



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY  
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SCHOOL**  
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***Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor***

***Rev. Quan Tran, Parochial Vicar***

***Rev. Joseph W. Bongard, 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 TBD.**

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

### MASSSES FOR THE WEEK OF March 20, 2022

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>19</b>	5:15 pm	Joseph & Anna Manzo-Passante
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>20</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners William Votto Catherine Dougherty
<b>MON.</b>	<b>21</b>	8:30 7:30 p.m.	Vera Falicki Angelina & Gregorio Paone
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>22</b>	8:30 7:30 p.m.	Philip Maher Ella Rama
<b>WED.</b>	<b>23</b>	8:30 7:30 p.m.	Judith Munley Robert Avington
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>24</b>	8:30 7:30 p.m.	Marie Lardoni-Klotsas Dolores & Charles O'Shaughnessy
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>25</b>	8:30 7:30 p.m.	Lewis Ferraro, Sr. Robert Avington
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>26</b>	8:00 5:15 pm	Jenna Jackson Joan A. Reed
<b>SUN</b>	<b>27</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Dorothy Terecha & Margrite Vander Varst Helen & Robert Cahill

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

### ROSES



The rose placed in the **Church**  
is in loving memory of  
Christian Lohse  
requested by  
William Seely.

The rose placed in the **Chapel**  
is in loving memory of  
Megan Donnelly  
requested by  
The Donnelly Family.

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

*John J. Donia, Jr.  
Eugene Romano*



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

Theresa Alosi, Mary Bartsch, Anne Basara, Joan Becker, Josephine Bellace, Wayne Bielawski, Nancy Bright, Daniel Brito, Bill Burrow, Dolores Buzby, Lynn Campbell, Erin Caruso, Terry Carr, Officer Andy Chan, Pete Cissone, Michael Clark, Brooke Conklin, Quint Cuffe, Taylor Davis, Christine D'Angelo, Marano Donald D'Angelo, Nancy Di John, Marianne Di Mucci, Madeline Di Pasquale, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Joe Evers, Peg Fierko, Bill & Dorothy Foster, Kathy Foster, Sydney Franzmann, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Helen Golbeski, Kelly Gruninger, Brenden Heyer, Sheilah Janes, Frances Jefferys, Chris Kane, Marianne Klusek, Olga Kostic, Angela Kotowich, Mary Krier, Hannah Lambert, Flavia Langan, Langan Family, Dolores Lanigan, Edward Lanigan, Marianne Leahy, Agnes Leinheiser, Edward Lenox, Hadley Ludwig, Charles Mansor, Cheryl Maresca, Elizabeth Matruka, Terry McCormick, Brian McGuire, Anne Marie Mc Keever, Felix & Louise McKeogh, Helen Magee, Elizabeth Matruak, Winifred Meall, Rachael Mellon, Ann Marie Melough, Charlie Melough, Eileen Michel, Brian Morris, Mary Mudry, Harry Pastella, Luisa Pellicone, Dave Pendleton, Bishop Joseph Pepe, Bill Pinto, Joe Pro, Kathy Pro, Tom Przybek, Karen Pulcinella, Connie Quigley, Clara Ragni, Junie Rakosak, Harper Renshaw, John Reynolds, Joel Rivera, Anita Russell, Timothy Sager, Donna Scharff, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, Mary Ann Shaw, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Helen Smith, Jake Stefano, Baby Caleb St. George, Richard Strickland, Donna Stine, O.S.F., Felicia Teske, Paul Teske, Edward Thomas, Molly Thompson, Christine Triola, Louise Vesci, Maddox Vielman, Helen Wade, Megan Ward-Clifford, Walter Wayne Whitehouse, 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 1<sup>st</sup> responders.***



**The Sanctuary Light in our  
Sacred Heart Chapel  
for the week of  
March 21 to March 27  
is in loving memory of  
Joseph Gavula  
requested by Joe Gavula.**

## Pastor's Page

A very important passage from the Book of Exodus is our Old Testament reading today for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent. Exodus is always a good book to read during the season of Lent.

Life has gone on in a miserable way for the Israelites. They had become slaves over the several hundred years since the death of Joseph. The knowledge of the one God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and Joseph has pretty much disappeared. As they cry out, God however is mindful of their suffering and of the promise to Abraham.

