

SATURDAY, December 9, 2017

9:00 A.M. SARAH STERN r/b Sternik family
 4:00 P.M. FRANCES DiMITRI r/b Lucy DiMitre
 RITA SAVAGE r/b Eileen Savage
 5:30 P.M. BILL KEATING r/b Sternik family
 MARTIN BARR r/b Lottie Barr & daughters

SUNDAY, December 10, 2017 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 A.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 10:00 A.M. PATRICIA CORRIDON r/b Michael Corridon
 KENNETH IANNELLI r/b Eleanor & John
 Iannelli
 12:00 P.M. ARTHUR CORTISE r/b Family
 CARLOS LAO r/b Manansala family
 5:30 P.M. DEC'D MBRS BOLGER FAMILY r/b Jim &
 Carol Maliff
 FAUSTO DELGADO r/b Bettylu & Ockle
 Johnson

MONDAY, December 11, 2017

9:00 A.M. EDDIE VanHANDEL r/b Sternik family
 EDWARD LAUTTMANN r/b Family

TUESDAY, December 12, 2017

9:00 A.M. KATHERINE NABLO MURPHY r/b Michael
 Corridon
 INTENTIONS OF SR. CARMELINA r/b
 Lesniewski family

WEDNESDAY, December 13, 2017

9:00 A.M. RAYMOND DOWNES r/b Eileen & Dick Tobin
 SPECIAL INTENTION r/b Gina

THURSDAY, December 14, 2017

9:00 A.M. FR. GERALD McCARRON
 INTENTIONS OF JIMMY SINCARO r/b
 Ekhelar family

FRIDAY, December 15, 2017

9:00 A.M. FR. GERALD McCARRON
 DEE NISTA r/b Ganley family

SATURDAY, December 16, 2017

9:00 A.M. KATHIE BERNING r/b Wayne Berning
 4:00 P.M. BART SALERNO r/b Family
 MATTHEW BAUER r/b Family
 5:30 P.M. ANGELA MASTROLIA r/b Ed Sawicki
 HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

SUNDAY, December 17, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 A.M. MADELYN & JACK FOSTER r/b Michael &
 China Foster
 JAMES T. VICTORY r/b Ken Jewell
 10:00 A.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 12:00 P.M. HENRY NEIL PAUL III r/b Guenther/Paul fam
 ROCCO BERARDI r/b Ray & Eunice
 Krawczuk
 5:30 P.M. PATSY SCALGIONE r/b Silva & Gitto families
 JOHN PATEL r/b Family



PLEASE PRAY FOR Justin Scarle, Gemma
 Riley, Dorothy Johnson, Vincent Marzulli, Lori
 Noonan, Debbie Fromkin, Brian Oehme, Bronis-
 low & Zofia Buczek, Teresa Dillow, Tom
 O'Rourke, Manuel Canencia

ALTAR SERVERS for December 16th & 17th

Sat., 4 pm: Adam Fox, Gianna & Jack Narciso
 5:30 pm: Glenn Bates & Savannah Isacson
 Sun., 8 am: Mia Rose, Andrey & Justin Morales
 10 am: Arthur & Angel Gallera, Jeffrey & Nathan
 Riley
 12 Noon: Jarod Alviola, Kelvin & Kurt Langomes
 5:30 pm: Bryan Hammond, Gabriella Cohen & 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

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 & \$100 denominations). Scrip cards can be pur-
 chased any time during office hours, Mon.-Fri.

Craft Ministry Rosary Makers meet Tuesday mornings
 (during the school year) following 9 am Mass in the Reli-
 gious 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.

Holy Innocents Seniors Club meets the 1st & 3rd Fri-
 days 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: January 5th.**
New members are always welcome!

Our 2nd Collection THIS WEEKEND
will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious
Please be as generous as your means allow.

Dear Parishioners,

I recently had a few ideas that I would like to share with you:

First, I would like to sponsor a bus for the March for Life on January 19th. As far as I can tell this is the first time we ever sponsored a bus since usually we advertise buses from other parishes. But, I know this is a very pro-life parish and all the buses in the local parishes tend to fill up. So, I am willing to try having our own bus this year. If this is something you would like to be involved in, please let me know. We are still planning the details but we will leave early in the morning, about 7 am.

Second, I would like to install support rails leading up to the altar. As you may notice, some people need a little extra help going up and down the altar steps. So, it was presented to me by the Parish Council that support rails would be a good idea. We are still working on contacting companies for estimates of the cost.

