

First Sunday **ADVENT** of



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 27, 2022

SAT.	26	5:15 p.m.	Joan Englehardt & Veronica Murphy
SUN.	27	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Adeline Lucchesi Julia Lott
MON.	28	8:30	Frances & Rose Di John
TUES.	29	8:30	Linda & Ronald Krier
WED.	30	8:30	Marguerite Ferraro
THURS.	1	8:30	Phung Vuong
FRI.	2	8:30	Theresa Selesky
SAT.	3	8:00 5:15 pm	Bertha Brady Joan A. Reed
SUN	4	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Carl Sokolski Patricia Kost

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

ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of
Gene Donahue
requested by
Elaine Donahue.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in
loving memory of
Jack Mc Mullen
requested by his wife,
Bettie Anne McMullen.

PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of November 21 to November 27
is in loving memory of
Jack Waldeck
requested by Mary and Girls.



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, 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 Vesce, 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 1st responders.

Pastor's Page

As we begin a new Liturgical year today we hear a very clear admonition: Stay awake ! Keep alert ! Be on guard ! The scriptures are a good guide for us.

Much of New Testament was written because Christ had not returned as expected. His followers had heard Jesus promise to return and they fully expected him to return at any moment. When the first generation of Christians started passing from the scene the Christian community began to think, "We must get some of this written down before all the eyewitnesses of Jesus' life and ministry are gone." This is how the Gospels came to be written about forty years after Jesus death. This process was guided of course through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes in the New Testament the return of Christ is spoken of as a grand, cosmic event in which Jesus will descend on clouds from heaven. Trumpets will sound, the dead will be raised and Christ will return in glory. Today we have another image on Christ's coming. In our passage from Matthew we hear Jesus say that the new age will come like "a thief in the night". He isn't saying that God is a thief, but he is describing how the kingdom of God steals in upon us unexpectedly. A burglar doesn't prepare those whom he is planning to burglarize. Surprise and shock are our reactions to a thief. Think about this for a moment. Hasn't God nearly always come to us in unexpected, surprising ways?

The readings today emphasize that we are called to do more during Advent than just wait for the Lord's coming. We need to make a distinction between 'passive' waiting as if sitting on a bench waiting for a bus and an 'active' waiting. We are called to an active waiting in Advent. We are called to act. Isaiah calls all people to come in peace and light to the mountain of the Lord. In Scripture, "high places" are very important. Many of the pivotal events in biblical literature took place on a mountaintop. Mt. Sinai, Mt. Horeb, Mt. Nebo, Mt. Carmel. Our biblical ancestors often stressed God's transcendence with the phrase "high and lifted up."

Transcendence isn't God's total reality. God is also immanent. In the Incarnation we have God "on the ground". Sometimes it seems easier to us if we can keep God at a distance. We can worship God from afar, but if the transcendent one gets involved in our real lives there is risk ! Everything we are comfortable with is at risk. Why else was Jesus crucified ? He challenged and threatened earthly power and popular values.

In Christ, God begins our transformation from the bottom up. The point of the Incarnation (God becoming man) is not to destroy our lower natures, but to transform them, to lift them up to God's glorious light. The Incarnation became real on history's time line in Bethlehem of Judea. We celebrate the eternal word becoming flesh and dwelling among us.

In our moments of Advent reflection, let us check to see if we are walking in his ways. This is being active in our anticipation of the Lord's coming, a true Advent. If we are we can pick up the pace in walking with him, walk a bit faster. If we are not so far, we can consider how best to reposition ourselves so that we may "walk in his paths."

Father Casey

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.**

The IHM Scrip program is a wonderful way to offset your tuition payments!! Scrip is now open to accumulate Scrip Credits for the 22/23 school Year! Buy gift cards from your favorite stores to earn tuition credits for your favorite purchases. Even if you do not have children that attend or will attend IHM, our Scrip Program can donate your rebate to a deserving IHM family or to our IHM Tuition Assistance Fund!

ShopWithScrip has launched a new app for families to order gift cards. This app is for families to use and place orders directly from your phone. The gift cards can also be paid for electronically and shipped to your home for a fee. Even with the app, you can still place physical gift card orders, but this app will allow you to use and order eGift cards as well.

How it works: Your family buys gift cards at face value. Your family earns a percentage on each gift card you buy. Your family uses gift cards at full value for your everyday purchases!

How to get started: Orders can be placed on the Raise Right app, or via email at scscrip@iheartmary.org. **The deadline for orders is every Sunday at 8 pm. Pick up your gift cards on Thursday evenings between 7:00 and 8:00 pm in Father Sullivan Hall. All orders over \$1500 will need to be prepaid in advance.**

Please reach out to scscrip@iheartmary.org with any questions about our Scrip program.

"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.

The next meetings of the Golden Age Club will be:

Monday, November 28th
(Hoagies will be served)



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



Casseroles

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 next meetings of the
St. Vincent dePaul Society
will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall
Monday, November 28 and Tuesday, December 13
from 7-8:30 pm.

Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PARISH CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION LAST SUNDAY

David “**Anthony**” Bautista,
 Molly “**Eileen**” Campbell,
 Alexandra “**Victoria**” Colleluori,
 Teagan “**Ann**” Corcoran,
 Brandon “**Andrew**” Cox,
 David “**Anthony**” Cupchak,
 Christopher “**John**” Cupo,
 Alexandra “**Elizabeth**” D’Alicandro,
 Connor “**Luke**” Dunn,
 Isabella “**Joan**” Durkin,
 Keira “**Elizabeth**” Eddleman,
 Talan “**Michael**” Ferraro,
 Lucas “**Anthony**” Fresta,
 Francesca “**Cecelia**” Hayes,
 Rory “**Rose**” Kebler,
 John Ivan “**Michael**” Kistler,
 Mark “**Francis**” Kovacs,
 Paul “**Peter**” Lodise,
 Erin “**Mary**” Marquess,
 Sophia “**Marie**” McCullough,
 Ryan “**George**” McGaughey,
 Dean “**Joseph**” Montovani,
 Declan “**Patrick**” O’Brien,
 Grace “**Cecilia**” Painter,
 Luisa “**Clare**” Pellicone,
 Sophia “**Cecilia**” Pham,
 Joshua “**Anthony**” Rivas,
 Vincent “**William**” Rizzo,
 Anna “**Katherine**” Rosanova,
 Brenna “**Valentine**” Schultz,
 Justin “**Anthony**” Scott,
 Emma “**Nancy**” Straface,
 Sean “**Peter**” Taylor,
 Colin “**Michael**” Thew,
 Makenna “**Marie**” Woltman,
 Max “**St. Francis**” Yoder,
 Madelyn “**Katherine of Alexandria**” Yucca,
 Stella “**Michelle**” Yucca

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Eric Shaffer



THE GIVING TREE GIFT COLLECTION

There are trees at all the entrances to our Church and Chapel with tags for the Giving Tree.

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.

Thank you for participating and for your generosity.

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.

Sunday Offering Week of November 13, 2022

Sunday	\$7,518.00
Loose	<u>425.00</u>
	\$7,943.00

of envelopes – 453
 Average– 16.60

Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity

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, Musicfe5@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: *John Macoretta, Scoutmaster (215-680-1049); 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 @ 7pm 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