



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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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 Tuesday, January 7 at 7 PM.** 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 TBA.

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 5, 2025

SAT.	4	5:15 pm	Jane Arbasak
SUN.	5	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Victor & Frances Kost Jane Malloy Glass
MON.	6	8:30	Memorial Fund
TUES.	7	8:30	Mary E. Barr
WED.	8	8:30	Anne Marlin-Cunningham
THUR	9	8:30	Chester Cyzio
FRI.	10	8:30	Harry Rosinski
SAT.	11	8:00 5:15 pm	Donald R. Falso 4th Anniversary Jane Reardon
SUN	12	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Alice & Joseph Keough May Gaughan

***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, 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 6 to January 12.

is in loving memory of
Ed Oakes
requested by
Rose & Family



Sunday Offering Week of December 22, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 7,496.00
Loose	1,191.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	1,150.00
	<u>\$ 9,837.00</u>

of envelopes – 450
Average - \$16.66

Christmas \$5,660.00
Christmas Flowers \$1,265.00

To make a **secure contribution** on-line please visit ihmphila.org and click on the Parish Giving Logo.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of
Sue Cooney
requested by
her friends.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
Ed Bernhardt
requested by
his friends

Pastor's Page

Today we hear how God's very self is revealed to people of all nations through the Incarnation. The readings today reflect the joy of this event –the Epiphany of the Lord.

Isaiah tells us today in the first reading: "Rise up in splendor Jerusalem, your light has come. The glory of the Lord shines upon you." The context of this reading is at the end of the Babylonian exile, in 538 B. The Jews now free to return make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The author envisions all nations joining in this pilgrimage. It is a prophecy of God manifesting himself in Jesus Christ, who is a light shining in the darkness of the human condition. The Gentiles responding to this revelation of God in Jesus are symbolized by the Magi in our Gospel reading today.

God's Epiphany (self-manifestation) in Jesus Christ is for all. We need to search out Jesus' light as did the Magi. That search has brought us to the holy place to meet Jesus. The Magi were wise men, astrologers. They saw a light that was unusual. In the Natural realm, it could have been the conjunction of the Jupiter and Venus. It would have been bright, somewhat like when we have seen Venus very bright in the early evening as it reflects the sunlight in the southwestern sky.

The Magi prostrate themselves in homage and offer gifts symbolizing kingly authority, universal but peaceful (Gold) priestly service, divine yet compassionate (frankincense) and a messianic mission of self-sacrificing love (myrrh). This trio of astrologers journey not to the city of Kings, but Bethlehem, the city of David.

On Epiphany, there is the ancient custom in the church of announcing the dates of the movable feasts for the coming year. In the days before calendars were common, most people did not know the dates for the upcoming liturgical year. On Epiphany Sunday the upcoming dates were "proclaimed". While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars on December 25th, many of the important feasts of the Church year move, based upon the date that Easter is set. Easter changes each year moving to the Sunday after the "Paschal Full Moon," and can fall between March 22 and April 25.

The Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year. Below is the Epiphany Proclamation for the Year of Our Lord 2025.

Epiphany Proclamation 2025

Now, dear brethren,
that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so by leave of God's mercy
we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection,
who is our Savior.

On the **5th** day of **March** will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the **20th** day of **April** you will celebrate with joy Easter Day,
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the **29th** day of **May** will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ
On the **8th** day of **June**, the feast of Pentecost.

On the **22nd** day of **June**, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the **30th** day of **November**, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom is honor and glory forever and ever.

Amen.

Fr. Casey

There are no Golden Age Meetings scheduled for January.

We will resume our meetings on February 10.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (21C)
- 2) Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
- 3) Luke 3:15-16,21-22



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Christopher Kane



The Second Collection

The second collection for the weekend of January 11 & 12 is for Catholic Relief Services

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.



School will be back in session on Monday, January 6. Daily Mass on Wednesdays will resume in the Church at 8:30 am

New Beginnings II

This group is for widows and widowers who share a common bond to come together in community for the purpose of friendship and social outings. It is open to widows and widowers of all faiths to join together monthly for fun and enjoyment.

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm at St. Helena's Church in Blue Bell, PA in the school cafeteria. Any questions contact Patti Lenox, 215-483-9395



The next casserole pickup for St. John's Hospice is on Wednesday, January 8 at 9 am.



A very special thank you to everyone who participated in the Giving Tree. Because of your generosity the Giving Tree was a huge success and all of the organizations were blessed by your kindness.

Please be sure you are in their prayers and they are most grateful to all of you. May God bless you as you have blessed all of them.

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.

Are You Looking For A Worthwhile Cause to Volunteer For Here at IHM?

Perhaps you are retired or simply someone with extra time to share with others. Are you someone with compassion, good judgment and discretion?

Consider joining the IHM Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP). If you do, you could become part of a network of friends inspired by the Gospel who grow in spirituality while providing personal service to neighbors in need.

If you would like to talk with a current IHM member to find out more, call the Church Rectory at 215-483-1000 and ask to be connected with the SVdP HelpLine where you can leave a message with your name and phone number. One of our members will call you back to answer your questions and to discuss the value of our Society, not only for those that are helped as well as for the volunteers themselves.

Our next meetings will be held in Father Sullivan Hall in the Knights of Columbus Room on:

Monday, January 20th from 7-8:30 pm.

Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

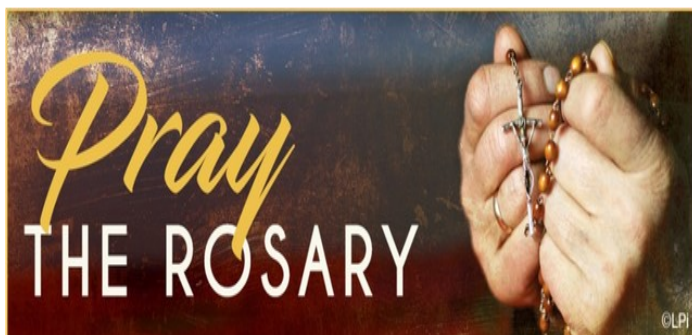
The IHM Scrip program is a wonderful way to offset your tuition payments!! Buy gift cards from your favorite stores to earn tuition credits for your favorite purchases. Even if you do not have children that attend or will attend IHM, our Scrip Program can donate your rebate to a deserving IHM family or to our IHM Tuition Assistance Fund!

ShopWithScrip has launched a new app for families to order gift cards. This app is for families to use and place orders directly from your phone. The gift cards can also be paid for electronically and shipped to your home for a fee. Even with the app, you can still place physical gift card orders, but this app will allow you to use and order eGift cards as well.

How it works: Your family buys gift cards at face value. Your family earns a percentage on each gift card you buy. Your family uses gift cards at full value for your everyday purchases!

How to get started: Orders can be placed on the Raise Right app, or via email at scscrip@iheartmary.org. **The deadline for orders is every Sunday at 8 pm. Pick up your gift cards on Thursday evenings between 7:00 and 8:00 pm in Father Sullivan Hall. All orders over \$1500 will need to be prepaid in advance.**

Please reach out to scscrip@iheartmary.org with any questions about our Scrip program.



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.



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 Morado - *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 @ 7:30pm 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.