Third, on a completely different note, I am going to be offering another Bible Study starting January 22nd, meeting weekly at 5:30 pm. The current Bible study from the Bible and the Sacraments series is concluding Monday and I think after a break for the Christmas season, it would be good to start again. The new Bible Study will be based on the Gospel of Mark and use study questions and notes from the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible. We will read a chapter every night and answer the study questions together to learn about Our Lord and His ministry. The Bible and the Sacraments series went very well and I thank all those who participated in it.

I am interested in hearing any feedback about these ideas. So, please contact me at toddcarterpriest@gmail.com. If you especially like the March for Life, or support rail, I will also accept pledges for donations for them.

Peace,
Fr. Carter



Oplatek—Christmas Wafers will be available for purchase in the gathering space after all Masses the weekends of December 9-10 and 16-17. \$2 per packet which contains 4 embossed wafers. Proceeds of the Oplatek sale benefit an achievement award presented to a graduating student of Holy Innocents School. Packets are also available in the Parish Office during regular office hours.

Volunteers Needed for “The Barn For The Poorest Of The Poor” located in Middletown. Deliver food to Mother Teresa’s soup kitchens and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal’s shelters as well as local charities in Monmouth County. Please contact barnforthepoor@gmail.com for more information.

Next Family Game Night Join us Friday, January 12th 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, osf
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.

Philadelphia Boys Choir St. Rose Church, Belmar hosts a Christmas Season Concert on January 7, 2018 at 3 pm. Tickets are \$25 General Admission & \$50 VIP (VIP tickets include a pre-concert reception at the parish rectory and VIP concert seating). Tickets will be available beginning November 18-19 after all weekend Masses and also in the Parish Office during regular business hours. For more information, call the Office 732 681-0512.

Christmas Flower Offering

Please consider a contribution toward the Poinsettias on our altar this Christmas Season. Complete this coupon and submit with your donation to the Parish Office or drop it in the collection basket, in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers".

Minimum donation \$10.00

In memory of _____

Requested by _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

St. Vincent dePaul Society **PLEASE RETURN your tags from the Giving Tree with new, unwrapped gifts by the weekend of December 9th/10th. Our distribution date is fast approaching.** Holy Innocents SVDPS provides financial assistance and also maintains a small (non-perishables only) food pantry to assist residents of Neptune and a limited surrounding area. Please call 732-922-4242 x24 for information or assistance. Someone is available at the pantry on Sundays following the 10 am & 12 Noon Masses. SVDPS gratefully accepts local grocery store gift cards, as well as monetary donations through the poor boxes in church and the green Social Concerns envelopes. There's always a need for helping hands. Anyone interested in volunteering with this ministry, please call for more information.

Thank You * Thank You * Thank You * Thank You
Due to the generosity of our Holy Innocents Parish family, the St. Vincent dePaul Society was able to help feed 50+ families in need through their annual Thanksgiving Basket Program! May God bless you.

Knights of Columbus #816 ~ Buffet Breakfast
at council hall, West Sylvania Ave., Neptune City
Sunday, December 17th

Schedule for the Coming Week

- Sat., Dec. 9 Oplatek Sales at all Masses
5:00 pm Confessions
Living Nativity following 5:30 pm Mass
- Sun., Dec. 10 Oplatek Sales at all Masses
8:45 am Religious Ed (K-6)
2:00 pm Filipino Mass
7:00 pm AA in cafeteria
- Mon., Dec. 11 7:00 pm Religious Ed (7 & 8)
7:00 pm Bible Study in conference room
- Tue., Dec. 12 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
- Thur., Dec. 14 9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration in chapel
6:30 pm AA in cafeteria
7:00 pm Reading Group in conference room
- Fri., Dec. 15 5:30 pm Latin Mass
- Sat., Dec. 16 Oplatek Sales at all Masses
5:00 pm Confessions
- Sun., Dec. 17 Oplatek Sales at all Masses
8:45 am Religious Ed (K-6)
1:30 pm Baptisms
7:00 pm AA in cafeteria
- Mon., Dec. 18 7:00 pm Religious Ed (7 & 8)
- Tue., Dec. 19 9:30 am Rosary Makers in Relig. Ed. Annex
4:15 pm Religious Ed (K-6)
6:00 pm HIS Christmas Show in gym
7:00 pm RCIA in conference room
7:00 pm Choir practice in church