One day while tending sheep in Midian, Moses sees a strange sight – a bush is aflame but not consumed. Drawing near, he hears the voice of God telling him to remove his sandals, for he is standing on holy ground. Moses is awed by this mysterious presence, then alarmed to hear the command that he return to Egypt and order the Pharaoh to let the Israelites go. Moses protests that he is unsuited for such a task, but God insists. Again Moses protests. He says he does not even know God's name.

Now we see Revelation in action. God reveals the sacred name to be 'Yahweh', interpreted within the sacred text as "I am who I am". This may better be expressed as "I am the One who is always present" It is basically the verb to be "I am" He is existence itself. For Jews the name Yahweh stressed the unutterable mystery of God and out of reverence they have preferred not to pronounce it. Instead they substitute titles such as Adonai, meaning the Lord.

This story begins the prophetic ministry of Moses, who armed with God's promises will lead the people from slavery into "a land flowing with milk and honey", fulfilling the promise made to Abraham several hundred years before.

In the passage from Luke's gospel we hear today, Jesus continues his call for decision and reform by referring to contemporary disasters and telling a parable. Pilate was well known for his harsh rule and his insensitivity to Jewish religious feelings. The first of these otherwise unknown incidents refers to the killing of some Galileans while they were offering sacrifice in the Temple at Passover. The second example involves what was probably a construction accident at the Siloam reservoir at Jerusalem. Popular wisdom and belief at that time associated disaster with punishment for sin. Jesus says that in the present age good fortune and disaster are no indication of a person's spiritual state. However, in the final judgment those who have been evil will be called to account. Now is the time to produce evidence of a life dedicated to the Kingdom. Ultimately the judgment day will come

The sharpness of Jesus warning is softened a bit by the parable of the unproductive fig tree. Only at the insistence and compassion of the gardener did the owner relent. "I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future". (Lk 13:8-9) The parable about the fig tree is another statement about God's desire to save us. Through Jesus, God cultivates us and fertilizes us with his mercy!

**Father Casey**

### Weekend Clergy Schedule March 27, 2022 (celebrants are subject to change)

#### Saturday, March 26, 2022

5:15 p.m. Vigil: Fr. Casey

#### Sunday, March 27, 2022

7:30 a.m. –Fr. Casey

9:30 a.m.—Fr. Quan \*\*\*

11:30 a.m. Fr. Bongard

\*\*\*Deacon Sam Preaching

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 (33C)
- 2) 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- 3) Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



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.





Don't miss the opportunity to participate in the local synodal process! Archbishop Pérez is inviting all Catholics to attend an engagement session offered in English and Spanish throughout the archdiocese in March and April. Participants can attend any of the 26 engagement sessions held at a variety of times and locations, including nine sessions offered virtually on Zoom and 16 sessions offered in-person at parishes throughout the greater five county area. Registration is required. For more information or to register, go to <https://archphila.org/synod/>

Every parish in the Archdiocese will be offering the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey through April 4. Parishioners should take the DMI through their parish so the data can accurately reflect the feedback from each parish community. You can take the survey through the Archdiocesan website at <https://archphila.org/synod/> by clicking on the link for your home parish.

Please contact Denise Calabrese at [dmc3pg@gmail.com](mailto:dmc3pg@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Little Flower Catholic High School** is pleased to announce that the following students have achieved Academic Honors for the First Quarter & Second Quarter of the 2021-2022 school year.

#### First Quarter - First Honors

Elizabeth Mulson 2022, Olivia Hudecki 2025  
Katherine Navea 2025, Clare Pellicone, 2025

#### First Quarter - Second Honors

Aviance Vazquez 2022, Isabella Parrella, 2023  
Ava Lawrence 2024

#### Second Quarter - First Honors

Elizabeth Mulson, 2022 Katherine Navea 2025,  
Clare Pellicone 2025

#### Second Quarter - Second Honors

Isabella Parrella 2023 Ava Lawrence 2024,  
Olivia Hudecki 2025



### Lenten Schedule

**Daily Mass during Lent** - 8:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

(NOTE: Wednesdays when school is in session 8:30 a.m. Mass is in the Church).

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Every Wednesday during Lent from 6:15- & 15 p.m.

