



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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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**

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—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 September 15, 2024

SAT.	14	5:15 pm	Robert G. Reed, Sr., & Helen Reed
SUN.	15	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Notwick & Chasero Families. Curtin & Mower Families
MON.	16	8:30	Shane Montgomery
TUES.	17	8:30	Richard Urbanski
WED.	18	8:30	Vu Nguyen & Trinh Nguyen
THUR	19	8:30	*Happy Birthday Maria Tita Lopez
FRI.	20	8:30	Binh Nguyen
SAT.	21	8:00 5:15 pm	Roman & Helen Cupchak & Deceased Family Members Margaret Hoffman
SUN	22	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Joseph & Anna Golden Elizabeth Bochenska

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

ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of
Florence Hamill
requested by
Ruth Ann Batten.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in honor of
St. Thérèse of Lisieux
requested by
Frank Klusek.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Mary Ann Pastore, Roy Hoisington



The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**
for the week of September 16 to September 22
is in loving memory of
Richard Urbanski
requested by
Marie Urbanski.



The names on the Sick List will remain until October 6, 2024. A new list will begin on October 13 and the names will remain on the list for 6 weeks. After that time if you would like the name to remain you need to call the office 215-483-1000 or email: ihmparish@comcast.net.

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

Maria Aduso, Anne Akyuz, Theresa Alosi, Lee Aponte, Mary Bartsch, Anne Basara, Josephine Bellace, Romulua Berretta, Joyce & Wayne Bielawski, Lance & Cindi Bonnet, Daniel Brito, Bill Burrow, Dolores Buzby, Lynn Campbell, Mary Rose Campbell, Erin Caruso, Joe Casciato, Tom Cassidy, Lisa Castellante-Martin, Marilyn Cellucci, Officer Andy Chan, Pete Cissone, Michael Clark, Ann Colantonio, Brooke Conklin, Ashley Cox, Helen Cyzio, Quint Cuffe, Earl Dandridge, David Daniels, Taylor Davis, Mary Delaney, Michael DeLong, Angelita Diccion, Ben Diccion, Sr., Ben Diccion, Jr., Perla Diccion, Madeline DiPasquale, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Joseph Donnelly, Marie Dunne, Barbara Dziedzic, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Joe Evers, Mary Ellen Ferrell, Peg Fierko, David Fleetwood, Carole Foley, Jody Forte, Bill & Dorothy Foster, Kathy Foster, Sydney Franzmann, Robert Frederico, Marina Frederico, Barbara Freiling, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico, Lorna L. Golasa, Bernadette Giambuzzi, Helen Golbeski, James Goussy, Kelly Gruninger, Katie Harris, Kelly Hagelauer, Flora Hart, Stace Harvey, Anne Headly, Brenden Heyer, Fay Holder, Sheilah Janes, Frances Jefferys, Regina Joka, Steve Jones, Chris Kane, Deborah Kapp, Keith Kelly, Marek Kijek, MaryJo King, Paul King, Olga Kostic, Angela Kotowich, Mary Krier, Hannah Lambert, Flavia Langan, Langan Family, Edward Lanigan, Marianne Leahy, Agnes Leinheiser, Dorlene Long, Charles Lott, Hadley Ludwig, Cheryl Maresca, Patty Markelewicz, Dominic Matteo, Elizabeth Matruka, Ben Mazzochetti, Terry McCormick, Felix & Louise McKeough, Helen Magee, Lindsey Marzo, Elizabeth Matruak, Winifred Meall, Monica Mellon, Eileen Michel, Adrian Mumford, Mary Mudry, Janet Murphy, Dick & Trudy Neff, Tom Newell, Rosemary Notwick, Harry Pastella, Luisa Pellicone, Dave Pendleton, Bishop Joseph Pepe, Bill Pinto, Beth Pisano, Maria Prince, Karen Pulcinella, John Quirus, Junie Rakosak, Harper Renshaw, Casey Rigby, Joel Rivera, Matthew Christopher Rowe, Jr. Tony Ruger, Domiciano Gallego-Ruiz, Anita Russell, Donna Scharff, John Scharff, Mairead Scharff, Veronica Serianni, John Sevcik, Christy Seymour, Martina Schaeffer, Mary Ann Shaw, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Sierra, 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, Sister Mary Thaddeus, Edward Thomas, Molly Thompson, Betty Thummel, Christine Triola, Angelo Valucci, Louise Vesci, Sr. Lolita Visitacion, Helen Wade, Walter Wayne Whitehouse, 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

The passage from Mark's gospel today is from Chapter 8, v 27-35. This is a turning point in Mark's gospel. In the first 8 chapters of his Gospel, Mark has portrayed the people around Jesus, both friend and foe, as people blind to the true meaning of his miraculous works. Up to now there were 19 miraculous works and Jesus says to those following him, "Do you still not understand?" There are also 3 clear predictions of Jesus passion, each followed by his disciples continued lack of comprehension. Peter brings this to a head in today's passage. This is the first major climax of Mark's Gospel drama.

