for a special purpose. Isaiah tells us of being called to reach out first to the exiled people of Israel and then to all the nations. Paul tells the Corinthians that he was called to be an apostle. John was called to make Jesus known by baptizing with water and calling the people to repentance.

Psalm 40 is the basis of the responsorial psalm today and can be a good point of meditation as we present ourselves to gather around the Lord's table. It is a prayer of thanksgiving for deliverance from trial and troubles. "Here am I Lord, I come to do your will."

In the Gospel, from the Gospel of John, John the Baptist presents Jesus to us as Jesus was revealed to him by the Spirit. "*Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.*" Jesus is God's chosen one, the light to the nations. We are called out of darkness into His own wonderful light.

The liturgy of the Passover is fulfilled totally in the person of Jesus, the true Paschal Lamb who offers himself in the liturgy of the Eucharist in the present, while giving us a foretaste of the heavenly liturgy in the future.

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) Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (68B)
- 2) 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
- 3) Mark 1:14-20



*God's blessings
to the newly baptized children
in the Catholic faith*
Robert Angeline, III

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.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

"I have a dream."

"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

"THE TIME IS ALWAYS RIGHT TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT."

"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

"only in the darkness
CAN YOU SEE THE STARS."

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is,

"What are you doing for others?"

-Martin Luther King Jr.

Clergy Schedule for Sunday, January 21, 2024 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, January 20, 2024

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Quan

Sunday, January 21, 2024

7:30 am - Fr. Bransfield

9:30 am - Fr. Bransfield

11:30 Fr. Quan

Happy New Year from
Immaculate Heart of Mary School!

Our PreK3, PreK4 and Kindergarten Classrooms for the 24/25 School Year are almost full for September 2024!

If you would like to begin the enrollment process for the 24/25 school year, please visit the "Admissions" tab of our website, www.iheartmary.org.

If you would like to come for a visit, our next Open House will take place on Sunday, January 28, 2024. Appointments begin at 9:30 am. We also schedule school day tours on Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays between 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

Please reach out with any questions. We are here to help!



PROSPECTIVE FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

Catholic Schools Week Kick Off!

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Tours by appointment for new families

Full Day PreK3 and PreK 4 Programs

Full Day Kindergarten

Onsite Before and After Care

Small Class Size

Faith Filled Instruction

Family Atmosphere

Middle States Accredited

2021 School of Distinguished Instruction



Email Traci Kovach at tuition@iheartmary.org for your tour appointment.



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**TEACHING THE IHM
WAY OF LIFE...FAITH,
SERVICE, EXCELLENCE
AND TRADITION**

Job Opening: Parish Business Manager, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Philadelphia

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in the Andorra section of Philadelphia has a full time opening for a Parish Business Manager. The Business Manager serves in a key management position in the parish and together with the Pastor and the School Principal forms the core leadership team of the parish. Proficiency and experience with QuickBooks is essential.

Essential Qualifications:

- Ability to work with staff and volunteers
- Computer literacy with proficiency in Microsoft Office and Quick Books

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Maintains the accuracy of all financial files and records and establishes a responsible cash flow management and record keeping system.
 - Prepares, administers and reviews budget processes in collaboration with the Pastor, Finance Committee and the School Principal
 - Monitor the collection, counting, recording and depositing of parish revenue
 - Produces payroll for the parish and the school
 - Liaison between the parish and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in all financial matters
 - Reconcile all accounts in QuickBooks in a timely matter
 - Accounting for all financial activity
 - Monitors spending and reviews parish and school budgets
 - Assists the Pastor with hiring of new staff members.
 - Maintains employee files
 - Attends Financial Council meetings
 - Benefit coordinator
 - Other duties as assigned.
- Salary and Benefits Package information furnished upon request.
- The Business Manager reports to the Pastor.
- Interested persons should submit a cover letter and resume to emilytmiller@comcast.net

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 1, 2024

Envelopes \$ 9,356.12
Loose 879.00
\$10,235.12

of envelopes – 512
Average - 18.25

Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity

GOLDEN AGE CLUB NEWS

The next meeting of the Golden Age Club will be on
February 12, 2024

St. Vincent dePaul Society

The next meeting of the St. Vincent DePaul Society will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall from 7-8:30 pm on
January 29, February 19 and March 11, 2024.

All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.

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

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*

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*

SOCIAL OUTREACH

CYO: *High School and Grade School—Bill Hannigan athleticdirector.ihm@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*

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 215-850-9740.