



## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor*

*Rev. Quan H. Tran, Parochial Vicar*

*Rev. Joseph W. Bongard in Residence*

*Rev. Sean P. Bransfield, in Residence*

*Deacon Salvatore R. Bianco*

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKENDS: IN CHURCH

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Vigil

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

#### WEEKDAYS: IN SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Wednesdays when school is in session Mass will be held in the Church - 8:30 a.m.

#### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION IN CHURCH

5:15 pm Vigil Mass

8:30 am, Noon, & 7:30 p.m. (times may vary on certain Holy Days; please check inside pages or parish website)

#### HOLIDAYS: IN CHURCH

9:00 a.m. (Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day)

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN CHURCH

Saturday 4-5 p.m.

#### TUESDAY

SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AFTER 8:30 a.m. MASS

UNTIL 6:30 p.m.

#### MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

TUESDAY EVENING AT 6:30 p.m.

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 Monday, November 14, at 7pm 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.

IHM offers a one day **Pre-Cana** Seminar that assists couples in preparation for their upcoming marriage. The Pre-Cana is conducted twice a year (Spring and Fall). **There is no Pre-Cana Seminar planned at this time.** Please call Denise Schmidt, parish secretary at 215-483-1000 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 9, 2022

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>8</b>	5:15 p.m.	Joan A. Reed
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Peter Sr., & Rose Caruso Joseph & Jennie Gampico
<b>MON.</b>	<b>10</b>	8:30	Joan A. Reed
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>11</b>	8:30	Quoc Viet Nguyen
<b>WED.</b>	<b>12</b>	8:30	Phung Vuong
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>13</b>	8:30	Dominic D'Alicandro, Jr.
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>14</b>	8:30	Joseph Vu Nguyen
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>15</b>	8:00 5:15 pm	Sara Quinn Rose & Sammy Preston & Edward Pettine
<b>SUN</b>	<b>16</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Tercha Family & Padaiges Family Sean Donnelly & Deceased Family Members

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**  
for the week of October 10 to October 16  
is in loving memory of  
David Loughlin  
requested by The Sean Loughlin Family.



#### PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN

Before leaving Church please check your pew and remove any personal items and bulletins. **Thank you!!**

#### ROSES

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



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in  
loving memory of  
Joan A. Reed  
requested by Robert G. Reed, Jr. & Family.



*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, Lance Bonnet, Mary Bartsch, Anne Basara, Joan Becker, Josephine Bellace, Wayne Bielawski, Nancy Bright, Daniel Brito, Bill Burrow, Bobby Busch, Dolores Buzby, Lynn Campbell, Mary Rose Campbell, Erin Caruso, Terry Carr, Officer Andy Chan, Pete Cissone, Michael Clark, Brooke Conklin, Quint Cuffe, Earl Dandridge, Taylor Davis, Marano Donald D'Angelo, Nancy Di John, Marianne Di Mucci, Madeline DiPasquale, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Beth Donnelly, Joseph Donnelly, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Joe Evers, Peg Fierko, David Fleetwood, Bill & Dorothy Foster, Kathy Foster, Sydney Franzmann, Barbara Freiling, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Helen Golbeski, Kelly Gruninger, Bernadette Harwick, Brenden Heyer, Don Holt, Sheilah Janes, Frances Jefferys, Chris Kane, William Kesslerling, Sr., Marianne Klusek, Olga Kostic, Angela Kotowich, Mary Krier, Hannah Lambert, Flavia Langan, Langan Family, Dolores Lanigan, Edward Lanigan, Marianne Leahy, Agnes Leinheiser, Dorlene Long, Carol Ann Lott, Hadley Ludwig, Charles Mansor, Cheryl Maresca, Elizabeth Matruka, Terry McCormick, Brian McGuire, Anne Marie Mc Keever, Felix & Louise McKeogh, Helen Magee, Elizabeth Matruak, Winifred Meall, Rachael Mellon, Scott Melina, Charlie Melough, Eileen Michel, Brian Morris, Mary Mudry, Dick & Trudy Neff, Marvin Parnes, Harry Pastella, Luisa Pellicone, Dave Pendleton, Bishop Joseph Pepe, Bill Pinto, Nicole Powlus, Kathy Pro, Tom Przybek, Karen Pulcinella, John Quirus, Clara Ragni, Junie Rakosak, Harper Renshaw, John Reynolds, Joel Rivera, Tony Ruger, Domiciano Gallego-Ruiz, Anita Russell, Timothy Sager, Jane SargusDonna Scharff, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, Mary Ann Shaw, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Luke Simon, Jake Stefano, Baby Caleb St. George, Donna Stine, O.S.F., Felicia Teske, Paul Teske, Edward Thomas, Molly Thompson, Christine Triola, Louise Vesci, Maddox Vielman, Helen Wade, Walter Wayne Whitehouse, 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.*

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

*Margaret Schultz, Joan Babowitch  
Anthony G. Endres*



## Pastor's Page

In today's first reading and Gospel we see two remarkable healings from leprosy. This was a devastating disease in biblical times that had no cure and resulted in being completely removed from the society.