Until now, Mark has been revealing who Jesus is in the mighty deeds he has done. Along with this revelation, Mark has also reported Jesus' reluctance to have people believe in him only because of those wondrous deeds. The passage in today's gospel sees Jesus and the apostles as they set out for Caesarea Philippi. Jesus now says explicitly that his way is a way of suffering. The way of the Messiah is the way of the cross.

Peter and the other disciples were not ready for this. They wanted a leader who would deliver them from pain, specifically from the occupation of the Romans and restore the Kingdom of Israel to past glories. In fact, Peter rebukes Jesus in verse 32. This gets a reaction of anger from Jesus as if Peter is the devil himself. "Get behind me Satan, you are thinking not as God does but as human beings do."

The ultimate answers to this drama are not going to come until much later, specifically not until after the Resurrection. The urgency of this whole section of the Gospel does provoke profound questions for individual Christians and for the whole church.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me" (8:34) Notice that Jesus does not say take up "the cross" or "my cross" but rather "his (her) cross" – each disciple's specific cross. How differently shaped and weighted each disciple's cross is.

What shape does our particular cross take? What is the heaviest aspect of it? We may not have encountered it yet but will we be ready when we see it? Will we be ready when we begin to experience it? Let us reflect on what it means to each of us taking up his/her cross.

Each time we enter a church, we have the opportunity to renew our baptism. The holy water is a symbol for life but it is also a symbol of purification. We are welcomed into the life of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We also embrace the cross as we trace it's outline on our body. May it remind us always of what Jesus asks us to do.

May our prayer be for God's grace in discerning and carrying our cross as we follow Jesus.

Father Casey

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.

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) Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 (134B))
- 2) James 3:16-4:3
- 3) Mark 9:30-37



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.

Big Honor for Immaculate Heart of Mary School!

We are kicking off our 70th anniversary and our 24/25 school year with some AMAZING NEWS!!

Immaculate Heart of Mary School has been recognized as an Archdiocese of Philadelphia 2024 School of Distinguished Instruction!!!!

Principal Foley had the honor of attending an Archdiocesan awards ceremony this week to receive our award as a 2024 School of Distinguished Instruction for Exceeding Potential!!

The criteria for this award are as follows:

Exceeding Potential—Analyzing the data from the ability testing (In View) and the achievement testing (Terra Nova), these schools were found to have a majority of the classes meeting or exceeding their potential in all content areas at every level tested as well as a 76-90% growth rate in all content areas at all grade levels.

We are so proud of our wonderful IHM faculty and staff and our amazing #ihmkids!!

We thank Our Mother, Mary, and Saints John Baptist De La Salle and John Neumann for their continued intercession and guidance!



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.



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

Clergy Schedule for Sunday, September 22, 2024
(celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, September 21, 2024
Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Quan

Sunday, September 22, 2024
7:30 am – Fr. Quan
9:30 am - Fr Casey
11:30 am Fr. Quan

*God's blessings
to the newly baptized children in the
Catholic faith*
William Francisco Papa
Domíníc Dante Manzo

Upcoming Legion of Mary Events
Save the date and register.

Saturday, September 28, 2024 - Evangelization Day #1 at Visitation BVM Catholic Church, Norristown – Welcome neighbors to visit the Catholic Church. Go out two by two with a partner. Rosary at 7:45 am, Mass 8:15 followed by breakfast, training, visitation of homes, lunch, ending around 2:30 pm.

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

The MASS BOOK for 2025 will open on September 23, 2024. Since our staff is limited and we have no big space to hold the opening like in past years you may do the following.

1. Mail in your request
2. Email your request to denise-schmidt@comcast.net
3. Put your request in the collection basket
4. Put them in the mail slot at the Rectory Office door.
5. Call the Rectory between the hours of 10 am to 2 pm only on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesdays 12 to 2 pm.

Make sure you have alternate dates as you may not get your first choice. Make all request to the attention of Denise Schmidt,

The Roses and Sanctuary Light are also available for 2025.

The 2024 books are all filled.

Stipends for Masses are \$10, Roses are \$15 and Sanctuary Lights are \$20.

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
September 16 & October 7
All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work.

The next casserole pickup for St. John's Hospice is on Wednesday, October 2 at 9 am.

Parish Giving (online) will go live on September 15. Letters were mailed last week to all parishioners with the details. If you have any questions you may call John Patrick directly at 1.866.307.7140 or email at info@ParishGiving.org.



Join us for an informative evening exploring the Permanent Diaconate.

DATE: Thursday, September 19, 2024
 TIME: 7:00PM to 9:00 PM
 LOCATION: Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary
 1400 Evans Road , Ambler , PA 19002

This session is open to Catholic men (and their wives, if married) aged 29 to 55. Engage with a panel of clergy and learn about discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate and the School for Diaconal Formation program.

For more information visit:
<https://archphila.org/deacon> or School of Diaconal Formation
<https://www.scs.edu/diaconal-formation>

Sunday Offering Week of August 25, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 7,570.00
Loose	<u>1,036.00</u>
	\$ 8,606.00

of envelopes – 438
 Average - \$17.29

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Sunday Offering Week of September 1, 2024

Envelopes	\$10,003.00
Loose	<u>836.00</u>
	\$10,839.00

of envelopes – 487
 Average - \$20.54

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.

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.