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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 September 15th 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—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 6, 2026

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
5:15pm Mary Teson

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
7:30 Parishoners of Immaculate Heart of Mary
9:30 Josephine Spaeder
11:30 Thomas, Sr. & Gertrude Newell

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
9:00 Labor Day
Memorial Fund

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
8:30 John Calabrese

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
8:30 Joan Funk

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
8:30 Jack Waldeck

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
8:30 Joe D'Angelo

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
8:00 Gertrude "Trudy" Rauscher
5:15pm Joseph & Emma Caracappa

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
7:30 Parishoners of Immaculate Heart of Mary
9:30 John Iacobacci
11:30 Thelma Lee

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
Joan Funk
requested by
John Funk

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Marguerite Koller

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, Mary Juliani, John Kerwood, Beverly King, Mary Jo & Paul King, 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, Lee Weredene

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

ROSES

The rose placed in the Church
is in loving memory of
Walter "Wayne" Whitehouse
requested by
Richard & Christina Caplan.

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

Pastor's Page

The scripture readings today focus on relationships and care of the other. These are not just any relationships, but the difficult and complex ones too. In the first reading, the prophet Ezekiel cautions us not to give up on the wicked but rather warn them that their behavior is unacceptable. However, it they do not heed our warnings, at least we will know that we tried to enlighten them.

The gospel today is very specific on how to deal with issues of conflict or disagreement. The scenario Jesus paints could apply to any family, community, workplace or environment which breeds conflict or confusion. It takes courage for us to be persistent and confront contentious issues: first in private, then with witnesses and finally in front of the assembly – to provide evidence of injustice or wrongdoing. If after all these measures have been taken and still there is no resolution, we must turn away and move on, knowing that we have done everything humanly possible to rectify the situation.

In Jesus' view, mutual correction is never punishment, revenge or settling scores but rather following the first commandment, the law of love – seeking the good of another. As St. Paul puts is, "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law…..Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:8-10)

We can see the lessons for common Christian life in the gospel lesson today. First of all, Jesus knew that conflict would arise within the Church, so we should not be surprised by it. Jesus encourages us to not descend into a world of silence, or passive aggression or other forms of deviant forms of manipulation to handle their conflict. Healthy families on the other hand learn to speak their hurt directly, openly and in a spirit of reconciliation.

Secondly, Jesus placed the responsibility for initiating the process of reconciliation on the person who feels hurt. This would on the surface seem to run against the grain of our experience. When someone hurts us we seem to expect – no we demand – that they make the first move toward reconciliation. We want justice. They hurt us, so they should come crawling to us begging for our forgiveness, after they repaired or repaid their injury against us. And until they do, we feel justified nursing our anger against them, rehearsing our story of their evil deed to all who will give us a listening ear.

The problem here is that often the person offended is the only one who knows about the offense. While we are upset, the person who offended us may be sleeping fine at night, not because they are callous and uncaring but because they are simply unware of our pain. How much time and energy are wasted if we could just follow the council of Jesus on this point. Someone has to begin the reconciliation. Often peace waits only for that one start. Jesus does not seem so concerned with who is at fault, as on the importance of an honest reconciliation between members of the body of Christ. Forgiveness empowers us as much as it does the person we have forgiven.

Father Casey

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1) Sirach 27:30-28:7 (130A)
2) Romans 14:7-9
3) Matthew 18:21-35

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.

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 215-251-2222 or schepises@yahoo.com.

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

GOD'S BLESSINGS
TO THE
NEWLY BAPTIZED
Liam Thomas Teson

PREP REGISTRATION FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for PREP at IHM Parish is now open for grades one through seven.

Applications are available by contacting, Mary Anne Kostic-King email: mking@iheartmary.org or by calling 215-483-4266.

Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 15, 2026.
We will be meeting weekly from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.
Registration must be completed prior to the start date of classes.

A final registration, will be held in Father Sullivan Hall on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

PREP Tuition will remain the same for this coming year: $175.00 per child, $225.00 for two children, and $300.00 for three children.

If your child is registering for the first time, you must bring their Baptismal Certificate and any certification from another Parish/ PREP program, if applicable.

WELCOME BACK TO THE
IHM 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!!!

Our first through eighth grade will be returning to school on Wednesday, September 9th.
Please keep our prinicpal, teachers, students,staff and parents in your prayers as they begin a new school year.
Our early childhood will begin their full day the following week.

Clergy Schedule
(celebrants are subject to change)
Saturday, September 12, 2026
Vigil 5:15 pm - Fr.Casey
Sunday, September 13, 2026
7:30 am Fr. Quan
9:30 am Sean
11:30 am Fr. Casey

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UPCOMING EVENTS
GOLDEN AGE CLUB NEWS
The first meeting of the Golden Age Club will be on Monday, September 14th at 11 am in Father Sullivan Hall.
Snacks and coffee will be served.
FIFTH DISTRICT POLICE
Friday, September 18th at 7pm Bingo in Father Sullivan Hall
CYO
Saturday, September 26th Cornhole Tournament

Sunday Offering Week of August 16, 2026

Envelopes	$ 5,395.00
Loose	1,140.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	1,270.00
	$ 7,805.00

# of envelopes –351
Average—$15.37
Assumption $1, 704.00

Sunday Offering Week of August 23, 2026

Envelopes	$ 6,390.00
Loose	1,155.00
Parish Giving (E-Giving)	1,910.00
	$ 9,455.00

# of envelopes –406
Average—$15.74

To make a secure contribution on-line please visit ihmphila.org and click on the Parish Giving Logo.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Bible Study Group forming -

What role does the Holy Spirit play in our spiritual lives?

When: Friday evening meetings at 7:00 to 8:00 pm
Where: IHM Father Sullivan Hall
"Intro" meeting on Friday, September 11 at 7:00 pm.

Our guide again will be Father Mitch Pacwa, S.J., an EWTN host and a respected Biblical Scholar. Bring a copy of his "The Holy Spirit: A Bible Study Guide for Catholics" book, available from Amazon ($9.04 on discount). There will be eight weekly sessions. Please RSVP to frank.k@verizon.net if planning to attend and note if you want a copy of book purchased for you.

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
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
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 September 2, 2026 at 9 am.

School Programs

Home & School: 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 1-7. 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.*