



**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, & 7:30 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, July 9 @ 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 date to be announced.

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 23, 2024


SAT.	22	5:15 pm	Ken & Colleen Gallagher
SUN.	23	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Philip & Marie Cavalcante John F. Gill
MON.	24	8:30	Binh Nguyen
TUES.	25	8:30	Ed & Jeanne Goodlow
WED.	26	8:30	Tiem Van Pham
THUR	27	8:30	Walter Kusniesz
FRI.	28	8:30	Can Pham
SAT.	29	8:00 5:15 pm	Wonyet Yee Virginia & Robert Jefford
SUN	30	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Eleanor & Lamar Moffett Anthony Sobotka

***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.

Anne Akyuz, Theresa Alosi, Lee Aponte, Mary Bartsch, Anne Basara, Josephine Bellace, Romulua Berretta, Joyce & Wayne Bielawski, Lance & Cindi Bonnet, Nancy Bright, Daniel Brito, Bill Burrow, Dolores Buzby, Lynn Campbell, Mary Rose Campbell, Erin Caruso, Joe Casciato, Tom Cassidy, Marilyn Cellucci, Officer Andy Chan, Pete Cissone, Michael Clark, Ann Colantonio, Brooke Conklin, Ashley Cox, Helen Cyzio, Quint Cuffe, Earl Dandridge, David Daniels, Taylor Davis, Mary Delaney, Angelita Diccion, Ben Diccion, Sr., Ben Diccion, Jr., Perla Diccion, Nancy Di John, Madeline DiPasquale, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Joseph Donnelly, Marie Dunne, Barbara Dzedzic, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Joe Evers, Mary Ellen Ferrell, Peg Fierko, David Fleetwood, Carole Foley, Bill & Dorothy Foster, Kathy Foster, Sydney Franzmann, Robert Frederico, Marina Frederico, Barbara Freiling, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Bernadette Giambuzzi, Helen Golbeski, James Goussy, Kelly Gruninger, Katie Harris, Kelly Hagelauer, Flora Hart, Anne Headly, Brenden Heyer, Fay Holder, Sheilah Janes, Frances Jefferys, Regina Joka, Steve Jones, Chris Kane, Deborah Kapp, Luke Katona, Keith Kelly, Marek Kijek, Paul King, Michael Kohute, Olga Kostic, Angela Kotowich, Mary Krier, Hannah Lambert, Flavia Langan, Langan Family, Edward Lanigan, Marianne Leahy, Agnes Leinheiser, Dorlene Long, Hadley Ludwig, Cheryl Maresca, Patty Markelewicz, Dominic Matteo, Elizabeth Matruka, Ben Mazzochetti, Terry McCormick, Anne Marie Mc Keever, Felix & Louise McKeough, Helen Magee, Lisa Castellante Martin, Lindsey Marzo, Elizabeth Matruak, Winifred Meall, Monica Mellon, Eileen Michel, Adrian Mumford, Mary Mudry, Janet Murphy, Dick & Trudy Neff, Tom Newell, Rosemary Notwick, Harry Pastella, Mary Ann Pastore, Luisa Pellicone, Dave Pendleton, Bishop Joseph Pepe, Bill Pinto, Beth Pisano, Maria Prince, Karen Pulcinella, John Quirus, Junie Rakosak, Harper Renshaw, Casey Rigby, Joel Rivera, Matthew Christopher Rowe, Jr. Tony Ruger, Domiciano Gallego-Ruiz, Anita Russell, Henry Sachs, Donna Scharff, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, Veronica Serianni, John Sevcik, Mary Ann Shaw, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Luke Simon, Mary Sokolski, David Sparacino, Jake Stefano, Ryann Stoffere, Baby Caleb St. George, Donna Stine, O.S.F., Stanley T., Felicia Teske, Paul Teske, Sister Mary Thaddeus, Edward Thomas, Molly Thompson, Betty Thummel, Christine Triola, Angelo Valucci, Louise Vesci, Sr. Lolita Visitacion, Helen Wade, Walter Wayne Whitehouse, 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.*

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of June 24 to June 30 is in loving memory of Ed Oakes.



ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Pat & Dorothy Salvatore– Wedding Anniversary requested by The Salvatore Family.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Kristen Wittig requested by Friends and Colleagues of Mary Wittig.

Pastor's Page

This week we celebrate a Solemnity that is celebrated on June 24 each year, no matter the day of the week: The Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. It takes precedence of the normal Sunday of the 12th Week in Ordinary time.

Before he was born, John was chosen by God to prepare the world for the Son of God.

We find much information about John the Baptist in Luke's Gospel. Luke begins his story of Jesus and the Christian people with the introduction of the parents of John the Baptist. We should notice the very Jewish beginning of this Gospel for the Greek believers. Zechariah and Elizabeth come out of the heart of Judaism. They are both of a priestly tribe, blameless in their observance of the Mosaic Law. Further, Luke also relates them to the ancient Hebrew parents Abraham and Sarah, who were also advanced in years and childless, but are able to believe in a divine surprise.

The scene is set in the temple in Jerusalem, where the hopes of the people of God were always centered. The angel allays Zechariah's fear and announces the promise "Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a Son" Zechariah is stunned. He is rendered speechless.

By the time Zechariah returns home, there is an aura of expectancy among the people. Dramatic events of salvation are now underway. The conception of John takes place as foretold, unknown to the world at large. At this point, it is still only an elderly Jewish couple who know that God has begun another important intervention, the most important intervention in the history of humanity.

In verses 57-80 of the first chapter of Luke we see Zechariah regain his power of speech as soon as the name designated by the angel is confirmed. The people are filled with fear, not terror, but awesome reverence in the face of God's wondrous deeds.

Zechariah's canticle is called "The Benedictus", which like the Magnificat of Mary weaves traditional Hebrew quotations and themes into a hymn of praise. Zechariah sees in the birth of his son, God's remembrance of his covenant promises to David and the definitive salvation for all people.

Luke's way of ending this story of John's birth is a good indication of his technique in keeping the reader's attention on one episode at a time. I would recommend reading on your own the complete first chapter of Luke. Verse 80 has John growing up from infancy to manhood and taking his place in the desert even before Jesus' birth is described. He is stationed there for his next appearance in the story thirty years later. See Chapter 3 of Luke.

John the Baptist was called to prepare the people for the coming of the Lord. We will also hear today from Jeremiah (at the Vigil Mass) or Isaiah (at Sunday mass). These two prophets were also called by the Lord before they were born. By our Baptism, each of us also shares in Christ's prophetic and salvific mission. As we listen to the readings today, let us reflect on the mission of Preparing the Way of the Lord.

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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR
BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Grace Giuffre
Mary Sinis



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Wisdom 1:13-15; 23-24 (98B)
- 2) 2 Corinthians 8:7,9, 13-15
- 3) Mark 5:21—43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43



"Trust God's plan; it's always better than we imagine."

IHM GOLDEN AGE GROUP TRIPS

Wednesday, September 18, 2024 - *Daniel* at the Site & Sound Theater (Lancaster)

Flyers are at all the doorways of the Church and Chapel.

Don't miss out on these 2 great shows and all the fun with our IHM Golden Age Group.



FYI: The *Always Patsy Cline* trip in August has been filled:)

Sunday Offering Week of June 9, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 9,729.00
Loose	<u>1,070.08</u>
	\$10,759.08

of envelopes – 472
Average - 22.62

Thank you for your continued generosity.

PREP Registration Fall of 2024

PREP Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 PREP year.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in our PREP program, please contact:

MaryAnne K. King (215) 483-4266
E-Mail: mking@iheart.org for information.

Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

Final registration date and tuition payment due date is **Tuesday, September 3, 2024**
from 5:00- 7:00 p.m. in Father Sullivan Hall.

