



Whoever does not  
carry his own cross  
and come after me  
cannot be my disciple.  
Luke 14:27

## 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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*Rev. Sean P. Bransfield, in Residence*

*Deacon Salvatore R. Bianco*

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKENDS: IN CHURCH

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Vigil

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

#### WEEKDAYS: IN SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Wednesdays when school is in session Mass will be held in the Church - 8:30 a.m.

#### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION IN CHURCH

5:15 pm Vigil Mass

8:30 am, Noon, & 7:30 p.m. (times may vary on certain Holy Days; please check inside pages or parish website)

#### HOLIDAYS: IN CHURCH

9:00 a.m. (Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day)

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN CHURCH

Saturday 4-5 p.m.

#### TUESDAY

SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT AFTER 8:30 a.m. MASS  
UNTIL 6:30 p.m.

#### MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

TUESDAY EVENING AT 6:30 p.m.

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 12 at 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 4, 2022

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>3</b>	5:15 p.m.	Jerry Hefter
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>4</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Mike Messina 11 yr. Anniversary & Rosina Messina 9 yr. Anniversary Carmen "Charles" Tramo
<b>MON.</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Memorial Fund Labor Day (in the Church)</b>
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>6</b>	8:30	Roman & Helen Cupchak & Deceased Family Members
<b>WED.</b>	<b>7</b>	8:30	Joan Funk
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>8</b>	8:30	Baronett Family
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>9</b>	8:30	D'Angelo Family
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>10</b>	8:00 5:15 pm	John Waldeck Richard Urbanski
<b>SUN</b>	<b>11</b>	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Lorna Zito Anthony J. Gampico

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

The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel**  
for the week of September 5 - September 11  
is in loving memory of  
Joan Funk  
requested by  
John Funk.



The second collection next weekend September 10 & 11  
is for the Mission Co-op Plan, Annual Appeal.

### ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of  
Joan Funk  
requested by John Funk



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in  
loving memory of  
Joan A. Reed  
requested by  
Robert G. Reed, Jr., & Family



*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, Mary Bartsch, Anne Basara,  
Joan Becker, Josephine Bellace, Wayne Bielawski, Nancy  
Bright, Daniel Brito, Bill Burrow, Bobby Busch, Dolores  
Buzby, Lynn Campbell, Erin Caruso, Terry Carr, Officer Andy  
Chan, Pete Cissone, Michael Clark, Brooke Conklin, Quint  
Cuffe, Earl Dandridge, Taylor Davis, Marano Donald  
D'Angelo, Nancy Di John, Marianne Di Mucci, Madeline  
DiPasquale, Janet Bollinger Doherty, Beth Donnelly, Joseph  
Donnelly, Francis "Joe" Elliott, Joe Evers, Peg Fierko, David  
Fleetwood, Bill & Dorothy Foster, Kathy Foster, Sydney  
Franzmann, Barbara Freiling, Dr. Angeline M. Gampico,  
Helen Golbeski, Kelly Gruninger, Bernadette Harwick,  
Brenden Heyer, Don Holt, Sheila Janes, Frances Jefferys,  
Chris Kane, Marianne Klusek, Olga Kostic, Angela Kotowich,  
Mary Krier, Hannah Lambert, Flavia Langan, Langan Family,  
Dolores Lanigan, Edward Lanigan, Marianne Leahy, Agnes  
Leinheiser, Edward Lenox, Carol Ann Lott, Hadley Ludwig,  
Charles Mansor, Cheryl Maresca, Elizabeth Matruka, Terry  
McCormick, Brian McGuire, Anne Marie Mc Keever, Felix  
& Louise McKeogh, Helen Magee, Elizabeth Matruak,  
Winifred Meall, Rachael Mellon, Scott Melina, Charlie  
Melough, Eileen Michel, Brian Morris, Mary Mudry, Dick &  
Trudy Neff, Marvin Parnes, Harry Pastella, Luisa Pellicone,  
Dave Pendleton, Bishop Joseph Pepe, Bill Pinto, Nicole  
Powlus, Kathy Pro, Tom Przybek, Karen Pulcinella, Connie  
Quigley, John Quirus, Clara Ragni, Junie Rakosak, Harper  
Renshaw, John Reynolds, Joel Rivera, Domiciano Gallego-  
Ruiz, Anita Russell, Timothy Sager, Donna Scharff, John  
Scharff, Mairead Scharff, Mary Ann Shaw, Bill & Theresa  
Sherwin, Jake Stefano, Baby Caleb St. George, Donna Stine,  
O.S.F., Felicia Teske, Paul Teske, Edward Thomas, Molly  
Thompson, Christine Triola, Louise Vesci, Maddox Vielman,  
Helen Wade, Walter Wayne Whitehouse, Pam Wisdom, 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 1<sup>st</sup> responders.*

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

*Mary Lou Henigan  
Anne Monahan*



## Pastor's Page

In our first reading today from the Book of Wisdom it reminds us that we run the race of life ultimately by faith, not by human sight. Our mortal minds cannot know the future. Our corruptible bodies cannot outrun illness and death. But faith gives us the courage to go on and finish strong. Faith is a gift. We need to nourish and use this gift.

