

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 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 29, 2023

SAT.	28	5:15 pm	Carol Simpson
SUN.	29	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Herbert Schwagerl John Flood
MON.	30	8:30	Norman Reilly
TUES.	31	8:30 5:15pm	Paul Curcio, Jr. All Saints Day Vigil Fred Paone
WED.	1	8:30 12:00 pm 7:30 pm	All Saints Day Chieu Nguyen Eleanor & Lamar Moffett Joseph Whisted
THURS.	2	8:30	All Souls Day No Intention
FRI.	3	8:30	Agnes & Harold Gaughan
SAT.	4	8:00 5:15 pm	Eileen Mullen Joan A. Reed
SUN	5	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary Norman Reilly

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of October 30 to November 5
is in loving memory of the
Jack Waldeck
requested by Mary & the girls.



The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Coffey will be here on Sunday, November 5th at the 11:30 Mass to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our parish children.

Please pray for our confirmandi as they receive this most special sacrament.

All are welcome to attend.

ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of
Dorothy & Florence Schneider –Happy Birthday
requested by
The Salvatore Family.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is for
Marianne Klusek
requested by
Tom & Trish Doyle.



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 1st responders.

Pastor's Page

In today's gospel Jesus is challenged about the greatest commandment. This is a continuation of various controversies where Jesus' opponents are trying to catch him in some inconsistencies between his teaching and the Law of Moses. If you took all the prescriptions in the Law of Moses, it is said that there were 613 precepts of the Law. There were 248 positive prescriptions of the law and 365 negative prescriptions of the law. So you see they were discussing more than just the "Decalogue" or the ten commandments of the law.

The controversy today revolves around what was the greatest commandment in the Old Testament. The questioners are the Pharisees in the person of a lawyer. Jewish teachers of Jesus' time were frequently asked to summarize the law in a brief statement. For example a scholar names Hillel summarized the law in a way that is much like the Golden Rule of Jesus: "What you hate for yourself, do not do to your neighbor. This is the whole law; the rest is commentary. Go and learn."

Jesus summary of the law consists of two commandments that encourage love of God (Deuteronomy 6:5) and love of neighbor (Leviticus 19:18), these two commandments are the threads on which the entire law hangs. With this answer, Jesus proves his fidelity to the Jewish tradition and his commitment to a spirituality that emphasizes the essentials.

The first reading is from Exodus 22. These laws from this passage concern those who are legally helpless. It is about aliens who are foreigners who live in the midst of Israel and enjoy certain God given rights because of their dignity as human beings. Since they do not enjoy full civic rights on a par with Israelites, they are often victims of oppression. In this instance, Israel is to recall her own precarious existence in Egypt and thus treat the alien appropriately. Yahweh will listen to the laments and take punitive action against the guilty. This is ground breaking social teaching! This call for attention to social justice and compassion was remarkable in the ancient world. It helped distinguish Israel as a special people with a special God. Israel's conviction is that a truly strong society provides for its weakest members.

These Old Testament verses today support Jesus' own contention that all of God's laws are based on love of God and love of neighbor. Obedience and attention to these two commandments fulfills the will of God for every human being.

In the Epistle today, St. Paul commends the Christians at Thessalonica for becoming a model for all believers. Faith in God is to be demonstrated in a way of life, not just observing a law. They were to demonstrate to an unbelieving world their faith in God. The followers of Christ are expected to reach out to the needy as he did – to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, free the captive.

Jesus' simple reply today, rooted in the Old Testament mandate, is a challenge to all of us. Love of God and love of neighbor have not changed in two thousand years.

Father Casey

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR
BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Ed Oakes
John Ranieri



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) Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 (667)
- 2) 1John 3:1-3
- 3) Matthew 25:1-12a



Sunday Offering Week of October 15, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 8,822.00
Loose	\$ 927.00
	\$ 9,749.00

of envelopes – 551
Average - 16.01

Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity

The next casserole pickup for St. John's Hospice is on
Wednesday, November 1 at 9 am.



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.

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

Cassidy Joyce Jones

**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

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

FLYERS ARE AT ALL THE DOORWAYS OF THE CHURCH CHAPEL

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

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Sullivan
Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Brogno

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)

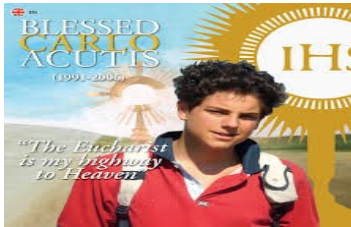
The next meeting of the
St. Vincent de Paul Society
will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall
October 30, November 20 & December 11
from 7-8:30 pm.
Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

The 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 who is now a saint.

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.

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 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



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
- Family Atmosphere
- Middle States Accredited
- 2021 School of Distinguished Instruction







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AND TRADITION**

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

www.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**.