

"This is my  
beloved son.  
Listen to him."

Mark 9:2

2nd Sunday  
of Lent



**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. Joseph W. Bongard in Residence*

*Rev. Sean P. Bransfield, 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 Tuesday, March 14 @ 7 pm in the  
Church.** 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 5, 2023

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>4</b>	5:15 pm	Veronica Murphy
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>5</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Hugh Loughlin Deacon George W. Kletzel, Jr. 5th Anniversary
<b>MON.</b>	<b>6</b>	8:30 7:30 pm	Rev. Paul Obrimski Memorial Fund
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>7</b>	8:30 7:30 pm	Can Pham Alfredo Lopez
<b>WED.</b>	<b>8</b>	8:30 7:30 pm	Maria Ferrero Fr. Joseph
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>9</b>	8:30 7:30 pm	Veronica & Joseph Horan John McLaughlin
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>10</b>	8:30 7:30 pm	Quang Dinh William Lee 14th Anniversary
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>11</b>	8:00 5:15 pm	Phung Vuong Frances & Richard Kauffman
<b>SUN</b>	<b>12</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Rose Caruso John "Jack" C. Lynch

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of March 6 to March 12 is for all the special intentions of the IHM Parishioners.



### ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Deacon George W. Kletzel, Jr. –5th Anniversary requested by his wife, Pat.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is for All Deceased Members of IHM Parish.



***Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.***

Theresa Alosi, Louis Andreola, Lee Aponte, Mary Bartsch, Anne Basara, Josephine Bellace, Joyce & Wayne Bielawski, Nancy Bright, Daniel Brito, Bill Burrow, Bobby Busch, Dolores Buzby, Lynn Campbell, Mary Rose Campbell, Erin Caruso, Terry Carr, Officer Andy Chan, Pete Cissone, Michael Clark, Brooke Conklin, Quint Cuffe, Earl Dandridge, Taylor Davis, Marano Donald D'Angelo, Nancy Di John, Madeline DiPasquale, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Beth Donnelly, Joseph Donnelly, Marie Dunne, Barbara Dziedzic, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Joe Evers, Bruce Fairchild, Rosemary Fatovic, Peg Fierko, David Fleetwood, Carol Foley, Bill & Dorothy Foster, Kathy Foster, Sydney Franzmann, Barbara Freiling, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Helen Golbeski, Kelly Gruninger, Flora Hart, Anne Headly, Brenden Heyer, Charles Hoffman, Sheilah Janes, Frances Jefferys, Chris Kane, Deborah Kapp, Marek Kijek, Marianne Klusek, Olga Kostic, Angela Kotowich, Mary Krier, Hannah Lambert, Flavia Langan, Langan Family, Dolores Lanigan, Edward Lanigan, Marianne Leahy, Agnes Leinheiser, Dorlene Long, Carol Ann Lott, Hadley Ludwig, Cheryl Maresca, Dominic Matteo, Elizabeth Matruka, Connie Mazzochetti, Terry McCormick, Anne Marie Mc Keever, Felix & Louise McKeough, Helen Magee, Lindsey Marzo, Steve Murphy, Elizabeth Matruak, Winifred Meall, Rachael Mellon, Eileen Michel, Brian Morris, Mary Mudry, Janet Murphy, Dick & Trudy Neff, Marvin Parnes, Harry Pastella, Luisa Pellicone, Dave Pendleton, Bishop Joseph Pepe, Bill Pinto, Nicole Powlus, Kathy Pro, Tom Przybek, Karen Pulcinella, John Quirus, Clara Ragni, Junie Rakosak, Marie Renello, Harper Renshaw, Casey Rigby, Joel Rivera, Tony Ruger, Domiciano Gallego-Ruiz, Anita Russell, Vince Savini, Donna Scharff, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, Mary Ann Shaw, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Luke Simon, Cindy Synder-Earnhardt, Jake Stefano, Baby Caleb St. George, Donna Stine, O.S.F., Felicia Teske, Paul Teske, Edward Thomas, Molly Thompson, Christine Triola, Louise Vesci, Maddox Vielman, Helen Wade, Walter Wayne Whitehouse, Luke Winterbottom, Pam Wisdom, Brian Wurtzberger, Kim Wurtzberger, Mike Zacher, Donna Zetterberg, Anthony Zul.



