



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

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Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor

Rev. Quan H. Tran, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Joseph W. Bongard in Residence

Rev. Sean P. Bransfield, in Residence

Deacon Salvatore R. Bianco

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS: IN CHURCH

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Vigil

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAYS: IN SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Wednesdays when school is in session Mass will be held in the Church - 8:30 a.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION IN CHURCH

5:15 pm Vigil Mass

8:30 am, Noon, & 7:30 p.m. (times may vary on certain Holy Days; please check inside pages or parish website)

HOLIDAYS: IN CHURCH

9:00 a.m. (Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN CHURCH

Saturday 4-5 p.m.

TUESDAY

SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT AFTER 8:30 a.m. MASS
UNTIL 6:30 p.m.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

TUESDAY EVENING AT 6:30 p.m.

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, March 14 @ 7 pm in the Church.** 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.

IHM offers a one day **Pre-Cana** Seminar that assists couples in preparation for their upcoming marriage. The Pre-Cana is conducted twice a year (Spring and Fall). **There is no Pre-Cana Seminar planned at this time.** Please call Denise Schmidt, parish secretary at 215-483-1000 for further information.

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 12, 2023

SAT.	11	5:15 pm	Frances & Richard Kauffman
SUN.	12	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Rose Caruso John "Jack" Lynch
MON.	13	8:30 7:30 pm	Minnie Adams Mr. & Mrs. Giovanni Quarino
TUES.	14	8:30 7:30 pm	Deceased Member of the Di Benedetto & Varacello Families Prachtel & Ormsby Families
WED.	15	8:30 7:30 pm	George & Marie Wandsleban Jerry Petrucci
THURS.	16	8:30 7:30 pm	Lam Nguyen Zymont Orlicki
FRI.	17	8:30 7:30 pm	May Gaughan Bernadette Giorno
SAT.	18	8:00 5:15 pm	Philip Cavalcante Joan Reed 5th Anniversary
SUN	19	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Robert Avington Eileen Hodges

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of March 13 to March 19
is in loving memory of
Charles Hoffman.



ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of
Thomas Carroll
requested by
Friends of Debbie Murphy.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
Joseph, Thomas & John Skarbek &
Kenneth & Clara Slovitsky.



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

Theresa Alosi, Louis Andreola, Lee Aponte, Mary Bartsch, Anne Basara, Josephine Bellace, Joyce & Wayne Bielawski, Nancy Bright, Daniel Brito, Bill Burrow, Bobby Busch, Dolores Buzby, Lynn Campbell, Mary Rose Campbell, Erin Caruso, Terry Carr, Officer Andy Chan, Pete Cissone, Michael Clark, Brooke Conklin, Quint Cuffe, Earl Dandridge, Taylor Davis, Marano Donald D'Angelo, Nancy Di John, Madeline DiPasquale, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Beth Donnelly, Joseph Donnelly, Marie Dunne, Barbara Dziedzic, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Joe Evers, Bruce Fairchild, Rosemary Fatovic, Peg Fierko, David Fleetwood, Carol Foley, Bill & Dorothy Foster, Kathy Foster, Sydney Franzmann, Barbara Freiling, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Helen Golbeski, Kelly Gruninger, Flora Hart, Anne Headly, Brenden Heyer, Sheilah Janes, Frances Jefferys, Chris Kane, Deborah Kapp, Marek Kijek, Marianne Klusek, Olga Kostic, Angela Kotowich, Mary Krier, Hannah Lambert, Flavia Langan, Langan Family, Dolores Lanigan, Edward Lanigan, Marianne Leahy, Agnes Leinheiser, Dorlene Long, Carol Ann Lott, Hadley Ludwig, Cheryl Maresca, Dominic Matteo, Elizabeth Matruka, Terry McCormick, Anne Marie Mc Keever, Felix & Louise McKeough, Helen Magee, Lindsey Marzo, Steve Murphy, Elizabeth Matruak, Winifred Meall, Rachael Mellon, Eileen Michel, Brian Morris, Mary Mudry, Janet Murphy, Dick & Trudy Neff, Marvin Parnes, Harry Pastella, Luisa Pellicone, Dave Pendleton, Bishop Joseph Pepe, Bill Pinto, Nicole Powlus, Kathy Pro, Tom Przybek, Karen Pulcinella, John Quirus, Clara Ragni, Junie Rakosak, Marie Renello, Harper Renshaw, Casey Rigby, Joel Rivera, Tony Ruger, Domiciano Gallego-Ruiz, Anita Russell, Vince Savini, Donna Scharff, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, Mary Ann Shaw, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Luke Simon, Cindy Synder-Earnhardt, Jake Stefano, Baby Caleb St. George, Donna Stine, O.S.F., Felicia Teske, Paul Teske, Edward Thomas, Molly Thompson, Christine Triola, Louise Vesci, Maddox Vielman, Helen Wade, Walter Wayne Whitehouse, Luke Winterbottom, Pam Wisdom, Brian Wurtzberger, Kim Wurtzberger, Mike Zacher, Donna Zetterberg, Anthony Zul.



