



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
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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 May 7 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—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 17, 2024

SAT.	16	5:15 pm	Joseph & Anna Passante
SUN.	17	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Elaine Golden Rose Caruso 10th Anniversary
MON.	18	8:30	May Gaughan
TUES.	19	8:30	Mr. & Mrs. Hoa Nguyen
WED.	20	8:30	Ann Kavanaugh
THUR	21	8:30	Lam Thein Nguyen
FRI.	22	8:30	Tieu Phung Vuong
SAT.	23	8:00 5:15 pm	Vu Nguyen & Trinh Nguyen Joan Reed
SUN	24	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Owen Mc Guire Meghan Ward –Clifford

*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.

*Welcome to the newest members
of our IHM Parish*

Darixa Navarro
Fernando Cumberbatch



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, Angelita Diccion, Ben Diccion, Sr., Ben Diccion, Jr., Perla Diccion, 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, Paul King, 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, 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 VesciSr. Lolita Visitacion, Helen Wade, Walter Wayne Whitehouse, 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

As we move deeper into Lent, our scripture readings take a more ominous tone. Starting with the 12th Chapter in John's gospel, we see more references to the upcoming passion. This passage in today's gospel is the key to all of chapter 12. We also see that the mission is opening up, with the introduction of "some Greeks". This is a hint about the universality of the Jesus mission.

The hour has come in which Jesus will be glorified in which God will manifest to the utmost, his presence in his Son. This hour entails death; the grain of wheat must fall to the ground if it is to produce fruit. When you think about it, it is amazing that a tiny seed of wheat, planted in fertile soil and given plenty of sun and rain, can grow into a plant that is thousands of times the size of the original seed. However, this can only happen if the seed dies, opening and spilling out all of its life force within.

In verse 22, Jesus proclaims, "And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself". The beginning of this being lifted up will be His crucifixion.

What Jesus is insisting upon in this episode, is that life will be offered to the world *through* death. If he is buried like the seed, if he is lifted onto the cross, then much fruit will come. He will then draw all things to himself. In a remarkable way, this being buried, being raised on the cross is also Jesus' glorification, the manifestation in him of His Father's presence, and this is nowhere more evident than in Jesus' act of self-sacrificing love. As Jesus mentions his own self giving, he joins it to that of his disciples. We are called to identical servant roles.

As Lent moves into its final days, have our Lenten practices brought us closer to Jesus in his journey up to Jerusalem? We still have time to recollect ourselves and focus on our communion with Jesus. That is of course what we do each time we join him at the altar. We unite ourselves to him. When we say Amen, we seal the deal. This is the new Covenant that Jeremiah is talking about in today's Old Testament reading. Jeremiah tells us that in this New Covenant God's law will be so written on our hearts, it will be very evident. With a new heart, we will have knowledge and be open to obedience in seeking God's will.

Our opening prayer invites us to "walk eagerly in that same charity" out of which Jesus gave his life for us.

Father Casey

*Happy
St. Patrick's Day!*

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Isaiah 50:4-7 (38ABC)
- 2) Philippians 2:6-11
- 3) Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39



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

Allura Claire Vance

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.



Clergy Schedule for Sunday, March 24, 2024 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Quan

Sunday, March 24, 2024

7:30 am – Fr. Quan
9:30 am – Fr. Bransfield ***Deacon Sam Preaching
11:30 Fr. Bransfield

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR
BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Dolores Capizzi
Florence Hamill



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday March 27, 2024

Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:15 PM to 7:15 PM

Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024

No Morning Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 PM

Good Friday, March 29, 2024

No Morning Masses

Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord 3:00 PM

Outdoor Living Stations 7:00PM

(will be on our Church grounds we will not be processing from Houston Playground)

Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024

No Morning Mass/No Confession

Blessing of Food 1:00 PM (in the Chapel)

Easter Vigil 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 PM

ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Catherine & Thomas Dolan requested by The O'Brien Family.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Rosemary "Rosie" Carney requested a very dear friend.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of March 18 to March 24

is in loving memory of Mrs. Rosaria DiPace requested by Tina.



It's Not Too Late to do Something for Lent.

- Try to avoid unnecessary complaining. Instead, reflect on what you are grateful for and try to redirect your focus in that direction.
- Take time each day to send someone you care about a quick text or give them a call to show how much they mean to you.
- Offer forgiveness to someone who has hurt you. It can do wonders for not just them, but your own mental health.
- Give up social media, or limit it to certain days/ time of day.

15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS

WEEK 5

Joe Tobin	\$300.00
Mr. & Mrs. James Giffear	\$100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Devine	\$100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Blake	\$ 50.00
Wendi Wagoner	\$ 50.00
Dympna Gallagher	\$ 50.00
Christina Carnuccio	\$ 50.00
Theresa Van Osten	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

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

Sunday Offering Week of March 3 2024

Envelopes \$ 11,185.00
 Loose 1,373.00
 \$ 12,558.00

of envelopes – 578
 Average - 19.36

An Irish Prayer

*May God give you...
 For every storm, a rainbow,
 For every tear, a smile,
 For every care, a promise,
 And a blessing in each trial,
 For every problem life sends,
 A faithful friend to share,
 For every sigh, a sweet song,
 And an answer for each prayer.*



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

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

April 1, 22 and May 13

All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.

Providing Help & Hope to Neighbors in Need!

Hallahan - Class of '74 50th Reunion

Sunday, May 19, 2024 - 12:00 pm -
Brunch at Panache -

For more details email:

HallahanClassof1974@gmail.com



The Catholic Parishes of Manayunk, East Falls and Andorra will present the Pre-Canana 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.

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



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)



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 7, 2024
2:45 pm
SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Let's join together in prayer to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.

2:45 pm—Brief explanation of the Devotion, St. Faustina's Litany of Divine Mercy and Quiet Time

3:00 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Quote from Jesus to St. Faustina:

“I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls and especially poor sinners... The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened... The Feast of Mercy emerged from MY very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.” (Diary 699)

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.