

**FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE  
ARE GATHERED IN  
MY NAME,  
THERE AM I AMONG THEM.  
-MATTHEW 18:20**

**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*

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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, & 7:30 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 Monday, September 18 @ 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.

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 September 10, 2023

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>9</b>	5:15 pm	Jack Waldeck
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>10</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Josephine Spaeder Eleanor & Lamar Moffett
<b>MON.</b>	<b>11</b>	8:30	Lorna Zito
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>12</b>	8:30	Baronett Family
<b>WED.</b>	<b>13</b>	8:30	John Iacobacci
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>14</b>	8:30	Richard Carrol Paul Beattie
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>15</b>	8:30	*Happy Birthday Diana Calabrese
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>16</b>	8:00 5:15 pm	Edward Lenox Vincent & Anna Manzo
<b>SUN</b>	<b>17</b>	7:30 9:30  11:30	IHM Parishioners All Deceased Family Members of Jim & Sharon Schepise Victor R. Kost & Patricia Kost

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


The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**  
for the week of September 11 to September 17  
is in loving memory of  
  
Jack Waldeck  
requested by Mary & the girls.

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

*Rose Pastella*



### ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of  
Lorna Zito  
 requested by her husband, Al & son, Nick.

The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of  
Tom Lyons  
requested by his wife Pat Lyons.



*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, Marvin Parnes, 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, Marie Renello, Harper Renshaw, Casey Rigby, Joel Rivera, Tony Ruger, Domiciano Gallego-Ruiz, Anita Russell, Jean Sargus, Susan Savini, 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, Michael Vassallo, Louise Vesci, Maddox Vielman, Helen Wade, Walter Wayne Whitehouse, Luke Winterbottom, Pam Wisdom, Brian Wurtzberger, Kim Wurtzberger, Mike Zacher, Donna Zetterberg, Anthony Zul.



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

## Pastor's Page

The scripture readings today focus on relationships and care of the other. These are not just any relationships, but the difficult and complex ones too. In the first reading, the prophet Ezekiel cautions us not to give up on the wicked but rather warn them that their behavior is unacceptable. However, if they do not heed our warnings, at least we will know that we tried to enlighten them.

The gospel today is very specific on how to deal with issues of conflict or disagreement. The scenario Jesus paints could apply to any family, community, workplace or environment which breeds conflict or confusion. It takes courage for us to be persistent and confront contentious issues: first in private, then with witnesses and finally in front of the assembly – to provide evidence of injustice or wrongdoing. If after all these measures have been taken and still there is no resolution, we must turn away and move on, knowing that we have done everything humanly possible to rectify the situation.

In Jesus' view, mutual correction is never punishment, revenge or settling scores but rather following the first commandment, the law of love – seeking the good of another. As St. Paul puts it, "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.....Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:8-10)

We can see the lessons for common Christian life in the gospel lesson today. First of all, Jesus knew that conflict would arise within the Church, so we should not be surprised by it. Jesus encourages us to not descend into a world of silence, or passive aggression or other forms of deviant forms of manipulation to handle their conflict. Healthy families on the other hand learn to speak their hurt directly, openly and in a spirit of reconciliation.

Secondly, Jesus placed the responsibility for initiating the process of reconciliation on the person who feels hurt. This would on the surface seem to run against the grain of our experience. When someone hurts us we seem to expect – no we demand – that they make the first move toward reconciliation. We want justice. They hurt us, so they should come crawling to us begging for our forgiveness, after they repaired or repaid their injury against us. And until they do, we feel justified nursing our anger against them, rehearsing our story of their evil deed to all who will give us a listening ear.

The problem here is that often the person offended is the only one who knows about the offense. While we are upset, the person who offended us may be sleeping fine at night, not because they are callous and uncaring but because they are simply unaware of our pain. How much time and energy are wasted if we could just follow the council of Jesus on this point. Someone has to begin the reconciliation. Often peace waits only for that one start. Jesus does not seem so concerned with who is at fault, as on the importance of an honest reconciliation between members of the body of Christ. Forgiveness empowers us as much as it does the person we have forgiven.

