



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. 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 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—Spring Session is May 31.
See more information 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 16, 2025

SAT.	15	5:15 pm	Mario Chaple
SUN.	16	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	Rose Caruso
		11:30	11th Anniversary William A. Votto
MON.	17	8:30	Betty Elisio & Stella Fallon
TUES.	18	8:30	Zygmunt Orlicki
WED.	19	8:30	Maria Lang Nguyen
THUR	20	8:30	Dennis Hudecki
FRI.	21	8:30	Mr. & Mrs. Tinh Nguyen
SAT.	22	8:00	Michael Lodise
		5:15 pm	Robert, Sr. & Helen Reed
SUN	23	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	Catherine & Thomas Dolan
		11:30	Charles Hoffman

***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, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Bernadette Giambuzzi, Lora L. Golasa, James Goussy, Joseph Henkel, Regina Joka, Beverly King, Mary Jo & Paul King, Olga Kostic, Victor Kost, Mary Krier, Marianne Leahy, Charles Lott, Eugene Magee, Michael Magee, Carmine Martino, Patricia Markelewicz, Dominic Matteo, Mary Mudry, Trudy & Dick Neff, Rosemary Notiwick, Frances Orlicki, Bill Pinto, Maria Prince, Anne Sargus-Varian, Christine Seymour, & Sierra, Matthew Simmons, David Sparacino, Sr. Mary Thaddeus, 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
Dennis Hudecki
requested by
his wife, Barbara.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is for
Dr. Angeline M. Gampico.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of March 17 to 23



is in memory of
Pam Mundy-Hicke
requested by
her Friends.

Sunday Offering Week of March 2, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 9,310.00
Loose	810.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$ 11,120.00

of envelopes – 477
Average - \$19.52

Ash Wednesday \$1,182.00
Society of St. Vincent DePaul - \$1,395.00

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

Saturday, March 22, 2025

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Quan

Sunday, March 23, 2025

7:30 am – Fr. Quan

9:30 am - Fr. Sean

11:30 am Fr. Casey

Pastor's Page

In our Year C cycle of the scripture readings for Mass, on the second Sunday of Lent, we read Luke's account of the Transfiguration (Luke 9:28b-36). Each of the synoptic gospels, Mark, Matthew and Luke has a description of the Transfiguration; it is such an important event. The placement of the Transfiguration story this early in Lent is from an ancient tradition that says Jesus' Transfiguration took place 40 days before Good Friday.

The Transfiguration is a dazzling contrast to the message of suffering and humiliation. The two extremes are held together in the gospels as Jesus is presented as he is – Son of Man and Son of God. Several of the details in the story recall the Sinai experience of God in the Old Testament: Moses, the mountain top and the cloud. Jesus is seen as God's son in his heavenly glory. He is "changed in appearance" as he will be in his glorified body.

Appearing with Jesus are two key Old Testament figures: Moses the lawgiver and Elijah the prophet. Their presence here indicates that Jesus will fulfill the expectations of the Hebrew people, as Jesus indicates elsewhere, he is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets.

Today's Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Resurrection. Jesus is transformed while at prayer. God visits him through Moses and Elijah in a cloud, with a voice, "this is my chosen son: listen to him." The event takes place fairly late in Jesus' public ministry in Galilee. The road now leads to Jerusalem.

As we reflect on the Transfiguration Gospel story today, we need to remember that Jesus is now about to suffer and die in order to release God's transforming power to humanity. We look at the meaning of Jesus' suffering. Transcendence comes only through death and resurrection. We need to accept the cost of discipleship. By our journey along with Jesus up to Jerusalem we are called to share in the Paschal mystery – the dying and rising of Jesus.

Reminder: during Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Wednesday evenings in the Church from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm. This is in addition to the regular schedule of 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Saturdays. Please try to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Lenten season and in preparation of the Easter Triduum. The Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and extends through Easter Sunday. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be celebrated on Good Friday or Holy Saturday. Good Friday is the one day in the entire year that no Masses are offered anywhere in the world. Instead we focus our attention on the remembrance of Christ's suffering and death on the cross. The main liturgy on Good Friday is the Celebration of the Lord's Passion. While not a Mass, this liturgy includes the Liturgy of the Word, adoration of the Cross and a communion service with hosts that were consecrated at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. From the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 PM there are no more liturgical celebrations until the Easter Vigil at 8 PM.

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

Patricia Grebloski



During Lent Mass will be celebrated daily at 8:30 am only.

