

**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 to be announced.** 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—Fall date to be announced.

**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**  
**May 12, 2024**

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>11</b>	5:15 pm	Joan A. Reed
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>12</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners *Diana Calabrese All Deceased Members of The Salvatore, Schneider & Alfieri Families
<b>MON.</b>	<b>13</b>	8:30	Charles M. Harron, Jr. 4th Anniversary
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>14</b>	8:30	Paul Curcio, Sr. 50th Anniversary
<b>WED.</b>	<b>15</b>	8:30	Binh Lam Vuong
<b>THUR</b>	<b>16</b>	8:30	Dolly & Tony Marinello
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>17</b>	8:30	Charles Di Benedetto
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>18</b>	8:00 5:15 pm	Gloria Yee Martin & Buddy Pfeil
<b>SUN</b>	<b>19</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Peter N. & Stephen Notwick Marie Martin 30th 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.*

Anne Akyuz, Theresa Alosi, Lee Aponte, Mary Bartsch, Anne Basara, Josephine Bellace, Romulua Berretta, Joyce & Wayne Bielawski, Lance & Cindi Bonnet, Nancy Bright, Daniel Brito, Bill Burrow, 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, Regina Joka, 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, Mary Ann Pastore, 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, Angelo Valucci, Louise Vesci, Sr. Lolita Visitacion, Helen Wade, Walter Wayne Whitehouse, 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 May 13 to May 19

is in loving memory of

Ed Oakes

requested by

Bridie Gallagher



**ROSES**

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Charles Di Benedetto

requested by

Janice Di Benedetto.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of

Anne Marie Melough

requested by her family.

## Pastor's Page

Today we begin the last week of the holiest of seasons, the Easter Season. The Easter Season will end next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday after Evening Prayer. The Paschal Candle returns to its place near the Baptismal font and we return to Ordinary Time. We now prepare to celebrate the great Solemnity of Pentecost, which is also called, "the birthday of the Church." The scripture readings today offer some insights into the role of the Holy Spirit in the early Church as seen in Acts, and reflection on Jesus' words to his followers at the Last Supper as depicted in John's gospel.

The number twelve is significant in Israel's salvation history. Jacob one of the Patriarchs of the Hebrews (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph in Genesis 11-50) had twelve sons. The interesting point is that they were not all with the same wife. Remember that Polygamy was part of the prevailing culture of that time. This was before monogamy became part of the teaching of the Chosen People.

The twelve sons of Jacob were from two wives, Leah and Rachel and there were sons born of consorts of both Leah and Rachel. The whole story on this can be found starting with Jacob's deception of his father Isaac in Genesis 27 through to Chapter 35 that details the sons of Jacob by name.

The twelve sons of Jacob later become twelve tribes of Israel as the Hebrews come out of Egypt and move toward the Promised Land. When Jesus begins his public ministry he establishes a special role for his "Apostles" those whom he is going to send in a special mission as his witnesses.

Today in Acts, with Judas Iscariot's betrayal, Peter, acting in his role of the leader of those gathered, proposes that a new Apostle be chosen to continue this mission. The major criteria of this role will include participation in the life and ministry of Jesus until his death. Matthias is chosen by lot. The twelve Apostles are again complete. We also hear how important it is that the Church be unified in its mission.

This was not just a game of chance, choosing by lot. The prayer of the Apostles is directed to Jesus and the Holy Spirit: "You Lord, know the hearts of all, show which of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry..."

In John's Gospel today, Jesus is including the followers in his own intimate conversation with God the Father. As is the example of the Our Father in Luke and Matthew, this is another lesson to us on how to approach our own prayer. It is essentially conversation with the Father. This is not only speaking but just as important, listening.

Jesus asks that the union he shares with the Father include the disciples: "so that they may be one just as we are one" (John 17:11b). This union effectively makes all followers of Jesus "children of God." This Sunday between Ascension and Pentecost is an image of our liturgical year location between the already of Jesus proclaiming the kingdom and the not yet of its fulfillment. Let us continue to make this journey. Jesus himself prays that we will be protected, unified and filled with joy.

*Fr. Casey*

### Sunday Offering Week of April 28, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 9,289.00
Loose	<u>1,007.00</u>
	\$10,296.00

# of envelopes – 526  
Average - 17.66

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Genesis 11:1-9 (Suppl.62)
- 2) Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b
- 3) John 7:37-39



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

**Anne Kenny  
Vincent Bransfield**



### Clergy Schedule for Sunday, May 19, 2024 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, May 18, 2024

**Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Quan**

Sunday May 5, 2024

**7:30 am – Fr. Bransfield**

**9:30 am - Fr. Quan**

**11:30 am Fr. Heron**

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.



