

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



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, Annemarie Logan

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 CICCONETTI & KEATING FAMILIES r/b Keating family
7:30 P.M. ANTOINETTE TERESI r/b Keating & Donovan families
GEORGE BOSKO r/b Wife & family
12:00 Midnight JUDY CAVANO r/b Bridgid & Ryan Logan
ED VanHANDEL r/b Sternik family

MONDAY, December 25, 2017 Christmas Day

8:00 A.M. JOHN PARDUE r/b Family
BETTY COUSINS
10:00 A.M. SHEILA DENNIGAN r/b Family
DEC'D MBRS FLEMING & BERGIN FAMS r/b Family
12:00 P.M. ED MARTZ r/b Family
DEC'D MBRS SIBOLE FAM r/b Sibole family

TUESDAY, December 26, 2017

9:00 A.M. NO MASS TODAY

WEDNESDAY, December 27, 2017

9:00 A.M. "BUB" CASHMAN r/b Bob & Terry Dreeke
JOAN BUELL r/b Rita & Don Cervo & family

THURSDAY, December 28, 2017

9:00 A.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FRIDAY, December 29, 2017

9:00 A.M. EILEEN CATHERWOOD r/b Maureen O'Dwyer
ROSE GUIDA r/b Patricia Gerand

SATURDAY, December 30, 2017

9:00 A.M. DOROTHY JOHNSTON r/b Adolfina Resari
4:00 P.M. RICHARD & CATHERINE ZANK r/b MaryAnn Distefano
WALTER BANGERT r/b Wife & family
5:30 P.M. JOSEPH & ANNA SAWICKI r/b Lottie Barr & Ed Sawicki
MICHAEL MARINACCIO r/b Family

SUNDAY, December 31, 2017

8:00 A.M. TONY CARUSO r/b Family
JOAN BUELL r/b McCarthy family
10:00 A.M. JOHN MATTHEWS r/b Mary Novak
KRISTY SONNEMANN r/b Donohue family
12:00 P.M. JULIA SOTO r/b Rose Colon
BEATRICE O'BRIEN r/b Diana Collins
5:30 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

ALTAR SERVERS for December 30th & 31st

Sat., 4 pm: Glenn Bates, Savannah Isacson & Erin McKinley
5:30 pm: Adam Fox
Sun., 8 am: Mia Rose, Andrey & Justin Morales
10 am: Joshua Clanton, Ruffa Tubig, Jonathan & Celia Ekhelar
12 Noon: Grace Dalton, Kelvin & Kurt Langomes
5:30 pm: Peter Hegel, Adrianna Vergara & Andrei Vegara

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!**

Bread & Wine

In thanksgiving r/b Ockle & Bettylu Johnson

Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of Alex Koharski r/b Marjorie Koharski

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is a time of great celebration in which families come together. It is a time to pray and a time to party. As Catholics, we know that those two things often go together, because as our Lord says, "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them?" (Matthew 9:15) When we are with Christ, it is always a time to rejoice. I just have three quick notes before we enter into this great feast.

First, please be mindful of the norms to receive Holy Communion. Receiving Eucharist is not eating common food for our bodily nourishment but the King of Kings who comes down to us under the appearance of bread and wine. Therefore we need to make a place for Him in our hearts and lives. If we find ourselves living a life contrary to His teachings, then we are rejecting His grace. As Catholics, we need to live a fully integrated life, not one in contradiction with itself. A Catholic may receive communion if they are in good standing, united to the Church and not aware of committing any mortal sin. (Can 915, 916; CCC 1415) If you judge yourself to not being in good standing or being in a state of mortal sin, then please refrain from receiving communion. A good confession is all it takes for someone to enter into a state of grace and I invite anyone to contact me if they would like to go to confession.

Second, on December 28th at 5:30 pm, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Holy Innocents with a Latin High Mass. As you may be able to tell from my previous letters, I have a special love for the Latin Mass. I find them incredibly peaceful and focused on the presence of God. A High Mass is a Latin Mass in which all the various parts are sung. I think this really brings out the beauty of the Mass. As I was celebrating low Masses on the Fridays of Advent, certain elements fell into place perfectly. So, I'm taking this as a sign from the Holy Spirit that now is the right time to celebrate a High Mass in our parish. So many people try to relegate the Latin Mass to something in the past that should be forgotten. But, I find that the Latin Mass emphasizes everything we should hold dear in our Catholic faith. The Latin Mass has deepened my own faith and priesthood in many ways. So, whether or not you come to it to remember the patron saints of our parish or out of love for the Mass, I hope that you give this form of the Mass of try. It will be beautiful.

Third, I would like to thank our St. Vincent de Paul Society for the work they did this season. Through their efforts, our parish has given presents to over fifty families in need. May God bless you all for your generosity.

And finally: pray, make merry and love Our Lord above all things.

God bless, and Merry Christmas!

Fr. Carter

P.S. I will be ending Adoration at 5 pm (December 28th) to celebrate our Parish Feast Day.

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.

Volunteers Needed for "The Barn For The Poorest Of The Poor" located in Middletown. Deliver food to Mother Teresa's soup kitchens and to the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal's shelters, and also to other local charities in Monmouth County. Are you or someone you know looking to do some worthwhile volunteer work? Please contact barnforthe poor@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, 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 receive 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 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.



O come let us adore Him!

Schedule for the Coming Week

- 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
- Wed., Dec. 27 Offices close at 12 Noon
- Thur., Dec. 28 9:30 am-5:00 pm Adoration in chapel
Offices close at 12 Noon
6:30 pm AA in cafeteria
7:00 pm Reading Group in conference room
- Fri., Dec. 29 Offices close at 12 Noon
- Sat., Dec. 30 5:00 pm Confessions
- Sun., Dec. 31 NO Religious Ed (K-6)
7:00 pm AA in cafeteria
- Mon., Jan. 1 Happy New Year! Offices closed.
NO Religious Ed (7 & 8)
- Tue., Jan. 2 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