

# Be Ready!



Matthew 25:1-13

## 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 (times may vary on certain Holy Days; please check inside pages or parish website)**

### 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**

## **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**819 E. Cathedral Road  
Philadelphia, PA 19128  
215-483-1000, Fax: 215-483-1732  
Website: ihmphila.org**

## **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL**

**815 E. Cathedral Road  
Philadelphia, PA 19128  
215-482-2029  
Website: iheartmary.org**

***Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor***

***Rev. Quan H. Tran, Parochial Vicar***

***Rev. Sean P. Bransfield, in Residence***

***Deacon Salvatore R. Bianco***

## 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 November 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-Canva Marriage Prep will be offered on **Saturday, December 9**. See page 5 of the bulletin 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 November 12, 2023

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>11</b>	5:15 pm	Josephine Molnar & Anthony Malatesta
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>12</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Leo Spaeder Anne Rush
<b>MON.</b>	<b>13</b>	8:30	Donna Flood
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>14</b>	8:30	Jack Vessey
<b>WED.</b>	<b>15</b>	8:30	Deceased Members of the Curcio & Raimondo Families
<b>THUR</b>	<b>16</b>	8:30	Thomas & Nancy Plover
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>17</b>	8:30	Pam Mundy-Hicke
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>18</b>	8:00 5:15 pm	Donna Lodise Joan Engelhardt
<b>SUN</b>	<b>12</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Peter J. Caruso, Sr. Bernard J. Quinn, Jr.

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

The 2024 Mass Book is now full. There are no more Masses for intentions.

For the 2024 year there are still weeks for Sanctuary Lights and Roses that are open. If you would like to have an intention for either of these call the rectory office. 215-483-1000.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of November 13 to November 19

is for Good Health for  
Chris Solarski, Sr.  
requested by  
Casey Family.



### ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is for a Happy Birthday for Christopher Romano  
requested by

Kathy & John Romano.

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory for Deacon George W. Kletzel – Happy Birthday  
requested by his wife, Pat.



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

Maria Aduso, 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, 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, Nancy Di John, Madeline DiPasquale, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Joseph Donnelly, Marie Dunne, Barbara Dziedzic, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Joe Evers, Bruce Fairchild, Mary Ellen Ferrell, 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, Fay Holder, Sheilah Janes, Frances Jefferys, Steve Jones, Chris Kane, Deborah Kapp, Luke Katona, Keith Kelly, Marek Kijek, 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, Elizabeth Matruak, Winifred Meall, Monica Mellon, Eileen Michel, Mary Mudry, Janet Murphy, Dick & Trudy Neff, Tom Newell, 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, Harper Renshaw, Casey Rigby, Joel Rivera, Tony Ruger, Domiciano Gallego-Ruiz, Anita Russell, Jane Sargus, 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, 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, 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

**Marano Donald D'Angelo**



## Pastor's Page

As we move toward the conclusion of the Church's Liturgical year, our liturgies start to make a decisive shift in theme. The scripture readings focus more on the end-times. Today in the readings Wisdom is presented as a central and necessary value. The wisdom that we need will enable us to be ready for the second coming of the Lord. It also will enable us to be the best followers of Jesus that we can be in the present also.

The Book of Wisdom is probably the last book written chronologically in the Old Testament. Evidence indicates it was written in the second century before Christ. The purpose of the book was to build up the faith of its Jewish readers. Some readers would be Pious Jews and the author encouraged their faith amid the troubles of life. Other readers were probably less convinced of Israel's faith and became captivated by Greek philosophy. For them, the book would support the traditional faith against developments of science and free thinking, reminding them of the nobility of their religion in comparison with that of their pagan neighbors. For those readers who had abandoned Judaism the book called them back to God. For Gentile readers the book pointed to the folly of idol worship.

In the Gospel of Matthew today, we hear the parable of the ten bridesmaids. It is unique to Matthew's gospel. This parable contains many features already present in previous parables. The ten bridesmaids are divided into two groups: the foolish and the wise. The foolish ones have made no provisions for lighting their torches. The wise ones have made provision. The story assumes the Palestinian custom of the bridegrooms going to the bride's house in order to make the marital agreement with his father in law. When the bridegroom returns with the bride to his own home, the wedding feast can begin.

The bridesmaids are expected to meet the bridegroom and the bride as they approach the house. The foolish bridesmaids are sure that the bridegroom will not arrive at night, but the wise ones recognize that he can arrive at any time! The foolish bridesmaids are caught by surprise and are unable to obtain oil in time for the beginning of the wedding feast. The door is then locked and they are refused entrance. The lesson is constant watchfulness.

The message of the Gospel is clear. Stay awake and ready yourselves for the coming of the Lord. What do we think we need to do to prepare for the Lord's coming? What about our lamps? We should reflect on the flickering flame, the light of Christ, that each of us received at our Baptism. Our individual flame was lit from the one Light of Christ. We (most likely through our parents and godparents) are then given the admonition that it be kept burning brightly throughout our lives. Meditate on the words "wise" "ready" and "awake" today.