As we read the passage from Luke's Gospel this week we see the narrative continuing with Jesus' journey toward Jerusalem. (Luke 14:25-33). It has been an exhausting and challenging journey that started its decisive turn in Chapter 9: vs. 51 when they headed south from Galilee through Samaria. (you may want to go back and read those verses)

Remember back to Chapter 9 vs. 57-62 when the journey toward Jerusalem takes its decisive turn: "Whoever puts his hand to the plow but keeps looking back is unfit for the reign of God" This is where we ask Jesus for the grace and strength to keep looking forward with our focus on the road ahead. Looking back can take us right off the road. Or hit an obstacle.

Jesus talks about what is needed for the total commitment in verses 28-29. "If one of you decides to build a tower, will he not first sit down and calculate the outlay to see if he has enough money to complete the project. He will do that for fear of laying the foundation and then not being able to complete the work."

As this journey continues, Jesus is teaching about the seriousness of discipleship. The call to follow Him cannot be made half-heartedly. I am sure at one point they, and us at times might say to Jesus, "Couldn't Christianity be more successful and popular if you eased up on us all? Or "Are you sure you know what you are doing Jesus?" Jesus of course knew what he was doing. He wanted to make sure those who were following him knew what they were doing too. What do we make of these hard sayings of Jesus? He wanted disciples to finish strong in the journey of following Him.

Jesus had no desire to "spin" the truth. He did not want to offend. But he did intend to shock the hearer into a higher level of commitment. Jewish leaders of the first century often used overstatement and exaggeration with their disciples. Hence the use of the terminology "hating father and mother, wife and children, brother, sister and even his own life" The meaning here is that anyone or anything that stands in the way of thorough commitment to Jesus must be renounced. This is the radical message of the cross.

Jesus wants us to be alert that the hill is steep in places that we will be asked to climb. Jesus would be doing us no good to soft sell the pressing need for absolute commitment to the journey and the reign of God. If someone begins the journey under an illusion of ease, then we are headed for certain disappointment. Jesus knows that it does not prepare his followers for the harsh times that may come, they will wilt under the pressure and quit too soon.

Jesus was a finisher. At this death he cried, "It is finished" He did not quit. He calls us to follow in his steps and live as witnesses. It is not always an easy climb. It is not always a popular journey, but we will never be totally alone either. Christ will be there. He has gone before us. His presence will enable us to finish strong.

*Father Casey*



Note: The Rectory Office will close be closed Monday, September 5 for the Labor Day Holiday. On Monday, September 5 (Labor Day) **Daily Mass** will be held in the Church at **9:00 AM**.

### Weekend Clergy Schedule September 10, 2022 (celebrants are subject to change)

#### Saturday, September 9, 2022

5:15 Vigil - Fr. Casey

#### Sunday, September 10, 2022

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Quan

9:30 a.m. - Fr. Bongard

11:30 a.m. - Fr. Bransfield

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 (132C)
- 2) 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- 3) Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10



**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 next pick up for  
St. John's Hospice is  
Wednesday, September 7 at 9 am.



The next meetings of the  
St. Vincent dePaul Society  
will be held in Fr. Sullivan Hall  
**September 19**  
from 7-8:30 pm.

Please join us for this rewarding volunteer work.

IHM Home and School Association is having a Fall Mum Fundraiser.

After each Mass on Saturday, **September 10 & Sunday, September 11** orders will be taken by a representative.

The cost is : **1 mum \$10, 2 mums \$19, 3 mums, \$27, 4 mums \$34, 5 mums \$40.**

After five mums at \$40, each additional mum will be \$8 each.

Pick up will be from Secret Garden 7631  
Ridge Avenue at a date to be determined.

Thank you for your support with this fundraiser.



The Parish Religious Education Program  
registration deadline is fast approaching  
for the 2022-2023 PREP year.

Final Registration will be held on

**Tuesday, September 6th from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
**PREP Classes begin on Tuesday, September 13th!**

For further information, please contact:

Mary Anne Kostic-King, CRE @ 215-483-4266 or  
e-mail: [mking@iheartmary.org](mailto:mking@iheartmary.org)

**Confirmation Preparation** will begin on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 for our PREP Students and Students from private schools who have registered to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, November 20, 2022 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Our IHM school students will be preparing for the reception of this sacrament during their religious studies in class. Parish/PREP Students must attend all Tuesday evening preparation classes and the Retreat Day for receiving this Sacrament.

For information, please contact:  
Mary Anne Kostic- King, CRE 215-483-4266 or  
e-mail: [mking@iheartmary.org](mailto:mking@iheartmary.org)

**IHM HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION** is hosting a  
**Market Day** for all Vendors, Crafters, and Rummage  
Sellers.

