

SATURDAY, October 28, 2017

9:00 A.M. BETTY COUSINS
 4:00 P.M. FR. PETER LOFFREDO r/b Pat Riordan & Family
 RALPH DeSCIA r/b Dolly Verdi
 5:30 P.M. MICHAEL CICCONE r/b Keating family
 ROSE ARDOLINO r/b Marylou Martuscelli

SUNDAY, October 29, 2017

8:00 A.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 10:00 A.M. ASHLEY MICELI r/b Barbara DiGiovanni
 MICHAEL & JULIANN O'CONNOR r/b Michael Corridon
 12:00 P.M. FRED ARENA r/b Family
 ANN LAUTTMAN r/b Family
 5:30 P.M. ROSEMARY TANGO r/b Jim & Carol Maliff
 CARMELA NECCI r/b John & Linda Ganley

MONDAY, October 30, 2017

9:00 A.M. MARY & JOSEPH CHABALA r/b Mary Chabala

TUESDAY, October 31, 2017

9:00 A.M. EDWARD & MARY BRACH r/b Family
 ANDREW DONOHUE r/b Family
 5:30 P.M. CARMA JARDINE r/b Sternik family
 MARY MARGARET CHRISTENSEN r/b Sr. Bernadette Schuler

WEDNESDAY, November 1, 2017 All Saints

7:00 A.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 9:00 A.M. EDWARD TORNATORE r/b Mom & family
 LUCIA LAO r/b Manansala family
 12:10 P.M. DANIEL ANGLE Y r/b Fred & Jean Hall
 7:00 P.M. ROCCO BERARDI r/b Krawczuk family

THURSDAY, November 2, 2017 All Souls

9:00 A.M. ROBERT KRUG r/b Barbara Ciccone
 DEC'D FAM & FRIENDS r/b Virginia Consoli

FRIDAY, November 3, 2017

9:00 A.M. WILLIAM WILSON r/b Harry & Lorraine Devine
 EDWARD SCHELICH r/b HIS Sunshine Club

SATURDAY, November 4, 2017

9:00 A.M. HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY
 4:00 P.M. RAPHAEL CANGIANO r/b Family
 JOHN MATTHEWS r/b Pat Riordan
 5:30 P.M. BETTY COUSINS
 ANGELA MASTROLIA r/b Walter & Louise McInerney

SUNDAY, November 5, 2017

8:00 A.M. JODY CHURACH r/b MaryAnne & Lou Berardi
 WARD GORDNER r/b Munier family
 10:00 A.M. ANDREW STURZIONE, SR. r/b Family
 TAMI WILSON SEIDLE r/b Keith Sturzione
 12:00 P.M. MARY A. MOMBERGER r/b Family
 ANNA RAPKA r/b Walt & Marlene Rapka
 5:30 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



PLEASE PRAY FOR Justin Scarle, Gemma Riley, Dorothy Johnson, Vincent Marzulli, Lori Noonan, Debbie Fromkin, Brian Oehme, Bronislaw & Zofia Buczek, Teresa Dillow

ALTAR SERVERS for November 4th & 5th

Sat., 4 pm: Erin McKinley, Glenn Bates & Savannah Isacson
 5:30 pm: Charlotte Doherty
 Sun., 8 am: Andiee & Jaimee Jocson
 10 am: Ruffa Tubig, Jeffrey & Nathan Riley
 12 Noon: Jarod Alviola, Kelvin & Kurt Langomes
 5:30 pm: Peter Hegel & Constance Bricker

Volunteers Needed! Holy Innocents Church welcomes new Readers for all Masses. As well, we have a specific need for Readers at the Saturday, 5:30 pm and Sunday, 10 am Masses. If you are interested, please call Benji Addeo 732 643-1913

Blood Drive Holy Innocents Health and Wellness Ministry presents: Fall Blood Drive on **Sunday, November 12th** in the cafeteria.

Shop Rite Gift Cards Holy Innocents Parish continues to participate in the *ShopWithScrip* fundraising program. The Parish Office currently carries Shop Rite gift cards (\$25 denominations). Scrip cards can be purchased any time during office hours, Mon.-Fri.

