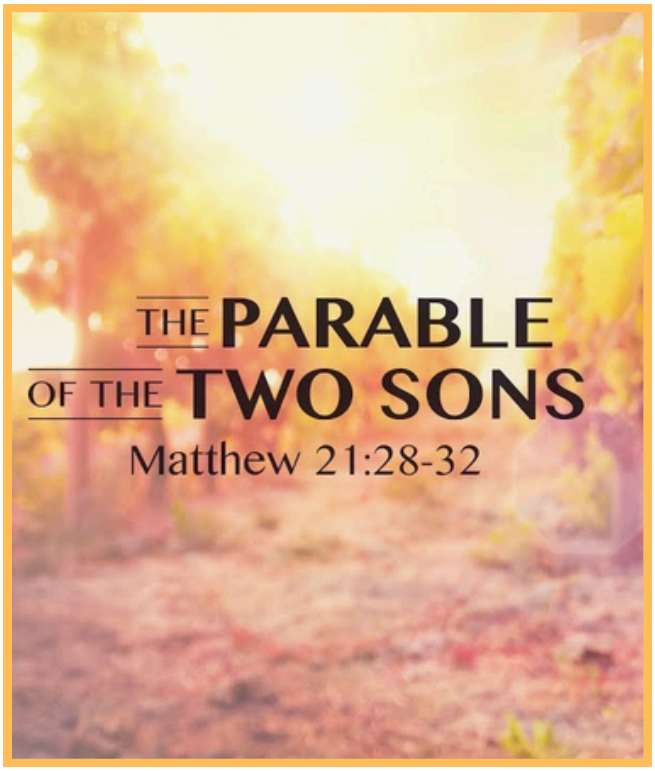

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MASS SCHEDULE

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 27, 2026

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
5:15pm Mary Krier

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
8:30 Rosina Messina -13th Anniversary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
8:30 David Glucker

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
8:30 Samuel Falso - 25th Anniversary

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1
8:30 Joseph Keough

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2
8:30 Matthew Michael Donnelly

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
8:00 Bob Campbell
5:15pm Mary Krier

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
7:30 Parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary
9:30 Victor Peracchia
11:30 Rose Salvatore - 11th Anniversary

Please note that not all masses are for the deceased, some are for the living

The Sanctuary Light in our
Sacred Heart Chapel
for this week is in loving memory of
Diego Burbano
requested by his wife,
Frances Burbano

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Lee Weredene

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,

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

Please note that the prayer list is getting too long again. check to see if someone is well and can be removed. Otherwise, we will have to incorporate a new way of doing this where you only stay in the bulletin for a certain amount of time.

ROSES

The rose placed in the Church
is in loving memory of
Stephen Kostic
requested by Olga Kostic.

The rose placed in the Chapel
is in Thanksgiving to
St. Theresa.

Pastor's Page

Our first reading today features a passage from the prophet Ezekiel. Ezekiel prophesied in Jerusalem in the time before the Babylonian Exile, in the years prior to 587 BC. As did Jeremiah preaching at about the same time, he confronted the hard hearts of the people. His message was to let them know that God's patience with them was just about up. Ezekiel pleads with his listeners to turn back to God. Observe the covenant. Good things will happen. The Lord will protect and guide them just like he did in leading them out of certain death in Egypt. Unfortunately, this did not happen. Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians, Ezekiel was one of those deported to Babylon. He is best known for his prophesying there, where he inspired hope in the discouraged exiles that all was not over for Israel.

Ezekiel held out the promise of renewal to all that turn from their wrong ways and do what is just and right. God's requirements are more a matter of right practice then right profession. You do something right, not just because it is a law or rule, but because it is the right thing to do. It is right in itself and we should want to do the right thing.

What a person does with his life is more important than what he says with his words. I can still hear my mother's words echoing in my ears from a very young age as I would be corrected by her: "Actions speak louder than words". Ezekiel's words are meant to inspire rather than to threaten. God takes no pleasure in the destruction of anyone but desires and offers life to each one.

Every day we face choices. We have to make decisions. We make decisions between right and wrong, doing or ignoring, choices that promote justice. We should always be looking for inform our conscience with the right information so that we can make good choices. Each day we need to consciously turn toward the good.

In the passage from Matthew today (21:28-32) we hear a parable of two sons. This parable, which is unique to Matthew's gospel, assumes that Jesus preaching of God's kingdom is a pivotal moment in Israel's religious history. Just as the second son initially refused the father's command but later repented and obeyed, so the tax collectors and prostitutes are now reforming their lives in response to Jesus and are now entering the Kingdom. Just as the first son promised to obey but did nothing, so the religious opponents of Jesus fail to act upon Jesus message of the Kingdom. Jesus even calls them out for not listening to John the Baptist. The conversion of the tax collectors and sinners to the way of righteousness should inspire Jesus' opponents to accept his preaching and not regard him with suspicion and hostility.

The tax collectors and prostitutes who enter the Kingdom ahead of the Pharisees do not do so just because they are sinners and prostitutes but only if they repent as the second son did. The sinful son repents and ultimately obeys. That is the key to his entrance into the Kingdom. Jesus framed his question at the end of the parable in such a way that none of us can miss the intended answer to the question, "Which of the sons did the will of the father"? Doing matters. Saying yes is not enough. Impressive words mean nothing apart from actual deeds.

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.

Fill your minds with beauty and truth. Meditate on whatever is honorable, right, pure, lovely, good, virtuous, and praiseworthy. Philippians 4:8

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1) Isaiah 5:1-7 (139A)
2) Philippians 4:6-9
3) Matthew 21:33-43

GOD'S BLESSINGS
TO THE
NEWLY BAPTIZED
Bruce Anthony Jordan

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

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.

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.

Greetings!

I will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving to commemorate my 30th Anniversary to the priesthood.

A bilingual Mass will be celebrated on
Sunday, October 11 at 3 PM
in our IHM Church.

You are all welcome to come and celebrate with my family and friends.

Please pray for me that I will be a good and holy priest.

Thank you and God bless,
Fr. Quan

FALL CLEANING

Our St. Vincent dePaul Society will once again host **THE THRIFTY IRISHMEAN** to collect your clothing and household items. This event will be held in our parking lot on **Sunday, NOVEMBER 15 from 9 am to 12 pm.**

Although, the Thrifty Irishman will accept many items they do not want broken items and items that are not able to be used again. Please save those items for your trash pickup.

Sunday Offering Week of September 13, 2026

Envelopes	$ 5,469.00
Loose	2,546.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	2,784.00
	$10,789.00

# of envelopes –350
Average—$15.63

Black & Indian Mission $1,059.00

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 October 7, 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.*