



**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 July 8, 2025 at 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—Fall 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 June 22, 2025

SAT.	21	5:15 pm	Dave Loughlin
SUN.	22	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Marie & Philip Cavalcante Pasquale "Pat" Marino
MON.	23	8:30	Matthew Michael Donnelly
TUES.	24	8:30	Harry & Minnie Adams
WED.	25	8:30	Deceased members of the D'Angelo Family & Mom "O"
THUR	26	8:30	Mr. & Mrs. Lam Vuong
FRI.	27	8:30	Walter Kusniesz
SAT.	28	8:00 5:15 pm	Can Pham Anthony Sobotka
SUN	29	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Deceased members of the Kostic Family The Soban Family

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

There are still roses available for the following weeks.

Church

August 10 to 16, August 31 to September 6
September 7 to 13, 14 to 20, 21 to 27
October 5 to 11, 12 to 18, 19 to 25
November 23 to 29, 30 to December 6

Chapel

July 27 to August 2, 3 to 9
September 14 to 20, 21 to 27, 28 to October 4
October 19 to 25, 26 to November 1
November 2 to 8, 16 to 22, 23 to 29, 30 to December 6

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

*Elizabeth "Betty" Sienko
Eugene Konopka*



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, Dolores Buzby, Lois Cartwright, Brooke Conklin, Walter Crate, John Croley, Helen Cyzio, Mary Delaney, Matthew Michael Donnelly, Maria Downey, Mary Ann Doyle, Marie Dunne, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Chuck Fuges, Bernadette Giambuzzi, Lora L. Golasa, James Goussy, Mary Grbec, Joseph Henkel, Regina Joka, Florence Kesserling, Beverly King, Mary Jo & Paul King, Olga Kostic, Victor Kost, Mary Krier, Marianne Leahy, Colleen Long, Charles Lott, Eugene Magee, Michael Magee, Carmine Martino, Dominic Matteo, Valerie Mc Carthy, Mary Mudry, Trudy & Dick Neff, Rosemary Notiwick, Frances Orlicki, Bill Pinto, Pope Francis, Maria Prince, Anne Sargus-Varian, Sierra, John & Maired Scharff, Beth Scheid, Matthew Simmons, David Sparacino, Vivian Swiggard, Sr. Mary Thaddeus, Daniel Welsh, Lena Weredene, Wayne Whitehouse

We continue to pray for our men & women in the military here and overseas and for all 1st responders.



ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church**
is in loving memory of
Dave Loughlin
requested by the
Loughlin Family



The rose placed in the **Chapel**
is in loving memory of
Thomas J. Herron, Jr
requested by his wife and son.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for this week
is in loving memory of
Carrie Manzo
requested by
Teresa.



Pastor's Page

Today we come together to celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This is also known in Latin as "Corpus Christi". When we come together to celebrate Holy Mass, we can look at this sacred mystery from many different angles, with our focus ultimately directed on Jesus himself. As Jesus himself tells us, "I am the bread of life".

The celebration of Eucharist is central to who we are as Christians. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1324-1327), states that, "The Eucharist is "the source and summit" of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it.

Today's readings recount three different sacred meals: the sacrifice offered by Melchizedek, St. Paul's description of the Last Supper and Luke's account of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. As we hear these stories come alive today, let us recall God's many gifts to us, most especially the gift of the Eucharist.

In the second reading, Paul records the earliest written example of the liturgy of the Lord's supper. After admonishing the Corinthians for their poor behavior at the celebration of the Lord's Supper, he then recites the tradition he had received. Paul's account is most similar to that found in the Gospel of Luke. In both Paul and Luke, Jesus gives thanks, acknowledges that his body will be broken for their sake and says "do this in remembrance of me".

We should take particular note of the importance of blessing or thanking God. We need an attitude of gratitude for God's providence. Like Jesus we must take what we have, give God thanks, and share our very selves with others in the name of Jesus. We offer God what we have, like Abram, like the Apostles and Jesus. We should reflect on all the gifts that God has given us and bring them to the altar along with the bread and wine as we make ourselves united with Jesus.

We take Jesus at his Word: "This is my body....This is my blood." In this action and by his Word we believe that Jesus is truly present in those elements of bread and wine, that are substantially changed at the words of consecration.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines this doctrine in section 1376:

"The Council of Trent summarizes the Catholic faith by declaring: 'Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation.'"

We give thanks for this wonderful gift of Jesus who gives us himself to nourish us on our journey and deliver us for life everlasting.

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) Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11(591)
- 2) 2Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18
- 3) Matthew 16:13-19



RAFFLE REMINDER

The Parish Raffle still has several weeks before the tickets must be returned no later than **July 10**.

If you cannot purchase all the tickets sent to you be sure to return the unused tickets to the parish office.

