

**THIRD
SUNDAY
IN**

Lent

MARCH 3, 2024

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
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 March 5 @ 7PM 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 3, 2024

SAT.	2	5:15 pm	Frances & Richard Kauffman
SUN.	3	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Victor Schepise Dominic D'Alicandro, Jr.
MON.	4	8:30	Memorial Fund
TUES.	5	8:30	Can Pham
WED.	6	8:30	Marie DeSantis
THUR	7	8:30	Binh Lam Vuong
FRI.	8	8:30	Fr. Joseph
SAT.	9	8:00 5:15 pm	Eddie Elisio & Stella Fallon Robert G. Reed, Sr., & Helen Reed
SUN	10	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Robert Avington Mary, Lucy & Gaetano DiCesare

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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE SCHEDULE FOR LENT

We regret to inform you because of the extending circumstances with Fr. Casey's health we will not be able to offer the 7:30 pm Mass in the Chapel or Confession on Wednesday evenings during Lent. (Yes, we still have the 8:30 daily Mass)

Our Chapel will remain open for private prayer from 8AM to 6PM daily. Confession will still be available on Saturdays from 4PM to 5PM in the church.

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 7PM .

If you have a Mass intention for any of the 7:30 pm Masses please contact Denise Schmidt in the rectory office.

215-483-1000 or denise-schmidt@comcast.net.

Please continue to pray for Fr. Casey as he continues to recuperate.

Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

**Rosemary "Rosie" Carney, Karl Miller
Loretta Schmidt**



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, 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, Michael Kohute, Olga Kostic, Angela Kotowich, Mary Krier, Hannah Lambert, Flavia Langan, Langan Family, Edward Lanigan, Marianne Leahy, Agnes Leinheiser, Dorlene Long, Carol Ann Lott, 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, Bill Milford, 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 Vesci, Maddox Vielman, Helen Wade, Walter Wayne Whitehouse, Luke Winterbottom, 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 1st responders.

Pastor's Page

Covenant is a theme that is recurring during these Sundays of Lent. The first Sunday of Lent we heard about God's covenant with Noah. Last Sunday we heard about God's covenant with Abraham and how Abraham's trust in God was tested when he heard God tell him to sacrifice his only son. Today on this third Sunday of Lent, we hear about God's covenant with his chosen people as they traveled under the leadership of Moses, as they go from slavery and certain death in Egypt to freedom and the Promised Land.

Typically a covenant has two parts, what each party in the covenant would do. God for his part had promised his people liberty, land, prosperity and his special care and love. Today's first reading tells us what God expected of his people in return.

The Israelites perceived the Ten Commandments and the other laws not as burdens that dragged them down, but as mutual understandings that enabled them to live in freedom and peace with one another. The Ten Commandments or "The Decalogue" (ten words) are more than just a series of do's and don'ts. When you look at the actual words, you see that they are personal and relational. Each begins with the word, "you". They all concern the relationship between us and God, or our relationship with each other. They form the foundation of the covenant between God and the Chosen People.

For instance, one vengeful killing is ruled out in a community and everyone agrees to follow that, people no longer live in fear. Once it is understood that people are not allowed to lie about one another, people can trust one another's word. Once stealing is outlawed, people are free to share with one another.

For the Israelites, keeping the Commandments was a sacred pact with one another as well as with God. They recognized that rules can actually free people by giving them lines or boundaries that everyone in a community pledges not to cross. This Covenant of Sinai was a gift.

In the second reading, St Paul addresses the issue that both the Jews and the Greeks were blinded by their expectations but in different ways. The Jews of Jesus' time had expectations of a Messiah who would come with worldly power and defeat whatever regime was ruling them. A suffering and dying Messiah made no sense. The Greeks with their emphasis on philosophy valued wisdom. The word "philosophy" itself means "love of wisdom." What wisdom is there in following someone who shuns fame and worldly honors, embraced the outcasts and was eventually put to death. The wisdom and the power of God were not obvious even to Jesus' disciples at the time. It was in humbling himself that he became exalted. This only happened after the Passion.

Fr. Casey

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a (31A)
- 2) Ephesians 5:8-14
- 3) John 9:1-41, 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of March 4 to March 10 is in loving memory of Rev. Paul Obrimski requested by a friend.



ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Marie Seltzer requested by Chet & Sharon Cybularz & Family.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of Patricia Kost requested by her husband, Victor Kost.

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.



