



*LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE*

## **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. 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 TBA.** 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 November 20 2022

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>19</b>	5:15 p.m.	Robert G. Reed, Sr. & Helen Reed
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>20</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Deceased Members of the King Family Charles Carlin
<b>MON.</b>	<b>21</b>	8:30	Prachtel & Ormsby Families
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>22</b>	8:30	Joseph Vu Nguyen
<b>WED.</b>	<b>23</b>	8:30	Frances Mc Guire
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9:00</b>	Anthony Kenny <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>25</b>	8:30	Michael A. LaPera, Jr.
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>26</b>	8:00 5:15 pm	Curran Family Joan Englehardt & Veronica Murphy
<b>SUN</b>	<b>27</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Adeline Lucchesi Julia Lott

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**  
for the week of November 21 to November 27  
is in loving memory of  
The Deceased Members of the Salvatore, Schneider &  
Alfrieri Families  
requested by Mary Salvatore.



#### PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN

Before leaving Church please check your pew and remove any personal items and bulletins. **Thank you!!**



#### ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in thanksgiving  
for Good Health for Chris Solarski, Sr.

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in  
loving memory of Joan A. Reed  
requested by Robert G. Reed, Jr. & Family



*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, Lance Bonnet, Mary Bartsch, Anne Basara, Joan Becker, Josephine Bellace, 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, Marianne Di Mucci, Madeline DiPasquale, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Beth Donnelly, Joseph Donnelly, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Joe Evers, Bruce Fairchild, Peg Fierko, David Fleetwood, Bill & Dorothy Foster, Kathy Foster, Sydney Franzmann, Barbara Freiling, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Helen Golbeski, Kelly Gruninger, Flora Hart, Bernadette Harwick, Anne Headly, Brenden Heyer, Don Holt, Sheilah Janes, Frances Jefferys, Chris Kane, William Kesslerling, Sr., Marianne Klusek, Olga Kostic, Angela Kotowich, Mary Krier, Hannah Lambert, Flavia Langan, Langan Family, Dolores Lanigan, Edward Lanigan, Marianne Leahy, Agnes Leinheiser, Dorlene Long, Carol Ann Lott, Hadley Ludwig, Charles Mansor, Cheryl Maresca, Elizabeth Matruka, Terry McCormick, Brian McGuire, Anne Marie Mc Keever, Felix & Louise McKeogh, Helen Magee, Elizabeth Matruak, Winifred Meall, Rachael Mellon, Scott Melina, Charlie Melough, Eileen Michel, Brian Morris, Mary Mudry, 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, Clara Ragni, Junie Rakosak, Harper Renshaw, John Reynolds, Joel Rivera, Tony Ruger, Domiciano Gallego-Ruiz, Anita Russell, Timothy Sager, Jane Sargus, Donna Scharff, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, Mary Ann Shaw, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Luke Simon, Jake Stefano, Baby Caleb St. George, Donna Stine, O.S.F., Felicia Teske, Paul Teske, Edward Thomas, Molly Thompson, Christine Triola, Louise Vesci, Maddox Vielman, Helen Wade, Walter Wayne Whitehouse, 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.*

## Pastor's Page

The Solemnity we celebrate today sees Jesus wearing a crown of contradictions. We celebrate majesty in humility, strength in weakness, power in gentleness. The challenge for us is to live humble, weak, gentle lives as Jesus did, as we follow his teaching and example, so that one day we will be crowned with his glory.

Today serves as an example of the kind of kingship that belonged to the Lord Jesus. Instead of an earthly throne, the cross was his throne. Instead of an earthly crown of gold and jewels, his was a crown of thorns. As we seek to imitate Christ in his suffering so as to share in his resurrection, we ask God for the strength to do this.

The second reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians is a good starting point today. In the passage today, we hear an ancient Christian hymn declaring Christ Jesus as cosmic Lord and peacemaker. The setting of the hymn serves to remind the community to lead a life worthy of the Lord. Christ is identified as "the very image of the invisible God, first born of all creation, universal in his effect ("all things were created through him") v.16

The Gospel today is a scene from the crucifixion. The incident of the good thief is unique to Luke's Gospel. The criminal who mocks Jesus is said to be blaspheming, a conclusion regarding Jesus' true identity. The other criminal asks Jesus to remember him when he begins his reign. He is referring to the definitive messianic kingdom the Jews expected at the end of the present age. In Luke's theology it also refers to the time of Jesus exaltation through resurrection and ascension.

Jesus in his dialogue with the man, promises him a place in "Paradise" **TODAY**, because the death of Jesus is beginning the exodus that will open a new way to salvation. It should be noted that late Old Testament Jewish writing considered paradise an intermediate state of happiness before the final judgement.

As we conclude the Liturgical year this week, it would be good to reflect on what our merciful God has done for us. How appropriate that as we end the liturgical year we hear the Gospel in which the Good Thief asks Jesus to remember him when Jesus comes into his kingdom. As we listen to these words, can we too come before the Lord Jesus and ask for mercy in our sinfulness?

