



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 23, 2025

SAT.	22	5:15 pm	Robert Sr. & Helen Reed
SUN.	23	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Catherine & Thomas Dolan Charles Hoffman
MON.	24	8:30	Megan Ward-Clifford
TUES.	25	8:30	Joseph Gavula
WED.	26	8:30	Victor Schepise, Jr.
THUR	27	8:30	Lewis Ferrero, Sr.
FRI.	28	8:30	Can Pham
SAT.	29	8:00	Carol Bogush
SUN	30	5:15 pm 7:30 9:30 11:30	Joan A. Reed IHM Parishioners Ryan Murphy John & Marianne Gorman

*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, Bernadette Giambuzzi, Lora L. Golasa, James Goussy, Mary Grbec, Joseph Henkel, Regina Joka, Beverly King, Mary Jo & Paul King, Olga Kostic, Victor Kost, Mary Krier, Marianne Leahy, Colleen Long, Charles Lott, Eugene Magee, Michael Magee, Carmine Martino, Patricia Markelewicz, Dominic Matteo, Valerie Mc Carthy, Mary Mudry, Trudy & Dick Neff, Rosemary Notiwick, Frances Orlicki, Bill Pinto, Pope Francis, 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
Eileen Cleveland
requested by her daughter, Pat.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
Joan A. Reed
requested by her husband, Robert G. Reed, Jr.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of March 24 to 30
is in memory of
Ed Oakes
requested by his wife and family.



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

Parish Giving
simple. secure. convenient.

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

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Casey

Sunday, March 30, 2025

7:30 am - Fr. Casey
9:30 am - Fr. Sean
11:30 am Fr. Quan

Sunday Offering Week of March 9, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 6,408.00
Loose	916.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	<u>2,940.00</u>
	\$ 10,264.00

of envelopes - 389
Average - \$16.48

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Latin America
\$1,376.00

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Pastor's Page

A very important passage from the Book of Exodus is our Old Testament reading today for the 3rd 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

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

*Juliet Resos
Mary Ann Shaw*



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.



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

IHM DMI Survey UPDATE!!

If you were not able to access the survey by typing in the link on your website, the letter you received in the mail is now posted to the IHM website at ihmphila.org. Click the link in the letter and you can access the survey

CONGRATULATIONS

To the newly married couple in God's love

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Pownall



CONGRATS TO OUR IHM VARIETY CYO BASKETBALL TEAM AS THEY ARE THE 2024-2025 ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA CHAMPIONS!!!! Great job guys!!



15 WEEK CLUB Week # 7

Marc Amorose	\$300.00
Thomas Mulligan	\$100.00
Charles & Barbara Spratt	\$100.00
Mary Beth Scheid	\$ 50.00
Huong Pham	\$ 50.00
Angelita Buzby	\$ 50.00
Christina Johnson	\$ 50.00
Sean Loughlin	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

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

IHM CYO UPCOMING EVENTS

Our IHM CYO Spring Mass will be on Sunday, April 6th at 9:30 am in the Church. All athletics should wear their spring sport shirt. Participants will sit in the front center pews.

Also on Saturday April 26th the IHM CYO Athletes will be volunteering their time to host a Car Wash at Maria's Ristorante on Ridge and Summit from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. Donations in any size are welcome. Your generosity is appreciated. Proceeds will go to the gym bathroom renovations.

Flyers for both events are at the doorways of the Church & Chapel.

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS
OF OUR IHM FAMILY

The Pronesti Family

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.



Join Mary's Mates for a fun night out!

(Raffles and 50:50)

All proceeds will go directly to the Grbec family.

Where: Graham's Pub

8919 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia 19128

When: Saturday, May 17, 2025
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

How Much: \$40 Per Ticket

Ticket includes all you can drink, wine, domestic beer, and light fare

Tickets must be purchased in advance

See Venmo below and include the first and last name of each ticket holder.

Venmo me at: Laurie-MarysMates

Mary is one of our 6th grade teachers. Her friends are having this benefit for her. Please keep her in your prayers as she battles this disease.

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.

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.

"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 web-site 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 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COR MARIAE

COUNCIL #4100 is hosting a

LENTEN FISH FRY ON MARCH 28 & APRIL 11.

Flyers are at all the tables of the Church and Chapel and also in this week's bulletin. Please support the Knights as they contribute to the many needs of our parish.



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.

Sharon Schepise schepises@yahoo.com -

Frank Klusek frank.k@verizon.net

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.