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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, & 7:00 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

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 to be announced.
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—Fall date is Saturday, December 12th. Details on page 4.

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
5:15pm Joan A. Reed

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
7:30 Parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary
9:30 Annalisa Perillo
11:30 Msgr. Walter J. Conway

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
8:30 James P. Dugan, Sr.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
8:30 Jack Mc Mullen

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
8:30 Rosemary Carney

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
8:30 Joseph Wolfington

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
8:30 Mary Joyce Pickersgill

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
8:00 Rose Di Piero
5:15pm Mary Krier

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
7:30 Parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary
9:30 Stephen Kostic
11:30 Elaine Jacot

Please note that not all masses 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.

Elizabeth Aduso, Maria Aduso, Ruben Aduso, Marguerite Bambani & Margaret, Jeannie Barr, Maureen Barr, Patricia Benene, Joyce Bielawski, Wayne Bielawski, Anita Bilotti, Theresa Borraccini, Cindi & Lance Bownet, Maria Campbell Mary Campbell, Lois Cartwright, Kay Christner, Mary Cimini, Brooke,Conklin, Ron Clute, Walter Crate, John Croley, Charlotte Cupchak, Helen Cyzio, Miqueline De Jesus, Joe Di Lullo, Maria Downey, Helen Duncan, Marie Dunne, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Mark Fee, Philomena Forgione Fr. Michael Kelly, Annette Freed, Linda Galleo, Heather Getley, Steven Getley, Bernadette Giambuzzi, Daniel Golasa, Lora L. Golasa, James Goussy, Joseph Henkel, Regina Joka, Katie and Baby Amelia Grace, John Kerwood, Beverly King, Mary Jo & Paul King, Karen Kmiec, Richard Kmiec, Olga Kostic, Marianne Leahy, Betty Jane Livingston, Colleen Long, Earl & Dorlene Long, Nicole Lo Stracco, Eugene Magee, Michael Magee, Anne Maria Mahalick, Michael Maresca, Valerie Mc Carthy, Ann Mc Elroy, Anne Marie McKeever, MaryBeth Mc Collum, Kevin Mc Master, Jim Minieri, Mary Mudry, Mumford Family, Msgr. Philip C. Ricci,Trudy & Dick Neff, Jessica Paterson, Holly Pelligrini, Ruthanne Pelligrini, Bill Pinto, Nicole Powlus, Karen Pulcinella, Baby Paige, Skip Ross, Elizabeth Sablich, Jane Rowe, Anne Sargus-Varian, Sierra, John & Maired Scharff, Matthew Simmons, John Singer, Christopher Solarski, Sr., David Sparacino, Faith Sparacino, Mary Beth Syrnick, Vivian Swiggard, Sr. Mary Thaddeus, Mark Weiss, Daniel Welsh, Ellen Wentzel, Lee Weredene

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

The Sanctuary Light in our
Sacred Heart Chapel
for this week is in loving memory of
Richard & Frances Kauffmann
requested by
Monica & Jim Wynne.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Mark Weiss,
Mary Rose Campbell

ROSES

The rose placed in the Church
is in loving memory of
Msgr. Walter J. Conway
requested by
Olga Kostic.

The rose placed in the Chapel
is in loving memory of
Diane S. Stanzani -10th Anniversary
requested by
her family.

Pastor's Page

Every now and then our Sunday scripture readings remind us more than usual about God's lavish and generous love. Today the gospel presents the parable of the generous landowner and workers in the vineyard. The latecomers get paid as much as those who worked all day. Is this fair or unfair?

The Old Testament reading from Isaiah gives us a good introduction to the parable from Matthew. The ways and thoughts of God are above our own. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord" God is gracious in his forgiving. He is generous in his healing. He is generous in his helping. In our life journey we are constantly called to try to orient our thoughts to the models and lessons we are given in the scriptures.

