



# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 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, & 7:00 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 13 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—Spring Session is May 31.**

**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 4, 2025

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>3</b>	5:15 pm	Dennis Ameye
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>4</b>	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	All Deceased Members of the Salvatore, Schneider & Alfieri Families
		11:30	Christine Mazurek
<b>MON.</b>	<b>5</b>	8:30	Memorial Fund
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>6</b>	8:30	Mr. & Mrs. Lam Vuong
<b>WED.</b>	<b>7</b>	8:30	Suzanne Smelstoys
<b>THUR</b>	<b>8</b>	8:30	Mimi Curcio Mc Master
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>9</b>	8:30	Marguerite Ferraro
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>10</b>	8:00	Anna Atchick
		5:15 pm	In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>SUN</b>	<b>11</b>	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	*Diana Calabrese
		11:30	Joyce Lotkowski

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

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

Maria Aduso, Ruben Aduso, Joyce Bielawski, Wayne  
Bielawski, Cindi & Lance Bownet, Dolores Buzby, Lois  
Cartwright, Brooke Conklin, Walter Crate, Helen Cyzio,  
Mary Delaney, Mary Lou Dinda, Matthew Michael  
Donnelly, Maria Downey, Marie Dunne, Francis "Joe"  
Elliott, Chuck Fuges, Bernadette Giambuzzi, Lora L.  
Golasa, James Goussy, Mary Grbec, Joseph Henkel,  
Regina Joka, Florence Kesserling, Beverly King, Mary Jo  
& Paul King, Olga Kostic, Victor Kost, Mary Krier,  
Marianne Leahy, Colleen Long, Charles Lott, Eugene  
Magee, Michael Magee, Carmine Martino, Patricia  
Markelewicz, Dominic Matteo, Valerie Mc Carthy, Mary  
Mudry, Trudy & Dick Neff, Rosemary Notiwick, Frances  
Orlicki, Bill Pinto, Pope Francis, Maria Prince, Anne  
Sargus-Varian, Christine Seymour, & Sierra, John &  
Maired Scharff, Matthew Simmons, David Sparacino,  
Vivian Swiggard, Sr. Mary Thaddeus, Daniel Welsh,  
Lena Weredene, Wayne Whitehouse

*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 5 to May 11  
is in loving memory of  
May Gaughan  
requested by Mary Sokolski.



### ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church**  
is in loving memory of  
Clara, Kenneth & JoAnn Slovitsky  
requested by Helen Cyzio



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of  
All the Members of the IHM Memorial Fund.

### CONGRATULATIONS

*To the newly married couple in God's love*

*Mr. & Mrs. Evan Conboy*



**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 5, 19, June 9 & 30**  
*All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.*

*God's blessings  
to the newly baptized*

*Sonny Christopher Jaraowski*  
*Maverick Landon Reed*  
*Catherine Anne Malandro*

## Pastor's Page

Every Sunday of the Easter season gives us an opportunity to continue to contemplate the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. It is especially a time of grace for our parish as we celebrate the Annual Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions this week.

In each of the readings today we find signs of God's abundant life and forgiveness. The early church proclaims the Good News. The apostles catch a large number of fish. Peter is forgiven. Let us celebrate by recalling the signs of the Resurrection in our world and in our own lives today.

In the Acts of the Apostles today the Sanhedrin is "filled with fury" because of the success of the early preaching in Jerusalem. The Council has the Apostles put in jail but an angel of the Lord releases them, so that by the next morning they are preaching in the Temple. The guards have them rounded up once again and brought before the Sanhedrin. Though commanded to "stop preaching in that name" Peter now emboldened by the Spirit announces, "we must obey God rather than men". The Gospel must be preached!!!

In today's Gospel Jesus appears to the apostles after the Resurrection, and even prepares a meal for them. As we listen to this passage today, let us reflect on the many ways Christ comes to us and feeds us in our own lives. We need to seek Jesus out and spend time with him, in his Word and Sacrament. His presence will sustain us and give us the strength to live out our Baptismal calling.