**Stations of the Cross** - Every Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

*Welcome to the newest members  
of our IHM Parish!*

**Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrellis**

#### **Sunday Offering Week of March 6, 2022**

Sunday	\$	9,580.00
Loose		318.00
	\$	9,898.00

# of envelopes – 546  
Average – 17.55

*Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity.*



## 15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS WEEK 5

Maureen Iaquinto	\$300.00
Nancy Loughlin	\$100.00
Monique Mc Crossen	\$100.00
Theresa Van Osten	\$ 50.00
Christopher Cangelosi	\$ 50.00
Adam Shipley	\$ 50.00
Catherine M. Kelley	\$ 50.00
Lucille George	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

### The Society St. Vincent de Paul at IHM

Our next meetings will be held in Father Sullivan Hall in the Knights of Columbus Room on:

**March 28 & April 18**  
**from 7-8:30 pm.**

Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

**St. John's Hospice** is in need of casseroles . The casseroles are picked up on the first Wednesday of the month.

The next pick up will be:

**Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 9 AM.**

YOU'RE INVITED!!!!

ARCHBISHOP CARROLL'S AUCTION FOR EDUCATION

April 2, 2022

March Madness Theme!

Tickets are \$50 per person on GiveSmart or the Carroll Website (Alumni tab)

NCAA Final Four games steamed during the event

Time/Place: 6pm Main Gymnasium at Carroll

Registration Deadline for ticket: March 28

For more information email [advancement@carroll.org](mailto:advancement@carroll.org)



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS!

**Retreat Day** at the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal will take place on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 for our Second Grade Class and all the children receiving their First Communion at IHM in May.

**First Holy Communion** will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

**Our First Communion Class** from IHM will participate in the May Procession at the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 11 a.m., followed by the Noon Mass. Please feel free to join in this celebration at the Shrine to honor Mary, as our children have been chosen to participate.

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish May Procession** is on Friday, May 13, 2022. More details to follow.

For further information, please contact: Mary Anne Kostic-King, DRE at 215-483-4266 or e-mail: [mking@iheartmary.org](mailto:mking@iheartmary.org)

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

**Adeline Marie Lisowski**



## A NEW BOOK BY FR. AL MASLUK –FOR TEENS AND ADULTS!

**Fr. Al has fulfilled a long-time dream by writing a theology book for teens and adults which explains the Truth of our faith in simple (but not simplistic) terms, uses stories and examples, and adds a touch of good humor. God Talk: Theology for the Rest of Us costs \$10, plus \$3.25 mailing costs. You can contact Fr. Al at [AMasluk@aol.com](mailto:AMasluk@aol.com) to arrange to get your copy.**

## 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. Richard Strickland** - *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](mailto:sidneyj@macleod.com)*

**Ministry of the Eucharist:** *Mary Ann Kostic-King, [mking@iheartmary.org](mailto: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](mailto:Musicfe5@gmail.com)*

**Ushers:** *John Rudolph, Peter Caruso*

**Sacristans:** *Peter Caruso, [pjcaruso45@yahoo.com](mailto:pjcaruso45@yahoo.com)*

### SOCIAL OUTREACH

**CYO:** *High School and Grade School—Bill Hannigan [athleticdirector.ihm@gmail.com](mailto:athleticdirector.ihm@gmail.com)*

**Boy Scouts:** *John Macoretta, Scoutmaster (215-680-1049); email: [scouttroop474@yahoo.com](mailto:scouttroop474@yahoo.com)*

**Golden Age Club:** *Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:tuition@iheartmary.org)*

**SCRIP:** *S&C and Supermarket Scrip—Traci Kovach [scscrip@iheartmary.org](mailto: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.:** *Chuck Harvey*

**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.*

**Parish Nurse Program:** *Mary Lou Dinda (215-482-0865)*

**Care of Church and Chapel Spaces:** *parishioners who clean God's house weekly. Denise Schmidt (215-483-1000)*

**Counters:** *Ann McElroy, [irishaim@comcast.net](mailto: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 Thursday @ 7pm in the K of C Room in FSH. contact Joe Flemming (215-964-2624) [josephflemming0@gmail.com](mailto: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)*

**Charismatic Prayer Group:** *Meets Thursday afternoons at 3:00p.m. in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Terry Wade (215-482-8465) or Bridie Gallagher (215-248-9046)*