



Let the children come to me

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

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**819 E. Cathedral Road
Philadelphia, PA 19128
215-483-1000, Fax: 215-483-1732
Website: ihmphila.org**

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

**815 E. Cathedral Road
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215-482-2029
Website: iheartmary.org**

Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor

Rev. Quan H. Tran, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Sean P. Bransfield, in Residence

Deacon Salvatore R. Bianco

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 6, 2024

SAT.	5	5:15 pm	Thomas & Nancy Plover
SUN.	6	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Nancy DeSanto Francis V. Mowrey
MON.	7	8:30	Memorial Fund
TUES.	8	8:30	Paul Panzer
WED.	9	8:30	Sean Donnelly & Deceased Family Members
THUR	10	8:30	Joan A. Reed
FRI.	11	8:30	Robert "Bob" Miziorko
SAT.	12	8:00 5:15 pm	Quoc Viet Nguyen Francis V. Mowrey
SUN	13	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Dominic D'Alcandro, Jr. Rose Rudolph

***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, Helen Cyzio, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Lora L. Golasa, Regina Joka, Olga Kostic, Wayne Whitehouse,



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

*God's blessings
to the newly baptized children in the
Catholic faith
Maci Clare Filewicz
Holy Marvin Ulysse*

Sunday Offering Week of September 22, 2024

Envelopes	\$6,560.00
Parish Giving (on-line)	985.00
Loose	955.00
	<u>\$8,500.00</u>

of envelopes – 420
Average - \$15.62

To make a **secure contribution** on-line please visit 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 William & Priscilla King, Sr.
requested by William and Mary Anne King.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is loving memory of David Loughlin
requested by The Loughlin Family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Georgiana Miller



The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of October 7 to October 13 is in loving memory of Rose & Michael Triola
requested by Lorraine Wood.



"Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary." "The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today." "The only thing ever achieved in life without effort is failure."

St. Francis of Assisi

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.

Pastor's Page

One of the teachings of the Book of Genesis is that humanity has an intimate relationship with God from the beginning. We were created in God's image. Not only that, but we also have an intimate relationship with each other, for the partner of the first human was created out of the first. These are some of the basic lessons that the creation story in Genesis tries to impart. We are made in the image and likeness of God and created to be in relationship with each other.

The motive given by Yahweh for the creation of woman is that, "It is not good for the man to be alone, I will make a suitable partner for him". This is the bedrock of the marriage relationship. The woman has an inherent dignity in the institution of Marriage. The woman is to be the one in whom man finds support and strength.

Even though the human creatures and the animals are both living beings, the animals do not prove to be a "suitable partner for the man." A second time, Yahweh attempts to form a suitable helper, and this time forms a woman from one of the ribs of the man. He is put into a deep sleep lest the act of creation be witnessed. The act of creation remains a divine mystery. When the woman is brought to the man, he exclaims in poetic form that at last a suitable partner has been found. Her mysterious creation by God from human substance underscores the common nature she shares with the man and the bond that unites them. This is a great gift that has continued to unfold for thousands of years to the present day.

In the Gospel, Jesus expands the biblical foundation for marriage by combining both the first story of Creation ("God made them male and female") Genesis 1:27, with the second ("for this reason a man shall leave.....") Genesis 2:24.

Though the argument with the Pharisees appears to concern divorce, the deeper point of division concerns the correct interpretation of Scripture. The Pharisees cite Moses (Deuteronomy 24:1), Jesus however, roots his teaching in God ("What God has joined..."). The Gospel reading also includes the account of people bringing their children to Jesus. Though the disciples rebuke them, Jesus intervenes. The children are without status or power in the society and Jesus says it is to such as them that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs. As Jesus warns, "whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter it" Mark 10:15.

We conclude with the author of the Hebrews who notes that in order to accomplish his mission Jesus needed to share in our humanity. In doing so, he became Emmanuel, a name that means "God is with us". We have an intimate connection not just with one another but with God. In today's passage, Jesus humanity and his death are acknowledged ("he was made lower than the angels that ...he might taste death.") It is through this very death, this very real death, that Jesus perfected salvation. Jesus' suffering "completes" the salvation now available to us.

On this Respect Life Sunday we note that all life, everyone's life, is a gift from God, a gift given out of love by our Creator. All life is precious in God's eyes, from conception to natural death.

Father Casey

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Wisdom 7:7-11 (143B)
- 2) Hebrews 4:12-13
- 3) Mark 10:17-30 or 17-27



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 13, 2024 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, October 12, 2024

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Casey

Sunday, October 13, 2024

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

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.



