

**THAT THE WORLD
MAY BELIEVE**



JOHN 17:20-26

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**

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Philadelphia, PA 19128
215-483-1000, Fax: 215-483-1732
Website: ihmphila.org**

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
SCHOOL**

**815 E. Cathedral Road
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215-482-2029
Website: iheartmary.org**

Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor

Rev. Quan H. Tran, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Sean P. Bransfield, in Residence

Deacon Salvatore R. Bianco

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 TBA.** 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 1, 2025

SAT.	31	5:15 pm	Maryann Wolek
SUN.	1	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	Peter J. Caruso, Sr.
		11:30	Frank Sudell
MON.	2	8:30	Memorial Fund
TUES.	3	8:30	Marianne A. Klusek
WED.	4	8:30	Krista Harron-Spera
THUR	5	8:30	Joan Funk
FRI.	6	8:30	Philip & Carol DiWilliams
SAT.	7	8:00	Walter Kusniesz
		5:15 pm	Joseph & Emma Caracappa
SUN	8	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	Paula Linehan
		11:30	Edward & Gabriella Gorman

***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, 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, Patricia Markelewicz, 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, 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.



The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for this week
is in loving memory of
Joan Funk
requested by
John Funk.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

***All Members of the
IHM Memorial Fund***



ROSES



The rose placed in the **Church**
is in loving memory of
Krista Harron-Spera
requested by
Julie & Jim Harron & Will Spera.

The rose placed in the **Chapel**
is in loving memory of
Joan Funk
requested by her husband,
John Funk.

PRAY FOR OUR NATION

God Bless America



Pastor's Page

Today we begin the seventh and last week of the Easter season. Throughout these weeks since Easter Sunday we have contemplated different facets of the new life of the Resurrection.

Time is one of the greatest gifts that God gives to us. Each year we celebrate time in various ways. There is the seasonal calendar from January through December. For some the Fiscal year from July 1 to June 30 is the focus. For many the academic year from September until June is the way things are measured, with those precious months of July and August for respite. We have months, weeks, days, hours as other ways we measure time.

In the liturgical year which begins on the First Sunday of Advent we celebrate the Sacred mysteries of our faith. We place a priority on celebrating each event each year. The celebration of the liturgical year is grounded in the Old Testament, especially in Exodus 12:14. "This day shall be a memorial feast for you, which all your generations shall celebrate with pilgrimage to the Lord as a *perpetual* institution." Notice the emphasis on the word "perpetual". The Israelites were to celebrate this meal every year as a perpetual reminder of the Passover. God himself told them that.

At subsequent Passovers the Israelites rid their households of all leaven that is, fermented dough kept from one baking to another – a form of yeast- and all leavened bread. Starting afresh with new dough symbolized a new life of freedom. Jewish families today do this during the Passover season and serve only unleavened bread, called matzo. From this custom is how we as Catholics use unleavened bread for celebration of Eucharist.

The number forty is also important for us. We have the forty days of Lent each year to prepare to celebrate the Paschal mysteries. We just celebrated the forty days following the Lord's Resurrection, in which we celebrate the Lord in his risen body. At the Ascension Jesus passed totally into the presence of God. However, He was not going to leave us totally alone.

We prepare now during this ten-day period to celebrate the beginning of the Church, Pentecost, sometimes referred to as the "birthday of the Church". Here as you can see from the prefix, the number fifty is prominent. Pentecost is 50 days after the Resurrection. This has its roots in the Jewish feast of Weeks, which in addition to being an agricultural festival of offering the first fruits, celebrated the Fifty days from leaving Egypt (Passover) to the receiving of the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai.

Time then is important for us. Just like God told the Israelites that they should celebrate the Passover each year, as a "perpetual" institution, so we celebrate our Banquet feast in the Eucharist. We celebrate God's love for us each time we come to the altar. We rejoice in his presence – in His Word and in his Sacrament. Jesus abiding presence offers not only challenge but comfort. Let us continue to use the gift of time that God has given us as we lift up our hearts and voices in thanksgiving and praise.

The lyrics from the Hymn "We Remember" are a good source of prayer:

"We remember how you loved us to your death,
and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;

And we believe that we will see you when you come, in your glory, Lord, we remember, we
celebrate, we believe."

Clergy Schedule for Next Weekend
(celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, June 7, 2025

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Quan

Sunday, June 8, 2025

7:30 am – Fr. Quan

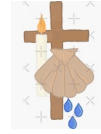
9:30 am - Fr. Sean

11:30 am Fr. Casey

*God's blessings
to the newly baptized*



*Rowan Mason
Eden Mason
Grace Mason*



You should have received your 4 tickets for the Multi Parish Raffle. (AKA Spring Raffle) Some of you may have received 5 tickets but this is in error. There should have been 4 but sometimes they stick together. Please participate in this raffle, if you are able, it will help with projects needed on our campus.

Also if you cannot purchase all 4 tickets please return the unused tickets to the parish office. If you need more tickets we have extra!! Thank you and Good Luck to All!!!

The next pickup for St. John's Hospice casserole program is on Wednesday, June 4th 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 9 & 30

All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Genesis 11:1-9
- 2) Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b
- 3) Ezekiel 37:1-14



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.

Sunday Offering Week of May 11, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 8,564.00
Loose	1,018.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	2,431.00
	<u>\$ 12,031.00</u>

of envelopes – 559

Average - \$15.32

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Sunday Offering Week of May 18, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 7,922.00
Loose	1,062.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	1,455.00
	<u>\$ 10,439.00</u>

of envelopes – 448

Average - \$17.69

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

On **Saturday, June 14, 2025** the Knights of Columbus will be hosting **BINGO** in Father Sullivan Hall.

Doors open at 1 PM with the first game starting around 1:30 PM.

Come and join the Knights for a fun filled afternoon.

You could be a winner!!

Bingo games and prizes

Basket of Cheer

50/50 tickets

Refreshment for purchase

END OF THE YEAR SCHOOL CALENDAR

June 4 PreK 3 Closing Ceremony

June 5 PreK4 Closing Ceremony

June 6 Kindergarten Closing Ceremony

**June 11 8th Grade Class of 2025
Graduation Mass, Ceremony &
Dance**

June 12 Last Day of School

June 13 SCHOOL CLOSED



OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART RETREAT MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE JUNE 6, 7, 8, 2025

Fellow parishioners, please join other men from this parish on a catholic men's weekend retreat at the Malvern Retreat house in Malvern PA. The weekend will start Friday at 6 pm and conclude on Sunday at 11am. All meals & rooming included.

The retreat will offer Masses, Confession, Conferences, Outdoor Stations of the Cross and Fellowship, all on the 125 acre campus in the beautiful hills of Chester County.

Retreat Director Msgr. Stephen McHenry

Music by: Marty Rotella

Guest Speaker: Mr. Nick Gibboni from the St. Padre Pio Shrine

**Contact: Matt Butterly phone# 215-880-4473
email: matt@bigdawgsplumbing.com**

IHM CYO is proud to partner with local businesses like **Pauline Nader's Flower Farm and Bee Sanctuary**, who provided beautiful bouquets for our Mother's Day fundraiser, and **Maria's Ristorante on Summit**, who hosted our Car Wash service project. We're deeply grateful for their support, as well as the ongoing generosity of our local community!

Thank you!



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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.

There are many choices for other nights at other locations. 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 also 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—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 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 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.