

SATURDAY, February 10, 2018

9:00 A.M. CHRISTOPHER CONKLIN r/b John & Megan
Oswin
4:00 P.M. ANGELA MASTROLIA r/b L'Heureux family
ED MARTZ r/b Family
5:30 P.M. FRANK & MADELINE GALLO r/b Family
MARY SY r/b Pineda family

SUNDAY, February 11, 2018

8:00 A.M. SHEILA SUCALDITO r/b Gallera family
EILEEN DRURY-OXLEY r/b Joan Rochette
10:00 A.M. JOAN BUELL r/b Cheryl D'Auria
MICHAEL LOUGHERY r/b John & Eleanor
Iannelli
12:00 P.M. JOHN & CLARA CAVANAUGH r/b Family
ROBERT QUARTIER r/b Melango family
5:30 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, February 12, 2018

9:00 A.M. EDWARD LAUTTMANN r/b Family
ANNE B. FLETCHER r/b Ed Fletcher

TUESDAY, February 13, 2018

9:00 A.M. PEDRO & CORAZON DELEON r/b Family
LORETTA MacCOLLUM r/b Ted Nebus, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2018 Ash Wednesday

7:00 A.M. MARIAN FLAHERTY
9:00 A.M. WILLIAM LAUTTMANN r/b Family
ELLEN & OSCAR BROTEN r/b C. Lynn
Brotten
12:10 P.M. MATTHEW BAUER r/b Family
RAY JANKOWSKI r/b Family
7:00 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

THURSDAY, February 15, 2018

9:00 A.M. ROSE FERNANDES r/b Holly & Raymond
Pietrucha

FRIDAY, February 16, 2018

9:00 A.M. DAVID SIBOLE r/b Sibole family

SATURDAY, February 17, 2018

9:00 A.M. DOROTHY P. ZAGANNI r/b Bernadette
Massey & John Szalinski
4:00 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
5:30 P.M. JOHN FLETCHER r/b Ed Sawicki
FRED ARENA r/b Family

SUNDAY, February 18, 2018

8:00 A.M. OTTO & ELIZABETH FREDRICKSON r/b C.
Lynn Brotten
MARGARET MARY DOYLE r/b Angela & Jim
Rogers
10:00 A.M. JOAN BUELL r/b Mastrella family
JEFFREY LOURO r/b Sternik family
12:00 P.M. CATHERINE COONEY r/b Galante family
MARLENE COLANGELO r/b Doug & Bonnie
Stewart
5:30 P.M. BETTY COUSINS
GENEVIEVE CIBELLI r/b MaryAnn
D'Agostino & family



PLEASE PRAY FOR Dorothy Johnson, Vincent Marzulli, Debbie Fromkin, Brian Oehme, Bronislaw & Zofia Buczek, Teresa Dillow, Tom O'Rourke, Manuel Canencia, Annemarie Logan, Eleanor Passarella, Grace Philhower

ALTAR SERVERS for February 17th & 18th

Sat., 4 pm: Isabelle Cattelona, Virgil & Johanna Icasiano
5:30 pm: Charlotte Doherty
Sun., 8 am: Andrey & Justin Morales
10 am: Emily Fleming, Angel Gallera & Olivia Schlesier
12 Noon: Jocelyn Jackson, Kelvin & Kurt Langomes
5:30 pm: Bryan Hammond, Constance Bricker & Anthony Fauci

**Faith In Our Future
Cohort Update ~ February, 2018**

Faith In Our Future is a strategic planning program to address the needs of individual parishes and the Diocese. The Diocese of Trenton was divided into 25 Cohorts with various configurations and operating models. Cohort 18 is a collaborative model in which the parishes of Holy Innocents (Neptune), Mother of Mercy (Asbury Park) and Saint Anselm (Tinton Falls) work together for their common good and the needs of their parishioners and communities. In the coming weeks, our bulletin will include updates from the current Subcommittees of Cohort 18.

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, Monday thru Friday.

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 will not meet again until April 16th. 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 For the months of February & March, the Seniors Club will only meet on the 1st Friday 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: March 2nd. New members are always welcome!**

Dear Parishioners,

As you may have heard from last week's Mass, we are going to temporarily halt the distribution of Communion from the chalice through Lent. This has been an intense flu season. There are many people getting sick and some even dying in extreme cases. So, just as a matter of public safety, I do not think it is wise to continue any practice that could spread illness.

For some people, I know this may be a controversial decision. Since, they feel that the Mass is incomplete without receiving both forms of Holy Communion. Going by the theology of the Church, though, one can be assured that if one receives Our Lord under either appearance (bread or wine), one is receiving the complete body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ. Receiving both forms is just a fuller expression of our faith. But, it is the same Lord and the same grace whether you receive one or both. You are not receiving any less of an experience of Mass. Some people may even believe it is impossible to get sick from receiving from the chalice. But, this is simply not true. Our Church does not teach that diseases cannot be communicated through communion nor does medical science teach that diseases cannot be transmitted through alcoholic beverages. (You need an alcohol content of at least 60 percent to be effective against viruses. Most wine has an alcohol content of 12 percent. Also, cold and flu viruses can survive a number of hours outside the body.) Furthermore, someone could have a cold or a flu and not show any symptoms. So, they could be infecting others and not even know it.

