



## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Website: iheartmary.org

*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 7, 2023

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>6</b>	5:15 pm	Ken & Colleen Gallagher
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>7</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Anne Marie Melough Wonyet Yee
<b>MON.</b>	<b>8</b>	8:30	Wonyet Yee
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>9</b>	8:30	Marguerite Ferraro
<b>WED.</b>	<b>10</b>	8:30	Mimi Curcio Mc Master 10th Anniversary
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>11</b>	8:30	Dolly & Tony Marinello
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>12</b>	8:30	Paul Curcio, Sr.
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>13</b>	8:00 5:15 pm	Margaret "Marge" Jara Charles M. Harron, Jr. 3rd Anniversary
<b>SUN</b>	<b>14</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Anne Marie Melough All Deceased Members of the Salvatore, Schneider & Alfieri Families

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

### ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of  
Anne Marie Melough  
requested by friends of Nancy.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of  
Anne Marie Melough  
requested by  
her family.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**  
for the week of May 1 to May 7  
is in loving memory of  
Charles Di Benedetto  
requested by Janice Di Benedetto.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS

*Liam Dillon*



***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, Rosemary Fatovic, 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, 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, Cindy Synder-Earnhardt, 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 1<sup>st</sup> responders.***

Please check to see if anyone has been blessed by our prayers and can be removed from our list. If so, call the rectory and let us know if some one can be removed. Thank you.

## Pastor's Page

As the Easter season progresses in the Sunday scriptures we find ourselves focusing less on the early church and more on what we do now. Jesus gives us a roadmap in today's Gospel. The Gospels for the next few weeks are taken from what is called the farewell discourse in John's Gospel.

Today Jesus reassures Thomas, Phillip and us who don't understand where Jesus is going much less how to follow him there. Our focus should be directed to knowing and believing in Jesus, and his words and we will find the way. It is not always easy to do this.

We can see a very good example of how the early church community sorted out a big issue in the first reading from the Acts. The Apostles have to expand the leadership because of the Church's rapid growth. Like Jesus, the Twelve had all been from Galilee and spoke Aramaic as their basic language. Jews from all over the world gathered in Jerusalem and many of the Christian Jews were more comfortable speaking Greek which was the international language of that time. The term "Hellenistic" describes people who were of Greek background and culture. There was a tension between these groups.

Acts presents the early church's very human nature. Ultimately this tension is resolved. The ministry of the Word, service to one another and the Spirit of Jesus combine to keep them together. The Holy Spirit helps the community resolve its difficulties so that deeper unity develops even as a healthy diversity eventually flourishes. It is important to note that the resolution keeps people in rather than driving them out. The diverging perspectives that prompt the dispute prove less important than the common bond that binds the two sides together. The Hebrew/Aramaic majority does not dismiss the concerns of the Greek speaking minority, "the outsiders". The community structure is modified and its ministry expanded in creative continuity, enhancing both worship and witness.

In John's Gospel today, the disciples are troubled because Jesus is talking about his departure. Jesus insists on the necessity of faith, stating that he goes to prepare a place for them and he will return to take them with him. Thomas asks, "how can we know the way"? Jesus answer is that Christian hope is not in a method or procedure but in a person. Jesus himself is the "the way, the truth and the life." Through and in Jesus, one comes to the Father, knows the Father and sees the Father.

Phillip then still does not understand and states, "Master, show us the Father" Jesus seems to give a sigh of frustration, but this is part of the process of faith. Jesus responds, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me Phillip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. The discussion continues, pointing to the perfect union of Jesus with the Father.

The Lord Jesus is God's Word to us. Jesus completes the lesson. "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." For the believer, that future begins in the present.

Father Casey

### Pre Jordan

The next Pre-Jordan Session has rescheduled from  
May 15 to May 22.

### May Procession

Please join with us in honoring **Mary, Queen of the May**,  
**on Friday, May 12, 2023, at 10 a.m. in our Church.**

Our students will process from the main doors of the school onto Cathedral Road and enter through the main church doors. There is no better way to celebrate Spring than to honor Our Lady, with this Parish Celebration.

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 8:5-8, 14-17 (55A)
- 2) 1 Peter 3:15-18
- 3) John 14: 15-21



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

*Benjamin Logan Bergey*

### 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.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL SCHOOL AND CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

All volunteers of our IHM School and Church must meet all Safe Environment requirements mandated by the State of Pennsylvania and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This includes all school volunteers and parish volunteers i.e. Lectors, EM, Choir Members, etc.

