



*“What Jesus did here in
Cana of Galilee was the first
of the signs through which
He revealed His glory; and
His disciples believed
in Him.”
John 2:11*

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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 19, 2025

SAT.	18	5:15 pm	Vincent & Anna Manzo
SUN.	19	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners *Lora & Albert Golasa Happy 56th Wedding Anniversary Thomas J. Mower, Jr. 30th Anniversary
MON.	20	8:30	Walter Kusniesz
TUES.	21	8:30	In Thanksgiving for Favors Received
WED.	22	8:30	Marie Downey
THUR	23	8:30	Elizabeth Ruggeriero, Sylvia Paone, Marie Speechels & Josephine Loschiavo
FRI.	24	8:30	Thomas "Tom: Lampert
SAT.	25	8:00 5:15 pm	Philip & Carol Di Williams Robert, Sr. & Helen Reed
SUN	26	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Jean Pieta 5th Anniversary James K. Curtin 5th 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 1st responders.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of January 20 to January 26

is in memory of
Carrie Manzo
requested by
her IHM Friends.



ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church**

is in loving memory of

Lucille Paone

requested by

Friends of Ann Trost.



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

Fr. Jack Donohie

requested by

The Di Benedetto Family.

Sunday Offering Week of January 5, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 6,727.00
Loose	1,026.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	3,225.00
	<u>\$ 10,978.00</u>

of envelopes – 339
Average - \$19.85

Fall Appeal \$65,865.00

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

You may have asked what happened to the First Sunday in Ordinary Time. That would have been last week with the celebration of the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. Last Monday began Ordinary Time (and Green Vestments), the sign of hope. That Solemnity was a reminder of our own Baptism, by which we became members of not only the Church, but welcomed into the life of the Trinity. When we are baptized we are called by name. As the priest or deacon pours the water he calls our name and says, "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." It is a beginning not an end.

The Scripture readings for this Second Sunday in Ordinary Time narrate a number of awesome events. Ancient Jerusalem has been restored to prominence. Early Christians are unlocking the power of healing that Jesus has given and also speaking in tongues. Jesus changes water into wine. All of these are signs of the power of God and are attributable to the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our second reading today is from the first letter of St. Paul to the Church at Corinth. In Corinthians, we learn more about Paul from Paul than in any other New Testament work. At various parts of the letter, Paul can be seen admonishing, cajoling, defending, challenging and authoritative. Paul's tone is firm but compassionate, intimate and challenging.

Corinth was a very cosmopolitan city. Any religion would have a hard time being taken seriously there. This is especially true of Christianity as preached by a suspect Jewish convert who felt called to preach to the Gentiles and who hoped that his fellow Jews would accept the gospel of Jesus Christ. Raised on a Greek influenced Body=Soul dichotomy that was part of the Greek world, the Corinthians had a hard time understanding Paul's semitic perspective.

In today's passage, Paul emphasizes that the proclamation of Jesus as Lord can only be made through the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit who gives the gift of faith distributes all the other gifts. The Spirit brings the variety of gifts into a marvelous unity. Experience shows however, that even gifts can be divisive if faith, not only in Christ, but also the Church is not strong. Even good gifts can result in envy, pride, arrogance, exclusiveness. The Spirit is required to help the church to use the gifts to effect unity.

Today in the Gospel, Jesus is in the small town of Cana, north in Galilee. The first of the "signs" in John is the arrival through Jesus of the new Messianic Age. What is changed in this story is not simply water, but water for the Old Testament ceremonial washings. It is changed not only into wine, but into wine of the highest quality and of surprising quantity. Such a superabundance of wine was a frequent prophetic figure of speech for the dawning of the messianic age. For John, this is passing of the old into the new. The Messianic Era has arrived.

John has also used this story to initiate his theology of glory. This is the beginning of John's conception of glory as being "God's manifested presence". God glorifies us when he manifests himself in us; we glorify him when we manifest him to the world. In this instance at Cana, God is manifested in his Son, the Revealer. As we gather around at the altar today, let our presence truly reflect the Lord's goodness.

Father Casey

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

*Carrie Manzo
Concetta Sciaudone*



The Parish Office will be closed on
January 20
in honor of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



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) Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 (69C)
- 2) 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14,27
- 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!



On 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

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.

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.

<u>I.H.M. 15 Week Club</u>	
Based on 3000 Tickets Sold 16th WEEK FREE	
Prizes Weekly Total 15th Week After 16th 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.

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

Saturday, January 25, 2025

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Quy Pham

Sunday, January 26, 2025

7:30 am – Fr. Quan

9:30 am - Fr. Sean

11:30 am Fr. Casey

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.



Welcome to the newest members of our IHM Family
Daniel & Juliana Santoleri

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.

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 next week’s bulletin and on-line at iheartmary.org.

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



OPEN TO IHM & CYO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

IHM CYO
DANCE **SATURDAY JANUARY 25TH**
IHM SCHOOL FATHER SULLIVAN HALL
5TH & 6TH GRADES: 6PM-8PM
7TH & 8TH GRADES: 8PM-10PM
\$15 PER STUDENT INCLUDES: DJ, SNACKS, & REFRESHMENTS
PAYMENT DUE BY FRI. JAN. 17TH
VENMO @MCOMIAWOLFE
CASH SENT TO SCHOOL
NO PAYMENTS AT THE DOOR
PLEASE FILL OUT THE GOOGLE FORM TO RSVP BY SCANNING THIS QR CODE:
ANY QUESTIONS, EMAIL: CYOBOARD.IHM@GMAIL.COM
ALL STUDENTS ENTERING THE DANCE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE FSH UNTIL THEIR GRADE DANCE IS OVER.



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, 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*

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.