



**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, & 7:00 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 Tuesday, March 10 at 7 pm 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.

Pre-Cana Marriage Prep—Spring date is May 16, 2026. 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

We Pray and Worship Together

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
March 8, 2026**

SAT.	7	5:15 pm	Frances & Richard Kauffman
SUN.	8	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Maria Ferrero Deacon George W. Kletzel, Jr. 8th Anniversary
MON.	9	8:30	Dinh Nguyen Family
TUES.	10	8:30	The Fuges Family
WED.	11	8:30	Alfredo Lopez
THURS.	12	8:30	Catherine Mc Allister
FRI.	13	8:30	Edith & James Myers
SAT.	14	8:00 5:15 pm	M/M Tiem Pham Virginia & Robert Jefford
SUN.	15	7:30 9:30 11:30	IHM Parishioners Eileen Hodges Mary Ann Shaw

***Please note not all Masses are for the deceased. Some are for the living.**

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

Maria Aduso, Ruben Aduso, Marguerite Bambani & Margaret, Jeannie Barr, Maureen Barr, Patricia Benene, Joyce Bielawski, Wayne Bielawski, Anita Bilotti, Cindi & Lance Bownet, NanciDolores Buzby, Lois Cartwright, Michael & Kay Christner, Brooke Conklin, Ron Clute, Walter Crate, John Croley, Charlotte Cupchak, Helen Cyzio, Miquelina De Jesus, Joe Di Lullo, Sandy Di Mucci, Maria Downey, Marie Dunne, Francis “Joe” Elliott, Mark Fee, Fr. Michael Kelly, Annette Freed, Linda Galleo, Heather Getley, Steven Getley, Bernadette Giambuzzi, Daniel Golasa, Lora L. Golasa, James Goussy, Joseph Henkel, Regina Joka, Florence Kesslerling, Beverly King, Mary Jo & Paul King, Olga Kostic, Marianne Leahy, Colleen Long, Earl & Dornelle Long, Nicole Lo Stracco, Eugene Magee, Michael Magee, Dominic Matteo, Valerie Mc Carthy, Diane Mc Guire, Anne Marie Mc Keever, Mary Mudry, Mumford Family, Msgr. Philip C. Ricci, Trudy & Dick Neff, Frances Orlicki, Jessica Paterson, Holly Pelligrini, Ruthanne Pelligrini, Bill Pinto, Nicole Powlus, Karen Pulcinella, Elena Rocca, Baby Paige Elizabeth Sablich, Jane Rowe, Anne Sargus-Varian, Sierra, John & Maired Scharff, Matthew Simmons, David Sparacino, Vivian Swiggard, Sr. Mary Thaddeus, Carolyn Walter, Daniel Welsh, Ellen Wentzel, Lena Weredene, Jerry Williams

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



The Sanctuary Light in our **Sacred Heart Chapel** for this week is in loving memory of **Ed Oakes** requested by **Rose & Family**



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

*Laura Salvatore
Veronica Dennison*



ROSES

The rose placed in the **Church** is in loving memory of **Pat Salvatore** Happy Birthday requested by the Salvatore Family



The rose placed in the **Chapel** is in loving memory of **Terry Mc Cormick** requested by her sister, **Johanne Curcio**

**Clergy Schedule
(celebrants are subject to change)**

Saturday, March 14, 2026
Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr. Quan

Sunday, March 15, 2026
7:30 am Fr. Quan
9:30 am Fr. Casey
11:30 am Fr. Sean

Pastor's Page

Today on the Third Sunday of Lent, the Church celebrates the first of three scrutinies with the Elect and their communities throughout the Church. The scriptures today are chosen explicitly to help the Elect as they undergo their final preparations for the Easter Sacraments. We the baptized too can scrutinize our own lives today, following the example of the Elect in allowing Our Lord to uncover and heal all that is weak and sinful in the way we live.

The readings today speak of the importance of water. Water is an essential element of life. Without it we die. The biblical personages in both the old and the new testament lived in a land surrounded by barren deserts.

In the first reading from Exodus, the people are facing a challenge in finding water now that they have left Egypt. They have briefly celebrated their newfound freedom from Pharaoh and the Egyptians when they begin to complain about the hardships of the journey. They are bitterly complaining against God and Moses. Eventually they are going to have to learn over and over to keep trusting in God's care for them. This is going to be a long drawn out process.

They even question whether they should have stayed in Egypt. Amazing how revisionist history can color our perspective. "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it to make us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" Their lack of faith even moves them to cry out and ask, "Is the Lord in our midst or not'?"

Rocks are not known for their water content. But in another of the miracles the Lord works through Moses, he instructs him to strike a rock with his staff, the same staff that he used in parting the Red Sea. The water struck from the rock is to quench the people's thirst, it becomes a strong symbol for life. "Come let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with Thanksgiving.

The Gospel reading from John chapter 4 today, also speaks of the symbol of water, used to describe God's life giving presence. Jesus himself becomes the living water to the Samaritan woman. Recall that the Jewish relationship with the Samaritans, who were located between Galilee on the north and Judea to the south was very bad and historically conditioned. The problems dated back to the 700sBC, when foreigners came into this area after the Assyrian exile. The foreigners who came into the territory partially adopted Israel's religion but were always viewed by the Jews as hated, semi-pagan invaders. It would have been very surprising that Jesus even spoke to this woman.

