



**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. 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 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 15, 2023

SAT.	14	5:15 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Victor R. Kost
SUN.	15	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Peter J. Caruso, Sr. & Rose Caruso Cathy Pomonti
MON.	16	8:30	Lorna Zito
TUES.	17	8:30	Stefania Skarbek
WED.	18	8:30	John Cupchak
THURS.	19	8:30	Binh Nguyen
FRI.	20	8:30	Sean Donnelly & Deceased Family Members
SAT.	21	8:00 5:15 pm	Deceased Family Members of the Pham Family Robert G. Reed, Sr., & Helen Reed
SUN	22	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Rosemary A. Delaney Dorothy Salvatore

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of October 16 to October 22 is for
Friends in the Chapel
requested by
Rose Oakes



ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of
Edward Mintzer
Jack & Mary Jo Johnson.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is for
Son & Han Nguyen
requested by Son Nguyen.

Sunday Offering Week of October 1, 2023

Envelopes \$12,418.00
Loose 1,249.00
\$13,667.00

of envelopes – 608
Average - 20.43

Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity



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, Jane Sargus, 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

The image of a banquet is an important one in sacred scripture. Most of the time it points out to us God's great generosity and lavish kindness. In the New Testament, Jesus uses the banquet as an image of the heavenly kingdom to come. We each received our invitation at our Baptism. Do we prepare properly to celebrate each Eucharistic Banquet we participate in? Today is a good day to rediscover our invitation to the Heavenly Banquet and to assess what we do to prepare ourselves in the present and in the future.

In the Old Testament reading from Isaiah today (25:6-10) we see the image of a banquet that suggests a celebration after a victory is won. The image of a great banquet comes from ancient mythology and has a long history in the folklore of the world. In this case, the banquet is given "on this mountain", referring to Mount Zion. This would be a feast for all peoples in accordance with a tradition that all the nations would flock to Zion. This feast is described with mouth-watering vividness. It reflects the desire of an impoverished people for a bountiful meal.

Our desired salvation goes beyond even the banquet, as Isaiah states. God will destroy death forever. God will ultimately remove every threat that hangs over humanity, including the ultimate one. This foreshadows the mission of the Messiah many years later. In this particular context from Isaiah, with a people in exile, God will remove all sorrow and humiliation of the Jewish people as a result of the exile.

In the Gospel today we hear a tale of a royal marriage feast. It has many features in common with the parable of the Tenants that we previously heard. The marriage feast or banquet was a popular way of imagining what life in the coming kingdom would be like. The king and his son clearly represent God and Jesus respectively. The invitation offered by the first group of servants (the prophets) is refused, but the invitation given by the second group, perhaps John the Baptist or Jesus encounters not only indifference but also hostility to the point that those servants are executed.

Because the people of Israel refused the invitation to the kingdom of God, a general invitation has been made to all kinds of people, including tax collectors and prostitutes and perhaps even non-Jews. We need to take note however, that mere acceptance of the invitation does not guarantee participation in the banquet as the incident in verses 11-13 make clear. Guests at a wedding banquet would be expected to appear in clean, neat clothing. Being a tax collector or prostitute (or a baptized catholic!) is no more a guarantee of salvation than being a Pharisee or chief priest.

The lesson in the story is one must receive Jesus' invitation of the kingdom and act upon it so that when the banquet actually begins, one will be properly prepared to participate. In this context, the saying in verse 14 (the invited are many, the elect are few) suggests that the invitation to the kingdom has been offered to all sorts of people, but only a few of them act upon it in such a way as to be allowed to participate in the banquet of the kingdom.

Father Casey

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR
BROTHERS AND SISTERS

*Diane Collins, Joseph Brignola,
Hípolita Rivera*



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 45:1, 4-6 (145A)
- 2) 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
- 3) Matthew 22:15-21



Clergy Schedule for Sunday, October 22, 2023 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Quan

Sunday, October 22, 2023

7:30 am – Fr. Quan

9:30 am – Fr. Bransfield

11:30 Fr. Casey

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

*Jaxon James Ragan
Danny Martin Gibbon
Grace Deborah Carr*

**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.

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**

IHM Home and School Association is in the process of planning the Christmas Bazaar scheduled for November 18, 2023 in Father Sullivan Hall.

To volunteer for this event you must have clearances on file with the rectory. To obtain these clearances go to: iheartmary.org, then to resources, then to volunteers and all the links are there for you .

If you need assistance call Denise Schmidt in the rectory office 215-483-1000 or email denise-schmidt@comcast.net.

Volunteers are still needed to be table leads.
We are also seeking vendors.

Please email our HSA at homeandschool@iheartmary.org.



PROSPECTIVE FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

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
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AND TRADITION**

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

www.iheartmary.org

**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

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

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 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

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

**Miss Genevieve Coogan
The Trost Family**

*A special thank you to our Knights of Columbus
for hosting the Red Cross Blood Drive and to all
of those who donated blood.*

The Red Cross is very appreciative.

Save the dates!

Upcoming Events sponsored by the Legion of Mary

1. **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.
2. **October 27 – 29** – Attend a weekend retreat at Malvern Retreat House – Open to Active and Auxiliary (praying) members of the Legion.
3. **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 website www.philadelphiasenatus.org

For more information contact: Frank [215 356 3441](tel:2153563441)

The Annual Fall Appeal letter and census was sent out this past week. 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.



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.

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.



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.

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**.