

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

MONDAY, December 18, 2017

9:00 A.M. ITALO SIBILIA r/b Family
 MAUREEN PORTMANN r/b Squillaro family

TUESDAY, December 19, 2017

9:00 A.M. JOAN McCARTHY r/b Sternik family
 LYVER & KEYS FAMILIES r/b Eileen Lyver

WEDNESDAY, December 20, 2017

9:00 A.M. JOAN BUELL r/b Sr. Bernadette
 ROSE GUIDA r/b Ed Scott & family

THURSDAY, December 21, 2017

9:00 A.M. JOAN BUELL r/b Relig Ed Teachers
 ROSE GUIDA r/b Bob & Pat Scott

FRIDAY, December 22, 2017

9:00 A.M. JOAN BUELL r/b Sr. Bernadette
 JOSEPH WILSON r/b Family

SATURDAY, December 23, 2017

9:00 A.M. EILEEN CATHERWOOD r/b Eileen & Dick
 Tobin
 4:00 P.M. CLARA & JOHN CAVANAUGH r/b Family
 JACK JUDGE r/b Wife & family
 5:30 P.M. BILL KEATING r/b Boyd & Joyce Youngblood
 ANTHONY J. SAVOCA r/b Tom & Rosemary
 Vaccaro

SUNDAY, December 24, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 A.M. RON FLYNN r/b Ted Nebus, Jr.
 RICHARD ROSE, SR. r/b Kurdewan family
 10:00 A.M. JEREMIAH & SUSAN SULLIVAN r/b Judy
 Sullivan
 PATRICIA CORRIDON r/b Michael Corridon
 12:00 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, December 24, 2017 Christmas Eve

4:00 P.M. EDWARD TORNATORE r/b Mom & family
 MARY NIGRO r/b Peterson family
 6:00 P.M. DEC'D MBRS CICONETTI & KEATING
 FAMILIES r/b Keating family
 7:30 P.M. ANTOINETTE TERESI r/b Keating &
 Donovan families
 GEORGE BOSKO r/b Wife & family
 12 Midnight JUDY CAVANO r/b Bridgid & Ryan Logan
 ED VanHANDEL r/b Sternik family



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

ALTAR SERVERS for December 23rd & 24th

Sat., 4 pm: Isabelle Cattelona, Virgil & Johanna Icasiano
 5:30 pm: Marianne Fiuza
 Sun., 8 am: Olivia Schlesier, Andiee & Jaimee Jocson
 10 am: Alfie Petrowski, Kathleen Burke & Emily Fleming
 12 Noon: Dominic Baltazar, Hannah Sheehan & Jocelyn Jackson

Please sign up for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses

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 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.

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: January 5th. New members are always welcome!**

Weekly Collection

December 3, 2017 \$9,626.10
 December 10, 2017 \$10,386.30

Dear Parishioners,

I just have some quick notes about the upcoming Mass schedule next weekend. Next week is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. It falls on December 24th and therefore we will not have the normal 5:30 pm Mass. Instead, we will have the Christmas Eve Masses as per the Christmas schedule.

Also, in order to fulfill your Mass obligations, you need to attend both a Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent (which occur Saturday night and Sunday morning) and Christmas (which occur Sunday night and Monday morning). If you only go to Mass on Christmas Eve, it does not count for both days. So, keeping this in mind here are the following valid combinations of Mass that fulfill your obligations:

- You can go Saturday evening (keep in mind Saturday morning does not count for a Sunday Mass) and then on Sunday evening for Christmas.
- You can go to Saturday evening Mass and then Monday morning Mass.
- You can even go to Sunday Mass in the morning for the 4th Sunday of Advent and then again in the evening for Christmas Eve.
- You can go to Sunday morning Mass and then Monday morning Mass for Christmas Day.

No single mass counts for both your Sunday and your Holy Day obligations. I am sure many of you already know this. But, enough people have approached me with confusion that I just wanted to clarify.

If you think going to Mass twice in a 48 hour period is hard, look on the bright side: New Years Day (the Solemnity of the Mother of God) is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Monday. And when you do go to Mass, please remember in prayer all those Christians in less free countries who risk their lives in order to go to Mass.

In other news, people have reacted very positively so far to the Traditional Latin Masses on Fridays. If you are interested in experiencing it, then please come to the last one this Friday at 5:30 pm.

God bless and have a holy Advent,

Fr. Carter

P.S. Correction from previous bulletin: If you use Amazon to shop, you can now designate our parish as a charity on [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile). It costs you nothing and would be a small additional income for the parish. So, if you are willing, please set your charity to "Holy Innocents Church & School." Thank you!

Oplatek—Christmas Wafers will be available for purchase in the gathering space after all Masses this weekend, December 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 Monday thru Friday.

Knights of Columbus Council #816 Please join the Knights following the 10 am Mass on Sunday, December 31st to pray the Rosary and help celebrate the New Year! Their monthly buffet breakfast will be held Sunday, January 28th (9-11:30 am) at the council hall 203 W. Sylvania Ave., Neptune City.

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

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.

First Reconciliation will take place in our parish on January 18, 2018 at 7 pm in the church.

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Our Promise To Protect: The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the US Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, please report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline **1 888 -296-2965** or by email: abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

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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".

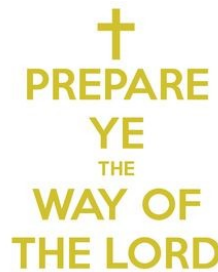
Minimum donation \$10.00

In memory of _____

Requested by _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

St. Vincent dePaul Society 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.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES
Wednesday, December 20th

3 pm at St. Elizabeth's, Avon
7 pm at Holy Innocents, Neptune

Schedule for the Coming Week

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
Wed., Dec. 20	3:00 pm Advent Penance Service at St. Elizabeth's Church, Avon 7:00 pm Advent Penance Service at Holy Innocents Church
Thur., Dec. 21	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. 22	12:00 Noon Offices close early today 5:30 pm Latin Mass 7:00 pm Simbang Gabi
Sat., Dec. 23	5:00 pm Confessions
Sun., Dec. 24	NO Religious Ed (K-6) 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria
Mon., Dec. 25	Merry Christmas! Offices closed NO Religious Ed (7 & 8)
Tue., Dec. 26	NO Mass today ~ Offices closed NO Religious Ed (K-6) NO RCIA 7:00 pm Choir practice in church