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

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

*Nino Scarcí, Richard Gaffney,  
Antoinetta Livorno*



## Pastor's Page

The Scripture readings during the Sundays of Lent generally take an event from one of the synoptic gospels. Last Sunday we heard Matthew's version of the Temptation in the Desert at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. The Second Sunday of Lent in the year A cycle of readings describes the Transfiguration. One suggestion to gain a deeper understanding of these two events, and to give some good Lenten reading, is to read in succession the Temptation Story and the Transfiguration in each of the synoptic gospels. Do it in chronological order: Read Mark's story, then Luke's, then Matthew's.

As prelude, in the Old Testament reading today, we hear the beginning of the Abraham saga, starting in Chapter 12 of Genesis. When we think of Genesis, we think of the creation stories, the fall of Adam and Eve, the Cain and Abel tragedy, the Flood and the Tower of Babel. This is only a small part of Genesis, albeit a major teaching. The first 11 chapters of Genesis are what can be described as Israel's pre-history. In chapter 12 we now move to the call of Abraham, of Isaac, of Jacob and finally to Joseph and the tribes as they migrated to Egypt. I would also recommend Genesis 12-50 for your Lenten spiritual reading and meditation

In Genesis we learn of God's relationship with the world. Through the sacred writers and inspiration, God reveals himself to us. We learn of God as creator, as judge, as redeemer. We have met a God who accepts the weakness of humanity and continues to love, a God who guides and directs, a God who is able to bring good out of evil. And as the word Genesis denotes and connotes it is only the beginning of the story.

As we will see in Genesis 12, there is little preparation given for the call of Abram. "Go to a land that I will show you" is the first introduction of God to Abram. The choice of Abraham remains a mystery in the Yahwist source story, resting solely on God's initiative. What God offers to Abram will prove to be a sign of divine favor and a source of happiness to Abram himself. To be a great nation, Abram will need descendants and land. This is going to be easier said than done. God challenged Abram to "go forth" from a comfortable past, trusting in the future God promised.

Just as God's promise to Abram indicated greatness to come, so too was Jesus glory prefigured in his transfiguration. As St. Paul says, Christ Jesus "destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel" The Transfiguration of the Lord gives us a glimpse of the glory of the Resurrection.

Peter, James and John, like Abram are being called to something beyond their comfort zone, in fact they are afraid at what they are witnessing. They are being "called forth" from any preconceived notions of a glorious earthly Messiahship, and their share of that glory, to a new vision of Jesus mission and theirs. The Transfiguration reveals Jesus as fulfilling the Law (in the person of Moses) and the Prophets (in the person of Elijah). As they will later find out, no flaming chariot is going to deliver Jesus from suffering. They witness a glimpse of glory but will soon witness Jesus abject agony. The Father tells them to "listen"!

Let us go forth this week with Jesus on the road to Calvary. Let us "Listen...to my beloved son" and let us "Rise and do not be afraid"

*Father Casey*



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 Second Collection*

The second collection for next weekend will be for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Latin America.

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Exodus 17:3-7 (28A)
- 2) Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
- 3) John 4:5-42



**LENT**

**A SEASON OF FAITH, HOPE & LOVE**

## Sunday Offering Week of February 19, 2023

Envelopes \$ 8,527.00

Loose 833.00

\$ 9,360.00

# of envelopes – 547

Average– 15.59

St. Vincent dePaul \$3,049.75

*Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity*

Please help our counters by filling out the amount on your Church envelope and please write clearly. This helps to speed up the process.

*Thank you so much!*
**The next pick up for St. John's Hospice is Wednesday, April 5 at 9 am.**

Just a reminder that all casseroles should be cooked, then frozen and should only need to be reheated. Please be sure to label the casseroles with the date and the name of the casserole.

Please participate in Operation Rice Bowl if you are able. Rice Bowls are available at all the doorways of the Church and Chapel.

