



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 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

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK OF June 29, 2025

SAT.	28	5:15 pm	Anthony Sobotka
SUN.	29	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Deceased Members of the Kostic Family Soban Family
MON.	30	8:30	Mary Ann Shaw
TUES.	1	8:30	John H. Weiland
WED.	2	8:30	Marianne Klusek
THUR	3	8:30	Margaret Mucha
FRI.	4	9:00	INDEPENDENCE DAY Joseph Lung Nguyen
SAT.	5	8:00 5:15 pm	Jim DiBenedetto 24th Anniversary Thomas & Nancy Plover
SUN	6	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Charles A. Mc Carthy & Anne Mc Menamin Marie Downey

***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, 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, 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, Carolyn Walter, 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
Angelina Kimmel
Happy 90th Birthday
requested by Maria Falso.



The rose placed in the **Chapel**
is in loving memory of
Robert Friedman
requested by his son, Mark.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for this week
is in loving memory of
Jim Di Benedetto
requested by
his children.



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

**Mary Ann Doyle
Robert Howard**



There are still roses available for the following weeks.

Church

September 14 to 20, 21 to 27
October 12 to 18, 19 to 25

Chapel

August 3 to 9
September 14 to 20, 28 to October 4,
October 19 to 25, 26 to November 1
November 2 to 8, 16 to 22,

Pastor's Page

Who was the most influential in the spread of the Christian faith? Today we celebrate two saints—Peter and Paul—whose paths were different and whose relationship was not without tension.

Peter was the first pope, called personally by Jesus. Though hesitant at first, this fisherman left his nets to follow a virtual stranger.

Peter was bold, often the first to speak when others stayed silent. Sometimes his boldness led to moments of grace, other times to rebuke—like when he tried to convince Jesus that suffering and the cross were not necessary.

Yet, relying on mercy and grace, Peter responded to the Lord's invitation after the Resurrection: "Peter, do you love me? Feed my sheep." And he did, even to the point of giving his life.

Paul, on the other hand, took a very different road—both literally and spiritually. A Pharisee by training, he began as a fierce persecutor of Christians, complicit in the death of St. Stephen. But everything changed on the road to Damascus. There, Jesus stopped him in his tracks and turned his life around.

From that moment on, Paul became one of the Church's most tireless missionaries. His letters and journeys carried the Gospel far beyond Jerusalem, helping to spread the faith throughout the Roman Empire.

There was real tension between these two apostles, rooted in a foundational question: did a person need to become Jewish before they could become Christian? It may seem obvious to us now, but at the time, it was not. Together, they helped the early Church navigate this struggle, agreeing to let go of certain external customs while remaining faithful to the heart of the covenant.

Their unity—despite differences—remains a model for us.

So, back to the question: who was the most influential in spreading the faith? In the end, the answer is Jesus. And if that feels like a bit of a cheat, then we might say Mary. From the cross, Jesus entrusted Mary to the Church as Mother. And so we turn to her in our time here on earth.

Mary, help us. Help us listen well to the Holy Spirit, that we might become more fully the Body of Christ for the life of the world.

As we approach Independence Day on Friday, July 4, please keep our nation in your prayers.

On July 3rd the Parish Office will close at 12:30 and will be closed on July 4th in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

**MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS
THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!!**

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 66:10-14c (47):10-11
- 2) Galatians 6:14-18
- 3) Luke 10:1-12, 17-20, or 10:1-9



RAFFLE REMINDER

The Parish Raffle is coming to an end, but there is still time to get your tickets in.!!

Remember 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 15, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 6,631.00
Loose	859.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	978.00
	<u>\$ 8,468.00</u>

of envelopes – 378
Average - \$17.55

Peter's Pence \$1,566.00

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.



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.

The stipend for Masses is \$10, the Rose is \$15 and the Sanctuary light is \$20. Separate checks are needed for each.



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!

IHM CYO FALL REGISTRATION



To participate in IHM CYO, athletes must be an IHM student or a member of one of the following parishes: IHM, St. John's, St. Bridget's, or Holy Family.

SCAN QR CODE
FOR MORE INFO &
TO REGISTER



Girls JV Volleyball: 5th & 6th Grades
Girls Varsity Volleyball: 7th & 8th Grades
Cross Country (Co-Ed): Kindergarten to 8th Grade.

Registration will close on MONDAY, JULY 21ST

Late registrations WILL NOT be accepted

Fees will be collected in person. Dates TBD

Payment must be a check made out to IHM CYO

Questions? Please Contact:

ihmcyo.athletic.director@gmail.com

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



*God's blessings
to the newly baptized*

Fia Katherine Waninger

Addison Desiderio,

Hunter Desiderio.

Santino Frusone,

Brinley Elizabeth Garcia,

Catherine G. Gorgol,

Jack Joseph Henninger,

Isabella Martinez.

Erin Elizabeth McCullough,

Isabella Brie Ritter



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 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 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.