Clergy Schedule for Sunday, June 30, 2024
(celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, June 29 2024

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Heron

Sunday, June 30, 2024

7:30 am – Fr. Bransfield
9:30 am - Fr. Casey
11:30 am Fr. Quan

At-Home Book Retreat is forming...Love the Eucharist!

Join fellow parishioners in a 5-week retreat to consecrate yourself to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, using **Matthew Kelly's book: 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory**. This book provides a **self-guided 15 minute read per day** retreat; a pilgrimage of healing, surrender, transformation and love. *Join the Eucharistic Renewal in the Catholic Church of America...*sponsored by the IHM Legion of Mary.

Sign-Up via a flyer found at the Church entrances today!

For information contact via email...
Sharon Schepise schepises@yahoo.com
Frank Klusek frank.k@verizon.net
Fran Knox fknox9565@gmail.com

The next casserole pickup for St. John's Hospice is on Wednesday, July 3, at 9 am.

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 24, July 15, August 5 & 26

All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.

Providing Help & Hope to Neighbors in Need!



The Ladies of Mount Carmel
235 East State Street
Doylestown, Pa 18901

"The Ladies of Mount Carmel" of Doylestown, PA is holding it's largest fundraiser of 2024 to support our organization and the parish.

The Rummage Sale runs from
June 24-27, 2024

Flyers with more details are on all the tables at the doorways of the Church and Chapel.



IT'S SUMMERTIME !

While enjoying the summer's many activities, 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, bring your contributions up to date when you return. May God bless you and keep you safe this Summer!



Please be careful when coming into the parking lot for daily Mass. Our IHM Summer Camp begins on Monday, June 24 and there will be children in and around the parking lot. Thank you!



ON LINE GIVING IS COMING TO IHM CHURCH! LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION IN THE COMING WEEKS!

IHM CYO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please follow our Facebook page, IHM CYO Knights, for the latest updates over the summer. If you do not have a Facebook account, our page is public and is viewable without an account. We would like to give a huge thank you to Bill Hannigan for his incredible 12 years of service as our CYO Athletic Director. As he is stepping down, we would like to introduce our new CYO Athletic Director for the '24-'25 sports season, Chris Hochstuhl. Chris can be contacted at ihmcyo.athletic.director@gmail.com. Many thanks to all of you for supporting CYO, have a wonderful summer!

2024 CYO FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR VOLLEYBALL & CROSS COUNTRY

Registration will close on FRIDAY, JULY 12TH - Late registrations WILL NOT be accepted
Fees will be collected in person (dates TBD) & Payment must be a check made out to IHM CYO

To Register: Please go to our Facebook Page, IHM CYO Knights, and look for the Pinned post regarding Fall Registration. Registration link will be found in that Pinned post. If you do not have a Facebook account, our page is public and is viewable without an account.

HELP NEEDED FOR CROSS COUNTRY

Our Cross Country team is looking for additional parents/coaches to help with running with the kids during practices. Anyone interested or questions, please contact: ihmcyo.athletic.director@gmail.com

2024 CYO FOOTBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

IHM CYO participates with St. Margaret, St Frances Cabrini and St Rose of Lima schools as part of the regional team. All grade eligible students or parish members may play. Grade 5-6 is JV and Grade 7-8 is Varsity. If there are questions, please contact Jim McNulty at jpm0075@gmail.com. Please read the below carefully:

The **FIRST** registration is for the team site and the **SECOND** is for the league-- so please **COMPLETE BOTH**

SITE 1

<https://stmargaretcyo.sportsengine-prelive.com/>

SITE 2

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/432536>

- § Registration is open now! It will close when rosters are locked in September
- § Your online registration link (above) is specific to your program, for Varsity and JV
- § Parents must register their players via this link
- § ALL players must be officially registered through this process, or they will not be eligible to play.

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. 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, Musicfe5@gmail.com*
Ushers: *John Rudolph, Peter Caruso*
Sacristans: *Peter Caruso, Bill King*

SOCIAL OUTREACH

CYO: *High School and Grade School—Chris Hochstuhl athleticdirector.ihm@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 Next pick up is June 5 @ 9am.*

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.