### Job Opening: Bookkeeper/ Business Manager

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish has a full time opening for a Parish Business Manager. The Business Manager serves in a key management position in the parish and together with the Pastor and the School Principal forms the core leadership team of the parish. **Proficiency and experience with QuickBooks is essential.**

#### Essential Qualifications:

Ability to work with staff and volunteers  
Computer literacy with proficiency in Microsoft Office and Quick Books

#### Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Maintains the accuracy of all financial files and records and establishes a responsible cash flow management and record keeping system.
- Prepares, administers and reviews budget processes in collaboration with the Pastor, Finance Committee and the School Principal
- Monitor the collection, counting, recording and depositing of parish revenue
- Produces payroll for the parish and the school
- Liaison between the parish and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in all financial matters
- Reconcile all accounts in QuickBooks in a timely matter
- Accounting for all financial activity
- Monitors spending and reviews parish and school budgets
- Assists the Pastor with hiring of new staff members.
- Maintains employee files
- Attends Financial Council meetings
- Benefit coordinator
- Other duties as assigned.

Salary and Benefits Package information furnished upon request.

The Business Manager reports to the Pastor.

Interested persons should submit a cover letter and resume to [emilytmiller@comcast.net](mailto:emilytmiller@comcast.net)

#### St. Vincent dePaul Society

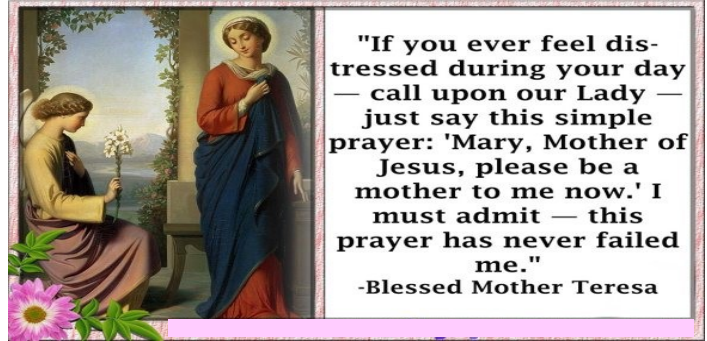
The next scheduled meetings of the St. Vincent DePaul Society will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall

from 7-8:30 pm

**May 13, June 3, 24 & July 15**

*All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.*

*Providing Help & Hope to Neighbors in Need!*



### 15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS

#### WEEK 13

Frances Burbano	\$300.00
Mr. & Mrs. Christian Fink	\$100.00
Mary Waldeck	\$100.00
Irene Scherle	\$ 50.00
Jennifer & John Hack	\$ 50.00
Rich & Terry Wade	\$ 50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Justin Moore	\$ 50.00
Martha Ann Smyl	\$ 50.00

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Local parish in the Manayunk section of Philadelphia seeks a full-time parish secretary (M-F, 9-4). The secretary is responsible for providing support for sacramental and parish programs, and works with parishioners and staff to perform daily tasks of a Catholic Parish office. Competitive salary and individual benefits offered.

Please send resume to:

[sjbphila@stjohnmanayunk.org](mailto:sjbphila@stjohnmanayunk.org) or email for more information.

#### Volunteer Opportunity

Looking for a few good people to take over the Giving Tree for 2024.

If you are interested contact Mrs. Schmidt in the parish office.



**Immaculate Heart of Mary School** is hosting our 15th Annual Race for Education on **Thursday, May 16, 2024**. Our school's goal is to raise \$25,000. These funds will be used for much needed building maintenance, continue our security upgrades and continue to improve the curb appeal of our school building.

The students, faculty and staff of Immaculate Heart of Mary School invite our business owning parishioners to co-sponsor this event! This is an opportunity for your business to receive exposure. Advertising will not only reach our target audience, the Immaculate Heart of Mary School students/families, but also our alumni, parishioners, family friends and those interested in Catholic Schools in Philadelphia.

Community sponsors are the primary source of additional funding for this event, and will help ensure its success. You can provide support as a co-sponsor or event supporter through a monetary donation.

If you would like to sponsor or donate to this event, please contact Traci Kovach, Director of Finance and Admissions at [tuition@iheartmary.org](mailto:tuition@iheartmary.org).

**Our IHM kids thank you for your consideration and support!**

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

*Amelia Lynn Clothier*

*John Michael Coogan*

The Food that you donate and leave in the Church and Chapel help the following organizations: North Light Community Center in Manayunk, St. Francis Inn, Kensington and the Missionaries of Charity in Norristown.

They are in great need of non perishable food to feed the people in their communities. Please help if you are able and know that the food is being put to good use.

Thank you as always for your kind and generous contributions to help those in need.



*Welcome to the newest members  
of our IHM Parish*

**Mr. & Mrs. Christopher  
Cangelosi**

**PREP Registration Fall of 2024**

PREP Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 PREP year.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in our PREP program, please contact:

MaryAnne K. King (215) 483-4266  
E-Mail: [mking@iheart.org](mailto:mking@iheart.org) for information.

Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

Final registration date and tuition payment due date is  
**Tuesday, September 3, 2024**  
from 5:00- 7:00 p.m. in Father Sullivan Hall.

**The next casserole pickup for St. John's Hospice is on  
Wednesday, June 5 at 9 am.**

**Upcoming Legion of Events  
Save the date and register.**

**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](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, Bill King*

### SOCIAL OUTREACH

**CYO:** *High School and Grade School—Bill Hannigan [athleticdirector.ihm@gmail.com](mailto:athleticdirector.ihm@gmail.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 215-850-9740.*