

BUT JESUS LOOKED AT  
THEM AND SAID TO THEM,  
"WITH MEN THIS IS  
IMPOSSIBLE, BUT WITH GOD

*ALL THINGS  
ARE POSSIBLE."*

**MATTHEW 19:26**

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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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, & 7:00 pm

**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 5 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—November 16, 2024. See page 4 of the bulletin for further details.**

**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 13, 2024

SAT.	12	5:15 pm	Francis V. Mowrey
SUN.	13	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Dominic D'Alicandro, Jr. Rose Rudolph
MON.	14	8:30	Binh Lam Vuong
TUES.	15	8:30	Mike & Mary Swider
WED.	16	8:30	Tieu Phung Vuong
THUR	17	8:30	Mr. & Mrs. Hoa Nguyen
FRI.	18	8:30	John Cupchak
SAT.	19	8:00 5:15 pm	Stefania Skarbek Joan A. Reed
SUN	20	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Peter & Rose Caruso, Sr. Victor & Frances Kost

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

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

Maria Aduso, Josie Bucolo, Dolores Buzby, Brooke Conklin, Helen Cyzio, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Bernadette Giambuzzi, Lora L. Golasa, Regina Joka, Olga Kostic, Charles Lott, Sierra Cheryl Seymour, Wayne Whitehouse,



*We continue to pray for our men & women in the military here and overseas and for all 1<sup>st</sup> responders.*

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

*Olivia Anne Andrew  
Naomi Rose Watson*

#### Sunday Offering Week of September 29, 2024

Envelopes	\$7,504.00
Parish Giving (on-line)	755.00
Loose	836.00
	<u>\$9,095.00</u>

# of envelopes – 411  
Average - \$18.26

To make a **secure contribution** on-line please visit [ihmphila.org](http://ihmphila.org) and click on the Parish Giving Logo.  
*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

#### ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of  
The Avila Family  
requested by  
Linda Avila.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is for good health for  
Mary Delaney  
requested by  
her sister, Kathleen Herron and nephew Thomas Herron.



#### CHURCH KNEELER RESTORATION PROJECT

We are still accepting donations for the **Church Kneeler Restoration Project**. Forms and envelopes are at all the entrances of the Church and Chapel.

The person that you choose to memorialized, their name will be placed on a plaque that will hang in the Church. This is a beautiful way to remember your loved one and support the improvement of our Church.

If you have any questions, please call Denise Schmidt in the Parish Office. 215-483-1000.

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of October 14 to October 20 is in loving memory of  
The Deceased Members of the Di Benedetto Family  
requested by  
Janice Di Benedetto.



## Pastor's Page

The Old Testament reading today is taken from the Book of Wisdom. In some circles it is thought Solomon himself was the author and it is titled "The Wisdom of Solomon". Solomon himself never appears in the book as the author. Scholarship has shown us that the Book of Wisdom was written very late in the Old Testament period. The estimate is that the book was composed around 50 BC.

It is interesting to note that this book is not accepted by the Hebrew Canon of scripture and it is not in the Protestant canon either. Martin Luther had it stricken from the record. Because Jesus and especially the Apostles were exposed to the Greek translation of the Book of Wisdom, the Septuagint, the Wisdom literature of the Old Testament is considered Canonical, part of the inspired Word of God, by the Catholic Church.

The purpose of the book and really all of the Hebrew wisdom literature, is to build up the faith of its Jewish readers. It is also very instructive for Christian readers and listeners. The book of Wisdom has a distinctly Greek background and it aims to combine the Greek philosophy of life, which many Hebrews had been exposed and the traditional Hebrew faith. Many readers had abandoned Judaism in Egypt and this book was calling them back to God.

During the centuries before the birth of Jesus, the people of Israel were under foreign domination. Judah fell under Babylonian control in 587 BC. Later they were ruled by the Persians, Greeks and finally Roman rule in 63 BC. The Greek influence remained however. During this time, many Jews were scattered beyond Palestine to places far from home, where they settled as strangers in strange lands. It was the hand of God that inspired the scriptures to help them keep the faith alive. They had to respond to the challenges that foreign cultures and powers brought to every aspect of their life.

There are seven books of the Old Testament that the Catholic Canon of the Old Testament considers the Wisdom Literature. The Wisdom Books are: Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Wisdom, Sirach, Song of Songs and the Book of Psalms.

In the passage today, Solomon is seen praying, and he chooses wisdom over power or riches. He realizes that those things such as gold and silver are temporary, whereas wisdom is lasting.

In the Gospel, a potential disciple is confronted with an astounding answer to his question on "inheriting eternal life". It is not enough to follow the law. One must remove all obstacles to discipleship. In the case of this man, his wealth prevented him from submitting fully to God. He left when challenged by Jesus. The disciples saw the man's fidelity to the Law and his wealth as attesting to his high standard before God.

The disciples became confused because the man fit their idea of success. They then asked Jesus, "then who can be saved?" This is a reasonable question. Jesus responds that humanity is unable to achieve salvation by itself. Only God can save. Fidelity to the law is important, yes, and attitude of surrender and a willingness to follow, mark the potential disciple. It is God's ultimate act through Jesus that achieves "eternal life in the age to come" Mk 10:30.

*Father Casey*

*Welcome to the newest members  
of our IHM Parish*

**Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Solfanelli, Esq.  
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Angelstein**

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Isaiah 53:10-11 (146B)
- 2) Hebrews 4:14-16
- 3) Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45



**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.**



### Clergy Schedule for Sunday, October 20, 2024 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, October 19, 2024

**Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Quy Pham**

Sunday, October 13, 2024

**7:30 am – Fr. Quan  
9:30 am - Fr. Sean  
11:30 am Fr. Casey**

### Visits to the Sick

We are in the process of gathering the names of parishioners who due to illness or age or mobility are not able to make Mass on a regular basis. If you are in need or you know someone who would like to receive the Eucharist at their home, please contact Denise Schmidt, the parish secretary during business hours with their information. We will be setting up visits by our Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist.

