



## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 (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.

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 September 3, 2023

|               |           |                       |  |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|--|
| <b>SAT.</b>   | <b>2</b>  | 5:15 pm               | Roman & Helen Cupchak<br>& Deceased Family<br>Members                    |
| <b>SUN.</b>   | <b>3</b>  | 7:30<br>9:30<br>11:30 | IHM Parishioners<br>The D'Angelo Family<br>Edward Lenox                  |
| <b>MON.</b>   | <b>4</b>  | <b>9:00</b>           | <b>LABOR DAY</b><br>Memorial Fund  |
| <b>TUES.</b>  | <b>5</b>  | 8:30                  | Duong Hai  |
| <b>WED.</b>   | <b>6</b>  | 8:30                  | Paul Panzer  |
| <b>THURS.</b> | <b>7</b>  | 8:30                  | Mike Messina<br>12th Anniversary &<br>Rosina Messina<br>10th Anniversary |
| <b>FRI.</b>   | <b>8</b>  | 8:30                  | John S. Calabrese  |
| <b>SAT.</b>   | <b>9</b>  | 8:00<br>5:15 pm       | Joan Funk<br>Jack Waldeck  |
| <b>SUN</b>    | <b>10</b> | 7:30<br>9:30<br>11:30 | IHM Parishioners<br>Josephine Spaeder<br>Eleanor & Lamar Moffett         |

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**  
for the week of September 4 to September 10  
is in loving memory of  
Joan Funk  
requested by John Funk.



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

*Helene Mc Shea*



### ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of  
Roberta Mowry-Bracey  
requested by her children.



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of  
Joan Funk  
requested by her husband, John Funk.



*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., 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

A very simple idea can sum up our scripture readings today. Love implies Sacrifice. Those who are dedicated to a given commitment know that their dedication in reality requires sacrifice. Love means giving of oneself.

The prophet Jeremiah did everything he could to avoid proclaiming the message of the Lord and living the life of a prophet. "You duped me, O Lord", Jeremiah the reluctant prophet exclaims at the beginning of the first reading. Jeremiah is one of the great tragic figures of the Old Testament. He preached to the complacent and falsely secure people of the southern kingdom of Judah in the years before the Babylonian exile. (587 BC) After Jerusalem was destroyed Jeremiah communicated God's message not only through his words and oracles but also through his own life of suffering and struggle. His message of warning and struggle was as you would expect an unwelcome one.

Jeremiah was compelled to cry out the message of God's judgment for which he was ridiculed and reproached. He even tried to stop proclaiming this message. He was weary of his call as a prophet, he was angry at God. He even accused God of duping him as we hear today. All this, and yet he was unable to give up his calling. God's message still burns in his heart.

In our second reading today, the Apostle Paul expressed the costly nature of faith in Christ. Throughout biblical history Israel had offered sacrifices to God. In the New Testament, in Christ, we are called to give ourselves as "living" sacrifices. We must transform and open our minds so we can discern and do the will of God in our lives. Paul was clear that the life of faith was a costly affair. It means embracing the will of God as our own good and happiness.

In the gospel passage today from Matthew, the first prediction of the passion removes any doubts about what kind of Messiah Jesus is. In verse 21 Jesus proclaims unambiguously that his earthly future will involve suffering and death in accord with his Father's plan. As Jesus begins to reveal this part of God's plan to the disciples, it does not match their expectations of what should happen. God is powerful. The Messiah will triumph over adversity and oppression. Yes this will happen but not in the way they expect. Their expectation is that Jesus will restore the nation of Israel to its glory days of David's and Solomon's kingdom a thousand years previous.

Despite Peter's confession of faith that we heard last week, Peter in verse 22, rejects the possibility that Jesus messiahship could involve suffering. Jesus promptly and emphatically corrects Peter's misconception as coming from Satan, as a stumbling block in Jesus' way and as purely human thinking. Sayings on the cost and reward of discipleship follow that first prediction of the passion. Here they are warned that discipleship also involves a share in the cross.

The calling of Jesus Christ to follow him requires a response from each one of us. We are called to make a sacrifice. Our sacrifice is not as great as our Lord's and may not be as overwhelming as Jeremiah's. As Paul says to the Romans, we make a sacrifice when we resist conforming ourselves to the secular world. We are called to deny ourselves at times, take up our cross and follow Him. Let each sign of the cross we make remind us of the sacrifice we are called to offer. Let us pray for the willingness and courage to live in Christ-like ways.

Father Casey

### **Clergy Schedule for Sunday, September 10, 2023** **(celebrants are subject to change)**

**Saturday, September 9, 2023**

**Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Heron**

**Sunday, September 10, 2023**

**7:30 am – Fr. Bransfield**

**9:30 am – Fr. Quan**

**11:30 am – Fr. Casey**

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

- 1) Ezekiel 33:7-9 (127A)
- 2) Romans 13:8-10
- 3) Matthew 18:15-20



**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 Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

## Prayer FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit.  
Be with our children as they begin a new school year.  
Bless them and their teachers and staff.  
Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;  
Give wisdom and knowledge to  
their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and  
zeal to their hearts.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

## 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

## The next pick up for St. John's Hospice is Wednesday, September 6 at 9 am.

The next meetings of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall August 28 & September 18 from 7-8:30 pm.

Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

### Sunday Offering Week of August 20, 2023

Envelopes \$ 8,573.00  
 Loose 666.00  
 \$ 9,239.00

# of envelopes – 519

Average - 16.52

*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)

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CHAPEL



### 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).

*Welcome to the newest members  
of our IHM Parish!*  
**Sierra Muhlbaier**

## 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** - *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, [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.*