The Parable presented to us today from Matthew (20:1-16) was most likely addressed to his opponents who criticized him for preaching the good news of the Kingdom to tax collectors and sinners. This can be called the Parable of the Good Employer. The vineyard owner hires workmen at dawn for the usual daily wage. Other workmen are hired at various times during the day but their wages are not specified ("whatever is just"). In verse 8 the employer commands that the workers be paid in reverse order of their hiring and all receive the same wage. To the complaints of those who had worked all day the employer answers that he has been
just in paying the agreed wage to them; they have no right to complain if he wants to be generous to others. God's own justice and generosity are used to explain why Jesus preached the kingdom to both the already pious and the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

This parable is reflective of the kind of thing that actually happened in first century Palestine. The grape harvest was very important to the whole culture. In the Holy Land grapes ripen about this point in the fall. Then at the beginning of October rains come. If the grapes are not harvested before the rainy season, the harvest can be lost. It is a race against time.

In such a situation any worker was welcomed, even for an hour. The pay was not great even for the full day. Survival wages really. The workers in this story were not bums, just hanging around the marketplace. The market place was the employment office for common laborers. A worker would come there first thing in the morning and wait to be hired, sometimes all day. During grape harvest a landowner might go to the market place several times a day for additional help. At the end of the day, if he was a thoughtful person, the landowner might decide to give a day's wage to these needy workers. And of course the reaction of those hired first: meanness, grumbling.

We focus today on God's great generosity and mercy to us sinners. We need to reflect on this and apply it to our lives. Saint Paul urges us in the second reading in the letter to the Philippians to "conduct ourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ." As we listen to these sacred scriptures today let us consider how we may reflect God's lavish love in our own lives. It is never too late to experience God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us pray in gratitude for our God whose generosity is so compelling and give thanks and share.

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) Ezekiel 18:25-28 (136A)
2) Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5
3) Matthew 21:28-32

Clergy Schedule
(celebrants are subject to change)
Saturday, September 26, 2026
Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr.Quan
Sunday, September 27, 2026
7:30 am - Fr. Sean
9:30 am - Quan
11:30 am - Fr. Casey

The Annual Immaculate Heart of Mary
Christmas Bazaar
will take place
Saturday, November 14, 2026
from 10 am to 3 pm.
If you are interested in showcasing your wares as a vendor at the event, please email fundraisinghsa@iheartmary.org for the interest form.
Cost for spaces are: $40 for 1 space or $75 for 2 spaces. Note that spaces are 8 ft each and tables are not provided. We hope to see you there!

Blood Drive
Father Sullivan Hall
Monday, October 12, 2026
2:00pm to 7:00pm

American Red Cross

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org
and enter: IHM Parish to schedule an appointment.

ST. JOHN the BAPTIST CLASS OF 1971
8TH GRADE REUNION
Date: Saturday, November 7, 2026
Location: Brittingham's
640 E. Germantown Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444
Time: 1;00 pm to 4:00 pm
Cost: $60.00 (includes buffet) Cash bar
RSVP by October 1, 2026
For information email SJB7155@outlook.com
Call Greg S. 610-331-2108

The Catholic Parishes of East Falls, Manayunk, Roxborough and Andorra will present the Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program for engaged couples on
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2026
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, payable in advance.
To register, please call Holy Family Rectory,
215-482-0450
Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 3 PM

PRE-CANA

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

FATHER SULLIVAN HALL
DOORS OPEN AT 1:00PM
FIRST GAME STARTS AT 1:30PM
BINGO PACKET COST $15.00

Come out for a fun time and bring a friend!!

All are invited to participate at the
Public Square Rosary Rally
Saturday, October 10 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. Let's join together in prayer for peace in our world, for our country, for our families and children, and Our Lady's intentions at Fatima. 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 information:
Sharon Schepise 215-251-2222schepises@yahoo.com.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BUSINESS MANAGER

We are happy to announce the hiring of our new business manager, Jacob Matamoros! Jacob comes to us with a lot of experience and expertise.

We would also like to thank Rita for all of her hard work while she was here and wish her all the best as she begins a new chapter of her life.

May God continue to bless them both.

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 5, 26
November 16
All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.
To find out more about us come to a no pressure meeting and find out what we do.

