

IF YOU
LOVE ME,
YOU WILL KEEP MY
COMMANDMENTS.

JESUS CHRIST

**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. 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 Monday, May 22 @ 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.

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

May 14, 2023

SAT.	13	5:15 pm	Charles M. Harron, Jr. 3rd Anniversary
SUN.	14	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Anne Marie Melough All Deceased Members of the Salvatore, Schneider & Alfieri Families
MON.	15	8:30	Gloria Yee
TUES.	16	8:30	Hai Nguyen
WED.	17	8:30 5:15pm	Charles Di Benedetto The Ascension of the Lord No Intention
THURS.	18	8:30 12:00 pm 7:30 pm	No Intention No Intention No Intention
FRI.	19	8:30	Can Pham.
SAT.	20	8:00 5:15 pm	Vincent & Marie Barrilli & Bobby & Maria Barrilli Martin & Buddy Pfeil
SUN	21	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Anthony Perna John Antenucci

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**

for the week of May 15 to May 21

is in loving memory of

Rev. Paul Obrimski

requested by a friend.



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 for the kindest, most
loving mother,
Diana Calabrese
with love from her daughter, Denise.



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, Ruth Erenberg, Joe Evers, Bruce Fairchild, Peg Fierko, David Fleetwood, Carol Foley, Bill & Dorothy Foster, Kathy Foster, Sydney Franzmann, Barbara Freiling, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Bernadette Giambuzzi, Helen Golbeski, Kelly Gruninger, Flora Hart, Anne Headly, Brenden Heyer, Sheilah Janes, Frances Jefferys, Chris Kane, Deborah Kapp, Keith Kelly, Marek Kijek, Marianne Klusek, 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, 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, Maria Prince, Kathy Pro, Tom Przybek, Karen Pulcinella, John Quirus, Junie Rakosak, Marie Renello, Harper Renshaw, Casey Rigby, Joel Rivera, Anne Roberts, Tony Ruger, Domiciano Gallego-Ruiz, Anita Russell, Vince Savini, Donna Scharff, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, Veronica Serianni, Mary Ann Shaw, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Luke Simon, David Sparacino, Jake Stefano, Baby Caleb St. George, Donna Stine, O.S.F., Felicia Teske, Paul Teske, 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, Donna Zetterberg, Anthony Zul.



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

Pastor's Page

As we continue our Easter journey reflections on the meaning of Christ's resurrection in our lives, we begin to hear more and more frequent mentions of the Spirit, in preparation for our coming Pentecost celebration.

In the Gospel today we will hear Jesus speak of another Advocate given to us by the Father. It is the Spirit of Truth. Our first reading from Acts of the Apostles records the coming of that same Spirit into the early Christian community in Samaria.

In Acts, Phillip who helped to resolve a food distribution dispute recounted last Sunday, evangelizes Samaria, a positive, Spirit-guided consequence of the persecution and dispersal that followed Stephen's martyrdom. In Phillip's mission and ministry, Acts illustrates the diversification of ministries as the Church expanded. In the follow-up visit of Peter and John we see the simultaneous determination to maintain the visible bond of communion with the apostolic leadership in Jerusalem. The Apostles laying on of hands, and imparting the Gift of the Holy Spirit, evokes the Bishop's parish Confirmation visits. We are reminded that neither turmoil nor attacks from without should discourage us as we live out our baptismal commitment in the very human community of the Church.

We find enduring comfort and courage from Jesus' promise in today's Gospel. This is a continuation of the Farewell Discourses in John's Gospel. We are to receive the gift of the Advocate-Spirit of truth, abiding forever within the community. Jesus reminds his followers he will not remain with them visibly. But the Spirit will be the gift he gives to us. We should keep the commandments in mutual love and self-sacrificing service.

Holy Day: Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord, Thursday May 18, 2023

One of the main messages we receive from our Solemnity today is Jesus' instruction "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations". He also tells us, "I am with you always".

In ascending to heaven, it becomes possible for Jesus Christ to be with the Church always and everywhere, rather than just in one place and time. This is part of the Paschal Mystery and the Resurrected Body. Jesus is not limited in physical quantified matter.

Luke's message today right at the beginning of Acts is a very good practical meditation for us and our relationship with Jesus: Christ Has died (after he suffered); Christ IS risen (he presented himself alive to them); Christ WILL come again. (This Jesus will return....in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven).