Don't forget Thanksgiving Day is this week and while it is not a "Holyday of Obligation" in the traditional sense it is in a sense an American Holy Day. Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 9 am in Church. Participating in the Holy Sacrifice to give our thanks and praise for every good thing the Lord has given us is a very proper way to begin the Holiday season and put us in the proper frame of mind spiritually to begin Advent next week. Jesus' words after the healing of the Samaritan leper echo, "Ten were healed were they not, where are the other nine"?

As part of our own prayer and reflection, let us take the time over this last week of the liturgical year to make an inventory of God's goodness to us so that our prayers of Thanksgiving may overflow.

Father Casey

### **Weekend Clergy Schedule November 27 2022** **(celebrants are subject to change)**

#### **Saturday, November 26, 2022**

5:15 Vigil - Fr. Quan

#### **Sunday, November 27, 2022**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Casey

9:30 a.m. – Fr. Bransfield\*\*\*

11:30 a.m. - Fr. Bongard

\*\*\*Deacon Sam Preaching

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

- 1) Isaiah 2:1-5(1A)
- 2) Romans 13:11-14
- 3) Matthew 24:37-44



**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**

*Rev. Dominic Chiaravalle*  
*William Kesserling, Sr.*  
*Noman Reilly,*  
*Herbert Schwageral*  
*Daniel Ferry*



**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS FOR THE THANKSGIVING  
HOLIDAY**

Wednesday, November 23th 9 am to 1pm  
Thursday, November 24th closed for Thanksgiving  
Friday, November 25th closed.

**The office will reopen on  
Monday November 28 at 9 am.**



On Sunday, November 6 we had a Donut Day after the 9:30 Mass for our parishioners to meet the Seminarians from St. Charles Borromeo who joined us for Mass that day.

When the donuts were picked up at the Acme on the Ridge, someone had already paid for them. We learned that someone from "Sharing for Shamus" had taken care of the bill.

We would like to extend our warmest gratitude for whomever did this for us.

We will keep Shamus and his family and friends in our prayers and hope they know it was greatly appreciated.



**"Called to Service"**

A mini-documentary on the Permanent Deacons of Philadelphia

If you want to know more about the diaconate, or if you think you may have a vocation, please consider watching this well done film on the diaconate. <https://vimeo.com/753050230>.

**Don't hesitate to ask Deacon Sam if you have any questions.**



**PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION!**

The **Legion of Mary** has been active in IHM Parish for over 40 years. Our mission is growth in personal holiness through prayer and by reaching out to others searching for a closer relationship with Christ and His Church. Our way to Jesus is through Mary, our Blessed Mother. Come and explore!

We meet weekly on Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM in Father Sullivan Hall.

**Are You Looking For  
A Worthwhile Cause to Volunteer For  
Here at IHM?**

Perhaps you are retired or simply someone with extra time to share with others. Are you someone with compassion, good judgment and discretion?

Consider joining the IHM Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP). If you do, you could become part of a network of friends inspired by the Gospel who grow in spirituality while providing personal service to neighbors in need.

If you would like to talk with a current IHM member to find out more, call the Church Rectory at 215-483-1000 and ask to be connected with the SVdP HelpLine where you can leave a message with your name and phone number. One of our members will call you back to answer your questions and to discuss the value of our Society, not only for those that are helped as well as for the volunteers themselves.

Our next meetings will be held in Father Sullivan Hall in the Knights of Columbus Room on:

**Monday, November 28 and  
Tuesday, December 13  
from 7-8:30 pm.**

Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

*The next meetings of the Golden Age Club will be:*

*Monday, November 28th  
(Hoagies will be served )*





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

**Nellie Marie Naylor**  
**Jolene Marie MacDonald**

**The Polish American Heritage Association  
Manayunk/Roxborough**

**WIGILIA DINNER  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 2022  
2:00 PM**

**ST. JOSAPHAT CHURCH HALL  
124 COTTON STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA  
Tickets \$22.00  
Children 5 TO 12: \$8.00 Children under 5: Free**

**Information Contact: Helen Cyzio 215-482-3040  
or  
Joe Deskiewicz 215-482-9276**



*Welcome to the newest members  
of our IHM Parish!*

**Mr. & Mrs. Robert Miller**

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

Just a reminder that all casseroles should be cooked, then frozen and should only need to be reheated.



**THE GIVING TREE GIFT COLLECTION  
WILL RUN FROM  
NOVEMBER 20 TO DECEMBER 11**

The Giving Tree will **begin** on November 20 and **end** on December 11th.

We like to begin the Giving Tree before Thanksgiving so you can get the early sales. It also gives the organizations more time to distribute the gifts.

A list of the organizations and what color tag goes with each will be available on the tables at the doorways of the Church and Chapel.

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

**Sunday Offering Week of November 6, 2022**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>\$10,322.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>394.00</b>
	<b>\$ 10,716</b>

**# of envelopes – 597  
Average – 17.29**

***Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity***

**CHERUB CHOIR**

Calling all Students in Grades 2 to 8 to sing for Christmas Eve Mass on December 24th at 4:00 PM.

Rehearsals will be in Church on Mondays at 6:30 PM.

First rehearsal and sign up will be Monday, November 7th.

Come share your time and talent with your parish.  
Musicfef5@gmail.com

## 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, [Musicfe5@gmail.com](mailto:Musicfe5@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**: John Macoretta, Scoutmaster (215-680-1049);  
 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 @ 7pm 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***