**Invitation from the Legion of Mary**

All IHM Legion of Mary Auxiliaries (prayer members) and interested parishioners are invited to the Legion **Annual Consecration to Mary (Acies) Ceremony** that will be held on Saturday, March 25 (Annunciation Feast Day) at St. Martin De Porres Church, 2340 W. Lehigh Avenue, Phila. Legion Prayers with Rosary, Homily, Mass and a social will follow. Start time is at 2:00 pm. For information: [fkusek@ieec.org](mailto:fkusek@ieec.org) or text 215 356 3441

Are you willing to offer your time and talents to do something beautiful for Our Blessed Mother? The Legion of Mary at IHM invites you to be our guest at a weekly meeting held on Wednesdays in Father Sullivan Hall. Come to pray the Rosary and find out more about this international lay organization whose goal is the spiritual growth of its members. During Lent, we will meet at 6:00 pm before the Lenten Mass.

**15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS**
**WEEK 3**

Annie Coogan	\$300.00
Robert Reed	\$100.00
Diane Di Piero	\$100.00
Mary Waldeck	\$ 50.00
Pat Lyons	\$ 50.00
Mary C. Santora	\$ 50.00
Maryann Mc Geever	\$ 50.00
Bruce Earle	\$ 50.00

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

**ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS. THE RED CROSS IS IN NEED OF BLOOD DONATIONS.. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE SIGN UP. THANK YOU!**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

 and  
the

**American  
Red Cross**
**WORKING TOGETHER**

**The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a blood drive on Monday, March 13, 2023 in Father Sullivan Hall. Time is from 2pm to 7pm.**

**For an appointment, please visit: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: IHM Parish or call 1-800-733-2767**



The next meetings for the Golden Age Club will be March 13 & 27.

**Please note that on March 13, the meeting will start promptly at 10:30 as the Red Cross will be coming in at 1pm to begin set up for the Blood Drive.**



**During Lent**, Mass will be offered daily at 8:30 am and 7:30 pm in the Chapel, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. On Wednesdays when school is in session the 8:30 am is in the Church. Also on Wednesdays after Confession, the 7:30 pm Mass is in the Church.

**Stations of the Cross** is every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the Chapel. It is followed by Mass at 7:30 pm.

**Confession** times during Lent are on Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5 from 6:15 to 7:15 pm. Confession is always offered on Saturdays from 4 pm to 5 pm. Confession is **NOT** offered on Holy Saturday April 8.



**Before you go to bed next weekend (March 11) set your clock one hour ahead**

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

*Penelope Louise Press*



## Upcoming Admissions Events at Roman Catholic

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ROMAN BASKET BALL TEAM ON THEIR RECENT CATHOLIC LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP!

7TH GRADE  
VISITATION DAY

MARCH  
23RD

SPRING OPEN  
HOUSE

MARCH  
26TH

7TH GRADE  
PRACTICE TEST

APRIL  
1ST

To register, please contact [admissions@romancatholichs.com](mailto:admissions@romancatholichs.com)



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

The next meetings of the  
St. Vincent dePaul Society  
will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall  
**March 20.**  
from 7-8:30 pm.

Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

### PART-TIME SACRISTAN POSITION

IHM has an opening for a part-time sacristan position.

Duties include working funerals and special events during the week and some Saturdays.

For more information contact Denise Schmidt in the Rectory Office 215-483-1000 or email: [ihmparish@comcast.net](mailto:ihmparish@comcast.net)



### IHM SACRAMENTAL NEWS

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will take place on **Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 10 am.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE** will take place on **Thursday, May 4, 2023 from 9 am to Noon**

**RETREAT DAY** for all the children making their First Communion will take place at the **SHRINE OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL** on **Friday, April 21, 2023.\*\*** Departure from IHM School is at 8 am and the return to IHM School will be at 2:30 pm.

For more information, please call Mary Anne Kotic-King, Director of Religious Education at **215-483-4266** or email: [mking@iheartmary.org](mailto:mking@iheartmary.org)

**\*\*Please note the date change for the Retreat Day**

We will **NOT** be automatically mailing out the end of the year **2022 contribution statements** to our parishioners.

To request a contribution statement please call the Rectory Office at 215-483-1000.

## 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. Larry Concio** - *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, [Musicfe5@gmail.com](mailto:Musicfe5@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) or [kevintinneny@yahoo.com](mailto:kevintinneny@yahoo.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.**: 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](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 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](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)

*If you need help or have a question call  
**Pregnancy Hotline 610-626-4006 or Pro Life Union 215-855-8150***