A list of all requirements are on the school website: [iheartmary.org](http://iheartmary.org). Go to Resources then to Volunteer and all the links are posted there. These clearances are **FREE** for volunteers.

These requirements are **MANDATORY** and there will be no exceptions. These **MUST** be completed or you may not volunteer in our school for any trips, dances or in house activities or any parish ministries.

The date we have for the Protecting God's Children Class here at IHM is **Thursday, May 11 @ 6:30 pm in Fr. Sullivan Hall**. There are many choices for other nights at other locations. Go to [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) then first time registrant then to list of sessions to find one that is convenient for you to attend. There are classes available also through zoom.

For more information call Denise Schmidt in the Rectory Office 215-483-1000. Monday - Friday between the hours of 10 am to 2 pm or email [denise-schmidt@comcast.net](mailto:denise-schmidt@comcast.net).

Please note: All clearances are free for volunteers. The State of PA requires that these be updated every 5 years. The requirements of the Archdiocese only needs to be completed once.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

On Saturday, May 6th the following parish children received the Eucharist for the first time.

Christopher Biddle, Averil Breen, Aubrey Brennan, Joey Brogan, Vincent Carnuccio, Dominic Cesarano, Connor Clayton, William Coogan, Isabella Eckroade, Leila Eisler, Daniel Evans, Scarlett Fitzpatrick, Teagan Franciscovich, Aubree Gallagher, Mia Gribbin, Connor Hill, Sunniva Holter, Ryan Kelly, Nicholas Krier, Giuliana Kurtz, Sean Lauf, Lorelei Mc Crossen, Caroline Marquess, Emma Miller, Anne Mullin, Max Montovani, Brooke Morrison, Fiona Murray, Aubrey Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Charlotte Pellicone, Quinn Pendergast, Courtney Pham, Jonathan Pierce, Charles Ross, James Stitt, Tyler Tarducci, Ryan Thomas, Derek Vergel, Kai Worley, Patrick Wright.

Please keep all of these children in your prayers as they continue their journey through life with Christ in their hearts and at their side.





The **Mass Book for 2024** will open on Thursday, May 4. Please mail in or email your request to [ihmpaish@comcast.net](mailto: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 2, 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 20, 27, September 24, October 8, 15, 22, 29, November 19, 26, December 3, 10,

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

May 22 to 28, May 29 to June 4, July 10 to 16, July 17 to 23, July 24 to 30, August 28 to September 3, Sept 18 to 24, October 16 to 22, October 23 to 29, December 11 to 17, December 18 to 25.

#### Sunday Offering Week of April 23, 2023

Envelopes \$ 8,448.00  
Loose 1,028.00  
\$9,476.00

# of envelopes – 507  
Average – 16.67

*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!*

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.

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





**Immaculate Heart of Mary School**  
**14th Annual**  
**2023 Race for Education**



*Ready,  
Set,  
Go!*

**THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023**  
**9:00 AM**

All proceeds go directly to Immaculate Heart of Mary School's 2023 race goals!

The 14th Annual IHM Race for Education will be held on **Thursday, May 11, 2023!**

**This year, our challenge is to reach \$25,000!** These funds will be used to help pay for ongoing security upgrades for our school, improving the curb appeal of our school building and additional necessary improvements.

If you would like to donate to our Race, please email Traci Kovach, Director of Finance, Development and Admissions at [tuition@iheartmary.org](mailto:tuition@iheartmary.org) to obtain the Race link. We are also looking for Corporate Sponsors, so if you own or work for a business that would like to support the students of Immaculate Heart of Mary School, please email Mrs. Kovach.

Thank you for your continued support of Immaculate Heart of Mary School!

#### 15 WEEK CLUB WINNERS

##### WEEK 12

David Cupchak	\$300.00
Jon Montovani	\$100.00
Christine Franciscovich	\$100.00
Michael Mc Bride	\$ 50.00
JoAnne Maenner	\$ 50.00
Kelley Glynn	\$ 50.00
Caroline & Joe Gentilcore	\$ 50.00
Matthew Rizzo	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!



The next meeting for the Golden Age Club  
will be May 8 & 22.

## 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, [Musicfef5@gmail.com](mailto:Musicfef5@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)*

**Boy Scouts:** *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**