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

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

Charles Hoffman



Pastor's Page

Today on the Third Sunday of Lent, the Church celebrates the first of three scrutinies with the Elect and their communities throughout the Church. The scriptures today are chosen explicitly to help the Elect as they undergo their final preparations for the Easter Sacraments. We the baptized too can scrutinize our own lives today, following the example of the Elect in allowing Our Lord to uncover and heal all that is weak and sinful in the way we live.

The readings today speak of the importance of water. Water is an essential element of life. Without it we die. The biblical personages in both the old and the new testament lived in a land surrounded by barren deserts.

In the first reading from Exodus, the people are facing a challenge in finding water now that they have left Egypt. They have briefly celebrated their newfound freedom from Pharaoh and the Egyptians when they begin to complain about the hardships of the journey. They are bitterly complaining against God and Moses. Eventually they are going to have to learn over and over to keep trusting in God's care for them. This is going to be a long drawn out process.

They even question whether they should have stayed in Egypt. Amazing how revisionist history can color our perspective. "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it to make us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" Their lack of faith even moves them to cry out and ask, "Is the Lord in our midst or not?"

Rocks are not known for their water content. But in another of the miracles the Lord works through Moses, he instructs him to strike a rock with his staff, the same staff that he used in parting the Red Sea. The water struck from the rock is to quench the people's thirst, it becomes a strong symbol for life. "Come let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with Thanksgiving.

The Gospel reading from John chapter 4 today, also speaks of the symbol of water, used to describe God's life giving presence. Jesus himself becomes the living water to the Samaritan woman. Recall that the Jewish relationship with the Samaritans, who were located between Galilee on the north and Judea to the south was very bad and historically conditioned. The problems dated back to the 700sBC, when foreigners came into this area after the Assyrian exile. The foreigners who came into the territory partially adopted Israel's religion but were always viewed by the Jews as hated, semi-pagan invaders. It would have been very surprising that Jesus even spoke to this woman.

The story includes a lengthy dialogue with the woman. Jesus meets the woman at the well where Jacob met Rachel. To start off with, this Samaritan woman was considered outside the law, by faith and by lifestyle. Jesus guides her from perceiving him as simply another man to the point where she says, "I can see you are a prophet." Eventually the dialogue leads to her, of all people, becoming an evangelizer, hastening to her fellow townspeople. She becomes a conduit of faith's living water. Remember water seeks its own level.

As Moses struck the rock with his staff, may Jesus cross – the abiding instrument of God's unconditional mercy – strike our hardened hearts, unsealing God's merciful love to flow into our lives.

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



Weekend Clergy Schedule March 19, 2023 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, March 18, 2023

5:15pm - Fr. Quan

Sunday, March 19, 2023

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Bransfield

9:30 a.m. – Fr. Bongard

11:30 a.m. — Fr. Casey

Sunday Offering Week of February 26, 2023

Envelopes \$ 8,746.00

Loose 864.50

\$ 9,610.50

of envelopes – 462

Average– 18.93

Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity

Please help our counters by filling out the amount on your Church envelope and please write clearly. This helps to speed up the process.

Thank you so much!
The next pick up for St. John's Hospice is Wednesday, April 5 at 9 am.

Just a reminder that all casseroles should be cooked, then frozen and should only need to be reheated.

Please be sure to label the casseroles with the date and the name of the casserole.

