



JESUS' UNIQUE MIRACLE HEALING THE DEAF MAN

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. Edward J. Casey, Pastor

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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, & 7:30 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 8, 2024

SAT.	7	5:15 pm	Vincent & Anna Manzo
SUN.	8	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners John S. Calabrese, Jr. Richard Urbanski
MON.	9	8:30	Jack Waldeck
TUES.	10	8:30	Tiem Van Pham
WED.	11	8:30	John Iacobacci
THUR	12	8:30	Krause Family
FRI.	13	8:30	Mr. & Mrs. Tinh Nguyen
SAT.	14	8:00 5:15 pm	Anne M. Rodgers Robert G. Reed, Sr. & Helen Reed
SUN	15	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Notwick & Chasero Families Curtin & Mower Families

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

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 Castallante-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, Michael Kohute, Olga Kostic, Angela Kotowich, Mary Krier, Hannah Lambert, Flavia Langan, Langan Family, Edward Lanigan, Marianne Leahy, Agnes Leinheiser, Dorlene Long, 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, Mary Ann Pastore, 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, 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, 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.

ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of Sloane Kwartnik requested by the Kwartnik Family.



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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Alexander "Al" J. Zito, Sr.



The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for the week of September 9 to September 15 is in loving memory of Jack Waldeck requested by Mary & girls.



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

Pastor's Page

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God!"

This is the invitation the priest gives to the congregation right before the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer. In the "old" (pre-2011) translation the response was, "it is right to give Him thanks and praise". The new translation is aligned more closely to the Latin text, "Dignum et justum est" very simply and literally translated "it is right and just". The idea is the same though. We have an obligation to give thanks and praise to our God.

The invitation right before that is also something we can mediate upon. "Lift up your hearts! When we pray, we lift up our hearts to the Lord. We are basically going outside of ourselves, lifting ourselves up to communicate with God and Jesus. We enter into a very special relationship. We respond to an invitation.

As we enter into another Academic year, it is good to look at our obligation to give thanks and praise. Setting aside time on the Sabbath to celebrate the Eucharist is certainly an obligation we have. But we need to do more if we are going to develop our relationship with God. It helps us to observe the Third Commandment to keep the Sabbath Day holy. But what we do is certainly more than just obligation.

The word Eucharist itself means "Thanksgiving". We are giving thanks to God for everything we have. We are also entering into the Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. We unite ourselves to Jesus. That is the notion of Communion. The Body and Blood of Christ is food for our spiritual journey. Just as we would not think of going weeks without regular food, we need to realize the gift of the spiritual food that Jesus gives us for our journey. "Do this in memory of me"

As we go forth from our assembly today, let us reflect on the Word that we have heard. May our eyes and ears be opened to a deeper faith in the Lord Jesus. The Word describes the awesome power of God that transforms our lives and the lives of others.

If you know someone, a relative or a friend who has lost sight of the importance of giving thanks and praise to God at the Eucharistic Liturgy, invite them back. They will be glad you did.

Fr. Casey

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) Isaiah 50:4c-9a (131B)
- 2) James 2:14-18
- 3) Mark 8:27-35



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.



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.

Just a reminder that school is now in session. Please be careful when driving through the parking lot as the children can be out there at any given time.

Mass on Wednesdays when school is in session will be at 8:30 AM in the Church.

PREP classes begin on September 17.

Please pray for our students, teachers, principal and all the staff for a safe and wonderful school year.

May God bless us all!

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.



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.

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



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.

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

WELCOME BACK TO THE GOLDEN AGE CLUB

The Golden Age Club will resume their meetings on September 9th at 11:00 am. New members 55 years of age and up are welcome to join!! The membership fee is \$25.00 a year. Please arrive by 10:30 am to sign in, get your coffee or tea and a snack. Also you can purchase 50/50 tickets and bingo cards.

Grief is hard work! Grief often depletes the griever physically as well as emotionally (and cognitively, spiritually and socially). Tending to oneself after the loss of a loved one creates a place and space for your grief. A grief support group provides the opportunity to share your loss with others while receiving care, support and tools to adapt to your loss.

Registration is required. Please email kollerbereavement@gmail.com or call 215.482.5200
PROGRAM WILL BE HELD ALTERNATING THURSDAYS, 6:30-7:45 beginning September 26 through December 5, 2024.

September 26, 2024 YOUR Grief, YOUR Journey!
October 10, 2024 What to Expect - Stages of Grief
October 24, 2024 When Grief is Not Enough: Grief vs. Mourning
November 7, 2024 Preparing for Special Days, Anniversaries and Holidays
November 21, 2024 Coping Strategies and Self-care
December 5, 2024 Moving Forward Toward Acceptance and Hope

“Finding peace after loss is not about getting over it, but learning to carry grief as a testament to the love that never ends”

SAVE THE DATES

The IHM Home & School Association is in the process of planning the Fall Festival for September 28 and the Christmas Bazaar for November 23.

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Monday, October 14.

On November 10, 2024 SVDP will have the **Thrifty Irishman** here to collect clothing and household items.

Look for more information in the coming weeks.

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

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.

**ON LINE GIVING IS COMING TO IHM CHURCH!
LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION IN THE COMING WEEKS!**

Sunday Offering Week of August 18 2024

Envelopes	\$ 5,756.00
Loose	914.00
	<u>\$ 6,670.00</u>

of envelopes – 370
Average - \$15.56

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Employment Opportunities

PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE AT IHM

Our maintenance department has an opening for a part-time custodian. Hours will be Monday through Friday from 12:30 to 4 pm.

Interested candidates should contact Gene Martino at 215-483-1000 or email: www.ihmparish@comcast.net

Immaculate Heart of Mary School is in need of a Middle School Science Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact Principal Patrick Foley at:

Principalfoley@iheartmary.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>

Clergy Schedule for Sunday, September 15, 2024
(celebrants are subject to change)

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Sean

Sunday, September 15, 2024

7:30 am – Fr. Quan
9:30 am - Fr. Quan
11:30 am Fr. Casey

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.