Father Casey

## HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY!!!

### Clergy Schedule for Sunday, September 17, 2023 (celebrants are subject to change)

#### Saturday, September 16, 2023

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Casey

#### Sunday, September 17, 2023

7:30 am – Fr. Casey

9:30 am – Fr. Quan

11:30 am – Fr. Bransfield

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Sirach 27:30-28:7 (130A)
- 2) Romans 14:7-9
- 3) Matthew 18:21-35



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.



**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**

**Please come out and support this very  
important event!!**

**The next pick up for St. John's Hospice is  
Wednesday, October 4 at 9 am.**

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.

**Our IHM Golden Age Group** will resume their  
meetings on Monday, September 11 @10:30. Anyone 55 or  
over is eligible to join. The cost to join is \$25.00 a year.

Come to our first meeting, have a cup of coffee and a donut and  
find out all the fun activities we have planned for this  
upcoming year!

New members are always welcome.

## **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*

## **Roman Catholic High School Class of 1973 50th Year Reunion**

**When:** Saturday, October 14th, 2023 7-11 PM

**Where:** Venetian Social Club

8030 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA

**Cost:** \$125.00 per classmate, \$100.00 per significant other

**Includes:** A dinner buffet, 2 hours of open bar, & each  
classmate receives a commemorative Roman Catholic  
golf shirt

**Deadline:** Ticket must be ordered by Sept. 7, 2023

**Payment:** Make checks payable to Andy Sontag 3316 Ainslie  
St Philadelphia, PA 19128 or through

WWTS://RomanCatholic.com/alumni/reunions

(specify that it is for the Class of 1973 Reunion)

**Questions:** Bob Climaldi rclimaldi@gmail.com



### Sunday Offering Week of August 27, 2023

Envelopes \$ 10,284.00  
 Loose 1,028.00  
**\$ 11,312.00**  
 # of envelopes – 626  
 Average - 16.43

**Mission Cooperative Plan \$3,346.00**  
*Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity*

Please help our counters (they graciously volunteer their time) by filling out the amount on your Church envelope and please write clearly. This helps to speed up the process.

*Thank you so much!*



### Save the dates!

#### Upcoming Events sponsored by the Legion of Mary

1. **September 23** -Evangelization Day at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Hilltown, PA – Volunteer to visit homes with a partner to offer the Good News.
2. **October 14 at 12 pm** – You are invited to attend and pray at the outdoor Fatima Rosary in front of IHM Church.
3. **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.
4. **October 27 – 29** –Attend a weekend retreat at Malvern Retreat House – Open to Active and Auxiliary (praying) members of the Legion.
5. **November 11 -12** – You are invited to visit the historical display of Eucharistic Miracles throughout the world (by Blessed Carlos Acutis) in Father Sullivan Hall.

More information will be upcoming or visit the Legion website [www.philadelphiasenatus.org](http://www.philadelphiasenatus.org)

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

### Koller Funeral Home Bereavement Support Group

Fall Schedule begins Thursday, September 21, 2023 from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM. Subsequent sessions on October 5, October 19, 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](mailto:kollerbereavement@gmail.com)

FLYERS ARE AT ALL THE DOORWAYS OF THE CHURCH CHAPEL

The next meeting of the  
 St. Vincent de Paul Society  
 will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall  
**September 18**  
**from 7-8:30 pm.**  
 Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.



### VENDORS WANTED

On Saturday, September 30, 2023 IHM Home and School will be holding our second annual Fall Festival. This event will take place in the IHM Parking Lot from 11 am to 3 pm. Based on some feedback from last year's event, we are looking to have vendors this year. If you are unfamiliar with this event, we will have bounce houses, pony rides, face painting, food trucks, a DJ, games and more.

There will be no charge for vendor spaces at this event. You will need to provide your own table. You will also be responsible for your own tent/canopy if you feel it is necessary.

If you are interested in this event, please contact:  
[homeandschool@iheartmary.org](mailto:homeandschool@iheartmary.org).

Link for Google Sign Up Form: <https://forms.gle/7MQ4DAzUMv971uwQ6>

If you plan on volunteering for this event be sure you have clearances up to date in the parish office.

If you need help obtaining clearances contact Denise Schmidt, Safe Environment Coordinator: [deniseschmidt@comcast.net](mailto:deniseschmidt@comcast.net).

## 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](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, [Musicfef5@gmail.com](mailto:Musicfef5@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**: 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.**: 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](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 @ 7:30pm 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 215-850-9740.**