## Open Houses and New Student Registration for the 2025/26 School Year

Our next Fall Open House will be held on Friday, November 1, 2024. All tours are scheduled by appointment. Please email Traci Kovach, Director of Admissions, Finance and Development at [tuition@iheartmary.org](mailto:tuition@iheartmary.org) to reserve your Open House appointment.

New Student Registration for the 2025/26 school year for our PreK3, PreK4, Kindergarten and Grade 1 classrooms will open in October!

Registration for new IHM students will open as follows:

Tuesday, October 15, 2024: New students from IHM Parishioner families, 9:00 am to 11:00 am in Father Sullivan Hall

Tuesday, October 22, 2024: Registration will open to the public, 9:00 am to 11:00 am in Father Sullivan Hall

The age requirements for admission to Immaculate Heart of Mary School are:

PreK3: Child must be 3 years of age and **fully potty trained** (without pull-ups) on or before September 1, 2025

PreK4: Child must be 4 years of age and **fully potty trained** (without pull-ups) on or before September 1, 2025

Kindergarten: Child must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2025

Grade 1: Child must be 6 years of age on or before September 1, 2025

More details regarding our enrollment process and our New Student Application can be found on our school website [www.iheartmary.org](http://www.iheartmary.org). Please email Traci Kovach, Director of Admissions, Finance and Development at [tuition@iheartmary.org](mailto:tuition@iheartmary.org) with any admissions questions.

We are excited to meet all of our new IHM students and IHM families soon!

### FALL HOUSEKEEPING

Immaculate Heart of Mary will be hosting a clothing and Household Goods Drive to benefit the Society of St. Vincent DePaul at IHM

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10th**  
from 9 AM to 12PM

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 PARISH OFFICES AND DO NOT LEAVE THEM IN THE PARKING LOT. ONLY BRING YOUR ITEMS WHEN THE TRUCK IS HERE.**

### New Beginnings II

This group is for widows and widowers who share a common bond to come together in community for the purpose of friendship and social outings. It is open to widows and widowers of all faiths to join together monthly for fun and enjoyment.

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm at St. Helena's Church in Blue Bell, PA in the school cafeteria. Any questions contact Patti Lenox, 215-483-9395

### Upcoming Legion of Mary Events Save the date and register.

Friday evening, October 25 to Sunday morning, October 27 – 49<sup>th</sup> Annual retreat at Malvern Retreat House for Legion of Mary praying and active members. A silent retreat with Mass, Reconciliation, conferences, quiet time and nature. Both in-person (\$275) and virtual (\$75) attendance options.

Registration required for attendance – Registration / Flyers are posted at [www.philadelphiasenatus.org](http://www.philadelphiasenatus.org)  
For info: Text Frank at 215 356 3441 (C) or email [frank.k@verizon.net](mailto:frank.k@verizon.net)



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

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024**  
in Father Sullivan Hall,  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish  
819 E. Cathedral Road.

The day begins with registration at 9:30 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.



The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, October 14 in Father Sullivan Hall from **2:00 pm to 7:00 PM**

Appointments are preferred. To schedule an appointment visit: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) enter code: IHM Parish or call 1-800-733-2757

 A vertical poster for the IHM Annual Christmas Bazaar. It features a gold border with red bows at the top corners and a background of small red stars. The text is centered and reads: "IHM ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday, November 23 10 am to 3 pm Vendors & Crafts, Raffles, Games, Prize Wheels, Food, Visit from Santa & More! To be a vendor email [homeandschool@iheartmary.org](mailto:homeandschool@iheartmary.org) For Sponsorship & Raffle donations email [fundraisingsa@iheartmary.org](mailto:fundraisingsa@iheartmary.org)" At the bottom, there is a decorative wreath with the year "2024".

The next casserole pickup for St. John's Hospice is on Wednesday, November 6 at 9 am.

A poster for World Mission Sunday 2024. It features a woman in a yellow headscarf and a yellow t-shirt with a religious image. Text includes: "World Mission Sunday 2024 October 20th GO AND INVITE EVERYONE to the banquet (MT 22:9) YOUR GIFT HELPS SUPPORT: 38,140 Seminarians, 8,750 Sisters and Ophanages, 12,000 Health Centers, 844,000 Catholics, 258,540 Religious Sisters. SHARE THE FEAST: Give now Sunday. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith a Pontifical Mission Society. WWW.ONEFAMILYINMISSION.ORG"

**St. Vincent dePaul Society**  
 The next scheduled meetings of the St. Vincent dePaul Society will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall from 7-8:30 pm  
**October 28, November 18, December 9 & 30**  
*All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.*

A poster about Daylight Saving Time. It features a background of pumpkins and a clock. Text reads: "DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME When do we 'fall back' this year? NOVEMBER 3, 2024"

A poster with a scenic background of a river and a waterfall. Text reads: "Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand. Mother Teresa"

## 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. Gene Martino** - *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, [Musicfef5@gmail.com](mailto:Musicfef5@gmail.com)*  
**Ushers:** *John Rudolph, Peter Caruso*  
**Sacristans:** *Peter Caruso, Bill King*

### SOCIAL OUTREACH

**CYO:** *High School and Grade School—Christian Hochstuhl [ihmcyo.athletic.director@gmail.com](mailto:ihmcyo.athletic.director@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 Next pick up is June 5 @ 9am.*

### 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 @ 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.*