If you need more tickets we have extra!!

Thank you and Good Luck to All!!!



You could be a Winner!!!

The next pickup for St. John's Hospice casserole program is on Wednesday, July 2nd at 9 am.

Sunday Offering Week of June 8, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 9,252.00
Loose	862.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	<u>2,984.00</u>
	\$ 13,098.00

of envelopes – 496
Average - \$18.66

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.



The **Mass Book for 2026** will open on **July 8**. To request an intention you may do the following:

1. Mail in your request
2. Email your request to denise-schmidt@comcast.net
3. Put them in the collection basket
4. Put them in the mail slot at the Parish Office door.
5. Call the Rectory between the hours of 10 am to 2 pm only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

You may only have 4 initial request. The rose and sanctuary light books will also become available at this time.

Make sure you have alternate dates as you may not get your first choice. Make all request to the attention of Denise Schmidt.



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
June 30

All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.



While enjoying the summer sun and activity, please don't forget your Church here at home. Your help will still be needed to meet the current expenses. If while on vacation you cannot contribute regularly, keep unused envelopes on hand and if able, bring your contributions up to date when you return. Keep safe over the summer and thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!

Are you interested in deepening your understanding of Sacred Scripture?

“Hear the Word” with our weekly Commentary Series

Register with the **Catholic Preaching Institute** to receive a short email newsletter that offers you two views on each Sunday’s Gospel reading. This is a great opportunity to dive deeper into the divine message. By engaging with God’s word in a thoughtful and inspiring way, we grow together in faith.

It’s free. It’s easy. Sign up at the link below!

scs.edu/commentary

SAVE THE DATE!!

Calling all Roman and Hallahan Alumni, join us for

Day at the Bay

Boardwalk Edition!

Saturday August 9, 2025 from 2:00pm–7:00pm at the

SEAPORT PIER

In North Wildwood, NJ

SAVE THE DATE!

Hallahan Forever

Includes beer specials, food, and music.

Must be 21 to attend.



PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish has an opening for a part-time custodian.

Hours will be Monday through Friday from 12:30 to 4 pm, interested candidates should contact Gene Martino at 215-483-1000 or email: ihmparish@comcast.net for more information.

IHM SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Beginning the week of Monday, June 23 the summer office hours for our school will be:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 am to 1 pm.

Mr. Foley, Mrs. Ramuno and Mrs. Kovach will be available by email and by appointment throughout the summer.

Mr. Foley’s email is principalfoley@iheartmary.org

Mrs. Ramuno’s email is mainoffice@iheartmary.org

Mrs. Kovach’s email is tuition@iheartmary.org



To Jesus Through Mary. Our Lady invites us to prayer and charity.

Go to a new place this summer.... You are invited to visit and pray the Rosary with fellow parishioners at one of our IHM Legion of Mary meetings. This visit will be an introduction to the Legion of Mary, which is a means to become

closer to Jesus and Mary.

“For where two or three have gathered in My name, I am there in their midst.” (Mt 18:20) Join your heart with the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary in prayer and service. On earth, Blessed Mary has no hands but yours. She has no feet but yours. She needs you! See how you can become a prayer partner to someone in need.

We meet every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:45 pm in Father Sullivan Hall (Knights of Columbus room). At the door, “... knock, and it will be opened to you.” (Mt 7:7)



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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL SCHOOL AND CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

All volunteers of our IHM School and Church must meet all Safe Environment requirements mandated by the State of Pennsylvania and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This includes all school volunteers and parish volunteers i.e. Lectors, EM, Choir Members, etc.

A list of all requirements are on the school website: iheartmary.org Go to Resources then to Volunteer and all the links are posted there. These clearances are **FREE** for volunteers.

These requirements are **MANDATORY** and there will be no exceptions. These **MUST** be completed or you may not volunteer in our school for any trips, dances or in house activities or any parish ministries.

For the Protecting God's Children session go to virtusonline.org then first time registrant then to list of sessions to find one that is convenient for you to attend. There are classes available through zoom.

For more information call Denise Schmidt in the Rectory Office 215-483-1000. Monday - Friday between the hours of 10 am to 2 pm.

Please note: All clearances are free for volunteers. The State of PA requires that these be updated every 5 years. The requirements of the Archdiocese only needs to be completed once.

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

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

Music Ministry: Rehearsals—Tuesdays at 7:30p.m. in Church. Contact: Linda Pfefferle, Musicfe5@gmail.com

Ushers: John Rudolph, Peter Caruso

Sacristans: Peter Caruso, Bill King

SOCIAL OUTREACH

CYO: High School and Grade School—Drew Hudecki 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 April 2, 2025.

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 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 Anne 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 @ 7:00pm 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.