

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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, & 7:30 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**

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-Cana 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 5, 2023

SAT.	4	5:15 pm	Joan A. Reed
SUN.	5	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary CONFIRMATION Norman Reilly
MON.	6	8:30	Memorial Fund
TUES.	7	8:30	John S. Calabrese
WED.	8	8:30	Elizabeth Ann Theresa Beattie
THURS.	9	8:30	Prachtel & Ormsby Families
FRI.	10	8:30	Jack Waldeck
SAT.	11	8:00 5:15 pm	Leo Spaeder Josephine Molnar & Anthony Malatesta
SUN	12	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Leo Spaeder Anne Rush

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of November 6 to November 12
is in loving memory of the
Walter & Anna Kusniesz
requested by
Laura Kusniesz



*Welcome to the newest members
of our IHM Parish*
Mr. Joe Jacquinto

ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of
Elizabeth Bartko
requested by her daughter,
MaryBeth.
The rose placed in the **Chapel** is for
The Family of Ludwik & Marianne Skarbek
requested by
their granddaughter, Helen Cyzio.



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, Marano Donald D'Angelo, Nancy Di John, Madeline DiPasquale, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Joseph Donnelly, Marie Dunne, Barbara Dziedzic, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Joe Evers, Bruce Fairchild, 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, Jim SchepiseVeronica 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 1st responders.

Pastor's Page

We come together today as we do each Sunday to praise and thank God and to celebrate the Eucharist as Jesus has called us to do. We do all this in a spirit of humility, aware that all we need and are and all we have ultimately comes from God and that the Eucharist is our “food for the journey”, Christ’s own Body and Blood.

In the first reading we hear from the Prophet Malachi, who preached to the people after the period of the Babylonian Exile. (approx. 538 BC) Although restored to their land, they had some restrictions namely they were not allowed to establish the line of King David, which in a way was not a bad thing because the failures in this area had led to the downfall in the first place. In its place the Levitical priesthood had taken more of a governing role as it had done in earlier times in Israel’s history and as had been envisioned in the Law of Moses. Unfortunately the priests in this time in Judah were abusing their authority and this is what Malachi is speaking out about in this passage.

We are reminded today that we have all been called to a life of service before God. Malachi specifically addressed the priests who of all people should be setting a better example. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that the Apostles gave their very selves in their work and ministry. And Jesus in the Gospel warns the crowds what will happen if one exalts oneself. We need to ponder God’s word with humble hearts.

Our true humility should teach us and make us aware that none of us is created more in the image and likeness of God than anyone else. Jesus lesson for all of us is that we are all called to serve, not to be served. “The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled but whoever humbles himself will be exalted” (Matt 23:11-12)

Jesus insists upon the interior bonds of faith and its practical results in daily life. Jesus called out those who’s religious observance is all show, “performed to be seen” Jesus is addressing the interior attitude of faith.

Father Casey

PS: Save the date! In two weeks on Sunday November 19th we will be having a parish wide celebration with the theme of “Preparing the Fatted Calf”. This will be an extended invitation to all our parishioners, especially to those who may have been away from the celebration of the Eucharist for an extended time, to return to the house of the Father. If you recall in the parable of the prodigal son, Luke 15: 11-32 that when the wayward son decides to return home, the Father rejoices. “While he was still a long way off, this father caught sight of him. He ran out to meet him” Notice he did not meet the son at the door with 50 conditions to get back in. “Quick! Bring out the finest robe and put it on him.....Take the fatted calf and kill it ! Let us eat and celebrate....” We can link this invitation to Matthew 22: “Behold I have prepared my banquet. My calves and fatted cattle are killed. Everything is ready. Come to the Feast.” Jesus himself is that Eucharistic Banquet. Jesus himself is our Passover Lamb, our food for the journey. We need to respond and share this invitation with others.

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) Wisdom 6:12-16 (154A)
- 2) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14
- 3) Matthew 25:1-13



Clergy Schedule for Sunday, November 12, 2023 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, October 28, 2023

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Casey

Sunday, October 29, 2023

7:30 am – Fr. Casey

9:30 am – Fr. Quan

11:30 Fr. Quan



The Immaculate Heart of Mary Home and School Association is looking for vendors for their annual Christmas Bazaar. The bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 18 from 10 am to 3 pm.

There are flyers on all the tables at the doorways of our church.

For more information contact Ashley:
fundraisinghsa@iheartmary.org
 or call 267-386-6369

CHURCH KNEELER RENOVATION PROJECT

We hope you are enjoying the comfort of the new kneelers and thank those who have donated to help this renovation.

We are still in need of donors for this project. If you cannot be a full donor you can always make a contribution to fund this project. Any help will be greatly appreciated. In order to have a name added to the plaque a full donation is needed.

At all the doorways of our Church there is an information sheet that has details on the Memorials that will be used to fund this very important initiative.

Please take an information sheet which explains all the details of this project. Blue envelopes are on the tables for your convenience in submitting the Memorials.

If you have any questions, call the parish office.
 215-483-1000.

Thank you

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

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)

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.

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

FLYERS ARE AT ALL THE DOORWAYS OF THE CHURCH CHAPEL

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.

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.

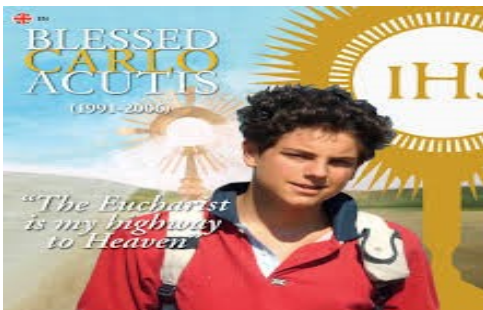
Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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.



Flyers are on the tables at all the doorways.

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.

Sunday Offering Week of October 22, 2023

Envelopes \$ 5,488.00
Loose 777.00
\$ 6,265.00

of envelopes – 354
Average - 15.51

Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity



Get in the Christmas Spirit at St. John the Baptist Church Hall, 4211 Cresson St. in Manayunk on Sat. Nov. 11, from 10AM – 6PM for our Christmas Bazaar! Santa will be there from noon-3pm with plenty for the kids as well as adults; delicious traditional food, vendors, raffles, “this and that”, wheels, face painting, kids games and crafts, and more. Visit stjohnmanayunk.org for more information!

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 - *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
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, Musicfef5@gmail.com
Ushers: John Rudolph, Peter Caruso
Sacristans: Peter Caruso

SOCIAL OUTREACH

CYO: High School and Grade School—Bill Hannigan
athleticdirector.ihm@gmail.com

Boy Scouts: 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 @ 7:30pm 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 **215-850-9740**.