



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**
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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 24, 2024

SAT.	23	5:15 pm	Joan A. Reed
SUN.	24	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Owen Mc Guire Megan Ward-Clifford
MON.	25	8:30	Donna & Michael Lodise
TUES.	26	8:30	Tuat Thi Ta
WED.	27	8:30	Joan A. Reed
THUR	28		HOLY THURSDAY No Morning Mass 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
FRI.	29		GOOD FRIDAY No Morning Mass 3:00 pm Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord 7:00 pm Outdoor Stations (on Church Grounds)
SAT.	30		HOLY SATURDAY No Morning Mass 1:00 pm Blessing of the Food (in the Chapel) 8:00 pm EASTER VIGIL MASS
SUN	31		EASTER SUNDAY 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 no intentions

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




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, 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.

 The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of March 25 to March 31 is in loving memory of All Deceased Members of the Salvatore, Schneider & Alfieri Family requested by The Salvatore Family.

ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Carol Bogush requested by The Loughlin Family



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Maria Ferraro requested by Pauline Polek.

Pastor's Page

We enter into Holy Week today as we commemorate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. It is here, to the center of the Jewish religious world, that Jesus has come to accomplish the Paschal Mystery.

Jesus, like the thousands of observant Jews has gone up to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. The Passover was celebrated each year, recalling God's saving act of leading the chosen people out of Egypt and certain death. With Moses as the intermediary, the Lord led them out of Egypt with his strong arm. This Passover celebration is going to be different. Jesus himself is going to be the Paschal Lamb.

As we begin the celebration today, we have palm branches in our hands, recalling the crowds that cried both "Hosanna" and then "Crucify". The symbolism of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem is captured in Zechariah 9:9 "The Coming of Zion's King — See, our king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey". It was perceived that Jesus was declaring he was the King of Israel to the anger of the Sanhedrin. The people of course thought he was going to declare himself the new King and inaugurate a new political world that would lead to their freedom from the Roman rule. It was of course a radical misunderstanding of Jesus's mission and message.

Today's Gospel in Year B, we hear the Passion Narrative of Mark. This is the first Gospel written. It is the completion of a theme that has run through the whole gospel. The narrative or story can be separated into six separate scenes: The Anointing and Betrayal (14:1-11): The Last Supper (14:12-31): The Garden of Gethsemane and Arrest (14:32-52): The Interrogation and Torture of Jesus (14:53-15:20) The Crucifixion and Death (12:21-39): and finally, The Burial (15:40-47).

Throughout the Gospel of Mark, the evangelist has intertwined the portrayal of the disciples with Jesus' predictions of his passion (Mark 8:31: 9-31: 10-33-34). The Passion today gives us the full meaning of discipleship that is made clear. Discipleship requires embracing the Cross. The branches that we bless and carry today, with our Hosannas, will be a sign proclaimed to the entire world: Hosanna. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Father Casey

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

*Paige Taylor Citrone
Adelyn Christine Nielsen*

Clergy Schedule for Sunday, March 31, 2024 (celebrants are subject to change)

Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024

Vigil 8:00pm - Fr. Quan

Sunday, March 31, 2024 (Easter Sunday)

7:30 am – Fr. Sean

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

11:30 Fr. Heron

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37- 43 (42ABC)
- 2) Colossians 3:1-4
- 3) John 20:1-9



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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR
BROTHERS AND SISTERS

*Thomas Simpson, Elizabeth Ruggerio
Florence Hamill, James Farley*



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

(collection is for the Holy Land)

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

IHM HOME & SCHOOL ANNUAL Easter Egg hunt will be held on Easter Sunday after the 11:30 Mass.

Be sure to bring your Easter basket!



MERION MERCY ACADEMY

2023-2024

1st Semester Honor Roll

Hannah Marciano Grade 12 Distinguished Honors

Jennah Marie Figueroa Grade 10 Distinguished Honors

Lauren Kovacs Grade 10 Honors

CONGRATULATIONS!!

15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS

WEEK 6

Mary Anne Kostic-King	\$ 300.00
Bridget Berns	\$100.00
Danielle O'Connor	\$100.00
John J. Quirus	\$ 50.00
Hans Holter & Moira Conway	\$ 50.00
John Shasanmi & Madara Done	\$ 50.00
Pauline Polek	\$ 50.00
Timothy Duncan	\$ 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 10, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 9,250.00
Loose	1,112.00
	<u>\$10,362.00</u>

of envelopes – 473
Average - 19.56

Immaculate Heart Of Mary Parish

GIVE A GIFT OF HOPE

Shepherds Of Bethlehem imports all of their works of reverent art from the finest Christian craftsmen in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. During these tough times and with WAR going on it is not been easy for those Christian families, right now we have zero pilgrimage/tourism and as you know our economy totally rely on tourism, our families reached to a point to fight to put some food on the table for the kids.

Let us be your connection to the Holy Land.

We are honored to bless your home and the homes of your loved ones with unique, handmade gifts lovingly carved by our talented craftsmen. Each one-of-a-kind piece will serve as a devout and stunning visual reminder of the presence of God, your relationship to the Lord, and your connection to the Holy Land. **Bring Your Gift List**

We will display the carvings after the scheduled Masses on **April, 21, 2024)**

For those watching online please visit www.shepherds-bethlehem.com

Good Friday at 7PM**Tenebrae / Service of Darkness****St. Philip Neri Parish, Lafayette Hill, PA**

An ancient service of readings and meditations on the Passion of Christ. Music by Schola Cantorum with flute, oboe, cello & piano will perform at this spiritually moving Good Friday Service, come join us in this solemn commemoration of Our Lord's Passion. Call 610-834-1975 for more details

**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)

Hallahan - Class of '74 50th Reunion

Sunday, May 19, 2024 - 12:00 pm -
Brunch at Panache -
For more details email:
HallahanClassof1974@gmail.com



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



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

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

Upcoming Legion of Events**Save the date and register.**

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)

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!

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.