



**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 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—May 11 in Father Sullivan Hall. Details on page 5 of the bulletin.

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
March 10, 2024

SAT.	9	5:15 pm	Robert G. Reed, Sr. & Helen Reed
SUN.	10	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Robert Avington Mary, Lucy & Gaetano DiCesare
MON.	11	8:30	Deceased Members of the Fuges Family
TUES.	12	8:30	Mary & Paul Panzer
WED.	13	8:30	Vuong Phung & Tieu Phung
THUR	14	8:30	Lam Thien Nguyen
FRI.	15	8:30	Tiem Van Pham
SAT.	16	8:00 5:15 pm	Zygmunt Orlicki Robert G. Reed, Sr., & Helen Reed
SUN	17	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Robert Avington Mary, Lucy & Gaetano DiCesare

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

IMPORTANT ANNOUCEMENT
REGARDING THE SCHEDULE FOR LENT

We regret to inform you because of the extending circumstances with Fr. Casey's health we will not be able to offer the 7:30 pm Mass in the Chapel or Confession on Wednesday evenings during Lent. (Yes, we still have the 8:30 daily Mass)

Our Chapel will remain open for private prayer from 8AM to 6PM daily. Confession will still be available on Saturdays from 4PM to 5PM in the church.

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 7PM .

If you have a Mass intention for any of the 7:30 pm Masses please contact Denise Schmidt in the rectory office.

215-483-1000 or denise-schmidt@comcast.net.

Please continue to pray for Fr. Casey as he continues to recuperate.

Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.

PRAY FOR PEACE FOR THE UKRAINE, THE MIDDLE EAST AND ALL THE WORLD



Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

Theresa Alosi, Lee Aponte, Mary Bartsch, Anne Basara, Josephine Bellace, Joyce & Wayne Bielawski, Lance & Cindi Bonnet, Nancy Bright, Daniel Brito, Bill Burrow, Bobby Busch, Dolores Buzby, Lynn Campbell, Mary Rose Campbell, Erin Caruso, Joe Casciato, 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, Nancy Di John, Madeline DiPasquale, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Joseph Donnelly, Marie Dunne, Barbara Dziedzic, 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, Flora Hart, Anne Headly, Brenden Heyer, Fay Holder, Sheilah Janes, Frances Jefferys, Steve Jones, Chris Kane, Deborah Kapp, Luke Katona, Keith Kelly, Marek Kijek, Michael Kohute, Olga Kostic, Angela Kotowich, Mary Krier, Hannah Lambert, Flavia Langan, Langan Family, Edward Lanigan, Marianne Leahy, Agnes Leinheiser, Dorlene Long, Carol Ann Lott, Hadley Ludwig, Cheryl Maresca, Dominic Matteo, Elizabeth Matruka, Ben Mazzochetti, Terry McCormick, Anne Marie Mc Keever, Felix & Louise McKeough, Helen Magee, Lindsey Marzo, Elizabeth Matruak, Winifred Meall, Monica Mellon, Eileen Michel, Bill Milford, Adrian Mumford, Mary Mudry, Janet Murphy, Dick & Trudy Neff, Tom Newell, Rosemary Notwick, Harry Pastella, 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, Tony Ruger, Domiciano Gallego-Ruiz, Anita Russell, 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, Louise Vesci, 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

We are now just past the half way point of our Lenten preparations for Easter. The first line of the Introit or entrance Antiphon today begins, "Rejoice". Today is also known as "Laetare Sunday". We rejoice because we know that the love God bears for us is stronger than any trials, hardships or sufferings we must endure, even death. We know that the sacrifice that we are building toward holds the greatest victory imaginable, our salvation.

The boundless love of God is on full display in the scripture readings today. The Chosen People had "added infidelity to infidelity, repeatedly turning away from God. The First and Second book of Chronicles present an account of the rise and fall of the Kingdom, their subsequent destruction and finally the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem. The books retell Israel's history in terms of its meaning in God's unfolding plan, rather than in factual chronological events like we see in the Books of Kings. The Books of Chronicles were the writer's effort to put things in focus. They reminded the Jews that they were called to be a priestly people and a holy nation, not an empire.

The Babylonian Captivity (587-538 BC) was a devastating time for the Kingdom of Judah. The northern kingdom of Israel had previously been defeated by the Assyrians in the 700s BC, and later the Babylonians came in and captured the southern Kingdom of Judah. In today's first reading, we learn that the enemy had burned down the Temple and carried off many of the people remaining to Babylon. When Cyrus the Persian comes to power, God inspires him to send the exiles back to Judah, so that they might rebuild the house of God.

In the second reading from Ephesians, we see that God's grace, not our works, bring about salvation. Though dead in our transgressions God's mercy and love brings us back to life in Christ. Redemption in Christ is both a present possession and a future assurance. We have eternal here and now, but the fullness of life we experience here on earth is but a foretaste of the perfection of life that awaits us in heaven.

The same merciful divine nature that is revealed in the return from exile is also revealed in the words of Jesus. As Son, Jesus was not sent to condemn the world but to give it life and light. Any judgement or condemnation is in fact a self-judgment. People are condemned to life in darkness because they have chosen to reject the light. In a sense, people chose to live in exile from God. God has chosen to be present with us, in Jesus, as the saving light.

We see people all the time who chose to remain exiled from those they love all the time. Children and parents who are estranged, friendships that break down and go unreconciled, those who love God and Christ yet keep their distance from the Church and the Sacraments. But scripture testifies to the power of God to overcome such estrangement and exile. Lent is a time for the exiles to return, a time of reconciliation, a time to accept the gift of divine love described in the Letter to the Ephesians.

