



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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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 Monday, May 9, 2022 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.

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

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF March 27, 2022

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>26</b>	5:15 pm	Joan A. Reed
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>27</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Dorothy Tercha & Margarite Vander Varst Helen & Robert Cahill
<b>MON.</b>	<b>28</b>	8:30 7:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Barron Vincent C. Di Nardi
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>29</b>	8:30 7:30 p.m.	Scott Hansen Marion & Christopher Botto
<b>WED.</b>	<b>30</b>	8:30 7:30 p.m.	Judith Munley William Klotsas
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>31</b>	8:30 7:30 p.m.	Leon Rosenberg Trudy Squarcia
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>1</b>	8:30 7:30 p.m.	Thomas & Nancy Plover Robert Avington
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>2</b>	8:00 5:15 pm	Genevieve Piliero Deceased member of the Kauffman & Wynne Families
<b>SUN</b>	<b>3</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Michael A. LaPera, Jr. Pat Salvatore 26th Anniversary

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

### ROSES



The rose placed in the *Church*  
is in loving memory of  
Mary & Walter Joka  
requested by  
Regina Joka.

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

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

*Margaret Piccolo*



***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 28 to April 3  
is in loving memory of  
Betty Bartko  
requested by her daughter,  
Mary Beth Bartko.**

## Pastor's Page

The Entrance Antiphon today begins with the word, "Rejoice", *Laetare* in Latin. That is why we traditionally have called the Fourth Sunday of Lent, *Laetare Sunday*. We rejoice not merely because we are more than half way through Lent. We rejoice because we know God is always eager to reconcile with us. Today's readings celebrate this fact. The Israelites have finally made it to the Promised Land. In the second reading from 2 Corinthians, Saint Paul points out that God has sent Jesus to reconcile us to the Father, redeeming his creation.

The Gospel from Luke today gives maybe the best example of this reconciliation in a very practical way. This 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Luke's gospel is bound together by the theme of joy over the recovery of what was lost. All three parables apply the return of the repentant sinner. The story today of the Prodigal Son develops the theme of God's love and adds the contrast of the older brother's hostility. Jesus himself is surrounded by "tax collectors and sinners" causing murmuring among the scribes and Pharisees.

Jesus is certainly the master teacher. This parable is probably the most famous of all his parables. Through this story Jesus illustrates the earth shattering acceptance available in the Kingdom of God. The traditional title of "Prodigal Son" is very well known, but it is really the father that is the pivotal character in the story and how he loves both his sons.

In traditional Jewish law, the first born son received a double share of the inheritance. (Deuteronomy 21:17) The younger son in this case was entitled to a third of the estate. Normally this was divided up on the death of the Father, but there were penalties if the share was withdrawn ahead of time. By demanding his share and leaving, the younger son is leaving, cutting ties with no regrets. He takes everything with him and there is no reasonable hope that he will be back. This hurts the remaining family in the short term.

Later as Jesus tells us disaster awaits the younger son. For the Hebrew, caring for Pigs is as low as you can go, it evoked the idea of apostasy, they were unclean animals. When he comes to his senses and comes home, his father rushes out to meet him and hugs and kisses him and welcomes back to his household, unconditionally!

The twist that Jesus puts on the story is the hostility of the older son. The older son's anger and self-righteousness make him very resentful. The pivot of the story is the Father's movement toward the older son. We can see the father as God and put ourselves into the story. Am I like the Father? Or like the elder or the younger son? Or maybe we have parts of all three in me at various times.

The Pharisees and scribes are upset that the God Jesus shows is generous in mercy. Jesus welcomes those they judge and exclude. The story here is not the return of the younger son, it is not the return of the younger son that irks the older son. It is the father's compassion, generosity, and celebration that anger the older son. The father reconciles with the younger son immediately. No questions asked. This parable is witness to the hope of reconciliation, the lost are found and the dead brought back to life.

*Father Casey*

### Weekend Clergy Schedule April 3, 2022 (celebrants are subject to change)

**Saturday, April 2, 2022**  
5:15 p.m.--TBA

**Sunday, April 3, 2022**  
7:30 a.m.- TBA  
9:30 a.m.- TBA  
11:30 a.m. - TBA

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Isaiah 43:16-21 (36C)
- 2) Philippians 3:8-14
- 3) John 8:1-11



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.

## OPEN HOUSE AT ROMAN CATHOLIC



*Sunday, April 3rd*

Please visit [RomanCatholicHS.com](http://RomanCatholicHS.com) to register or contact Mr. Trinacria at [admissions@romancatholichs.com](mailto:admissions@romancatholichs.com)

## 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.

## Save the Date: IHM Annual Forty Hours Devotions 2022

The annual Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions will be held on Sunday May 1 through Tuesday May 3. Rev. Joseph Howarth, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Jenkintown will be our homilist. Father Howarth was assigned here as a Parochial Vicar from 1991-1993 and he is thrilled to be able to return and share this time with us.

Forty Hours will open at the 11:30 am Mass on May 1. At the conclusion of Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be borne in procession to the Sacred Heart Chapel. Our Lord will be available for prayer and contemplation in Solemn Exposition in the Chapel until 5 o'clock when we will celebrate Evening Prayer and Benediction.

On Monday and Tuesday, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from the conclusion of the 8:30 am Mass until 7 PM when we will have Evening Prayer and Benediction. The Miraculous Medal novena will be prayed as usual at 6:30 pm on Tuesday evening.

Please plan to spend some quiet, quality time with Jesus, especially in the Easter Season where we will celebrate His Resurrection and appearances to his Disciples.

## Sunday Offering Week of March 13, 2022

Sunday	\$	8,962.00
Loose		<u>462.00</u>
	\$	9,424.00

# of envelopes – 486  
Average – 18.44

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



### 15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS WEEK 6

Betty Sienko	\$300.00
Frances Burbano	\$100.00
Andrea Formosa	\$100.00
Frances Smith-Knox	\$ 50.00
Alice Roberts	\$ 50.00
Gloria Falotico	\$ 50.00
Gene Marcinek	\$ 50.00
Mary Kasper	\$ 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, May 9**  
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.**

### Casseroles



### 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.**

### Are You Looking For A Worthwhile Cause to Volunteer For Here at IHM?

Perhaps you are retired or simply someone with extra time to share with others. Are you someone with compassion, good judgment and discretion?

Consider joining the IHM Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP). If you do, you could become part of a network of friends inspired by the Gospel who grow in spirituality while providing personal service to neighbors in need.

If you would like to talk with a current IHM member to find out more, call the Church Rectory at 215-483-1000 and ask to be connected with the SVdP HelpLine where you can leave a message with your name and phone number. One of our members will call you back to answer your questions and to discuss the value of our Society, not only for those that are helped as well as for the volunteers themselves.



### Employment Opportunity

Part time office position 2-3 days per week, 8 hours a day for a local business. Duties include, but are not limited to, answering phones, computer data entry, and bookkeeping. This position does require dealing with the public.

Interested candidates can call 215-620-6640.

## 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, [Musicfef5@gmail.com](mailto:Musicfef5@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.*

**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)*