

**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 31, 2024

SAT.	30	8:00 pm	EASTER VIGIL MASS
SUN.	31	7:30 9:30 11:30	EASTER SUNDAY No Intentions No intention
MON.	1	8:30	Memorial Fund
TUES.	2	8:30	Ernest "Pete" Di Benedetto
WED.	3	8:30	Michael A. La Pera, Jr.
THUR	4	8:30	Tiem Van Pham
FRI.	5	8:30	Helen & Robert Cahill
SAT.	6	8:00 5:15 pm	Genevive Cupchak Theresa Ambusavage
SUN	7	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Ernest "Pete" DiBenedetto Pat Salvatore 28th Anniversary

*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, Romulua Berretta, 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 VesceSr. Lolita Visitacion, Helen Wade, Walter Wayne Whitehouse, Brian Wurtzberger, Kim Wurtzberger, Mike Zacher, Anthony Zul.



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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS



We continue to pray for our men & women in the military here and overseas and for all 1st responders.

Pastor's Page

Christ is Risen!! Alleluia, Alleluia! On this, the central feast day of the Church, we come to gather, filled with the hope of new life. This is the day the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice!

The season of Easter which begins at the Easter vigil on Holy Saturday night and continues until the last mass of Pentecost, is a celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The first eight days after Easter constitute the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord. The period of penance and preparation that we began on Ash Wednesday have readied us to celebrate the glorious realization of our life in Christ.

The scripture readings of the Easter season reflect the theme of hope and resurrection. The first readings of the Easter liturgies are taken from the Acts of the Apostles. "Acts" is the second volume to the Gospel of Luke. Whereas the Gospel of Luke recounts the words and deeds of Jesus, with the theme as our compassionate Savior, Acts picks up the story after the Ascension of Jesus. Acts narrates the life of the newborn community as it attempts to understand the mystery of the Resurrection and how the community should live going forward. One of the best ways I have heard Acts described is that it is the "Gospel of the Holy Spirit". Remember the literal meaning of the word Gospel — "The Good News"!

During the first weeks of Easter, the Gospel readings will recount the discovery of the empty tomb and the encounters between the disciples and the Risen Jesus. After commanding his disciples, which includes us by the way, to "go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel", Jesus will be taken up into heaven. (Forty Days— Ascension).

We will not be left alone however, Jesus promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to testify with us (Fifty Days— Pentecost).

During this special time of Easter, from today until Pentecost Sunday, we have a special opportunity to reflect on the fact that "The Lord has been raised! It is true". Luke 24:34.

We thank you Father for the gift of new life that you have bestowed on us through the Resurrection of your Son. Send your Spirit upon us, that we recognize and appreciate the gift of your Son.

A blessed and happy Easter to all!

Father Casey

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

Ava Rose Loschiavo

Sunday Offering Week of March 10, 2024

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

of envelopes – 473
Average - 19.56

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 (44B)
- 2) 1John 5:1-6
- 3) John 20:19-31



**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 2024 Mass Book is now full.

There are no more Mass 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.

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

Be sure to bring your Easter basket!



Care Partner Opportunity

Andorra, near IHM Church
609-548-2249

Gill.energyhealing@gmail.com

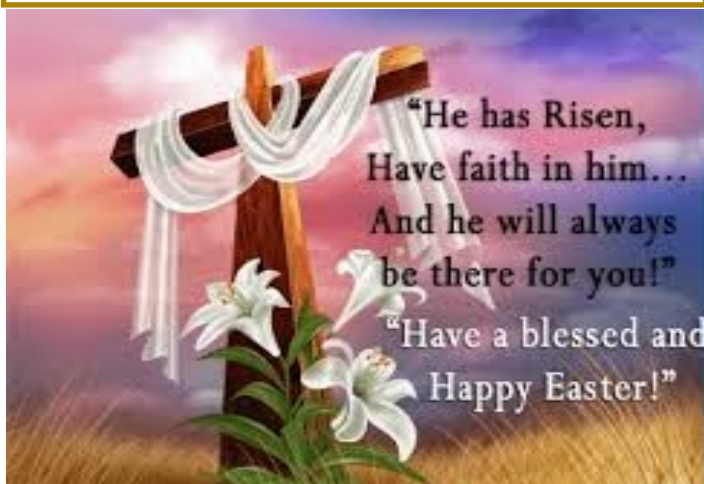
Local family is offering a Care Partner opportunity for weekends only, starting ASAP Saturday 10am to Monday 10am

Private pay, Private home

Elderly female in need of oversight, meal prep and companionship

Live in from Saturday 10 am to Monday 10 am

For more information or set up an interview - contact K at 609.548.2249 or gill.energyhealing@gmail.com



15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS

WEEK 7

James & Paul Jefferys	\$300.00
Cathy Price	\$100.00
Jim Kwartnik	\$100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Van Fossen	\$ 50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Carr	\$ 50.00
James Martin & Megan Paugh	\$ 50.00
Frances Smith-Knox	\$ 50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Kalinowski	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!



The next casserole pickup for St. John's Hospice is on Wednesday, April 3 at 9 am.

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, 20 & 21, 2024)

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



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)



The St. Vincent dePaul Society will once again have the Thrifty Irishman here on Sunday, May 5 from 9 am to 12 pm in our parking lot.

Please do NOT leave any items in the Church or Chapel or on our campus grounds. Bring it that day ONLY. If you need to donate your items sooner, there is a Greendrop Truck in Plymouth Square Shopping Center and several clothing bins in the Andorra Shopping Center.

Thank you!



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 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.

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)



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.