



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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SCHOOL**

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*Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor*

*Rev. Quan H. Tran, Parochial Vicar*

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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 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 October 22, 2023

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>21</b>	5:15 pm	Robert G. Reed, Sr & Helen Reed
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>22</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Rosemary A. Delaney Dorothy Salvatore - 19th Anniversary
<b>MON.</b>	<b>23</b>	8:30	Blanche Loughlin
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>24</b>	8:30	Thomas & Nancy Plover
<b>WED.</b>	<b>25</b>	8:30	Lawrence & Helen Fantacone
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>26</b>	8:30	Pam Mundy-Hicke
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>27</b>	8:30	Robert Caruso
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>28</b>	8:00 5:15 pm	Anne Marie Melough Carol Simpson
<b>SUN</b>	<b>29</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Herbert Schwagerl John Flood

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**  
for the week of October 23 to October 29  
is in loving memory of the  
Deceased Members of the Avila Family  
requested by  
Linda Avila.



### ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of  
Rosemary & William Delaney  
requested by  
Ray Delaney.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is for  
Michael Vassallo  
requested by his friends.

### Sunday Offering Week of October 8, 2023

**Envelopes \$ 8,423.00**  
**Loose \$ 889.00**  
**\$ 9,312.00**

**# of envelopes – 464**  
**Average - 18.16**

*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.***

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, 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 1<sup>st</sup> responders.***

## Pastor's Page

Today our Epistle lesson is drawn from the thanksgiving verses found in the first letter that Paul wrote to the church in Thessalonica. This brief letter is most likely the earliest letter written by Paul. That would make it the oldest extant writing in the New Testament and therefore the oldest extant document in Christianity. It was previously thought that 1 Thessalonians should be read in light of the Acts of the Apostles. This is not the way to look at this letter now. Scholarly evidence indicates 1 Thessalonians is a first-hand document written by the Apostle Paul who was himself present for these events. Since Acts was written about thirty-five years later and after Paul's death, we can see clearly that 1 Thessalonians can stand alone and does not have to be read in light of the Acts. The account of the founding of the Church at Thessalonica as given in Acts 17 is quite different from the information we can see in the letter. It is questionable therefore whether the two accounts can be or should be harmonized.

The congregation that Paul is writing to is located in the port city of Thessalonica in Macedonia. This would be the modern city of Thessalonike in Northern Greece. It seems to be primarily if not entirely a Gentile congregation. Most likely the letter was sent from Athens or Corinth about the year 51 AD. We need to keep in mind that even though the Gospels are placed first in any New Testament collection, followed by Acts and then the Epistles this does not indicate in any way a chronology of the writings. Keep in mind that the Epistles represent a different kind of writing from the Gospels. The Gospels were a special literary form that emerged to preserve the story of Jesus and his message. An epistle or letter was a common means of communication of the day.

Paul would not have expected his letters to be preserved as part of a treasury of sacred Christian literature because he shared the wide spread belief that Jesus would return in glory within a generation, at which time the world as people knew it would end. Although the first Christians likely recognized Paul's letters as particularly valuable, the Church would only later recognize his letters as sacred and worthy of the title of Sacred Scripture. That is where the inspiration of the Holy Spirit comes in.

Paul had started the church at Thessalonica and was extremely pleased with Timothy's report on how the congregation was doing. He gives thanks to God for their "work of faith", their "labor of love" and their "endurance in hope". Paul was a man of gratitude for his blessings. He was quick to express thanksgiving to his friends for what they had given him. He was likewise eager to express thanksgiving to God. That spirit of thanksgiving nourished a warm heart and a generous spirit toward all.

The main concern that Paul had about the church in Thessalonica was they were inordinately obsessed with questions about the end of time and the coming of Christ. Although these are certainly important issues they can also cause a person to lose perspective on the importance of living their life in the here and now. Paul was concerned that the overemphasis within the church on the end-time was making them lose perspective and opportunity in the meantime. He therefore writes to the Church to keep working, keep active, keep busy and let God take care of the big questions of time and destiny.

It seemed some of the church members, believing the end was near at hand, had quit their work, withdrawn from the world and simply sat back awaiting the coming of Christ. Paul admonishes them to get back to work, back to life, back to service. What better way to prepare for the coming of Christ than to be found busy in the work of the Kingdom when Christ returns.

Today is a relatively brief passage from the letter to the Thessalonians (1:1-5) I would suggest for spiritual reading this week the rest of the letter. It would be time well spent.

*Father Casey*

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) Exodus 22:20-26 (148A)
- 2) 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
- 3) Matthew 22:34-40



## Pray for PEACE

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

*Francis "Frank" Skoczen*  
*Joseph Mattei*



**Clergy Schedule for Sunday, October 29, 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**

**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 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](mailto:kollerbereavement@gmail.com)

FLYERS ARE AT ALL THE DOORWAYS OF THE CHURCH CHAPEL

**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**

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:homeandschool@iheartmary.org).**

**SCIENCE TEACHER NEEDED**

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent Catholic girls' school for grades 9-12 in Merion Station, PA, seeks a long term substitute Science Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. The complete job description can be found on the school website: <http://www.merion-mercy.com/employment-opportunities>.

Interested applicants should contact Valerie Prucnal ([vprucnal@merion-mercy.com](mailto:vprucnal@merion-mercy.com))



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.

The Roxborough/Manayunk Lioness are  
hosting a Designer Bag Bingo on Sunday,  
October 29th from 2 pm to 5pm.

It will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
819 Cathedral Road in Father Sullivan Hall.

BYOB, Tickets are \$40 per person.

For tickets and more information call Cheryl  
@ 215-720-5990 or Candy 215-394-7332.

100% of the proceeds help the visually im-  
paired



### SAVE THE DATES!!

- Upcoming Events sponsored by the Legion of Mary
- 1. October 27-29** –Attend a weekend retreat at Malvern Retreat House – Open to Active and Auxiliary (praying) members of the Legion.
  - 2. 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](http://www.philadelphiasenatus.org)

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

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)

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.

**The IHM Scrip program** is a wonderful way to offset your tuition payments!! Scrip is now open to accumulate Scrip Credits for the 24/25 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](mailto: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](mailto:scscrip@iheartmary.org) with any questions about our Scrip program.

## 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](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

### SOCIAL OUTREACH

**CYO**: High School and Grade School—Bill Hannigan  
[athleticdirector.ihm@gmail.com](mailto:athleticdirector.ihm@gmail.com)

**Boy Scouts**: email: [scouttroop474@yahoo.com](mailto:scouttroop474@yahoo.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

### 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.**