



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

815 E. Cathedral Road
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Website: iheartmary.org

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 January 9, at 7pm 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.

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 8, 2023

SAT.	7	5:15 pm	Dana Young
SUN.	8	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners John Jacobacci Anthony Kenny
MON.	9	8:30	Tam Tran
TUES.	10	8:30	Chester Cyzio
WED.	11	8:30	Alfredo & Tita Lopez
THURS.	12	8:30	Anne Marie Melough
FRI.	13	8:30	Laura Falso 24th Anniversary
SAT.	14	8:00 5:15 pm	Genevieve Farrell Alice & Joseph Keough
SUN	15	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Anthony Perna *Alberto & Maria Ramos Happy Anniversary

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of January 9 to January 15
is in
loving memory for
Mary Donnelly
requested by IHM Rectory & School Staff.

ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of
Stephanie Stefanski
requested by
The Cybularz Family.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
Mike Keilty
requested by
The Miller 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, 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, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Joe Evers, Bruce Fairchild, Peg Fierko, David Fleetwood, 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, Jane Sargus, 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 Vesce, 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

As we listen to the words of scripture today, it will become apparent that God intends the Good News of salvation to be shared by everyone. Like the Magi in the Gospel, we are also searching for the Christ.

We can contrast the Shepherds of Luke's infancy narrative to the Magi who are connected with Epiphany. The humble King's birth is proclaimed first to the lowly. The Shepherds were generally poor and were to some extent outcasts. They were considered by the "respectable" to be ignorant, dirty and lawless. Like the hated tax collectors these outcasts are ready for the gospel and encounter Jesus. The angels announce peace as a gift of God's favor.

The faith of the Gentile wise men is in stark contrast to the cunning and evil intent of Herod. Herod was a Jew in name only and would have been suspect of any and all Messianic movements as a danger to his authority and continued reign. Also remember he served at the pleasure of the Romans, who were the occupying force. The Romans were smart enough at this time to go on allowing the Jews to worship as they saw fit. Herod was good for their business.

The Wise Men learn from the Jewish scriptures that the Messiah is to be born in Bethlehem and they journey there. The episode of the Magi reflects the early church's experience of the Gentiles readiness to accept the Gospel and the disappointing slowness of all Israel to receive it.

The Magi are astrologers. They see what they believe is a new star. In the gospel today, after situating the place of Jesus birth in Bethlehem, and its date late in the reign of King Herod (37 BC- 4 BC) we are introduced to wise men from the east, "Magi" who possess astronomical and astrological knowledge. The "star" that they observed may have been the conjunction of the planets Jupiter and Saturn which only happened every couple hundred years. This would have seemed to them to have been to them a new star. It was very bright! Remember they did not have the knowledge we have that what is at first glance a star but is actually a planet, reflecting the light of the sun. Present day astronomy tells us that this conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn actually took place in April of 6 BC. This would be very consistent with the birth taking place late in Herod's reign.

The book of Numbers also makes a reference (24:17) that connects the Messiah's birth to the appearance of a star. The Gentile wise men come to Bethlehem. Isaiah tells us in the first reading that the glory of the Lord shines on all people. The word "Epiphany" is a Greek word meaning to appear or to be made manifest.

The celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord is really more about what God is accomplishing in his self-revelation than it is about the Magi following the star.

The story also prepares us for the universal mission of the disciples to teach the good news to all the nations.

Let us pray that our responsorial psalm refrain today may become more of a reality, "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

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) Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 (64A)
- 2) 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
- 3) John 1:29-34



Sunday Offering Week of December 18, 2022**Envelopes \$9,092.00****Loose 456.00****\$9,548.00****# of envelopes – 533****Average– 17.06*****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!***Sunday Offering Week of December 25, 2022****Envelopes \$6,477.00****Loose 5.00****\$6,482.00****# of envelopes – 283****Average– 22.89*****Christmas \$40, 281.88******Christmas Flowers \$3,284.00***

Visiting Angels is currently looking to employ experienced caregivers, full-time/part-time, to provide in-home care for our seniors., starting at a four-hour minimum. We do cover one-hour and two-hour cases as well. Our caregivers provide companionship, meals, light housekeeping and perform errands. We also have caregivers who are able to assist with personal hygiene, transfers and hospice care. If you are interested in employment to care for our seniors, please visit our website to apply:

<https://www.visitingangels.com/Havertown/employment>

Weekend Clergy Schedule January 15, 2023
(celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, January 14, 2023

5:15pm - Fr. Casey

Sunday, January 15, 2023

7:30 a.m.– Fr. Casey

9:30 a.m.– Fr. Heron

11:30 a.m. - Fr. Bongard



The next meeting of the Golden Age Club will be on Monday, January 9. This is the only meeting for January.

The February meetings will be the 13th and the 27th. Come and join us for friendship, fun and laughter.

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.

PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN

Before leaving Church please check your pew and remove any personal items (i.e. cereal, tissues, water bottles) and bulletins.

Thank you!!

IHM School and Rectory will be closed on Monday, January 16 in honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

*Mary Donnelly**Michael Mc Cauley**Joan Bullick*



Legion of Mary

A Way to Volunteer for our Blessed Mother Mary

As Catholics, we have a precious Faith to share and working for others can give a new meaning in your life. The Legion of Mary provides an opportunity to pray and work together in the spirit of Mary. Operating in union with Mary we approach God and others more effectively.

The IHM Legion group meets weekly on Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM in Father Sullivan Hall. Stop in to visit a Legion of Mary meeting as our guest.

The Legion of Mary also has Auxiliary members, who join by undertaking a service of private prayer at home, including the Rosary and Magnificat. These prayers are offered for the intentions of our Blessed Lady. We have the Legion prayers in Vietnamese and Tagalog also. Auxiliaries gain the indulgences attached to the saying of the Rosary and after death, share in the thousands of Masses offered every November by Legion groups throughout the world for the repose of the souls of its members.

For questions or enrollment, contact Frank at 215-356-3441.

"As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good news!" Romans 10:15

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

Once again our sick list has unfortunately grown very large. Please check the names on the list and see if prayers have been answered and your loved one may be removed as they have been healed.

If your loved one can be removed please call Denise Schmidt in the rectory office at 215-483-1000.

Thank you!



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

The next meetings of the
St. Vincent dePaul Society
will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall
Tuesday, January 17, 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



"Called to Service"

A mini-documentary on the Permanent Deacons of Philadelphia.

If you want to know more about the diaconate, or if you think you may have a vocation, please consider watching this well done film on the diaconate.

<https://vimeo.com/753050230>.

Don't hesitate to ask Deacon Sam if you have any questions.

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