**DATE:** Saturday, September 17, 2022

**TIME:** 9am to 2pm

**WHERE:** **Father Sullivan Hall**  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary School**  
**815 E. Cathedral Road,**  
**Philadelphia PA 19128**

**Tables are \$25/single or \$40/double**

If interested contact the IHM Home and School Association:  
[homeandschool@iheartmary.org](mailto:homeandschool@iheartmary.org)

Breakfast and lunch will be available to purchase.

### THE 2022 PRO-LIFE SUMMER RAFFLE

**1ST PRIZE \$5,000**

**2ND PRIZE \$1,000**

**3RD PRIZE \$500**

**4TH PRIZE \$250 (4 prizes)**

**5TH PRIZE \$100 (5 prizes)**

The drawing for this raffle occurs on  
**Saturday, September 24, 2022**

All proceed benefit the Pro-Life Legal Fund.

For tickets call: **Anne Marie Beaver 215-483-8204**



Please pray for our Principal, Teachers, Students, Parents and School Staff as they prepare for the 2022-23 school year. May God keep them all safe and healthy.

**School opens on Wednesday, September 7th.**

Please drive carefully when in the parking lot we use it for both the school and the entire parish.

### Sunday Offering Week of August 28, 2022

Sunday	\$6,044.79
Loose	<u>410.00</u>
	\$6,454.79

# of envelopes – 384

Average– 15.75

*Thank you & God Bless you for your generosity*

*God's blessings  
to the newly baptized children  
in the Catholic faith*

**Grace Dee O' Donnell**

**Sunday, October 16, 1:00-4:00 PM**

**Event: Mother Daughter Tea (educational program)**

This is a special program for mothers and daughters between the ages of 10 to 13. The Mother Daughter Tea provides an opportunity to interact in a facilitated group setting while learning about the gift of fertility and how to care for it. Talks will focus on the sacredness of human life, the physical changes in a girl's body, the importance of modesty and the development of healthy parent and peer relationships.

**Speakers:** FertilityCare Practitioners from Gianna and chastity educators from Generation Life.

**Location:** St. Helena Catholic Church in Blue Bell, PA  
Must preregister for this event. For learn more, go to [www.phgiannacenter.org](http://www.phgiannacenter.org) and click the events tab.

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

**Mr. Thomas Sankara**

#### **PART-TIME MAINTENANCE POSITION AVAILABLE AT IHM**

Our maintenance department has a permanent part-time position available.

Hours are Monday - Friday 12:30 pm to 4 pm.

For more information and details call Richard Strickland at 215-483-1000.



**Our Music Ministry has openings  
for new members!**

**Cantors, Choir and Instrumentalists**

**"All those who sing, pray twice!"**

**Come join us ....Christmas is coming!!!!**

**Please contact: Linda Pfefferle**

**215-704-4652 or [Musicfef5@gmail.com](mailto:Musicfef5@gmail.com)**



## **Mount Saint Joseph Academy**

**Join us for our annual fall Open House on Sunday, October 2, from 10am to 1pm!**

Learn how a mission-driven education and the bonds of sisterhood fuel meaningful learning at the Mount. Tour our campus with a student tour guide, attend an information session, learn about dynamic academics and student life, and meet our experienced faculty, staff, and coaches. Prospective families in grades 5-8 may register today at [msjacad.org/openhouse](http://msjacad.org/openhouse).

**Apply today for the Class of 2027 at [msjacad.org/apply](http://msjacad.org/apply)!**  
Applications are due by October 7.

Scholarships/Entrance Exams will be offered on October 8 and October 9.

Contact the Admissions Team at [admiss@msjacad.org](mailto:admiss@msjacad.org) or (215) 233-9133 with any questions.

**The Golden Age Club** will resume on Monday, September 12, at 11 AM.

Please arrive in Father Sullivan Hall by 10:30 to have your coffee, snack, buy your bingo card (s) and the 50/50 tickets.

All who are 55 years of age and over are invited to join!!!

**COME AND SEE WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT!!!**

### **RACHEL'S VINEYARD A PLACE TO HEAL FROM ABORTION**

**DATES: NOVEMBER 4 TH – 6 TH 2022**  
**LOCATION: IHM SPIRITUALITY CENTER**  
**210 IHM DRIVE**  
**MALVERN, PA 19355**

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of an abortion – no matter how much time has passed – please know that a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into a hope for the future.

Join us for a safe, loving and confidential weekend to experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy.

Contact our team to register or for questions:  
Susan – 610-716-4795, Georgeann – 484-955-4278

## 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. Richard Strickland** - *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, [Musicfe5@gmail.com](mailto:Musicfe5@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:** *John Macoretta, Scoutmaster (215-680-1049); 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.:** *Chuck Harvey*

**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 Thursday @ 7pm in the K of C Room in FSH. contact Joe Flemming (215-964-2624)*

*[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*

**Pregnancy Hotline 610-626-4006 or Pro Life Union 215-855-8150**