



JOHN 11:1-45

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor

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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 date is May 16, 2026. Details on page 4.

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 22, 2026

SAT.	21	5:15 pm	John Cusack
SUN.	22	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Rose Caruso 16th Anniversary Eileen Hodges
MON.	23	8:30	Minerva Avila
TUES.	24	8:30	Megan Ward-Clifford
WED.	25	8:30	Gerald Monigle
THURS.	26	8:30	Lewis Ferrero, Sr.
FRI.	27	8:30	Joan A. Reed
SAT.	28	8:00 5:15 pm	John D. Mc Cullough Joan A. Reed
SUN.	29	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Robert Avington Michael A. LaPera, Jr.

***Please note not all Masses 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, Marguerite Bambani & Margaret, Jeannie Barr, Maureen Barr, Patricia Benene, Joyce Bielawski, Wayne Bielawski, Anita Bilotti, Cindi & Lance Bownet, NanciDolores Buzby, Lois Cartwright, Michael & Kay Christner, Brooke Conklin, Ron Clute, Walter Crate, John Croley, Charlotte Cupchak, Helen Cyzio, Miquelina De Jesus, Joe Di Lullo, Sandy Di Mucci, Maria Downey, Marie Dunne, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Mark Fee, Philomena Forgione, Fr. Michael Kelly, Annette Freed, Linda Galleo, Heather Getley, Steven Getley, Bernadette Giambuzzi, Daniel Golasa, Lora L. Golasa, James Goussy, Joseph Henkel, Regina Joka, Florence Kesserling, Beverly King, Mary Jo & Paul King, Olga Kostic, Marianne Leahy, Colleen Long, Earl & Dorlene Long, Nicole Lo Stracco, Eugene Magee, Michael Magee, Dominic Matteo, Valerie Mc Carthy, Anne Marie Mc Keever, Mary Mudry, Mumford Family, Msgr. Philip C. Ricci, Trudy & Dick Neff, Frances Orlicki, Jessica Paterson, Holly Pelligrini, Ruthanne Pelligrini, Bill Pinto, Nicole Powlus, Karen Pulcinella, Elena Rocca, Baby Paige Elizabeth Sablich, Jane Rowe, Anne Sargus-Varian, Sierra, John & Maired Scharff, Matthew Simmons, David Sparacino, Faith Sprarcino, Vivian Swiggard, Sr. Mary Thaddeus, Carolyn Walter, Daniel Welsh, Ellen Wentzel, Lena Weredene, Jerry Williams



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 this week is in loving memory of **Chester Cybularz** requested by **Chet & Sharon Cybularz & Family.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Flora Hart
Diane Mc Guire



ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of **Steve Murphy** requested by his Chapel Hill Friends.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of **John D. Mc Cullough** requested by **IHM Community.**

Clergy Schedule
(celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, March 28, 2026
Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Casey

Sunday, March 29, 2026
7:30 am Fr. Sean
9:30 am Fr. Quan
11:30 am Fr. Casey

Pastor's Page

I want to share with you this week a passage from the Documents of Vatican II. This is from the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, known in the Latin as "*Gaudium et Spes*". This is one of the last documents that was promulgated at the Council, promulgated by His Holiness Pope Paul VI, December 7, 1965. This passage speaks of the mystery of death and the response of faith.

Father Casey

In the face of death the enigma of human existence reaches its climax. Man is not only the victim of pain and the progressive deterioration of his body; he is also, and more deeply tormented by the fear of final extinction. But the instinctive judgment of his heart is right when he shrinks from and rejects the idea of a total collapse and the definitive end of his own person. He carries within him the seed of eternity, which cannot be reduced to matter alone, and so he rebels against death. All efforts of technology, however useful they may be, cannot calm his anxieties; the biological extension of his life span cannot satisfy the desire inescapably present in his heart for a life beyond this life.

