

"A good person produces
good things from the
treasury of a good heart,
and an evil person produces
evil things from the treasury
of an evil heart.
What you say flows from
what is in your heart."
- Luke 6:45

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
SCHOOL**

815 E. Cathedral Road
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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 March 11 @ 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—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 2, 2025

SAT.	1	5:15 pm	Padaiges Family
SUN.	2	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	Edward Mittura
		11:30	Patricia & Victor Kost 68th Wedding Anniversary
MON.	3	8:30	Memorial Fund
TUES.	4	8:30	Julio Cesar Baez Alvarez
WED.	5	8:30	ASH WEDNESDAY Hugh Loughlin
		12:00 pm	John Romano
		7:00 pm	Theresa Mc Cormick
THUR	6	8:30	Alex Giovannone
FRI.	7	8:30	Donna Lodise
SAT.	8	8:00	Maria Ferrero
		5:15 pm	Richard & Frances Kauffman
SUN	9	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	Philip & Vincent Cavalcante
		11:30	Deacon George W. Kletzel, Jr.

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

ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church**
is in loving memory of
Marie Seltzer
requested by
Chet & Sharon Cybularz & Family.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is for
Joan Reed
requested by
her Vestry Circle Friends.

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, Josie Bucolo, 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, Trudy & Dick Neff, 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.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of March 3 to 9



is in memory of
Ed Oakes
requested by
his wife and family.

Sunday Offering Week of February 16, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 6,444.00
Loose	887.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	<u>1,140.00</u>
	\$ 8,471.00

of envelopes – 358
Average - \$18.00

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.



Pastor's Page

Lent is just around the corner. In fact it is three days away. It is a good time to think about our character as we approach this holy season. A good way to define character is that it is the sum of our virtues and vices. As committed Christians we want to conform our lives to Christ. Unlike Christ, who was perfect in every way, as was his Father in heaven, we are sinners. We want to maximize our virtues while limiting and overcoming our vices.

These last few days before Lent are a good time to think about our character. For example: Am I prone to judging others? Am I more likely to recognize other's faults, rather than my own? Jesus points out today that when we overlook our own faults, not only are we ourselves left deficient, but our judgmental outlook distorts our view of others.

Over the last several weeks we have heard Jesus begin to teach his disciples and us, how to see the world through God's eyes. Two weeks ago we heard Jesus tell us that the poor and hungry would be rewarded and that woe would come to those who are rich and satisfied, especially if we did not share what we had.

Last week Jesus told us to love our enemies and turn the other cheek. Today he tells us to remove the wooden beam from our own judging eyes. This is a challenge, for it contradicts how most people view the world. It matches however how God has acted through human history. Repeatedly God has shown mercy to the sinner, blessed the needy and forgiven the enemy. Jesus calls us to do the same.

Wisdom literature in the scriptures is full of short, pithy statements of truth. The reading from Sirach is typical of that today. Jesus shares some of his own wisdom statements in the Gospel passage. Luke and Sirach each point out the importance of integrity and the danger of hypocrisy. What we say and what we do must be sincere. Otherwise our words are those of a hypocrite. People will ignore what we say if our words are empty. The importance of frequent examination of conscience and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a great remedy. Jesus gives us this challenge today: "When fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher."

Let us seize the opportunity to listen to these wise words today. Jesus reminds us: "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." Obviously none of us want to bear rotten fruit, but do we realize that avoiding doing so is not enough? How many of us are actually bearing no fruit at all? Have we produced something good and valuable over the last week or the last month that we have generously given to someone else? Let us do more than just avoid bearing rotten fruit. May we produce fruit that causes our family, friends, coworkers, classmates, and strangers to appreciate what we generously provide.

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.



Ash Wednesday is March 5th

Mass times are:

8:30 am, 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Ashes will only be distributed at these times.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Janine Malinowski



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Deuteronomy 26:4-10 (24C)
- 2) Romans 10:8-13
- 3) Luke 4:1-13



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.

Sponsored by the Cor Mariae Council, Knights of Columbus

The next casserole pickup for St. John's Hospice is on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 9 am.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Please Note: We will **NOT** be sending out the end of year contribution statements unless requested.

If you would like your contribution statement for 2024, call the Parish Office at 215-483-1000 or email: ihmparish@comcast.net

15 WEEK CLUB Week # 4

Heather Cornell	\$300.00
Suzanne Duffy	\$100.00
Kathleen Verbrugghe	\$100.00
John Duscher	\$ 50.00
Mary Anne Patrick	\$ 50.00
Thuy Pham	\$ 50.00
Rose Novak	\$ 50.00
Estrella Gampon	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

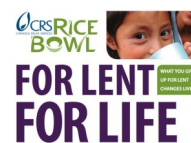
"SAVE THE DATE! MAY 17-18 BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS EUCHARISTIC ENCOUNTER EVENT at Saint Philip Neri Church in Lafayette Hill! Saint Philip Neri Parish is honored to host the Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Encounter Weekend as part of the ongoing Eucharistic Revival in the United States. Blessed Carlo Acutis is set to be canonized as a saint by Pope Francis on April 27. Blessed Carlo Acutis had a deep love for the Blessed Sacrament. He used this and his technological abilities to develop a website cataloging all the Extraordinary Eucharistic Miracles that have occurred throughout the world. The Eucharistic Miracles presentation he created will be displayed in the school hall along with opportunities to venerate a first-class relic. Confessions will be available, along with adoration and a documentary video. Do not miss this wonderful opportunity to learn more about this remarkable young man. More details to come!"

The IHM Legion of Mary hosted this in 2022 so if you missed it this is a good opportunity to learn about Carlo Acutis.

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.



PARISHIONERS, YOU'RE INVITED!

CYO ATHLETES, SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!

**Sunday, March 2nd
Father Sullivan Hall**

Our CYO athletes will be serving donuts and coffee to parishioners after 9:30am mass. Athletes will also set up, serve and clean up.

Service opportunity is open to all CYO athletes. It is the expectation that each athlete commits 2 service hours per sport season.

The Catholic Parishes of East Falls, Manayunk, Roxborough and Andorra will present the **Pre-Can 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 3, 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.

Cardinal Dougherty High School Class of 1975

50 Year Reunion

Saturday, April 5, 2025

6 - 10 pm

Heroes Ballroom FOP Lodge #5

11630 Caroline Road

Philadelphia PA


\$75 per person

Venmo Jim Gallagher1975CDREUNION or send checks payable to 1975 Cardinal Dougherty 50th Reunion, c/o John Lennon, 861 Beverly Road, Rydal, PA 19046. Additional questions email: 1975cdreunion@gmail.com Deadline to purchase tickets is March 10.

IHM Golden Age Club has two upcoming trips. March 19th the trip is to Resorts in Atlantic City and the second trip is on April 2 to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse in West Hampton, NJ. Flyers are at all the doorways of the church and chapel with all the details.

TRIP #3 ADDED!!

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 CYO KNIGHTS
IS IN NEED OF:**

**CO-ED HIGH SCHOOL CYO
VOLLEYBALL COACH &
COORDINATOR**

VOLLEYBALL COORDINATOR WOULD HELP
WITH UNIFORMS, OPENING THE GYM, GAME
UPDATES, ETC.
MUST HAVE CLEARANCES

IF INTERESTED EMAIL:
IHMCYO.ATHLETIC.DIRECTOR@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 January 8.

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.