



**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 29, 2023**

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>28</b>	5:15 pm	Joan A. Reed
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>29</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Vincent Cavalcante Doris Fernandes
<b>MON.</b>	<b>30</b>	8:30	Thomas J. Mower, Jr. 28th Anniversary
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>31</b>	8:30	Gloria Felici & Phil Patrick
<b>WED.</b>	<b>1</b>	8:30	Harry Adams
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>2</b>	8:30	Joan Funk
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>3</b>	8:30	Tung Vu & Thu Duong
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>4</b>	8:00 5:15 pm	Mary Jara Robert G. Reed, Sr., & Helen Reed
<b>SUN</b>	<b>5</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Philip W. Cavalcante Thomas J. Mower, Jr. 28th Anniversary

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



*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, 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 Dunne, 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, Anne Headly, Brenden Heyer, Don Holt, Sheila 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, Lindsey Marzo, Elizabeth Matruak, Winifred Meall, Rachael Mellon, 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 Qirus, 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.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of January 30 to February 5

is in  
loving memory of  
Joan Funk

requested by her husband, John Funk.



**ROSES**

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Harry Shaw - Happy Anniversary requested by his wife, Mary Ann Shaw



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Joan Funk requested by her husband, John Funk.



*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

Ordinary Time gives us the opportunity to focus on the everyday aspects of our faith and realize their continuity through history. Today we can look at the value of humility. Centuries before Jesus, Zephaniah told the people of Judah to seek humility. "Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth" we hear in today's Old Testament Passage. We only rarely hear Zephaniah in the Sunday or Daily scripture passages so we should give him particular attention today.

Zephaniah is unique among the biblical prophets in that he descended apparently from the royal house of David, being a great-great grandson of King Hezekiah (715-686 BC). Later during the reign of King Josiah (641-609 BC) Zephaniah announced in bold and colorful rhetoric the imminent arrival of the "Day of the Lord" which he described as a day of definitive judgment on all the people of the earth, including and especially the people of Judah. There is a message of hope though. The humble remnant of Israel that survives the wrathful "day of the Lord" will find refuge in the Lord, who will comfort them. The humble and lowly remnant of God will gather at the place of worship: the "holy mountain that is Zion/Jerusalem.

Zephaniah's image of the "people humble and lowly" is taken up in the preaching of Jesus, as he proclaims the Good News to the poor. Zephaniah is proclaimed this Sunday paired with the Beatitudes in order to show that Jesus' concept of the "poor in spirit" who will receive the Kingdom of Heaven is a development of the prophetic theme of the humble and righteous remnant. The community of disciples gathered around Jesus is the "people humble and lowly", that prophesied by Zephaniah and this community becomes the Church.

The Gospel today is the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12). First we should recognize that when Jesus goes up on a mountain to teach, it evokes the role of Moses. Moses was the great teacher of Israel, who climbed Mount Sinai to teach the Law of God. Matthew is presenting Jesus as the new Moses, who will teach a better law and correct some of the compromises that Moses introduced into Israel's legislation. Jesus is teaching of his own authority. He himself is that Word of God.

The Beatitudes are the introduction to the whole Sermon on the Mount which runs from Chapter 5 to 7. The Beatitudes are about the kingdom of heaven. They are about specifically the virtues that are required of kingdom citizens. They are not simply a random grab bag of virtues, but there is a certain progression as we move through them. They are all interrelated and to a certain extent they move from one to the next.

Jesus is the Son of David, come to reestablish the kingdom of the Lord on earth. But Jesus kingdom is an upside-down kingdom that calls good what the world calls bad and bad that the world calls good. This Sunday's readings call us to leave the ways of the world and practice the virtues of Citizens of the Kingdom.

Father Casey

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



**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 58:7-10 (73A)
- 2) 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
- 3) Matthew 5:13-16



### Sunday Offering Week of January 15, 2023

Envelopes \$10,249.00  
 Loose 987.00  
**\$11,236.00**

# of envelopes – 532  
 Average– 19.27

*Catholic Relief Services \$1,526.00*

**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

*Bernadette "Bern" Harwick*



**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**



**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](mailto:tuition@iheartmary.org) to reserve your tour!

We look forward to welcoming our prospective IHM families!

We are IHM Strong!!!



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, and 27, & March 20,** from 7-8:30 pm.

Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

IHM GOLDEN AGE CLUB

On **Wednesday, March 22, 2023** the Golden Age Club will be hosting a bus trip to **Wind Creek Casino.**

**Cost is \$38.00 in full No Refund**

Receive \$25.00 in Slot Play

Outlet stores for shopping in the building

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Board Bus at 9:15 am

Depart IHM Church parking lot at 9:30 am

Arrive at Wind Creek at 11:30 am

Leave Wind Creek at 4:30 pm

ARRIVE AT IHM 6:30 pm (5 hour stay)

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**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

**IHM GOLDEN AGE CLUB**

Please include telephone number and a separate check for each trip

**SEND CHECK TO:**

Laura Kusniesz

7255 Shalkop Street, Philadelphia, PA 19128

215-483-9243

**DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IN FULL IS FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

**Please be mindful when parking in the Church parking lot that school is in session and the children use the parking lot at recess. Thank you.**

**National Catholic Schools Week  
January 29 to February 3, 2023**

Starting this week, Immaculate Heart of Mary School will be holding its annual **Catholic Schools Week!** IHM will kick off the week at the **9:30 am Mass** which will lead into an **Open House** with refreshments following the Mass from 10:30 to 12:30 pm for the IHM community. In Father Sullivan Hall. On Monday the students will begin collecting items for **Lisa's Army.** Tuesday, is **Student Appreciation Day!** Wednesday, is **Red Dress Down Day** and all proceeds will go to the Philadelphia FOP Lodge #5 Survivors Fund. Thursday, is Career Day from 9am to 11:30 am with volunteers for each classroom showcasing their jobs. Friday is **Dress Down Day for Teachers and Staff only.** They will also enjoy a special luncheon just for them!

**Please remember to always keep our students, teachers and all of IHM school staff in your prayers.**

**WE ARE IHM STRONG!**

**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.

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

**Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Travaline  
Ms. Taylor Leahy**

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

*Nicholas John Danella*

## 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, [Musicfef5@gmail.com](mailto:Musicfef5@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 [kevintinney@yahoo.com](mailto:kevintinney@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 [scrip@iheartmary.org](mailto:scrip@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***