15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS

WEEK 3

Jacqueline Di Nardi	\$300.00
Chris Haraburda	\$100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Jason Wolfe	\$100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Armando Guzman	\$ 50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Philip Rogalski	\$ 50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Devine	\$ 50.00
Philip & Josie Bucolo	\$ 50.00
Sandy Weiss	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



On Saturday, March 16, 2024, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting BINGO in Fr. 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
Refreshments for purchase

Welcome to the newest members
of our IHM Parish

Patrice Green
The Juliano Family

Sunday Offering Week of February 18, 2024

Envelopes \$ 8,874.00
Loose 981.00
\$ 9,855.00

of envelopes – 442
Average - 20.08

Clergy Schedule for Sunday, March 10, 2024
(celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Heron

Sunday, March 10, 2024

7:30 am – Fr. Quan
9:30 am – Fr. Bransfield
11:30 Fr. Bransfield

UPCOMING LEGION OF MARY EVENTS

Save the date and register.

Saturday, March 23, 2024 - **Evangelization Day #1** at Visitation BVM Catholic Church, Norristown – Welcome all neighbors to visit the Catholic Church. Rosary at 7:45 am, Mass 8:15 followed by breakfast, training, visitation of homes, lunch, ending around 2:30 pm.

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 – Mass, Consecration and 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. MARY POLISH AMERICAN
SOCIETY EASTER FOOD SALE**

We are happy to announce the return of our annual St. Mary Polish American Society Easter Food Sale. Food items will include: Babkas (cheese, cinnamon crumb, or raspberry cheese) for \$16 each from L&M Bakery in Delran, NJ; -Pierogi (potato, potato cheese, or sauerkraut) for \$10 per dozen from Polka Deli in Port Richmond, Kielbasa for \$9 per pound from Czerw's in Port Richmond. The deadline to place a food order will be Wednesday March 13th so our suppliers have enough time to process our orders.

Order pick-up will be on Friday, March 22nd and Saturday March 23rd from 1 to 4 pm at St. Mary Catholic Church Hall in Conshohocken.

Proceeds from the Easter Food Sale support our mission of promoting Polish heritage in Montgomery County, PA and assistance with the restoration of St. Mary Catholic Church in Conshohocken, PA.

To place a food order please email foodsale@stmarypolish.org or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.



The next casserole pickup for
St. John's Hospice is on
Wednesday, March 6 at 9 am.

Has Our Blessed Virgin Mary been a comfort in your life?

Might you have a feeling that Our Mother Mary has blessed you abundantly and you are looking for a way to thank her? Consider thanking her by being one of her helpers in the Parish. The Legion of Mary serves our Blessed Mary and the Parish through prayer and works of mercy. You are invited to join in this grace filled service to Our Lady at IHM...to Jesus through Mary!

Find out more by visiting a meeting. The Rosary starts the Legion meeting at 6:30 PM each Wednesday in Father Sullivan Hall. Please call or text Frank at 215 356 3441 for any meeting changes due to weather.

Travelling Statues of the Virgin Mary and the Sacred Heart

The IHM Legion of Mary sponsors a travelling statue of the Pilgrim Virgin (Our Lady of Fatima) to pray for the intentions of each family. Prayer in your home brings miracles of grace. You may schedule a visit on your birthday, anniversary or for a special intention.

A travelling Sacred Heart of Jesus statue is also visiting homes in the IHM Parish for the specific purpose of praying for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. We so much need prayers to support religious vocations!

For Information call Frank 215-356-3441

The IHM Class of 2024 is hosting a Marchiano's Bakery

Sale Fundraiser to raise money for their graduation activities and class trip.

Flyers are at all the doorways of the church & chapel explaining what is being offered and how to purchase these items. There is also a contact email for any questions you may have for them on the form.

Pickup a form and support our Class of 2024.

THANK YOU!!

Rice Bowls are available at all the doorways of the Church, Chapel and in the Rectory Office.



The 2024 Mass Book is now full. There are no more Masses for intentions.

For the 2024 year there are still weeks for Sanctuary Lights and Roses that are open. If you would like to have an intention for either of these call the rectory office. 215-483-1000.

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

We will not be automatically mailing out the end of year 2023 contribution statements to our parishioners.

To request a contribution statement please call Mrs. Schmidt in the Rectory Office 215-483-1000.

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 11, April 1, 22 and May 13

All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.

Providing Help & Hope to Neighbors in Need!

PRAY THE ROSARY

The next meetings of the Golden Age Club will be on March 11 & 25.

There is a Casino Trip scheduled for April 17, 2024. Flyers are at all the doorways of our Church.

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

Cameron Andrew Eisenhower

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
sscrip@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.