I do not take these actions lightly and really would prefer to continue practicing our faith as usual. However, I am more concerned with the health of the people in the parish rather than how some people might feel about a particular decision. Many parishes in our area have suspended distributing Communion from the chalice and I think this is the right choice. Of course, all the faithful may continue to receive the Sacred Host like normal.

God bless!

Fr. Carter

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: IT TAKES A LIFETIME

Generations of faith-filled Catholic people have passed on to us the most precious gift we possess— the gift of faith. As this generation's "good stewards", we are obligated to pass on the gift of faith to our children. Children primarily learn through the examples of their parents. Today, many parents are volunteering their time and talents to their churches and community groups and bringing their children along with them. More and more churches are encouraging children to return a portion of their "treasure"—their allowance or other earnings—with special children's offering envelopes. As we know from our own experience, it takes a lifetime to develop the habits of good stewardship.

God has blessed us in so many marvelous ways. Stewardship is a way of life built around gratitude to God, lived out by returning a portion of the time, talent, and treasure allotted to us. There is no more precious inheritance we can pass on to our children than this lifestyle of gratitude. "If you will give these instructions . . . , you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching you have followed." (1 Timothy 4:6)

Bible Study Exploring the Gospel of Mark. Join us at 5:30 pm in the school conference room on the following Mondays: 2/12 & 26, 3/5, 12, 19 & 26, 4/9, 16, 23 & 30, 5/7, 14 & 21. This schedule may be subject to change if any of these dates need to be rescheduled. Contact Fr. Carter if you are interested!

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Next Family Game Night Join us Friday, February 16th 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

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.

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.

Catholic Men for Jesus Christ Join other Catholic Men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the 21st Annual Men's Conference on Saturday, February 24th at St. Gregory the Great in Hamilton Square. This year's theme is "The Age of Mercy". The day begins at 8 am and ends 3 pm. Cost is \$25 per person in advance (\$30 at the door), \$10 for students, with breakfast and lunch provided. For more information or to register online, go to www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org. To register by mail, send the name of each person registering with your check and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Catholic Men for Jesus Christ, PO Box 816, Morrisville, PA 19067.

Holy Innocents Church Increased Giving Update: *Our Stewardship Appeal is being well received by the people of Holy Innocents. To date, 217 households have increased their weekly contribution in response to our program, representing a combined weekly increase of approximately \$2,000. If you have not yet responded to our Stewardship Appeal. Please respond as soon as possible by placing your intention card in the collection basket! If you are interested in receiving information for Electronic Giving, please contact the Business Administrator in the Parish Office 732 922-4242 x26.*

Holy Innocents School News

HIS Booster Club presents Lake House Music Academy in a benefit concert. Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 7 pm in the school gym. Tickets \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. Doors open at 6 pm. Contact Scott 732 233-0022 or Jim 732 493-4550 for info or tickets.

Holiness, Inspiration & Success ~ these are the qualities and goals fostered in our parish school! Come and see the great things happening here. If you missed our Open House during Catholic Schools Week, please call the School Office 732 922-3141 x13 to schedule a tour. Holy Innocents School offers academic excellence, in a faith-filled environment, for children in grades Pre-K 3 through 8. Please consider giving the gift of Catholic Education!

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Flute & Guitar Concert Mark your calendar and join us on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 3 pm in the church. The duo of our parishioner, flutist Marjorie Koharski and classical guitarist, Keith Calmes will perform what has become an annual event here in our parish. All are welcome, so bring a friend! Free-will offering will be accepted.

Schedule for the Coming Week

Sat., Feb. 10	5:00 pm Confessions
Sun., Feb. 11	8:45 am Religious Ed (K-6) 10:00 am Grade 2 Teaching Mass 1:00 pm HIS Home Games 2:00 pm Filipino Mass 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria
Mon., Feb. 12	5:30 pm Bible Study in the conference room 7:00 pm Religious Ed (7 & 8)
Tue., Feb. 13	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
Wed., Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday
Thur., Feb. 15	9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration in chapel 6:30 pm AA in cafeteria
Fri., Feb. 16	5:00 pm Family Game Night in cafeteria
Sat., Feb. 17	5:00 pm Confessions
Sun., Feb. 18	NO Religious Ed (K-6) 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria
Mon., Feb. 19	NO Religious Ed (7 & 8)
Tue., Feb. 20	9:30 am Rosary Makers in Relig. Ed. Annex NO Religious Ed (K-6) NO RCIA 7:00 pm Choir practice in church