The last line of the Gospel from Matthew is also instructive yet comforting: "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Mt 28:20

Father Casey

MASS TIMES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

**WEDNESDAY MAY 17
5:15 PM**

**THURSDAY, MAY 18
8:30 AM, 12:00 NOON, 7:30 PM**

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.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14 (59A)
- 2) 1Peter 4:13-16
- 3) John 17:1-11a





ATTENTION!

1973 St Hubert Catholic HS for Girls NE Philly Grads!

**50TH REUNION & GOLDEN GIRLS
Wednesday, JUNE 7, 2023**

Details at: huberts.org; Support SH; Reunions
Or contact Cindy Warner Brong
at cbrong530@gmail.com.

Hope to see you on June 7th!!!

The Hattal-Taylor Post No. 333 will be here on May 21st after all of our Masses for their Poppy Sales.

Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA Hospitals. The VFW Buddy Poppy program provide compensation to the veterans who assemble the poppies, provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and partially supports the VFW National Home for Children.

Please remember and support our veterans.

Weekend Clergy Schedule May 21, 2023 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, May 20, 2023
5:15 pm - Fr. Casey

Sunday, May 21, 2023
7:30 a.m. – Fr. Bransfield
9:30 a.m. – Fr. Bongard
11:30 a.m. – Fr. Casey

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR
BROTHERS AND SISTERS

John F. Gill



The **Mass Book for 2024** opened on Thursday, May 4. Please mail in or email your request to ihmpaish@comcast.net. You may also call Denise Schmidt @ 215-483-1000. Please call between the hours of 10 to 2 only. No in office request until further notice.

Please be advised that you may only request 5 Masses at this time. No exceptions.

2023 Roses are still available for the following weeks:

In Church - May 28, June 23, 30, July 23, 30, September 24, October 15, 22, November 5, 12, 19, 26, December 3, 10

In Chapel - May 21, 28, June 25, July 2, 16, 23, 30 August 27, September 24, October 8, 15, 22, 29, November 19, 26, December 3, 10,

Sanctuary Light (in the Chapel) the weeks available are:

May 29 to June 4, July 10 to 16, July 17 to 23, July 24 to 30, Sept 18 to 24, October 16 to 22, October 23 to 29, December 11 to 17, December 18 to 25.



The next meeting for the Golden Age Club will be May 22.

The next meetings of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall May 22, June 12 & 26 from 7-8:30 pm.

Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

SPRING HOUSECLEANING

Immaculate Heart of Mary will be hosting a Clothing and Household Goods Drive to benefit

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at IHM
SUNDAY, MAY 21 from 9am to 12 pm

SVDP will be using the services of The Thrifty Irishman Truck. Look for the truck in the Church parking lot. The Thrifty Irishman has no restrictions on what donations it will take, so this is a good time to declutter your home with items someone else may be able to use.

PLEASE, DO NOT BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE SCHOOL OR RECTORY AND PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THEM IN THE PARKING LOT. ONLY BRING THEM WHEN THE TRUCK IS HERE.

Sunday Offering Week of April 30, 2023

Envelopes \$ 8,432.00
Loose 917.80
\$ 9,349.80

of envelopes – 550
Average – 15.33

Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity

Please help our counters (they graciously volunteer their time) by filling out the amount on your Church envelope and please write clearly.

This helps to speed up the process.

Thank you so much!

IHM CYO Coffee and donuts DAY



Join us for Donuts and Coffee after the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, May 21.

This social is sponsored by **IHM CYO**.
Come out for fellowship, sweet treats and to meet our Spring Athletes!

The next pick up for St. John's Hospice is Wednesday, June 7 at 9 am.

**15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS
WEEK 13**

Joshua Cantor	\$300.00
Jessica Murphy	\$100.00
Betty Sienko	\$100.00
Louis Henniger	\$ 50.00
Ken Pagurek	\$ 50.00
Lindsey Bair	\$ 50.00
Kristen Wittig	\$ 50.00
Corinne Hillanbrand	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

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*

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, Musicfef5@gmail.com*

Ushers: *John Rudolph, Peter Caruso*

Sacristans: *Peter Caruso, pjcaruso45@yahoo.com*

SOCIAL OUTREACH

CYO: *High School and Grade School—Bill Hannigan athleticdirector.ihm@gmail.com*

Boy Scouts: *email: scouttroop474@yahoo.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

Pregnancy Hotline 610-626-4006 or Pro Life Union 215-855-8150