



**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. 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 22, 2023

SAT.	21	5:15 pm	Robert G. Reed & Helen Reed
SUN.	22	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Marie & Philip Cavalcante Edward V. Gorman
MON.	23	8:30	Thien Nguyen
TUES.	24	8:30	Phung Vuong
WED.	25	8:30	Can Pham
THURS.	26	8:30	Mr. & Mrs. Riccardo & Anna Paone & Family
FRI.	27	8:30	Alberta & Frank Klusek Frank & Stella Martynowski
SAT.	28	8:00 5:15 pm	Atanasio Formosa Joan A. Reed 5th Anniversary
SUN	29	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Vincent Cavalcante Doris Fernandes

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of January 23 to January 29

is in

loving memory of
Peter Kravchak

requested by
Friends of Karen Cortese.



ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of
Carol Simpson
requested by
The Costello Family



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
Fr. Jack Donohie
requested by
The DiBenedetto 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, Marie Dunn, Barbara Dziedzic, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Joe Evers, Bruce Fairchild, Rosemary Fatovic, Peg Fierko, David Fleetwood, Carol Foley, 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 1st responders.

Pastor's Page

Our first reading today from Isaiah sounds as if we are still in the Christmas season: “the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.” Paired with today’s Gospel, which repeats that phrase, it gives a powerful look at the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry and the calling of the first apostles.

Isaiah tells us that we who once walked in darkness have seen a great light. For the Jews of the Babylonian exile, they will be returning to Jerusalem. Isaiah dreams about an ideal king to come, who will be a true king of peace, a leader for the people, who will be Emmanuel, God with us. For us the light will be Jesus himself. Our journey brings us into God’s love. The psalm refrain proclaims this today, “The Lord is my light and my salvation.”

In the three-year cycle of readings for this liturgical year, Year A, we will concentrate on Matthew’s Gospel. Each year focuses on one of the synoptic gospels. Matthew’s gospel was the third gospel written chronologically, written sometime between 80-90 AD. Matthew was a Jew writing primarily for Christians of Jewish heritage who were converts to the faith. They would be very familiar with all the Old Testament references. It features a particular desire by the author to show Jesus was clearly the Messiah they awaited.

Matthew’s Gospel also emphasizes that all of Jesus’ life was a fulfillment of the promises made by God to Israel. Jesus is presented as a true teacher of the Jewish law, or as “the new Moses”. More than 130 passages in the Gospel of Matthew refer either directly or indirectly to the Old Testament. Because the Gospel of Matthew contains Jesus teaching in such a through well organized and understandable manner, it quickly became the most popular and widely used of all the Gospels in the early church, especially when educating new Christians. Its sensitivity to the continuity between Christianity and Judaism also made the gospel valuable for Jews who were inquiring about the faith. This may explain in part why the Matthew’s Gospel appears first in printed New Testaments, even though it was written third chronologically.

The main message on this third Sunday on the gospel is this: Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand. Jesus goes to the margins to begin his public ministry. Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee rather than in Jerusalem and Judea. The northern regions were looked upon as “beyond the Jordan” It is on Israel’s edge in more ways than one. At the crossroads of Jewish and Gentile society, Capernaum is populated by people on the edge of or even outside the Law.

The account of the call of the first disciples emphasizes the extraordinary attractiveness and magnetism of Jesus. It also introduces three of the disciples who will form Jesus’ inner circle among the twelve: Peter, James and John. Jewish teachers did not usually call their own disciples. Prospective disciples generally sought out a teacher with a good reputation for learning and holiness. They encounter Jesus in their everyday occupation of fishing in the Sea of Galilee, an important part of the Jewish economy. Without any preparation and with little or no deliberation they leave behind their business and families to follow Jesus. The descriptive words “at once” suggests how appealing the invitation to join Jesus must have been. Discipleship involves sharing in the mission and this also is stressed.

As we listen to the stories in Matthew let us consider how we can fulfill our calls to discipleship and fulfill our baptismal call.

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) Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 (70A)
- 2) 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
- 3) Matthew 5:1-12a



Sunday Offering Week of January 8, 2023

Envelopes \$13,445.00
 Loose 1,139.50
\$14,584.50

of envelopes – 657
 Average– 20.47

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!



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

*Anna Pronesti
 Peter Kravchak
 Margaret Fisher*



The 15 Week Club—The IHM 15 Week Club is the only major fundraising event of the fiscal year. We urge each parishioner to buy or sell the two tickets to help defray IHM School expenses. Just fill out the SMALL portion of the ticket and return it to the Rectory (either by mail, in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory Office in person) along with the \$40 for each ticket. Thank you for your continued support of our school and **GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!**

The first drawing will be February 6.

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.

IHM SACRAMENTAL NEWS

FIRST PENANCE will take place on **Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6 p.m.**

FIRST PENANCE PRACTICE will take place on **Monday, February 13, 2023 from 9 a.m.– Noon**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will take place on **Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 10 a.m.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE will take place on **Thursday, May 4, 2023 from 9 a.m. to Noon**

RETREAT DAY for all the children making their First Communion will take place at the **SHRINE OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL** on **Thursday, April 27, 2023**. Departure from IHM School is at 8 a.m. and the return to IHM School will be at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, please call Mary Anne Kostic-King, Director of Religious Education at **215-483-4266** or email: **mking@iheartmary.org**



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PROSPECTIVE FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 29, 2023
by appointment only

- 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

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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



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

The next meetings of the St. Vincent dePaul Society will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall
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



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



Immaculate Heart of Mary School will be hosting our next Open House on Sunday January 29, 2023 to kick off our Catholic Schools Week celebrations!

Tours for prospective families are scheduled by appointment. Please contact Traci Kovach, Director of Finance, Development and Admissions via email at tuition@iheartmary.org to reserve your tour!

We look forward to welcoming our prospective IHM families!

We are IHM Strong!!!

Welcome to the newest members of our IHM Parish!

Steven Francisco

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

Nicolas Michael Iraci
Natalie Elise Mongoni

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

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, pjcaruso45@yahoo.com

SOCIAL OUTREACH

CYO: High School and Grade School—Bill Hannigan
athleticdirector.ihm@gmail.com or kevintinneny@yahoo.com

Boy Scouts: John Macoretta, Scoutmaster (215-680-1049);
 email: scouttroop474@yahoo.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 @ 7pm 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
Pregnancy Hotline 610-626-4006 or Pro Life Union 215-855-8150*