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.

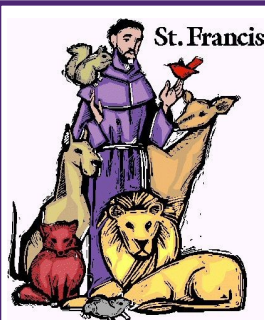
FALL HOUSEKEEPING

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.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Date: Sunday, October 6
Time: 1 PM
Place: In front of
Father Sullivan Hall



All are invited to participate at the
Public Square Rosary Rally
Saturday, October 12 at 12:00 Noon
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Church Front Lawn on Cathedral Road
(Please bring lawn chairs if you are unable to stand)

The Public Square Rosary is sponsored by *America Needs Fatima* and will occur across the United States on that day. Join us and others across America to pray for peace in **our world, our country and our communities**. Pray for our Church, families and protection for all God's children. Let's show our love and gratitude, and to make amends for all the offenses committed against Our Dear Lord's Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary—as Mary proclaimed at Fatima.

Please visit the website: www.ANF.org for additional information.

IHM contact person: Sharon Schepise 215-482-8129 or 215-251-2222

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.

Saturday, October 12, 2024 - Evangelization Day #2 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Bridgeport – Share the love of your Faith with an experienced partner talking to people at home. Rosary at 8:30 am, Mass 9:00 followed by breakfast, training, visitation of homes, lunch, ending around 2:30 pm.

Friday evening, October 25 to Sunday morning, October 27 – 49th 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
For info: Text Frank at 215 356 3441 (C) or email frank.k@verizon.net

Parish Giving
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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
enter code: IHM Parish or call
1-800-733-2757

*Welcome to the newest members
of our IHM Parish*

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Ibach
Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Gampon
Ms. Yvette Haefner
Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Zaffino, Jr.
Mr. Christopher Rapone
Ms. Amanda Concha
Mr. Tyler Hopp, Ms. Grace Mason
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Waninger
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Okeakpu

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 7 & 28, November 18, December 9 & 30
All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.

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

CYO NEWS

The 2024-25 IHM CYO Basketball registration for girls and boys Varsity (grades 7-8) and Junior Varsity (grades 5-6) is officially open! Registration will close on Sunday, October 20th.
\$160 Fee. *\$25 family discount for each additional child. Payment must be in the form of a check made out to IHM CYO. No cash payments will be accepted. Fees will be collected in person. (Dates to be announced) To register please fill out the Google Form which can be found on the IHM CYO and IHM School Facebook pages, IHM School website (under Student Life-CYO) or email imcyo.athletic.director@gmail.com.

2024-25 High School CYO Basketball registration is open for boys in grades 9th to 12th.

Registration will close on Sunday, October 20th.

\$150 Fee. *\$25.00 Discount for Family Multiplayers. Payment must be in the form of a check made out to IHM CYO. No cash payments will be accepted. Fees will be collected in person (dates TBD).

Athletes who play or are on the roster for their high school basketball team are not eligible for high school CYO.

If you are trying out for your high school team (most likely 9th graders) you should still register for CYO. This way you are covered if you get cut by your high school team. High School tryouts are on the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. If you don't register for CYO and you get cut from your high school team, we cannot guarantee you a spot on the CYO team.

TO REGISTER: Please fill out the Google Form which can be found on the IHM CYO Knights Facebook page or email Dan McCollum at dannymccjr@comcast.net

IHM CYO is hosting a trip to The Bates Motel & Haunted Hayride on Saturday, October 19th for all students in grades 6th to 8th. Deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, October 11th. Tickets can be purchased at www.thebatesmotel.com using discount code "IHM" Choose "Saturday Night Combo Ticket 6:30pm" time slot

Ticket price is \$52 (after fee & discount), includes all attractions

Bus will leave IHM at 5:30pm. Bus fee is \$15 pp; chaperones ride free. Chaperones are needed and each will need to buy a Bates Motel Ticket. This is a first come, first serve basis. Bus fee can be sent via Venmo only to @dsnyderman (Devin Snyderman). If Venmo is not received, we cannot guarantee a spot on the bus. To sign up for bus transportation, an online form can be found in the Bates Motel post on the IHM CYO Knights Facebook page.

Interested chaperones, please email Michelle at mxewolfe@gmail.com *Chaperones must have their clearances on file with the Rectory Office*

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*
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, Bill King*

SOCIAL OUTREACH

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

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.