Within the Old Testament books of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings is a cycle of stories about the prophets Elijah and Elisha. Elijah is regarded as Israel's greatest prophet and Elisha studied under Elijah and succeeded and carried on the work of Elijah. Elisha was known for his healings and unbroken succession of wonders. He purifies Jericho's water supply, which had been causing deaths and miscarriages. He helps a widow avoid selling her children to pay her debts. He blesses a childless couple and they begat a son.

Elisha even becomes known among foreigners for his healing powers. Today we see Elisha cure Naaman a commander in the Syrian army of leprosy. He does this by having a servant tell Naaman to wash seven times in the Jordan river. Naaman balks at doing this because it seems so simple, but when he gives in and bathes in the river, he is cured. A grateful and humbler Naaman returns to Elisha believing in Elisha's God of Israel. He is thankful. So thankful he offers Naaman a gift, but he refuses. He says he will no longer offer sacrifice to any other God except the Lord.

An important facet of the Naaman story and the Gospel is that the cure goes beyond religious and nationalistic lines. Naaman was a Syrian and Jesus even cures a despised Samaritan.

Remember as we have been hearing these passages from Luke's Gospel, Jesus is traveling south from Galilee to Jerusalem. The main pilgrim route followed the Jordan valley so as to avoid going directly through Samaria. The lepers recognize him and cry out for his mercy. Jesus responds by sending them to the priests, in accordance to Leviticus 14:2-9. Along the way they are healed, but only one seems to recognize the healing. He returns and glorifies God.

Jesus notes this: "Ten were cleansed were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God."

Naaman's life was completely changed, as were the lives of the ten lepers. Gratitude seems to be such a small price to pay for such goodness. Today's readings encourage us to pause along our journey and give thanks for those moments when God is revealed in many and surprising ways. As we reflect on the Word today, let us pray that we will be Christians who will be formed with hearts that are filled with gratitude and praise.

Let us not forget that the word '*Eucharist*' derived from Greek means 'thanksgiving'. Jesus "gave thanks" before sharing his Body and Blood at the Last Supper. Today, as always, we give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received and continue to receive, especially for Jesus Christ, God's only Son, whom we receive today at Mass, as food for our journey.

Father Casey

### **Weekend Clergy Schedule October 16, 2022** **(celebrants are subject to change)**

#### **Saturday, October 15, 2022**

5:15 Vigil - Fr. Casey

#### **Sunday, October 16, 2022**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Casey  
9:30 a.m. - Fr. Quan  
11:30 a.m. - Fr. Bransfield

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

- 1) Exodus 17:8-13 (147C)
- 2) 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
- 3) Luke 18:1-8



**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.**



**MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR  
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 an excellent benefits package.

Interested parties should be prepared to submit a resume and work history and personal references.

Our maintenance department also has a **permanent part-time position available.**

Hours are Monday - Friday 12:30 pm to 4 pm.

Please contact Emily Miller, parish business manager at [emilytmiller@comcast.net](mailto:emilytmiller@comcast.net) or call 215-483-1000.

Save the Date!

The **IHM Christmas Bazaar** is coming Saturday, November 19th. Details will be forthcoming.



*Our Music Ministry has openings  
for new members.*

*Cantors, Choir and Instrumentalists*

*"All those who sing, pray twice!"*

*Come join us ....Christmas is coming!!!!*

*Please contact: Linda Pfefferle 215-704-4652 or  
[Musicfef5@gmail.com](mailto:Musicfef5@gmail.com)*

IHM Home and School Association will be hosting a "Fall Festival" in the parking lot and in Fr. Sullivan Hall on Saturday, October 15 from 11 am to 3 pm.

Face painting, bouncy castle, caricaturist, dunk tank and food trucks will be there.

All are welcome to join in the fun!

**Greetings from Immaculate Heart of Mary School!**

Enrollment season is quickly approaching!

IHM will be hosting two by-appointment Open Houses this Fall on Monday, October 10, 2022 and Sunday, November 6, 2022.

