



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 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 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 21, 2024

SAT.	20	5:15 pm	Robert G. Reed, Sr. & Helen Reed
SUN.	21	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	Stephanie Monestero
		11:30	Stephanie Monestero
MON.	22	8:30	Tuat Thi Ta
TUES.	23	8:30	Joseph Higgins
WED.	24	8:30	Binh Lam Vuong
THUR	25	8:30	Friends in the Chapel
FRI.	26	8:30	Christopher Clemons
SAT.	27	8:00	Barbara Philben
		5:15 pm	Joan A. Reed
SUN	28	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	Jeffrey Weiss
		11:30	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 22 to January 28
is loving memory of
Mary & Dominic Di Guglielmo
requested by a Friend.



ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of
Happy Birthday Giuliana Kurtz
requested by
her parents.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
Fr. Jack Donohie
requested by
The Di Benedetto Family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR
BROTHERS AND SISTERS



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, Maria Prince, 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

There is a sense of urgency in today's readings. This is actually Jonah's second commission from God. In the preceding chapters, Jonah ignored God's request to preach to the pagan city of Nineveh in Assyria. As today's passage begins, Jonah is on his way there. His preaching is successful. The people of Nineveh, king and commoner repent and believe in God, who sees their sincerity and does not send divine wrath upon them. The tale of Jonah the reluctant prophet is meant to remind the Jews that God's judgment and mercy ultimately will extend beyond the narrow bounds of Israel to include even a nation as wicked as Assyria.

As today's gospel opens John's arrest signals the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. He came to Galilee to proclaim the good news: "the reign of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel." The gospel has two components today: urgency of the end times and a response on the part of the listeners. Jesus is now taking up the Baptist's message. Remember John said "one more mighty than I is coming."

As Mark's gospel continues, the reader and listener will recognize that the reign of God is made manifest in the person and deeds of Jesus. This requires a response. Those who hear are to believe and repent. This requires an act of the intellect and an act of the will. Like the people of Nineveh in the first reading one must change his or her way of thinking and behaving. The Greek word "metanoia" literally means a change of mind. This coupled with firm belief, strengthening of faith is important.

Simon and Andrew and James and John in today's Gospel give us some hint of the importance of Jesus' proclamation that the "kingdom of God is at hand." They are immediate in their response to Jesus. Jesus needed a group of followers as a foundation for everything else he would do. These would assist him, support him and become extensions of his ministry.

It is surprising how unqualified they seem for such an assignment. The four we encounter in today's passage are simple fisherman. What is even more surprising, is their immediate response. They followed immediately. Mark says James and John left their father Zebedee in the boat to follow Jesus. Some scholars speculate that this may not have been as quick a decision as it appears to be. Mark could take some dramatic license here to make a point. Many in Galilee had probably heard of the teacher, Jesus of Nazareth. Perhaps the four fishermen had some background with Jesus, hearing of his teachings or his healings. What we know is that Jesus called and they answered.

Let us pray that we will be strong in our commitment to follow Jesus. By our baptismal calling we are told to go forth and make disciples of all nations. Let us consider how we can share our faith with others by what we say and what we do.

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) Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (71B)
- 2) 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
- 3) Mark 1:21-28



Clergy Schedule for Sunday, January 28, 2024 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Farley

Sunday, January 28, 2024

7:30 am – Fr. Quan
9:30 am – Fr. Bransfield *** Deacon Sam Preaching
11:30 Fr. Bransfield

Polish Heritage Society
of Philadelphia



ANTONI KLECZEK
Chopin Concert
Light reception follows performance

\$30 (students \$20)

Info:
Debbie Majka:
215-627-1391
dziecko2@comcast.net

Germantown Settlement Music School
6128 Germantown Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19144
Off-Street Parking

Sunday, February 25, 2024 * 2:30pm

IHM 15 WEEK CLUB DRAWING

The 15 Week Club Tickets were delayed but have now 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.

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 7, 2024

Envelopes \$ 8,128.00
Loose 715.00
 \$ 8,843.00

of envelopes – 453
Average – 17.95

Fall Appeal \$72,014.31

Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity

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!

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL
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






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

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

Has Our Blessed Virgin Mary been a comfort in your life?

Might you have a feeling that Our Mother Mary has blessed you abundantly and you are looking for a way to thank her? Consider thanking her by being one of her helpers in the Parish. The Legion of Mary serves our Blessed Mary and the Parish through prayer and works of mercy. You are invited to join in this grace filled service to Our Lady at IHM...to Jesus through Mary!

Find out more by visiting a meeting. The Rosary starts the Legion meeting at 6:30 PM each Wednesday in Father Sullivan Hall. Please call or text Frank at 215 356 3441 for any meeting changes due to weather.

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

*Carlo Joseph DiCesare
Leonardo Vincent Tecce*

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

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 s 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

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 on January 29, February 19 and March 11, 2024.

All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Location: Koller Funeral Home

6835 Ridge Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19128

Time: 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED call 215.482.5200

Or email kollerbereavement@gmail.com

NO FEE

DATE:

TOPIC:

March 7, 2024	Understanding Your Grief-Your Personal Journey
March 21, 2024	Grief on the Hardest Days-Preparing for Special Days
April 4, 2024	The Journey Continues... Stages of Grief/Tasks of Mourning
April 18, 2024	Coping Strategies-Building Your Tool Kit
May 2, 2024	Rebuilding-Finding Your Strengths and Helping Yourself Heal
May 16, 2024	Continuing the Journey-Leaning into Hope

The above outline is not meant to limit the focus of the support group. It is merely offered as a starting place. The needs of the participants, both as individuals and a group, will determine the course of our journey and time together.

Facilitated by Carmela S. McDowell, MSW, LSW

For over 25 years Ms. McDowell has provided bereavement support to hospice families and the community who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB NEWS

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

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.