Craft Ministry Rosary Makers meet Tuesday mornings (during the school year) following 9 am Mass in the Religious Ed Annex (directly upstairs from the Parish Office).

Eucharistic Adoration is held at Holy Innocents every Thursday (*except holidays and holy days*) 9:30 am-9 pm AND on First Fridays from 9:30 am-2 pm. Special thanks to all who make regular Adoration possible here at Holy Innocents! Please invite your friends and family members to participate. *"God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar."* —St. Maximilian Kolbe

Altar Rosary Society Regular meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month at 10 am in the Religious Ed Annex (directly upstairs from Parish Office). For more info, please call Maria 848 702-1811. *Next meeting: November 20th.*

Holy Innocents Seniors Club meets the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month at 1:30 pm in the cafeteria. If you would like more information about this group, call Alice Kohlman 732 988-4471. *Next meeting: November 3rd. New members are always welcome!*

Weekly Collection

October 22, 2017 \$9,501.58

Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the end of this month, we come to an important anniversary in our Church: 500 years ago on October 31st, Martin Luther posted his 95 theses to a church door in Wittenberg and began the Protestant Reformation. Martin Luther was greatly concerned about corruptions within the Church. During this time, there were many abuses including the sale of indulgences and corruption of the clergy. He also thought certain doctrines of the Church and Papal authority were veering from the truth of the Gospel. Instead of listening to popes and councils, he argued that one should only listen to one's conscience and that scripture alone was the sole source of religious knowledge.

As a convert from Lutheranism, I have mixed feeling about the movement Luther started. On one hand, I can appreciate much of what Luther was trying to accomplish. Keeping Christ as the focus of one's faith is a good thing and we should always draw ourselves back to Him because He is our center and the reason for everything else. Also, many of Luther's criticisms of the Church's abuses were correct and definitely needed to be addressed.

On the other hand, I do think Martin Luther was wrong in many of his convictions. He was keen to point out a problem, but his solutions ended up being problematic on their own. The appeal to scripture alone is self-contradictory because there was a time when the Church existed without scripture in apostolic times. If scripture is the only central authority, how did the early Christians survive without it? Also, a text cannot be an authority because writings are not self-interpreting. The appeal to faith alone is also problematic especially in light of James 2:24 which reads, "See how a person is justified by works and not by faith alone." (I could write a whole article about either of these core Protestant beliefs. But I do not have enough space here.) In each of these "alone" doctrines, there's a real attempt to preserve a purity of faith. But, they are ultimately untrue. As G. K. Chesterton said, "The old man is always wrong; and the young people are always wrong about what is wrong with him."

We cannot underestimate the impact of the Protestant Reformation on history. The Reformation period led to a great dividing on Europe along religious lines. Many wars were fought, and Christians persecuted Christians for striving to be Christians. Even today, many Protestants fundamentally misunderstand what the Catholic Church teaches by saying that we worship Mary, or that we believe that we are saved by our good works. Luther's call to a return to the authentic Gospel somehow turned into thousands of different denominations teaching their own version of Christ. By eliminating the influence of the Pope, every man essentially became his own sole authority.

Though it seems impossible from this point of history, we should pray for the unity of all Christians. Christ desires us to be united to each other as He is united to His Father (see John 17). If God wills something, we know it must be possible and we should will it to. The root cause of all division in the world is human sin. This is especially true in the Reformation which was in response to sin in the Church. So, the only way out of this mess is for everyone to strive to be a saint. Our saints are the greatest witnesses of God's love and the truths of the faith. As all Christians draw closer to Christ, we will find that we are drawing closer to each other as well.

Peace,

Fr. Carter

NJ Right To Life Annual Raffle Look for representatives in the gathering space at all Masses October 28th-29th with raffle tickets available for purchase. Tickets are \$10 each, for a chance at the following prizes: **1st**—2018 Volvo SUV (\$43,500 value), **2nd**—\$1,000 ShopRite GC, **3rd**—\$750 ShopRite GC, **4th**—\$500 ShopRite GC.

Twenty-Second Annual Spirituality Conference at Georgian Court University, Lakewood with presenter Ron Rolheiser, OMI, Ph.D., international speaker and author of 24 books, including Holy Longing. Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 9 am to 4 pm. Call the Upper Room Spiritual Center 732 922-0550 for information, or to register for the conference.