Registration for our PreK3, PreK4, Kindergarten and Grade 1 classrooms for the the 2023/2024 school year will open as follows:

Monday, October 17, 2022, 9:00 am: IHM Parishioner Families new student enrollment

Monday, October 24, 2022, 9:00 am: Registration opens to the public

New IHM Families will complete our application online, submit all accompanying documents, and pay our non-refundable registration fee in the amount of \$350.00 on your designated registration date. Registration will take place beginning at 9:00 am on your designated registration day in Father Sullivan Hall The entrance to Father Sullivan Hall is located in the IHM school/church parking lot.

Our application link will open on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 and will be posted on our school website. If you would like to receive the link to register via email on 10/12/22, please email Traci Kovach at [tuition@iheartmary.org](mailto:tuition@iheartmary.org) with your family name, student's name, student's date of birth, address, parish affiliation, and intended grade level for 2023/24. **Please note that your student is not guaranteed a seat for the 23/24 school year until after you submit all of your student's documents and pay your family's non-refundable \$350.00 registration fee on your designated registration date.**

Space will be extremely limited for our PreK3 and PreK4 classrooms for the 23/24 school year.

The age requirements for admission to Immaculate Heart of Mary School are:

PreK3: Child must be 3 years of age and fully potty trained (without pull-ups) on or before September 1, 2023

PreK4: Child must be 4 years of age and fully potty trained (without pull-ups) on or before September 1, 2023

Kindergarten: Child must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2023

Grade 1: Child must be 6 years of age on or before September 1, 2023

If you would like to schedule a tour, or have any questions about enrollment at Immaculate Heart of Mary School, please email Traci Kovach at [tuition@iheartmary.org](mailto:tuition@iheartmary.org).

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

**Caleb James Eckardt**

#### PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION!

The **Legion of Mary** has been active in IHM Parish for over 40 years. Our mission is growth in personal holiness through prayer and by reaching out to others searching for a closer relationship with Christ and His Church. Our way to Jesus is through our Blessed Mother Mary. Come and explore!

We meet weekly on Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM in Father Sullivan Hall.

**Please remember in your prayers** the happy repose of the soul of Rev. Gerard Jordan of the Norbertine Fathers who passed away on September 27, 2022. Father Jordan assisted us here at IHM, coming to celebrate the Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings in 2016 and 2017. Father Jordan was serving in the Diocese of Lafayette Louisiana at the time of his death. His most recent assignment was with the Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center in Lafayette. Father was also very involved in the cause of Sainthood for Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, Father Jordan's funeral was on October 8 at his family parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lake Charles Louisiana.

The Annual Fall Appeal has been mailed. Please fill out the census form and be sure to return it so we can keep our database up to date..

If you have any questions please call Denise Schmidt 215-483-1000.

Thank you.



The next meetings of the  
St. Vincent dePaul Society  
will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall  
**October 10 & 24**  
from 7-8:30 pm.

Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

The next pick up for  
St. John's Hospice is  
Wednesday, November 2, at 9 am.

Casseroles



Just a reminder that all casseroles should be cooked, then frozen and should only need to be reheated.

## Calling All Vendors and Crafters!

Join us for I.H.M.'s annual Christmas Bazaar  
on Saturday November 19th  
from 10 am - 3 pm.

- The cost is \$40 per space or \$75 for two spaces.
- Spaces are limited & will be assigned on a first come/first serve basis.
- Please bring your own table.

Contact us via email at  
fundraisinghsa@iheartmary.org  
for more details.



### Sunday Offering Week of September 25, 2022

Sunday	\$7,234.00
Loose	530.00
	<u>\$7,764.00</u>

# of envelopes – 433  
Average– 16.71

*Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity*

All are invited to participate at the  
Public Square Rosary Rally  
**Saturday, October 15 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. 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 Immaculate Heart of Mary—as Mary proclaimed at Fatima.

Please visit the website: [www.ANF.org](http://www.ANF.org) for additional information.

**IHM contact person:**

Sharon Schepise 215-482-8129 or  
215-251-2222.



*The next meeting of the Golden Age Club will be  
Monday, October 10.*

## 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. Richard Strickland** - *Maintenance Supervisor*  
**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, [Musicfe5@gmail.com](mailto:Musicfe5@gmail.com)*

**Ushers:** *John Rudolph, Peter Caruso*

**Sacristans:** *Peter Caruso, [pjcaruso45@yahoo.com](mailto:pjcaruso45@yahoo.com)*

### SOCIAL OUTREACH

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

**Boy Scouts:** *John Macoretta, Scoutmaster (215-680-1049); 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.:** *Chuck Harvey*

**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 @ 7pm 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  
**Pregnancy Hotline 610-626-4006 or Pro Life Union 215-855-8150***