Father Casey

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a (31A)
- 2) Ephesians 5:8-14
- 3) John 9:1-41, 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



Clergy Schedule for Sunday, March 17, 2024 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Heron

Sunday, March 17, 2024

7:30 am – Fr. Bransfield

9:30 am – Fr. Bransfield

11:30 Fr. Quan

*God's blessings
to the newly baptized children
in the Catholic faith*

*Bryson David Eckroth
Irina Addelyn Gomez*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR
BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Ann Colantonio



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.



The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of March 11 to March 17 is in loving memory of George W. Kletzel requested his wife, Pat & Family.



ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of George W. Kletzel requested by Pat Kletzel.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Owen Mc Guire requested Pat & Mary Alice Mc Guire.

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

We will not be automatically mailing out the end of year 2023 contribution statements to our parishioners.

To request a contribution statement please call Mrs. Schmidt in the Rectory Office 215-483-1000.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



On Saturday, March 16, 2024, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting BINGO in Fr. 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
Refreshments for purchase**

15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS

WEEK 4

Mary & Carl Hood	\$ 300.00
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Brooke	\$ 100.00
Margie Iacobacci	\$ 100.00
Diana Mazurek	\$ 50.00
Joe Mc Kenna	\$ 50.00
Diane Bomberger	\$ 50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Pellicone	\$ 50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Twardzik	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

The next meetings of the Golden Age Club will be on March 11 & 25.

There is a Casino Trip scheduled for April 17, 2024. Flyers are at all the doorways of our Church.

ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY EASTER FOOD SALE

We are happy to announce the return of our annual St. Mary Polish American Society Easter Food Sale. Food items will include: Babkas (cheese, cinnamon crumb, or raspberry cheese) for \$16 each from L&M Bakery in Delran, NJ; -Pierogi (potato, potato cheese, or sauerkraut) for \$10 per dozen from Polka Deli in Port Richmond, Kielbasa for \$9 per pound from Czerw's in Port Richmond. The deadline to place a food order will be Wednesday March 13th so our suppliers have enough time to process our orders.

Order pick-up will be on Friday, March 22nd and Saturday March 23rd from 1 to 4 pm at St. Mary Catholic Church Hall in Conshohocken.

Proceeds from the Easter Food Sale support our mission of promoting Polish heritage in Montgomery County, PA and assistance with the restoration of St. Mary Catholic Church in Conshohocken, PA.

To place a food order please email foodsale@stmarypolish.org or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.



Sunday Offering Week of February 25, 2024

**Envelopes \$ 8,362.00
Loose 999.00
 \$ 9,361.00**

**# of envelopes – 472
Average - 17.72**

Latin America \$2,186.00

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

March 11, April 1, 22 and May 13

All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.

Providing Help & Hope to Neighbors in Need!

Has Our Blessed Virgin Mary been a comfort in your life?

Might you have a feeling that Our Mother Mary has blessed you abundantly and you are looking for a way to thank her? Consider thanking her by being one of her helpers in the Parish. The Legion of Mary serves our Blessed Mary and the Parish through prayer and works of mercy. You are invited to join in this grace filled service to Our Lady at IHM...to Jesus through Mary!

Find out more by visiting a meeting. The Rosary starts the Legion meeting at 6:30 PM each Wednesday in Father Sullivan Hall. Please call or text Frank at 215 356 3441 for any meeting changes due to weather.

Hallahan - Class of '74 50th Reunion

Sunday, May 19, 2024 - 12:00 pm -
Brunch at Panache -
For more details email:
HallahanClassof1974@gmail.com



Father Judge High School Class of 1974 50 Year Reunion
Saturday, April 27th from 6 - 10 PM at Father Judge
Cost is \$80 per person
Please contact khuckel@fatherjudge.com for more information



The 2024 Mass Book is now full. There are no more Masses for intentions.

For the 2024 year there are still weeks for Sanctuary Lights and Roses that are open. If you would like to have an intention for either of these call the rectory office. 215-483-1000.

The Catholic Parishes of Manayunk, East Falls and Andorra will present the Pre-Canan Marriage Preparation Program for engaged couples on **SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024** in

Father Sullivan Hall,

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
819 E. Cathedral Road.

The day begins with registration at 9:30 AM and concludes with attendance at the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass. Continental breakfast and lunch are provided. Certificates are distributed after Mass. Cost is \$100.00 per couple.

To register, please call:

Holy Family Rectory 215-482-0450

Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 3 PM.

Upcoming Legion of Events

Save the date and register.

Saturday, March 23, 2024 -

Evangelization Day #1 at Visitation BVM Catholic Church, Norristown – Welcome all neighbors to visit the Catholic Church. Rosary at 7:45 am, Mass 8:15 followed by breakfast, training, visitation of homes, lunch, ending around 2:30 pm.

Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 3:00 pm–

Consecration to the BVM – Annual Acies ceremony for *IHM Legion of Mary* praying members at St. Martin De Porres Church, 2340 West Lehigh Avenue – *Exposition/Benediction, Consecration and pot luck social afterwards.*

Saturday, April 13, 2024 -

Marian Day Conference at St. Helena Parish, Blue Bell - Enjoy a Marian Eucharistic day with Rev. Dennis Gill SLL; Rector at Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul - 8:00 am Check-in & Breakfast, 9:30 Rosary, 10:00 talk #1, 11:15 Mass, 12:15 Lunch, 1:15 talk #2, 2:30 Holy Hour. Cost: \$30
Saturday, May 18, 2024 -

Evangelization Day #2 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Bridgeport – Share the love of your Faith. Rosary at 8:30 am, Mass 9:00 followed by breakfast, training, visitation of homes, lunch, ending around 2:30 pm. Registration required for attendance –

Registration / Flyer is posted at <https://philadelphiasenatus.org/upcoming-events/> For info: Text or phone Frank 215 356 3441 (C)

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—Bill Hannigan 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*

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.