Family Game Night Join us Friday, November 3rd at 5 pm in the cafeteria. All ages are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. You may bring your own game to play. Enjoy old favorites or learn new games. Pizza & drinks are provided, and a free-will offering taken. Gamers are encouraged to bring snacks or dessert for the sharing table.

Holy Innocents Music Ministry The Adult Choir sings at the 10 am Mass, the Folk Group at the 12 Noon Mass, and The Teen Praise Group the first Sunday of the month at 5:30 pm Mass. The Choir practices in church every Tues., 7 pm. If you are interested in being a part of our parish music ministry, speak with the Music Director.

Religious Education Office

Sr. Bernadette Schuler, ofc
732 922-4242 x28

Registration for Religious Ed classes If your family is new to the parish or to the program, please stop in or call the Office for forms. **If you are registering a child for Kindergarten or Gr. 1, please bring your child's Baptismal Certificate.** Families currently enrolled already received re-registration forms and information through the mail.

Sacraments Preparation for **First Eucharist** takes place normally in Gr. 2. We do have a class for older students who have not received their sacraments. In order to enter the First Eucharist Class, the Gr. 1 curriculum, must be completed. **Confirmation** preparation takes place in Gr. 7 & 8. Religious Ed class for Gr. 7 must be completed before entering the Gr. 8 program.

VIRTUS for adults training is presented throughout the year at different locations. ANY adult volunteer or staff member working with children is **REQUIRED** to attend this one-time training session and also submit to fingerprinting & criminal background check. Advance registration required at <http://www.virtusonline.org>. Please call Sr. Bernadette if you need more information.

Dear Parishioners,

I thank you for your many prayerful thoughts, cards and good wishes. I am encouraged and lifted by my parish family.



I was diagnosed with a tumor in my bladder and the first operation did not remove all of the tumor. I was then referred to the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey in New Brunswick, and the second surgery is scheduled for November 6th at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital.

Please know that my family and I appreciate your prayers and support. I hope and pray all goes well and I can return to my ministry. I have and will remember you in my daily prayers. You are all wonderful!

—Deacon Jim Walsh

Holy Innocents School News

Announcing...

"Mommy and Me" Classes
Dads and Grandparents are welcome too!
taught by Mrs. Grez

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We are currently accepting registrations for
Children ages 18-36 months
for the Fall, 2017 session (10 weeks)
Wednesdays, 10-11 am
Classes start October 18th

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Tuition is \$125 per child
Please call the School Office
for information 732 922-3141 x13

Schedule for the Coming Week

- Sat., Oct. 28 NJ Right To Life selling raffle tickets at all Masses
5:00 pm Confessions
- Sun., Oct. 29 NJ Right To Life selling raffle tickets at all Masses
8:45 am Religious Ed (K-6)
7:00 pm AA in cafeteria
- Mon., Oct. 30 7:00 pm Religious Ed (7)
7:00 pm Confirmation Class (8) in church
7:00 pm Bible Study in conference room
- Tue., Oct. 31 9:30 am Rosary Makers in Relig. Ed. Annex
NO Religious Ed (K-6)
NO RCIA in conference room
7:00 pm Choir practice in church
- Wed., Nov. 1 All Saints Day—Offices closed today
- Thur., Nov. 2 9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration in chapel
6:30 pm AA in cafeteria
- Fri., Nov. 3 1:30 pm Seniors Club meeting in cafeteria
- Sat., Nov. 4 Knights of Columbus Membership Drive at Masses
5:00 pm Confessions
- Sun., Nov. 5 Knights of Columbus Membership Drive at Masses
8:45 am Religious Ed (K-6)
1:30 pm Baptisms in church
7:00 pm AA in cafeteria
- Mon., Nov. 6 7:00 pm Religious Ed (7)
7:00 pm Confirmation Class (8) in church
7:00 pm Bible Study in faculty lounge
- Tue., Nov. 7 9:30 am Rosary Makers in Relig. Ed. Annex
4:15 pm Religious Ed (K-6)
7:00 pm RCIA in conference room
7:00 pm Choir practice in church