IHM SACRAMENTAL NEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will take place on **Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 10 am.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE will take place on **Thursday, May 4, 2023 from 9 am to Noon**

RETREAT DAY for all the children making their First Communion will take place at the **SHRINE OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL** on **Friday, April 21, 2023.**** Departure from IHM School is at 8 am and the return to IHM School will be at 2:30 pm.

For more information, please call Mary Anne Kostic-King, Director of Religious Education at **215-483-4266** or email: mking@iheartmary.org

****Please note the date change for the Retreat Day**

CONFIRMATION NEWS
FALL OF 2023

Applications for Candidates for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in the Fall of 2023, are now available. If your child attends IHM School, IHM PREP, and/or any Private Academy, please contact Mary Anne Kostic-King, D.R.E. at 215-483-4266 or E-Mail: mking@iheartmary.org for further information.

15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS
WEEK 4

Ryan Moore	\$300.00
Terry Wade	\$100.00
Rosemarie Fuges	\$100.00
Angelita Buzby	\$ 50.00
Joanne Gasiewski	\$ 50.00
Mary Sinis	\$ 50.00
Siobhan Pierce	\$ 50.00
Jakob Niederhaus	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS. THE RED CROSS IS IN NEED OF BLOOD DONATIONS.. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE SIGN UP. THANK YOU!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS


and
the


**American
Red Cross**
WORKING TOGETHER

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a blood drive on Monday, March 13, 2023 in Father Sullivan Hall. Time is from 2pm to 7pm.

For an appointment, please visit: redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: IHM Parish or call 1-800-733-2767



The next meetings for the Golden Age Club will be March 13 & 27.

Please note that on March 13, the meeting will start promptly at 10:30 as the Red Cross will be coming in at 1pm to begin set up for the Blood Drive.

During Lent, Mass will be offered daily at 8:30 am and 7:30 pm in the Chapel, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. On Wednesdays when school is in session the 8:30 am is in the Church. Also on Wednesdays after Confession, the 7:30 pm Mass is in the Church.

Stations of the Cross is every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the Chapel. It is followed by Mass at 7:30 pm.

Confession times during Lent are on Wednesdays, March 15, 22, 29 & April 5 from 6:15 to 7:15 pm. Confession is always offered on Saturdays from 4 pm to 5 pm. Confession is **NOT** offered on Holy Saturday April 8.

*Welcome to the newest members
of our IHM Parish!*
**Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Bergey
Nicoletta Desiderio**

PART-TIME SACRISTAN POSITION

IHM has an opening for a part-time sacristan position.

Duties include working funerals and special events during the week and some Saturdays.

For more information contact Denise Schmidt in the Rectory Office 215-483-1000 or email: ihmparish@comcast.net



Upcoming Admissions Events at Roman Catholic

**7TH GRADE
VISITATION DAY**

**MARCH
23RD**

**SPRING OPEN
HOUSE**

**MARCH
26TH**

**7TH GRADE
PRACTICE TEST**

**APRIL
1ST**

To register, please contact admissions@romancatholicshs.com



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

The next meetings of the
St. Vincent dePaul Society
will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall
March 20th, April 10th, and May 1st
from 7-8:30 pm.

Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

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 \$15 each from L&M Bakery in Delran, NJ ; - **Pierogi** (potato, potato cheese, or sauerkraut) for \$10 per dozen from Polka Deli in Port Richmond in Philadelphia; **Kielbasa** for \$9 per pound from Czerw's in Port Richmond. The deadline to place a food order will be **Wednesday, March 22nd** so our suppliers have enough time to process our orders.

Order pick-up will be on **Friday, March 31st and Saturday April 1st 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 S. Mary Catholic Church in Conshohocken, PA.

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

The Second Collection

The second collection today is for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Latin America.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

We will **NOT** be automatically mailing out the end of the year **2022 contribution statements** to our parishioners.

To request a contribution statement please call the Rectory Office at 215-483-1000.

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. Larry Concio - *Maintenance Supervisor*
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, pjcaruso45@yahoo.com

SOCIAL OUTREACH

CYO: High School and Grade School—Bill Hannigan
athleticdirector.ihm@gmail.com or kevintinneny@yahoo.com

Boy Scouts: John Macoretta, Scoutmaster (215-680-1049);
 email: scouttroop474@yahoo.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

Pregnancy Hotline 610-626-4006 or Pro Life Union 215-855-8150