



**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, & 7:00 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.	28	5:15 pm	Joan A. Reed
SUN.	29	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Robert Avington Michael A. LaPera, Jr.
MON.	30	8:30	Phung Voung
TUES.	31	8:30	Ed Oakes
WED.	1	8:30	Frances Mc Guire
THURS.	2	7:00 pm	No Morning Mass Mass of the Lord's Supper
FRI.	3	3:00 pm 7:00 pm	No Morning Mass Passion of the Lord Outdoor Stations
SAT.	4	1:00 pm 8:00 pm	No Morning Mass Blessing of the Food in the Chapel EASTER VIGIL
SUN.	5	7:30 9:30 11:30	EASTER SUNDAY No Intentions

*Please note not all Masses are for the deceased. Some are for the living.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for this week is in loving memory of Ernest Di Benedetto requested by Janice Di Benedetto.



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, Mary Cimini, 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.

A PRAYER FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Lord, thank You for our brave men and women who serve their country. Be with them and protect them from harm. Give them courage and strength in battle, help them to feel Your love and presence. Amen.

Please pray for those serving our country in the military. If there is any specific person you would like to be prayed for please place their name in the military prayer book on the St. Joseph side of our Church.

ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Joseph Gavula requested by Joe Gavula.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Robert Di Lella requested by friends of Gus & Family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

John Jacobs, Robert Di Lella, Gerald Maier, Evelyn Haines



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 his 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, Yahweh 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.

The Passover Lamb served several purposes. In the Exodus story, the blood of the Lamb that was shed was used to put on the doorposts and the lintel of the houses where the Hebrews were so that the Angel of Death would "pass-over" those houses. The tenth plague upon the Egyptians would then be completed, that "every first born of the Egyptians will die". The Lamb also served as food for the journey. (Exodus chapters 11&12).

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, your 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' mission and message.

Each of the four Gospels presents Jesus' Passion as the culmination of its narrative. The conflict initiated in Galilee is brought to a head in Jerusalem. Each evangelist tells his story through a particular lens or point of view. This year in the Year A cycle of readings we have the Passion from the Gospel of Matthew.

One of the very appropriate quotes of Jesus from Matthew comes from Matthew 26:38 as we begin Holy Week. Jesus asks, "Remain here and keep watch with me." Jesus prays three times and returns three times to find the disciples asleep. Jesus needed to be constant in prayer to help him accept the suffering that awaited him. Peter, James and John were not yet up to the task.

Each year the Church celebrates this holiest of weeks with reverence and awe. We want to stand with the Lord Jesus, who suffered and died to save us from our sins. We should be overwhelmed by this great act of love that brings new life to all who call out to him in faith. We want to embrace the cross of Christ on this journey through Holy Week.

Father Casey

April 1st from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm is the last opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter.

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43 (42ABC)
- 2) Colossians 3:1-4 or Corinthians 5:6b-8
- 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.





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.



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.

IHM School will start their Easter Vacation with a half day on Wednesday, April 1.

School will reopen on Tuesday, April 7.



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.
(Church will close at 11 PM)

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
Last Fish Fry of Lent

The Knights of Columbus is serving a fish dinner on 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 15, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 6,873.00
Loose	1,155.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	<u>1,295.00</u>
	\$ 9,528.00

of envelopes—410
Average—\$16.77

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 # 6**

- Maryann Spencer \$ 300.00
- M/M John Duscher \$ 100.00
- M/M Colin Ashmore \$ 100.00
- M/M Jonathan Di Benedetto \$ 50.00
- M/M Terry Furin \$ 50.00
- Lisa Whitlock \$ 50.00
- Monica Wynne \$ 50.00
- M/M Matthew Kirsch \$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

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
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.*

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.



ARCHBISHOP CARROLL HIGH

SCHOOL is hosting **JOHN THE COOL WIFFLE BALL TOURNAMENT** on **SUNDAY MAY 17, 2026.**

First pitch is at 10 am. The Tournament will take place on Archbishop John Carroll baseball field.

For more details scan the QR code. There are also flyers on all the tables at the doorways of the Church and Chapel.



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.

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 11 a.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>.*