Father Casey

### Clergy Schedule for Sunday, November 19, 2023 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, November 18, 2023

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Quan

Sunday, November 19, 2023

7:30 am – Fr. Quan

9:30 am – Fr. Casey

11:30 Fr. Bransfield

**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) Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 (157A)
- 2) 1Thessalonians 5:1-6
- 3) Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



## *The Giving Tree*



The Giving Tree will begin on November 19th and will end on December 17th.

There will be trees at all the doorways of the Church and Chapel along with papers explaining each organization and their needs.

If you have any questions, call Denise Schmidt 215-483-1000.

Thank you for participating and for your generosity.

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

*Faith Teresa Woods  
Logan Mary Filewicz  
Josephine Marie Filewicz*

The next meeting of the  
St. Vincent de Paul Society  
will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall  
November 20 & December 11  
from 7-8:30 pm.

Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

## **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

On Sunday, **November 19, 2023** the Knights of Columbus will be hosting BINGO in Fr. 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  
Refreshments for purchase**

## **MAINTENANCE POSITION**

### **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH PHILADELPHIA**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Philadelphia has a full-time opening for a Maintenance Supervisor. This position is 12 months per year. The candidate needs to be reliable, self-motivated and able to supervise others. The candidate will be responsible for overseeing the good order, maintenance and repair of the parish campus, including the Church Parish Elementary School, Rectory and Chapel. Basic hours are 7am to 3 pm weekdays. On call as needed in emergencies. This position is salaried with a benefits package.

Please contact Emily Miller, parish business manager at emilytmiller@comcast.net or call Emily at 215-483-1000.

## **Sunday Offering Week of October 29, 2023**

**Envelopes \$10,363.00  
Loose 808.00  
\$11,171.00**

**# of envelopes – 601  
Average - 17.25**

**All Saints Day \$3,176.00  
All Souls \$1,638.00  
Boot Up Philly \$2,659.00**

*Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity*

The Legion of Mary invites you to visit the historical display of Eucharistic Miracles throughout the world by Blessed Carlos Acutis in Father Sullivan Hall.

This event will take place on November 11 from 3 pm to 7 pm and Sunday, November 12 from 8 am to 3 pm.

This event is for the whole family. Come and find out more about this inspirational young man .

For more information contact Frank 215-356-3441.







## FALL HOUSECLEANING!

Immaculate Heart of Mary will be hosting a Clothing and Household good drive to benefit the

Society of St. Vincent DePaul at IHM

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th from 9 AM TO 12 PM**

SVDP will be using the services of The Thrifty Irishman Truck. Look for the truck in the Church parking lot close to the dumpsters. The Thrifty Irishman has no restrictions on what donations it will accept, so this is a good time to declutter your home with items that are no longer useful to you but may be to someone else.

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

### CHRISTMAS CHERUB CHOIR

- WHO:** Students in Grades 2 to 8
- WHAT:** Sing for Christmas Eve Mass  
December 24 at 4 PM
- WHERE:** Rehearsals in Church on Mondays at  
6:30 PM
- WHEN:** First rehearsal and sign-up Monday,  
November 13th
- WHY:** Share your time and talent with your  
parish!

Contact Mrs. Pfefferle with any  
questions...Musicfef5@gmail.com

### Koller Funeral Home Bereavement Support Group


Fall Schedule began on Thursday, September 21, 2023 from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM. Subsequent sessions on November 16, November 30 from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM. All sessions held at Koller Funeral Home, 6835 Ridge Ave.

This is offered to the community by the Koller Funeral home at no charge. Registration is required 215-482-5200 or email at [kollerbereavement@gmail.com](mailto:kollerbereavement@gmail.com)

FLYERS ARE AT ALL THE DOORWAYS OF THE CHURCH CHAPEL

The Annual Fall Appeal letter and census has been mailed.

Thank you to all of those parishioners who have already returned their census form and donation. It is most sincerely appreciated as this is the only major Stewardship Appeal for our parish. (Please be sure to return your census so we can update our records with any information changes)



#GIVINGTUESDAY

#iGIVECATHOLIC

**TUESDAY**


**NOVEMBER**

**28, 2023**

VISIT

[PHILADELPHIA.IGIVECATHOLIC.ORG](https://PHILADELPHIA.IGIVECATHOLIC.ORG)

**Search for Immaculate Heart of Mary School**




A little can go a long way when we get together and give together on Nov. 28 for #iGiveCatholic! Join the movement! Email Traci Kovach at [tuition@iheartmary.org](mailto:tuition@iheartmary.org) for more information on how to support IHM!

The Catholic Parishes of Manayunk, East Falls and Andorra will present the Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program for engaged couples on

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023**  
in Father Sullivan Hall,  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish,  
819 E. Cathedral Road.

The day begins with registration at 9:00 AM and concludes with attendance at the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass. Continental breakfast and lunch are provided. Certificates are distributed after Mass. Cost is \$100.00 per couple.

To register, please call Holy Family Rectory, 215-482-0450, Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 3 PM.

## 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*  
**TBA** *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

### 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  
[sscrip@iheartmary.org](mailto:sscrip@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.*