### Forty Hours Schedule

**Rev. Peter J. Di Maria will be our guest homilist for Forty Hours.**

**Sunday, May 4**

**Forty Hours will begin at the conclusion of the 11:30AM Mass.**

**There will be a special procession after Mass from the Church to the Sacred Heart Chapel. The Blessed Sacrament will be solemnly exposed all afternoon.**

**Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction will be at 5 PM on Sunday.**

**Monday, May 5**

**Solemn Exposition will begin at the conclusion of the 8:30 AM Mass and conclude with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7 PM.**

**Tuesday, May 6**

**Solemn Exposition will begin after the 8:30 AM Mass with the Forty Hours Devotions concluding with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7 PM.**

**\*\* Note that the Miraculous Medal Novena will be prayed at 6:30 pm as usual.**

**Please plan to spend some quality time with the Lord during this special time of grace. It is especially appropriate during the Easter season as we contemplate Jesus present with his followers in his Resurrected body.**

*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.**



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



**If you ordered Flowers to support our IHM CYO, pick up will be Friday, May 9th in Father Sullivan Hall from 11:30 to 3:00.**



#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Acts of the Apostles 13:14-, 43-52 (51C)
- 2) Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
- 3) John 10:27-30





**"May the month of May be a month of sunshine, happiness, and endless blessings."**

— Unknown



**15 WEEK CLUB  
Week # 13**

Maricel Vivas	\$300.00
Meghan Kalinowski	\$100.00
Immaculata Di Benedetto	\$100.00
Melissa Mc Phillips	\$ 50.00
Lorraine Bryson Wood	\$ 50.00
Frank Shirley	\$ 50.00
Sam & Deb Bianco	\$ 50.00
Barbara Toland	\$ 50.00

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

The IHM CYO Car Wash has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 10th, 8:30a-11:00a at Maria's Ristorante (Ridge & Summit).

CYO athletes will be volunteering their time washing cars. Donations in any size are welcome.

Your generosity is appreciated. Proceeds will go to gym bathroom project.



IHM May Procession is on Friday, May 9th at 10 am in the Church.

Please join us as we honor Mary Our Mother.



On **Sunday, May 18, 2025** the Knights of Columbus will be hosting **BINGO** in Father 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**

**Refreshment for purchase**

**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. In these challenging times, with ongoing war, it's extremely difficult for the Christian community, which relies on tourism or pilgrimages. Many families are struggling to provide food for their children.

**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 (The 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2025)

SVdP will be hosting another Household goods and clothing truck with the Thrifty Irishman on May 18 from 9 AM to 12 PM in the church parking lot.

Please remember if your belongings are too stained, worn or broken do NOT bring them here, dispose of them in your own trash or the city dump.

Thank you.



**Clergy Schedule for Next Weekend**  
**(celebrants are subject to change)**

**Saturday, May 10, 2025**

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

**Sunday, May 11, 2025**

**7:30 am – Fr. Quan**

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

**11:30 am Fr. Casey**

**Sunday Offering Week of April 20, 2025**

Envelopes	\$ 5,401.00
Loose	405.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	<u>1,590.00</u>
	\$ 7,396.00

# of envelopes – 258

Average - \$20.94

Easter \$32,995

Easter Flowers \$2,310

Holy Thursday (Sr. Mary Scullion Project Home)  
\$714.00

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land \$1,584.00

To make a secure contribution on-line please visit ihmphil.org and click on the Parish Giving Logo.

***Thank you for your continued generosity.***



**RACE  
FOR  
EDUCATION**

Our 16th annual IHM Race for Education will take place on Thursday, May 22, 2025.

Our 2025 Race for Education goals are \$25,000 and 100% family participation. Every penny raised will help our IHM students! Our 2024 and 2025 Race day funds will be combined for the following upgrades: (1) security door replacement in the main office area and end of each hallway; (2) purchasing an additional automated external defibrillator (AED) for placement in the nurse's office; and (3) additional supplies needed by our teachers for their classrooms.

We are looking for corporate sponsors for our Race. If you own or work for a company that may be interested in Race sponsorship, please email Traci Kovach at [tuition@iheartmary.org](mailto:tuition@iheartmary.org).

If you would like to donate to our Race for Education, checks can be made payable to "Immaculate Heart of Mary School Race for Education" and dropped off in the rectory office.

Thank you for your continued support of the Immaculate Heart of Mary School Race for Education. With your help, this race will be our most successful Race to date!

**Sunday Offering Week of April 6, 2025**

Envelopes	\$ 8,808.00
Loose	1,055.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	<u>2,680.00</u>
	\$ 12,543.00

# of envelopes – 461

Average - \$19.11



## 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. Rita Morados** - *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)*

**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—Christian Hochstuhl [ihmcyo.athletic.director@gmail.com](mailto:ihmcyo.athletic.director@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 April 2, 2025.*

### 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 @ 7:00pm 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.*