Imagination is completely helpless when confronted with death. Yet the Church, instructed by divine revelation, affirms that man has been created by God for a destiny of happiness beyond the reach of earthly trials. Moreover, the Christian faith teaches that bodily death, to which man would not have been subject if he had not sinned, will be conquered; the almighty and merciful Savior will restore man to the wholeness that he had lost through his own fault. God has called man, and still calls him, to be unified in his whole being in perpetual communion with himself in the immortality of the divine life. This victory has been gained for us by the risen Christ, who by his own death has freed man from death.

Faith, presented with solid arguments, offers every thinking person the answer to his questionings concerning his future destiny. At the same time, it enables him to be one in Christ with his loved ones who have been taken from him by death and gives him hope that they have entered into the true life with God.

Certainly, the Christian is faced with the necessity and the duty of fighting against evil through many trials, and of undergoing death. But by entering into the paschal mystery and being made like Christ in death, he will look forward, strong in hope, to the resurrection.

This is true not only of Christians but also of all men of good will in whose heart grace is invisibly at work. Since Christ died for all people, and the ultimate vocation of the human person in fact one, that is a divine vocation, we must hold that the Holy Spirit offers to all the possibility of being united with this paschal mystery in a way known only to God.

Such is the great mystery of man, enlightening believers through Christian revelation. Through Christ and in Christ, light is thrown on the enigma of pain and death which overwhelms us without his Gospel to teach us. Christ is risen, destroying death by his own death; he has given us the free gift of life so that as sons in the Son we may cry out in the Spirit, saying: *Abba, Father!*

Documents of Vatican II *Gaudium et Spes* from paragraphs 18-22

During Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on
Wednesdays from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm and
Saturdays from 4 pm to 5 pm in the Church.
Stations of the Cross are every Friday at 7 PM in the Chapel

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) Isaiah 50:4-7 (38ABC)
- 2) Philippians 2:6-11
- 3) Matthew 26:14-54



The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on Good Friday.
 No business is to be conducted on this day.

The Parish Office will reopen on
 Monday, April 6 at 9 am.



The Catholic Parishes of East Falls, Manayunk, Roxborough and Andorra will present the Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program for engaged couples on **SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026** 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, payable in advance.

To register, please call:
Holy Family Rectory, 215-482-0450, Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 3 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On **Easter Sunday**, the **IHM Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will take place immediately after the 11:30 Mass. Bring your basket and meet us on the front lawn of the school. All children grades 4 and under are welcome!

On **Sunday April 12** the **CYO Spring Sports** teams will join us at the 9:30 Mass. Athletes will wear their spring sport uniform shirts and sit in the front center pews. There will be a group photo taken after Mass.

If you have a submission for the bulletin be aware that the Palm Sunday Bulletin is due on Tuesday, March 24th and the Easter bulletin is due on Friday, March 27. Any articles must be into the bulletin editor no later than noon on these day.

The Mass Book for 2026 is **FULL**. There are no more announced Masses available for 2026. Weeks are still available for roses and the sanctuary light.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2026

Wednesday, April 1, 2026
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:15 P.M.-7:15 P.M.

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026
No Morning Masses
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 P.M.

Good Friday, April 3, 2026
No Morning Masses
Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord 3:00 P.M.
Outdoor Living Stations (IHM Grounds) 7:00 P.M.
(if inclement weather in IHM Church)

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2025
No Morning Masses/No Confessions
Blessing of Food 1:00 P.M. (in the Chapel)
Easter Vigil 8:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2025
Masses 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 A.M.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

On **Holy Thursday** the collection will be for **Sr. Mary Scullion Project House.**

On **Good Friday** the collection will be for the **Holy Land.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH DINNER

The Knights of Columbus is serving a fish dinner on the following Fridays during Lent.

March 27, & April 3.

Pick up only from 3PM to 6PM (or until sold out)

Dinner consists of Baked & Breaded Fish Filets (with a lemon wedge). Side dishes are: coleslaw, homemade mac & cheese, a roll and your choice of soda or water.

