

Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

John 1, 29-34



**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. 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 January 15, 2023

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>14</b>	5:15 pm	Alice & Joseph Keough
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>15</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Anthony Perna *Albert & Maria Ramos Happy Anniversary
<b>MON.</b>	<b>16</b>	8:30	Alfred Frye, Sr.
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>17</b>	8:30	Jennifer Drury-Owens
<b>WED.</b>	<b>18</b>	8:30	In Loving Memory Mary & Joseph Walsh
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>19</b>	8:30	Patricia Krause
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>20</b>	8:30	Walter Kusniesz
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>21</b>	8:00 5:15 pm	Lois Newell Robert G. Reed, Sr. & Helen Reed
<b>SUN</b>	<b>22</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Marie & Philip Cavalcante Edward V. Gorman

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**  
for the week of January 16 to January 22  
is in  
loving memory for  
All Deceased members of IHM Parish.



### ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of  
Barbara Hylinski  
requested by  
Elaine Donahue..



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is for a  
Happy 60th Anniversary  
to  
Ed & Rose Oakes  
requested by their family.



*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, 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, Barbara Dziedzic, 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, 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, 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> responders.*

## Pastor's Page

'Time waits for no one' the old saying goes. We have recently had the joyous opportunity to celebrate the Christmas season for two full weeks. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which we celebrated last Monday marked the end of the Christmas season and on Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup> we began 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 aspects 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Have a blessed and sacred New Year!

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 8:23-9:3 (67A)
- 2) 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
- 3) John 1:29-34



**Sunday Offering Week of January 1, 2023****Envelopes \$7,753.00****Loose 1,363.00****\$9,116.00****# of envelopes – 439****Average– 17.66****Fall Appeal \$71,645.93*****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!*

*We are now back to collecting the church envelopes. No need to walk down to the collection box we will come to you!!*



*Visiting Angels is currently looking to employ experienced caregivers, full-time/part-time, to provide in-home care for our seniors., starting at a four-hour minimum. We do cover one-hour and two-hour cases as well. Our caregivers provide companionship, meals, light housekeeping and perform errands. We also have caregivers who are able to assist with personal hygiene, transfers and hospice care. If you are interested in employment to care for our seniors, please visit our website to apply:*

*<https://www.visitingangels.com/Havertown/employment>*



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

Come and join us for friendship, fun and laughter.

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

*Cherian P. Xavier, M.D.  
Maria Stedman*



**Weekend Clergy Schedule January 22, 2023**  
**(celebrants are subject to change)**

**Saturday, January 21, 2023**

**5:15pm - Fr. Quan**

**Sunday, January 22, 2023**

**7:30 a.m. – Fr. Bongard**

**9:30 a.m. – Fr. Bransfield\*\*\***

**11:30 a.m. -- Fr. Casey**

**\*\*\*Deacon Sam Preaching**

***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.

**PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN**

Before leaving Church please check your pew and remove any personal items (i.e. cereal, tissues, water bottles) and bulletins.

**Thank you!!**





## *Legion of Mary*

### **A Way to Volunteer for our Blessed Mother Mary**

As Catholics, we have a precious Faith to share and working for others can give a new meaning in your life. The Legion of Mary provides an opportunity to pray and work together in the spirit of Mary. Operating in union with Mary we approach God and others more effectively.

**The IHM Legion group meets weekly on Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM in Father Sullivan Hall. Stop in to visit a Legion of Mary meeting as our guest.**

The Legion of Mary also has Auxiliary members, who join by undertaking a service of private prayer at home, including the Rosary and Magnificat. These prayers are offered for the intentions of our Blessed Lady. We have the Legion prayers in Vietnamese and Tagalog also. Auxiliaries gain the indulgences attached to the saying of the Rosary and after death, share in the thousands of Masses offered every November by Legion groups throughout the world for the repose of the souls of its members.

For questions or enrollment, contact Frank at 215-356-3441.

*“As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good news!” Romans 10:15*



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

The next meetings of the  
St. Vincent dePaul Society  
will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall  
**Tuesday, January 17, Monday February 6, 2023**  
from 7-8:30 pm.

Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

### **The next pick up for St. John's Hospice is Wednesday, February 1 at 9 am.**

Just a reminder that all casseroles should be cooked, then frozen and should only need to be reheated.

#### **Casseroles**



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

**Mr. & Mrs. Cory Tillia**  
**Mr. & Mrs. John Simeonides**

### **“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.**

**IHM School and Rectory will be closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.**

## 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](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, [Musicfe5@gmail.com](mailto:Musicfe5@gmail.com)  
**Ushers**: John Rudolph, Peter Caruso  
**Sacristans**: Peter Caruso, [pjcaruso45@yahoo.com](mailto:pjcaruso45@yahoo.com)

### SOCIAL OUTREACH

**CYO**: High School and Grade School—Bill Hannigan  
[athleticdirector.ihm@gmail.com](mailto:athleticdirector.ihm@gmail.com) or [kevintinneny@yahoo.com](mailto:kevintinneny@yahoo.com)

**Boy Scouts**: John Macoretta, Scoutmaster (215-680-1049);  
 email: [scouttroop474@yahoo.com](mailto:scouttroop474@yahoo.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

### 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 @ 7pm 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  
**Pregnancy Hotline 610-626-4006 or Pro Life Union 215-855-8150***