

Matthew 21:28-32

The Two Sons

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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SCHOOL**

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Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor

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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 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.

Pre-Cana Marriage Prep will be offered on **Saturday, December 9**. See page 4 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 October 1, 2023

SAT.	30	5:15 pm	Samuel Falso 22nd Anniversary
SUN.	1	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Joseph Keough Rose Salvatore 8th Anniversary
MON.	2	8:30	Memorial Fund
TUES.	3	8:30	Louis Mangini
WED.	4	8:30	David Loughlin
THURS.	5	8:30	Phung Vuong
FRI.	6	8:30	Lorna Zito
SAT.	7	8:00 5:15 pm	Helen Deery Joan A. Reed
SUN	8	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Jim Di Benedetto David Loughlin & Charles Palmeri

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of October 2 to October 8
is in loving memory of
Lorna Zito
requested by her husband Al & son Nick.



ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of
Lorna Zito
requested by her husband Al & son, Nick.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of
Nancy DeSanto
requested by her husband, Joe DeSanto.

Sunday Offering Week of September 17, 2023

Envelopes \$8,126.00
Loose 965.00
\$ 9,091.00

of envelopes – 464
Average - 17.52

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.



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, Marilyn Cellucci, Officer Andy Chan, Pete Cissone, Michael Clark, Ann Colantonio, Brooke Conklin, Ashley Cox, 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, 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 1st responders.

Pastor's Page

Our first reading today features a passage from the prophet Ezekiel. Ezekiel prophesied in Jerusalem in the time before the Babylonian Exile, in the years prior to 587 BC. As did Jeremiah preaching at about the same time, he confronted the hard hearts of the people. His message was to let them know that God's patience with them was just about up. Ezekiel pleads with his listeners to turn back to God. Observe the covenant. Good things will happen. The Lord will protect and guide them just like he did in leading them out of certain death in Egypt. Unfortunately, this did not happen. Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians, Ezekiel was one of those deported to Babylon. He is best known for his prophesying there, where he inspired hope in the discouraged exiles that all was not over for Israel.

Ezekiel held out the promise of renewal to all that turn from their wrong ways and do what is just and right. God's requirements are more a matter of right practice than right profession. You do something right, not just because it is a law or rule, but because it is the right thing to do. It is right in itself and we should want to do the right thing.

What a person does with his life is more important than what he says with his words. I can still hear my mother's words echoing in my ears from a very young age as I would be corrected by her: "Actions speak louder than words". Ezekiel's words are meant to inspire rather than to threaten. God takes no pleasure in the destruction of anyone but desires and offers life to each one.

Every day we face choices. We have to make decisions. We make decisions between right and wrong, doing or ignoring, choices that promote justice. We should always be looking for inform our conscience with the right information so that we can make good choices. Each day we need to consciously turn toward the good.

In the passage from Matthew today (21:28-32) we hear a parable of two sons. This parable, which is unique to Matthew's gospel, assumes that Jesus preaching of God's kingdom is a pivotal moment in Israel's religious history. Just as the second son initially refused the father's command but later repented and obeyed, so the tax collectors and prostitutes are now reforming their lives in response to Jesus and are now entering the Kingdom. Just as the first son promised to obey but did nothing, so the religious opponents of Jesus fail to act upon Jesus message of the Kingdom. Jesus even calls them out for not listening to John the Baptist. The conversion of the tax collectors and sinners to the way of righteousness should inspire Jesus' opponents to accept his preaching and not regard him with suspicion and hostility.

The tax collectors and prostitutes who enter the Kingdom ahead of the Pharisees do not do so just because they are sinners and prostitutes but only if they repent as the second son did. The sinful son repents and ultimately obeys. That is the key to his entrance into the Kingdom. Jesus framed his question at the end of the parable in such a way that none of us can miss the intended answer to the question, "Which of the sons *did* the will of the father"? Doing matters.

Saying yes is not enough. Impressive words mean nothing apart from actual deeds.

