



**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. 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, & 7:00 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 March 11 @ 7 pm 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 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 26, 2025**

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>25</b>	5:15 pm	Robert, Sr. & Helen Reed
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>26</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Jean Pieta 5th Anniversary James K. Curtin 5th Anniversary
<b>MON.</b>	<b>27</b>	8:30	Christopher Kane
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>28</b>	8:30	Gloria Felici, Phil, Patrick & Theresa Olonovich
<b>WED.</b>	<b>29</b>	8:30	John Hanrahan, Jr. & Patricia Hanrahan
<b>THUR</b>	<b>30</b>	8:30	Martin Crothers
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>31</b>	8:30	Joseph Mazurek
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>1</b>	8:00 5:15 pm	Andrew Kasper Joan A. Reed
<b>SUN</b>	<b>2</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Margherita Szalejko 1st Anniversary Joseph Keough

**\*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, Victor Kost, 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 1<sup>st</sup> responders.*

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of January 27 to February 2



is in memory of

Joan Funk

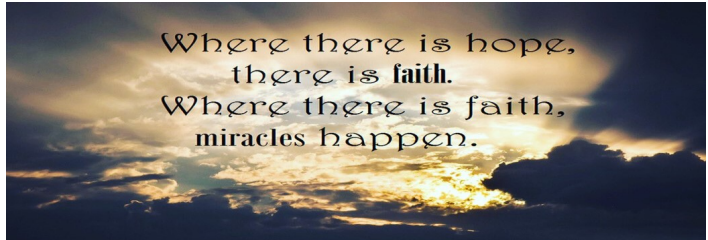
requested by her husband,  
John Funk.

**ROSES**

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Steve Murphy.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of  
of  
Joan A. Reed  
requested by her husband,  
Robert G. Reed, Jr.



Where there is hope,  
there is faith.  
Where there is faith,  
miracles happen.

Sunday Offering Week of January 19, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 7,299.00
Loose	1,029.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	<u>1,795.00</u>
	\$ 10,123.00

# of envelopes – 409  
Average - \$17.85

Catholic Relief Services \$2,472.00

To make a **secure contribution** on-line please visit [ihmphila.org](http://ihmphila.org) and click on the Parish Giving Logo.

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*



## Pastor's Page

Last week we heard the passage from John's Gospel as Jesus began his public ministry by changing the water into wine at Cana. It symbolized the beginning of the Messianic era. Today we hear Luke's account of the beginning of the public ministry. It is a different story that proclaims the same truth, the beginning of the Messianic era. "Today," Jesus said, "this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

The Old Testament reading today is taken from the Book of Nehemiah. The renewal of the Jewish community after the Babylonian exile (587-538 BC) came through two important leaders. Nehemiah was a governor and Ezra was a priest. Together they gave the people what they desperately needed at the time, a sense of the people's identity as Jews. Nehemiah and Ezra labored at a time while Judah was under the reign of a tolerant Persian empire. Nehemiah, a Jew, has a privileged position in the court of the Persian King. Nehemiah travels to Jerusalem.

The episode in today's reading occurs soon after Ezra brought a contingent of Jews back to Jerusalem. This may have been the first time that they heard the word of God proclaimed publically. They became quite emotional. "He read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law." This is cause for great rejoicing.

Our Gospel passage today jumps from the first chapter of Luke as an introduction to the fourth chapter. Jesus is initially met with acclaim and praise, but this response sours through jealousy and suspicion. As an observant Jew, Jesus worshipped in the synagogue. Today, Jesus takes the scroll and reads Isaiah, reading a promise of the restoration of Israel. The original context is the anointing of a prophet. The figure of the promised Messiah, the kingly Anointed One is also implied in Jesus' use of the text. He is the spirit bearer foretold by Isaiah, the prophet and Messiah who will usher in a new age of freedom and divine favor.

The people in the synagogue that day had a unique experience. They definitely had never heard anyone say, "Today, this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus is the manifestation of the one prophesied by Isaiah. Jesus was filled with the Spirit, chosen by God, called to bring glad tidings to the poor.

We know when we gather in his name Jesus is present. Therefore, this Scripture passage is fulfilled right now in our hearing and every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist.

*Father Casey*

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

*Angelo Bellace  
Thelma Bartsch*



### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Malachi 3:1-4 (524)
- 2) Hebrews 2:14-18
- 3) Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32



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.



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



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**

Koller Funeral Home will again be offering bereaved care through their Spring Grief Support Group Program. Flyers are at all the tables in the Church and Chapel.

To register call 215-482-5200 or email [kollerbereavement @ gmail.com](mailto:kollerbereavement@gmail.com)

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 now be on Monday, February 3, 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.

I.H.M. 15 Week Club	
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	
Printing Courtesy of Bryn Mawr Trust Bank	

**Kindness is like snow**

*It beautifies everything  
it covers*

### A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Please Note: We will **NOT** be sending out the end of year contribution statements unless requested.

If you would like your contribution statement for 2024, call the Parish Office at 215-483-1000 or email: [ihmparish@comcast.net](mailto:ihmparish@comcast.net)

The Golden Age Club Meetings  
will resume on  
February 10.

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

*The Goldovich Family*  
*The Mason Family*

**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

**February 10 & March 3, 24, April 14, May 5**

*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.*

The theme for Catholic Schools Week is “**Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community**” and will be used through 2026. See our IHM activity theme days below:

**Monday, January 27** - Celebrating Our Community  
The School will hold a Red, White & Blue dress down day. The donation is \$1.00 and the proceeds will go to the Philadelphia FOP Survivors Fund. The students will also be assembling care bags to be distributed to the Homeless.

**Tuesday, January 28** - Student Appreciation Day  
Free PJ dress down day for all students and Pizza lunch will be provided by our Home & School Association.

**Wednesday, January 29** - Celebrating Vocations  
8:30 School Mass: our Students of the Month will be honored and along with our “Friends of IHM”.

**Thursday, January 30** - Celebrating our Nation  
Students will “dress up” as to their future career choice.

**Friday, January 31** - Celebrating our Faculty & Staff  
Faculty & Staff have a Dress Down Day (students in uniform) There will be a school assembly—Teachers Family Feud!  
There will also be a Faculty Luncheon.

Let us pray for all of our faculty, especially our priests, principal, teachers, students, parents, the maintenance staff and all of our parishioners who make our IHM a great place to learn and grow.

**May God continue to bless our Catholic Schools!**



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community

## 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](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, Bill King*

### SOCIAL OUTREACH

**CYO:** *High School and Grade School—Christian Hochstuhl [ihmcyo.athletic.director@gmail.com](mailto:ihmcyo.athletic.director@gmail.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 January 8.*

### 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 @ 7:00pm 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 215-850-9740.*