

SATURDAY, February 3, 2018

9:00 A.M. STEPHEN SHERMAN r/b Family
NICHOLAS SAMRA r/b Cafone family
4:00 P.M. ANGELA MASTROLIA r/b Carol Kelly
DON BEEKMAN r/b Joyce & Boyd
Youngblood
5:30 P.M. DEC'D MBRS WOJTASZEK FAMILIES r/b
Lottie Barr & Ed Sawicki
JOANNE KORTENHAUS r/b Pineda family

SUNDAY, February 4, 2018

8:00 A.M. JOSEPHINE BRACCO r/b Ballister family
LORELIE GO r/b Medalla Santos
10:00 A.M. LIONEL CLAYTON r/b L'Heureux family
ERIC CHASE BOLLING r/b Iannelli family
12:00 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
5:30 P.M. JOAN BUELL r/b Marguerite Abbate
PASQUALE BREMA r/b Shirley & Ken Barrett

MONDAY, February 5, 2018

9:00 A.M. IN THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S
BLESSINGS r/b Ed Sawicki
ROBERT & MARJORIE BROTEN r/b C. Lynn
Brotten

TUESDAY, February 6, 2018

9:00 A.M. BRIAN MUSCATO r/b Sr. Bernadette Schuler
MARK BURNEY r/b John & Gail Quinn

WEDNESDAY, February 7, 2018

9:00 A.M. WILLIAM NADEL r/b James Roberts & family
LYDIA MOHSENIN r/b Margaret Zipp

THURSDAY, February 8, 2018

9:00 A.M. JOHN & MARGARET SHADE r/b Mary Sillup
LORETTA GAIL PEZZUTO r/b Eleanor &
John Iannelli

FRIDAY, February 9, 2018

9:00 A.M. EDWIN KLISSLER r/b Robert Kleissler
ROSE & MALACHY McLEAVY r/b Michael
Corridon

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



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 10th & 11th

Sat., 4 pm: Glenn Bates, Gianna & Jack Narciso
5:30 pm: Maryanne Fiuza
Sun., 8 am: Mia Rose, Jaimee & Andiee Jocson
10 am: Alfie Petrowski, Jeffrey & Nathan Riley
12 Noon: Ruffa Tubig, Jarod Alviola & Zachary
Guenther
5:30 pm: Gabriella Cohen & Peter Hegel

Downey Side Adoption is holding an orientation for interested persons to learn about adopting older children, school-age and up. Join them at St. Uriel's Church, 219 Philadelphia Ave., Sea Girt, NJ on Sunday, February 18th from 2-4 pm. For information, contact Sr. Elizabeth Engel, Director 732 359-8434.

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.

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 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,

Lent is coming very soon. Have you picked out your penance yet? (Or decided to, "Give something up," as some like to put it.) It's a good spiritual practice to take on a special penance during Lent so that we can overcome love of self and to open ourselves to the grace of God. We can often use the things of this world to excess and the penances we take on help to correct that tendency. If you have never tried to go without something for forty days, now this year is a perfect opportunity to try it.

When we take on a Lenten Penance, we first need to ask ourselves one simple question: what am I loving more than God? The answer to this question might be radically different depending on who is answering. Some people might be great at prayer, but they have no self-control when eating. Others may be really into charity work, yet barely ever pick up a bible. Once we examine where we fall short, it is then good to pick something that really challenges. Maybe we could take on spiritual reading, purposefully avoid a certain food, spend some time caring for the poor or pray the rosary every day. It depends on the individual and where they are on their journey of faith.

After Lent is over, depending on how well we did, we will either be glad that we overcame our faults or we will realize just how much we need the mercy of God. Either way, we can praise God for all the opportunities we have to show Him our love. Trust in His Strength, His Love and His Mercy.

God bless!

Fr. Carter

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: RESOLUTIONS

Each year, people throughout the world make New Year's resolutions. For many, these resolutions are short lived and quickly forgotten. At our Baptism and Confirmation, we made New Life resolutions. Our baptismal promises are lifelong commitments to Jesus and the Church.

We recognize that all that we possess comes from God. We are God's stewards. We have been empowered to manage the abundant gifts that we have received.

As "good stewards", it is our responsibility to give back a portion of the "time, talent and treasure" we receive from our generous and loving God. Let us recommit ourselves to the Lord by taking the time to plan. Let us make stewardship of time and talent part of our lifestyle, and stewardship of treasure part of our budget.

"Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Bible Study Exploring the Gospel of Mark. Join us at 5:30 pm in the school conference room on the following Mondays: 2/5, 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, 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.

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.

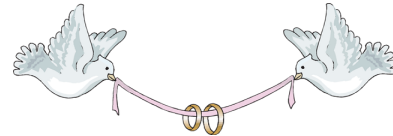
Catholic Men for Jesus Christ Join other Catholic Men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the 21st Annual Men's Conference on Saturday, February 24th at St. Gregory the Great in Hamilton Square. This year's theme is "The Age of Mercy". The day begins at 8 am and ends 3 pm. Cost is \$25 per person in 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: Follow-up letters from Fr. Carter will be mailed to all households from whom we have not yet received a response 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 on our Electronic Giving Program, please contact the Business Administrator in the Parish Office 732 922-4242 x26.

Holy Innocents School News

As Catholic Schools Week comes to a close, we invite all our parishioners to consider the gift of a Catholic education. If you missed our Open House last weekend, 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.

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.



Marriage Banns

III Hilary Heath + Calvin Krzywiec

Schedule for the Coming Week

Sat., Feb. 3	5:00 pm Confessions
Sun., Feb. 4	8:45 am Religious Ed (K-6) 1:30 pm Baptisms in church 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria
Mon., Feb. 5	5:30 pm Bible Study in the conference room 7:00 pm Religious Ed (7 & 8)
Tue., Feb. 6	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. 7	7:00 pm SVDPS in conference room
Thur., Feb. 8	9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration in chapel 5:30 pm Finance Council in conference room 6:30 pm AA in cafeteria 7:00 pm Reading Group in conference room
Fri., Feb. 9	7:00 pm HIS Pep Rally in gym
Sat., Feb. 10	5:00 pm Confessions
Sun., Feb. 11	8:45 am Religious Ed (K-6) 10:00 am Grade 2 Teaching Mass 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