Father Casey

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR
BROTHERS AND SISTERS**



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) Isaiah 5:1-7 (139A)
- 2) Philippians 4:6-9
- 3) Matthew 21:33-43



Clergy Schedule for Sunday, October 7, 2023 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, October 6, 2023

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Quan

Sunday, October 8, 2023

7:30 am – Fr. Quan

9:30 am – Fr. Bransfield

11:30 am – Fr. Casey



**The Knights of Columbus are hosting a
RED CROSS FALL BLOOD DRIVE on:
Monday, October 9, 2023 (Columbus Day)**

**2 pm to 7 pm
in**

Father Sullivan Hall

Appointments are preferred. To schedule an appointment visit:

**redcrossblood.org
Enter code: IHM Parish
or call 1-800-733-2767**

**Please come out and support this very
important event!!**

**MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR
IMMACULATE HEART OF MAY 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.

PROVERBS 16:3

**COMMIT TO THE LORD WHATEVER YOU
DO, AND HE WILL ESTABLISH YOUR
PLANS.**

**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



**PROSPECTIVE FAMILY
OPEN HOUSE**

Monday, October 9, 2023

Friday, November 1, 2023

by appointment only

Full Day PreK3 and PreK 4 Programs
Full Day Kindergarten
Onsite Before and After Care
Small Class Size
Faith Filled Instruction
Family Atmosphere
Middle States Accredited
2021 School of Distinguished Instruction



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Email Traci Kovach at tuition@iheartmary.org for your tour appointment.

www.iheartmary.org



GO PHILLIES !!!!



On Sunday, October 1, 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 of:

**Bingo games and prizes
Basket of Cheer
50/50 tickets
Refreshments**

The next date for K of C Bingo is November 19, 2023.

The next meeting of the
St. Vincent de Paul Society
will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall
October 9 & 30, November 20 & December 11
from 7-8:30 pm.
Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School
Class of 1973 50th Reunion
Picture at Logan Circle Fountain,
10/14/23 at 4 PM
Mass at the Basilica, 10/14/23 at 5:15
Brunch at IASTE, 10/15/23 Noon till 4 PM
Ticket Information: Hallahan73@yahoo.com

- Save the dates!
Upcoming Events sponsored by the Legion of Mary
- 1. October 14 at 12 pm** – You are invited to attend and pray at the outdoor Fatima Rosary in front of IHM Church.
 - 2. October 21** - Evangelization Day at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Doylestown, PA – Volunteer to visit homes with a partner to offer the Good News.
 - 3. October 27 – 29** – Attend a weekend retreat at Malvern Retreat House – Open to Active and Auxiliary (praying) members of the Legion.
 - 4. November 11 -12** – You are invited to visit the historical display of Eucharistic Miracles throughout the world (by Blessed Carlos Acutis) in Father Sullivan Hall.

More information will be upcoming or visit the Legion web-site www.philadelphiasenatus.org

For more information contact: Frank [215 356 3441](tel:215-356-3441)

5th DISTRICT/CHAPLAINS

FAITH & BLUE

PDAC/FALL HARVEST

National Faith & Blue Facilitates safer and stronger communities by engaging law enforcement officers and local residents through the connection of faith based organizations.

WHERE: IHM CHURCH PARKING LOT

819 Cathedral Road

WHEN: Friday, October 6th

TIME: 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM



***Petting Zoo/Bounce House/Free Food/Pumpkin Decorating
Come out and join the fun!

Roman Catholic High School Announces Fall 2023 Events!

Calling all Alumni! Join us on **October 29** for our annual Alumni Homecoming at Broad and Vine. Doors open at 9 with mass beginning at 10. A lunch buffet and Eagles watch party will follow. Register today by clicking the Homecoming 2023 tab

Calling all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and families our 2023 Open House is Sunday, **October 8th**! Come out and explore what our campus and curriculum has to offer to the next generation of Cahillites! Registration can be completed on our website under Admissions > Important Dates. We hope to see you there!



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 October 5, October 19, November 2, 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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 @ 11:30 am Mass

All Confirmation paperwork needs to be sent to Mary Anne Kostic-King immediately.

If you have any questions or concerns call Mary Anne at 215-483-1000 or email her at mking@iheartmary.org.

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**.