Permanent Diaconate – Discernment Day for Men
"Called to Serve as Christ the Servant"
Date: Saturday, October 3, 2026
Time: 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM
Location: Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary
1400 Evans Road, Ambler, PA 19002

This day will start off with Mass in the Immaculate Conception Chapel followed by breakfast and then various break-out sessions to help provide an overview of the Permanent Diaconate, the formation process, and admissions for the School of Diaconal Studies. In addition, there will be a Deacon Wives Focus Group for all of the wives in attendance. This will be followed by lunch and then immediately after lunch an open discussion. It is intended for Catholic men ages 29–55, married or single, and wives are strongly encouraged to attend so discernment can be shared as a family. There will be light refreshments provided for all who attend.

Sunday Offering Week of September 6, 2026

Envelopes	$ 5,888.00
Loose	1,543.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	2,155.00
	$ 9,586.00

# of envelopes –383
Average—$15.37

To make a secure contribution on-line please visit ihmphila.org and click on the Parish Giving Logo.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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.

Important Notice for All School and Church Volunteers

All volunteers of our IHM School and Church must meet all Safe Environment requirements mandated by the State of Pennsylvania and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This includes all school volunteers and parish volunteers i.e. Lectors, EM, Choir Members, etc.
A list of all requirements are on the school website:iheartmary.org Go to Resources then to Volunteer and all the links are posted there. These clearances are FREE for volunteers. If you are going to be employed the clearances must say employment & you will have to pay for these.
These requirements are MANDATORY and there will be no exceptions. These MUST be completed or you may not volunteer in our school for any trips, dances or in house activities or any parish ministries.
For more information call Denise Schmidt in the Rectory Office 215-483-1000.
Please note: All clearances are free for volunteers. The State of PA requires that these be updated every 5 years. The requirements of the Archdiocese only needs to be completed once.

PARISH STAFF

Mr. Patrick Foley - Principal of IHM School
Mr. Jacob Matamoros - Business Manager
Mrs. Denise Schmidt - Parish Secretary
Mrs. Traci Kovach -Director of Finance, Development & Admissions
Ms. Linda Pfefferle - Director of Music
Mrs. Mary Anne Kostic-King - Coordinator of Religious Education
Mr. Gene Martino - Facilities Manager
Jack Heil - Website Editor

IHM CHURCH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

Liturgical

Altar Servers: Rev. Edward J. Casey
Ministry of the Word: Sidney J. MacLeod, Jr., sidneyj@macleod.com
Ministry of the Eucharist: Mary Ann Kostic-King, mking@iheartmary.org
Music Ministry: Rehearsals- Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. in Church. Contact: Linda Pfefferle, Musicfef5@gmail.com
Ushers: John Rudolph, Peter Caruso
Sacristians: Peter Caruso, Bill King

Social Outreach

CYO: High School and Grade School- Drew Hudecki 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 September 2, 2026 at 9 am.

School Programs

Home & School: homeandschool@iheartmary.org
Tuition Office: contact Traci Kovach (215-482-2029). Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 a.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 1-7. Tues. evening 6:00-7:30 p.m. during school year only. Mary Ann Kostic King (215-483-4266)*
R.C.I.A: *Mary Ann Kostic King (215-483-4266)*
Safe Enviorment: *promotes the safety and welfare of our children. Denise Schmidt (215-483-1000)*
Parish Memorial Fund: *a lasting & spirtua remembrance of a loved one. Monthly Memorial Mass is celebrated for all enrolled in the Fund.*
Care of Church & Chapel Spaces: *parishoners who clean God's house weekly. Maria Campbell (215-483-1000)*
Counters: *Ann McElroy, irishaim@comcast.net*

Spiritual Outrecah

Legion of Mary: *Prayer and service for Jesus through Mary. Meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Father Sullivan Hall. Call Frank Klusek (215-356-3441)*
St. Vincent de Paul Society: *assisnt 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 @ 7:00 p.m. in the K of C Roo in FSH. Contact Dan McPeake @dmcp2939@verizon.net or visiting https://www.kofc4100.org.*