Cost is \$23.00
Family Deal (4 platters) \$80.00
Call/text to order 267-298-8885 by Wednesday prior
CASH PAYMENT ONLY

Sunday Offering Week of March 8, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 6,776.00
Loose	1,040.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	<u>3,246.00</u>
	\$ 11,062.00

of envelopes -393
Average—\$17.25

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 12 2026 2:45 pm

Sacred Heart Chapel

Let's join together in prayer to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday
2:45 – Welcome, St. Faustina's Litany of Divine Mercy & Quiet Time
3:00 - 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. On that day the very depths of My tender Mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall 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). “I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy.” (Diary 1109)

**15 WEEK CLUB
 Week # 5**

Paula Bransfield	\$ 300.00
M/M Brian Eckroade	\$ 100.00
Tricia Mintzer	\$ 100.00
M/M Christopher Lauer	\$ 50.00
M/M Robert Miller	\$ 50.00
Michael Mc Bride	\$ 50.00
Maricel Worley	\$ 50.00
Mary Reed	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

THE IHM SCHOOL COMMUNITY

will honor Police Officers and Firefighters at the 8:30 Mass on Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

We warmly invite all present and former Firefighters & Police Officers to attend.



**PART-TIME MAINTENANCE
 POSITION AVAILABLE AT IHM**

Our maintenance department has a permanent part-time position available. Hours are Monday - Friday 12:00 pm to 3:30 pm. For more information and details call the IHM Parish Office at 215-483-1000.

State Representative Tarik Khan will be registering new or renewals of Septa Bus passes for all seniors who are 65 years or older at St. John the Baptist Social Hall, 4211 Cresson Street, Philadelphia, PA 19127 on March 31, 2026 from 9 AM to 11 AM. Please bring an identification card with you in order to complete the Septa Bus Pass process. Street Parking is available and in the lot adjacent to the church and Parish Offices on Rector Street.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

PLEASE NOTE: We will NOT be sending out end of year 2025 contribution statements to our parishioners. To request a contribution statement please call the IHM Parish Office at 215-483-1000 or email: ihmparish@comcast.net.



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 23, April 13, May 4

All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work. To find out more about us come to a no pressure meeting and find out what we do.

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL SCHOOL AND CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

All volunteers of our IHM School and Church must meet all Safe Environment requirements mandated by the State of Pennsylvania and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This includes all school volunteers and parish volunteers i.e. Lectors, EM, Choir Members, etc.

A list of all requirements are on the school website: iheartmary.org Go to Resources then to Volunteer and all the links are posted there. These clearances are **FREE** for volunteers.

These requirements are **MANDATORY** and there will be no exceptions. These **MUST** be completed or you may not volunteer in our school for any trips, dances or in house activities or any parish ministries.

For the Protecting God's Children session go to virtusonline.org then first time registrant then to list of sessions to find one that is convenient for you to attend. There are classes available through zoom.

For more information call Denise Schmidt in the Rectory Office 215-483-1000. Monday - Friday between the hours of 10 am to 2 pm.

Please note: All clearances are free for volunteers. The State of PA requires that these be updated every 5 years. The requirements of the Archdiocese only needs to be completed once.

PARISH STAFF

Mr. Patrick Foley - *Principal of IHM School*

Mrs. Rita Morados - *Business Manager*

Mrs. Denise Schmidt - *Parish Secretary*

Mrs. Traci Kovach - *Director of Finance, Development & Admissions*

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*

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*

Music Ministry: *Rehearsals—Wednesdays 7:00 p.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—Drew Hudecki 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 Next pick up is April 1, 2026 at 9 am.*

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Home & School Association: homeandschool@iheartmary.org

Tuition Office: *contact Traci Kovach (215-482-2029). Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 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 Anne 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. Maria Campbell (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 Dan McPeake @dmcpc2939@verizon.net or visit our website at <https://www.kofc4100.org>.*