The story includes a lengthy dialogue with the woman. Jesus meets the woman at the well where Jacob met Rachel. To start off with, this Samaritan woman was considered outside the law, by faith and by lifestyle. Jesus guides her from perceiving him as simply another man to the point where she says, "I can see you are a prophet." Eventually the dialogue leads to her, of all people, becoming an evangelizer, hastening to her fellow townspeople. She becomes a conduit of faith's living water. Remember water seeks its own level.

As Moses struck the rock with his staff, may Jesus cross – the abiding instrument of God's unconditional mercy – strike our hardened hearts, unsealing God's merciful love to flow into our lives.

Father Casey

During Lent the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Wednesdays from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm and Saturdays from 4 pm to 5 in the Church.

Stations of the Cross are every Friday at 7 PM in the Chapel

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 1) 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a (31A)
- 2) Ephesians 5:8-14
- 3) John 9:1-41



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 Catholic Parishes of East Falls, Manayunk, Roxborough and Andorra will present the Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program for engaged couples on **SATURDAY, MAY 16, 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.

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS
OF OUR IHM FAMILY

Scholl Family
Capoferri-McKeever Family
Baez Family

Sunday Offering Week of February 22, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 5,830.00
Loose	947.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	<u>1,850.00</u>
	\$ 8,627.00

of envelopes—396
Average—\$14.73

To make a secure contribution on-line please visit ihmphila.org and click on the Parish Giving Logo.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH DINNER

The Knights of Columbus is serving a fish dinner on the following Fridays during Lent.

March 13, 20, 27, & April 3.

Pick up only from 3PM to 6PM (or until sold out)

Dinner consists of Baked & Breaded Fish Filets (with a lemon wedge). Side dishes are: coleslaw, homemade mac & cheese, a roll and your choice of soda or water.

Cost is \$23.00

Family Deal (4 platters) \$80.00

Call/text to order 267-298-8885 by Wednesday prior
CASH PAYMENT ONLY



Adult Confirmation Class at St. John the Baptist

Are you an adult Catholic who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

St. John the Baptist Parish in Manayunk will offer a series of four classes to prepare Adults over the age of 18 for Confirmation. This opportunity is only offered to anyone who has been Baptized and has received First Holy Communion in the Roman Catholic Church. The recipient of this beautiful sacrament receives a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit (like the apostles at Pentecost), and completes their initiation as adult Catholics. **Four mandatory in-person sessions at St. John the Baptist will be held on the following Tuesdays in the St. John the Baptist Parish Center (Rectory) from 6:30—8:00 PM at 146 Rector Street: April 28, May 5, 12, & 19. Then on May 24 2026, Pentecost Sunday, the candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at 11:00 AM Mass at Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Center City. Kindly contact Kristi Bushner to reserve your space or inquire at 610-246-3778; faith@stjohnmanayunk.org.**

State Representative Tarik Khan will be registering new or renewals of Septa Bus passes for all seniors who are 65 years or older at St. John the Baptist Social Hall, 4211 Cresson Street, Philadelphia, PA 19127 on March 31, 2026 from 9 AM to 11 AM. Please bring an identification card with you in order to complete the Septa Bus Pass process. Street Parking is available and in the lot adjacent to the church and Parish Offices on Rector Street.

The next pickup for St. John's Hospice casserole program is on Wednesday, April 1 at 9 am.



**15 WEEK CLUB
Week # 3**

Mitchell Carbaugh	\$300.00
Joyce. Mc Philemy	\$100.00
Marianne Avington	\$100.00
Johanne Curcio	\$ 50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Franciscovich	\$ 50.00
Jessica Rodgers	\$ 50.00
Courtney Bergey	\$ 50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Durkin	\$ 50.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!

PART-TIME MAINTENANCE POSITION AVAILABLE AT IHM

Our maintenance department has a permanent part-time position available. Hours are Monday - Friday 12:00 pm to 3:30 pm. For more information and details call the IHM Parish Office at 215-483-1000.

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
March 23, April 13, May 4
All are welcome to join us in this rewarding work. To find out more about us come to a no pressure meeting and find out what we do.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL DATES

First Penance
Tuesday, 3/10/26 @ 6:00 p.m. in Church

First Holy Communion Retreat
Shrine of the Miraculous Medal
Wednesday, April 15 (8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.)

First Holy Communion Practice
Wednesday 4/29/26
(8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.)
in Church and Father Sullivan Hall

*** First Holy Communion**
Sunday, 5/3/26 @11:30 a.m. Mass

* Please note the change from the first Saturday in May to the first Sunday in May for the Reception and Celebration of First Holy Communion. *

A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

PLEASE NOTE: We will NOT be sending out end of year 2025 contribution statements to our parishioners. To request a contribution statement please call the IHM Parish Office at 215-483-1000 or email: ihmparish@comcast.net.

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.

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 the Protecting God's Children session go to virtusonline.org then first time registrant then to list of sessions to find one that is convenient for you to attend. There are classes available through zoom.

For more information call Denise Schmidt in the Rectory Office 215-483-1000. Monday - Friday between the hours of 10 am to 2 pm.

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*

Mrs. Rita Morados - *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*

Mrs. Denise Schmidt - *Bulletin and Website Editor*

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*

Music Ministry: *Rehearsals—Wednesdays 7:00 p.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—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 March 4, 2026 at 9 am.*

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Home & School Association: homeandschool@iheartmary.org

Tuition Office: *contact Traci Kovach (215-482-2029). Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 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 Anne 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. Maria Campbell (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 @ 7:00pm in the K of C Room in FSH. contact Dan McPeake @dmcpc2939@verizon.net or visit our website at <http://www.kofc4100.org>.*