Sacrament of Reconciliation -
Wednesdays 6:15-7:15.

Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays at 7 pm in the Chapel.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 (30C)
- 2) 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
- 3) Luke 13:1-9



IHM BLOOD DRIVE



Father Sullivan Hall
Monday, March 31
2 pm to 7 pm.

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org enter IHM Parish to schedule an appointment.

In March free A1C testing on successful donations, and get a \$10.00 Amazon Gift Card by e-mail.

Sponsored by the Cor Mariae Council, Knights of Columbus

The Catholic Charities Appeal is in full swing. Envelopes are at all the tables of the Church. Once you have made your contribution you may put the envelope in the church collection at Mass or drop it off to the Parish Office. We will then send all contributions to The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia.

Thank you for your support of the 2025 Catholic Charities Appeal.



There are Rice Bowls at all the doorways of the Church and Chapel. This can be a good opportunity as a family to contribute to the poor. Please consider taking one home and filling it with your change this Lenten Season.



Annual St. Mary Polish American Society Easter Food Sale:

Babkas (cheese, cinnamon crumb, or raspberry cheese) for \$17 each from L&M Bakery in Delran, NJ
Frozen 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 for food orders will be **Wednesday April 2nd** so our suppliers have enough time to process our orders. Order pick-up will be on Friday, April 11th and Saturday April 12th 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.

15 WEEK CLUB Week # 6

Donyell Thomas	\$300.00
Bob Reed	\$100.00
Robert Ripka	\$100.00
Jackie Pirolli	\$ 50.00
Leigh Anne Rainford	\$ 50.00
Joe & Carol Cylc	\$ 50.00
Mary Salvatore	\$ 50.00
Richard Cantanzaro	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

At-Home Book Retreat is forming...Divine Mercy!

Join fellow parishioners in a 5-week book retreat to learn and celebrate Divine Mercy as Jesus revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska, using **Matthew Kelly's book: 33 Days to Divine Mercy**. This retreat provides a self-guided 15-minute read per day that you can do at home. Divine Mercy Sunday is a universal Catholic Church Feast declared by Pope John Paul II and is observed on the Sunday after Easter; April 27, 2025. On that day, Jesus promised a Plenary Indulgence (a complete remission of our sins and all punishment) upon reception of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Join us starting on March 24. Place your order for the book at the

"Dynamic Catholic" website www.dynamiccatholic.com or through Amazon.

Sign-Up at the Cathedral Road entrance of the Church on March 8 / 9 or email...

Sharon Schepise schepises@yahoo.com - Frank Klusek frank.k@verizon.net

On **Saturday, March 29, 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

The Catholic Parishes of East Falls, Manayunk, Roxborough and Andorra will present the **Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program** for engaged couples on **SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025** 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.



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 24, April 14, May 5

All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.

POLISH HERITAGE SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA

presents a

CONCERT OF HONOR OF FRYDERYK CHOPIN

March 23, 2025 at 2:30 pm
at the Music Settlement School on
6128 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19144.
Free enclosed parking.

Pianist Nathaniel Zhang, a winner in the Miami competition, who will participate in the Chopin Competition in Poland.

A light reception will follow concert.

Tickets: \$30 per person; \$20 for students. *NO tickets will be mailed, no refunds issued.*

Reservations may be made through the Concert
Chairperson: Debbie Majka

tel: 215-627-1391 e-mail: dziecko2@comcast.net or
via regular mail.

Checks payable to
Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia may be mailed to:

Debbie Majka, 812 Lombard Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147

You may also use PayPal for Payment. Send the amount to "Debbie Majka" account.

IHM Golden Age Club has a trip for May 7 is to Fulton Opera House in Lancaster to see *Anastasia the Musical*. Cost is \$136. Deposit of \$25 will reserve your seat. Flyers for this trip are at all the doorways of the Church and Chapel.

IHM Parish SUNDAY CHOIR

IHM STUDENTS IN GRADE 2 TO 8 ARE INVITED TO JOIN TO SING AT A MONTHLY MASS

REHEARSALS IN CHURCH, TUESDAYS AT 6:30PM
First rehearsal on March 11th



**PLEASE CONTACT
MS. PFEFFERLE
SIGNUPS WILL BE ON 3/11 & 3/18
IN CHURCH**

MUSICFEF5@GMAIL.COM

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. 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*

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, Musicfef5@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.