



*'I tell you, then,
that the kingdom
of God will be
taken from you
and given to a
people who will
produce its fruit.'*

**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 TBA** 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 8, 2023

SAT.	7	5:15 pm	Joan A. Reed
SUN.	8	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	Jim Di Benedetto
		11:30	David Loughlin & Charles Palmeri
MON.	9	8:30	Thelma Lee 41st Anniversary
TUES.	10	8:30	JoAnne Gargiulo
WED.	11	8:30	Khoi Nguyen
THURS.	12	8:30	Mike & Mary Swider
FRI.	13	8:30	Dominic D'Alicandro, Jr.
SAT.	14	8:00	James Hodges
		5:15 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Victor R. Kost
SUN	15	7:30	IHM Parishioners
		9:30	Peter J. Caruso, Sr. & Rose Caruso
		11:30	Cathy Pomonti

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**

for the week of October 9 to October 15

is in loving memory of

Rose & Michael Triola

requested by Lorraine Wood.



ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of

Francis Mowry

requested by his children.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of

Catherine Dougherty

requested by Eileen Donnelly.

Sunday Offering Week of September 17, 2023

Envelopes \$8,126.00

Loose 965.00

\$9,091.00

of envelopes – 464

Average - 17.52

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, 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

As autumn progresses, we hear more harvest images in our Sunday scripture readings. In Isaiah and Matthew we hear two passages about tending vineyards and yielding grapes. This can be a challenge for us to understand since in the city we are far removed physically and philosophically from an agrarian economy.

In the first reading from Chapter 5 of Isaiah we hear the “song of the vineyard”. It is about a man who built an apparently perfect vineyard. He did everything right. He cleared the ground, tilled the soil and planted good vines. Still the vineyard produced a bitter harvest. In this story, Isaiah is comparing the vineyard owner to God and the vines to the house of Israel. He has God asking the question, “What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done?”

The parable from Matthew today shows Jesus obviously alluding to the description of Israel as God’s vineyard. Many of the phrases Jesus uses are taken directly from the Old Testament passage. Jesus is linking the tenant farmers to the religious and political leaders. Many servants (the prophets) were sent to the vineyard but they all met the same fate. The owner expects that at least his Son (Jesus) will be received with respect. In fact, he receives even worse treatment, to the point of being killed outside the vineyard.

When the owner himself comes, he will punish the tenants by destroying them and taking away their claim to preeminence in God’s kingdom. The vineyard will be leased to others (Christians) and the people of God in Christ will yield an abundant harvest. The opponents’ rejection of Jesus (the stone) is the reason for their punishment. Matthew’s community would find in this parable an explanation for the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 AD and a justification for its claim to be the true people of God. The major enemies of Jesus – the chief priests and the Pharisees recognize that these parables concern them, but at that time, fear to arrest Jesus because the crowds consider him to be a prophet.

We certainly need to pay close attention to this parable. The task of building up the kingdom was given to each of us at our Baptism. We want to produce fruit in our lives, even in the mundane everyday situations. Peace, harmony, justice. These are some of the fruits that we can bring forth. The danger in hearing parables from our comfortable distance is that we instinctively let ourselves off the hook by identifying the objects of Jesus criticism as anyone but ourselves. Humility on the other hand, suggests that the Church now, more than Israel then, needs to hear this story of barren vines and closed hearts.

As harvest time draws near, in nature and in each of us in judgment, we need to examine ourselves to see how fruitful our own corner of the vineyard is. Paul urges his readers/listeners to consider only things that are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious and excellent. When we do this our heart moves to praise God.

When we do that honestly we can move away from anxiety as St. Paul talks about today in the letter to the Philippians. “In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.....Then the God of peace will be with you.”

Father Casey

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR
BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Robert “Bob” Miziorko
Domenic Currado, Sofia Sette



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 25:6-10a (142A)
- 2) Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
- 3) Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



Clergy Schedule for Sunday, October 15, 2023 (celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Casey

Sunday, October 15, 2023

7:30 am – Fr. Casey

9:30 am – Fr. Quan*Deacon Sam Preaching**

11:30 Fr. Bransfield

**The Knights of Columbus are hosting a
RED CROSS FALL BLOOD DRIVE on:
Monday, October 9, 2023 (Columbus Day)**

2 pm to 7 pm

in

Father Sullivan Hall

Appointments are preferred. To schedule an appointment visit:

redcrossblood.org

Enter code: IHM Parish

or call 1-800-733-2767

THERE IS STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Sean will be blessing the animals in front of Father Sullivan Hall at 1 PM this Sunday, October 8.

All are welcome to bring your animals either in a cage or on a leash for this special blessing.

GOLDEN AGE NEWS!!

Due to the Blood Drive on October 9th, the Golden Age Group will be starting their meeting on Monday, October 9 at 10:45.

Please arrive at 10:15/10:30 to have your snack and coffee. So we can start the meeting on time.

THANK YOU!!

SAVE THE DATE!!

**The Knights of Columbus will host
another BINGO on
NOVEMBER 19 @ 1PM**
Details in the upcoming bulletins.

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



PROSPECTIVE FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

Monday, October 9, 2023

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



www.iheartmary.org

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

Ella Violet Mc Phillips

The next meeting of the
St. Vincent de Paul Society
will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall
October 9 & 30, November 20 & December 11
from 7-8:30 pm.
Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

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 break-
fast 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 Home-
coming at Broad and Vine. Doors open at 9 with mass beginning at 10.
A lunch buffet and Eagles watch party will follow.

Save the dates!
Upcoming Events sponsored by the Legion of Mary

1. **October 14 at 12 pm** – You are invited to attend and pray at
the outdoor Fatima Rosary in front of IHM Church.
2. **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.
3. **October 27 – 29** – Attend a weekend retreat at Malvern Re-
treat House – Open to Active and Auxiliary (praying) members of
the Legion.
4. **November 11 -12** – You are invited to visit the historical dis-
play of Eucharistic Miracles throughout the world (by Blessed Car-
los Acutis) in Father Sullivan Hall.

More information will be upcoming or visit the Legion web-
site www.philadelphiasenatus.org

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

All are invited to participate in the
PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, October 14 at Noon

On the front lawn of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

(please bring a lawn chair if you are unable to stand)

The Public Square is sponsored by America needs Fatima and
will occur across the United States on that day. Please join us
and all across America to pray for our families, our children,
our Church, our country, our world and also to make amends
for all the offenses committed against our Lord and the Immac-
ulate Heart of Mary—as Mary proclaimed at Fatima.

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

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

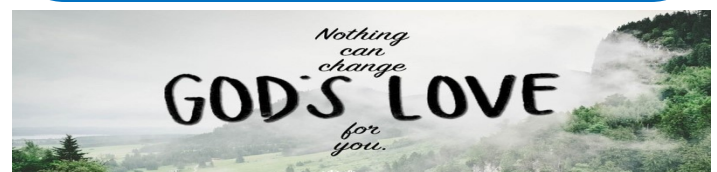


The Annual Fall Appeal letter and census was sent out this
past week. Thank you to all of those parishioners who have
already returned their census form and donation. It is most
sincerely appreciated as this is the only major Stewardship
Appeal for our parish.



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

**The Ziegler Family,
The Muhlbaier Family
The Matz Family,
The Henry Family**



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**.