

SATURDAY, March 10, 2018

9:00 A.M. BETTY COUSINS  
 4:00 P.M. ANGELA MASTROLIA r/b Lynn & Eric Ludwig  
 CLARA & JOHN CAVANAUGH r/b Family  
 5:30 P.M. KATHERYN & JOHN DUGAN r/b Ed Fletcher  
 JOSEPH DANZI r/b James & Regina  
 McConnell

SUNDAY, March 11, 2018

8:00 A.M. PATRICIA CORRIDON r/b Michael Corridon  
 ANTHONY BUONANNO r/b Cousins  
 10:00 A.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 12:00 P.M. ED MARTZ r/b Family  
 BARBARA POWERS r/b Jane Alwell  
 5:30 P.M. HELEN PIE r/b Ong family  
 ANTHONY DiMARCO r/b Ockle Johnson  
 family

MONDAY, March 12, 2018

9:00 A.M. MAUREEN PINE r/b Marty & Carol Staunton

TUESDAY, March 13, 2018

9:00 A.M. HARRY & MARGARET SCHULER r/b Sternik  
 family

WEDNESDAY, March 14, 2018

9:00 A.M. BEATRICE GILMORE r/b Wilson family  
 JOSEPH P. O'CONNOR r/b Mark & Maureen  
 Vinci

THURSDAY, March 15, 2018

9:00 A.M. ANTHONY Di MARCO r/b Ed Sawicki  
 BENJAMIN LOMASANG r/b Family

FRIDAY, March 16, 2018

9:00 A.M. FRANK & MARIAN FLAHERTY r/b Sternik  
 family  
 PETE NOVAK r/b Wife Kate

SATURDAY, March 17, 2018

9:00 A.M. JOSEPH & MARGARET SHADE r/b Mary  
 Sillup  
 4:00 P.M. ANGELA MASTROLIA r/b Lynn & Eric Ludwig  
 JOHN & BRIDGET O'BRIEN r/b Joan  
 Rochette  
 5:30 P.M. MARTIN BARR r/b Lottie Barr & daughter  
 RAYMOND J. BREW, SR. Wife & sons

SUNDAY, March 18, 2018

8:00 A.M. ROSE GUIDA r/b Brian & Laura  
 Golembiewski  
 TED NEBUS, SR. r/b Ted Nebus, Jr.  
 10:00 A.M. JOAN BUELL r/b Mark & Barbara Maguire  
 JOHN H. JACKSON r/b Lou & MaryAnne  
 Berardi  
 12:00 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 5:30 P.M. HELEN PIE r/b Chua family  
 CONNIE "BEBE" SANSONE r/b Cousins



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

**ALTAR SERVERS for March 17th & 18th**

Sat., 4 pm: Charlotte Doherty, Savannah Isacson & Erin  
 McKinley  
 5:30 pm: Maryanne Fiuza & Glenn Bates  
 Sun., 8 am: Jaimee & Andiee Jocson  
 10 am: Kathleen Burke, Joshua Clanton, Joshua &  
 Eden Tactaquin  
 12 Noon: Hannah Sheehan, Dominic Baltazar & Jarod  
 Alviola  
 5:30 pm: Peter Hegel, Jonathan & Celia Ekhelar

**Faith In Our Future  
 Cohort 18 Update ~ March, 2018**

The Cohort's Hispanic and Haitian Ministry Subcommittee has made available the schedule of Spanish and Creole speaking Mass & Confession at Mother of Mercy Parish in Asbury Park, and has also recruited volunteers to help teach regularly scheduled ESL classes. If you are interested in teaching ESL (you DO NOT have to speak a foreign language), please call Brother James 732 775-1056. The Subcommittee is currently working to compile and distribute information about the following resources in Monmouth County: immigration, children and families, housing and food, and mental health services.

**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 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.

**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** meets on 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: March 16th. New members are always welcome!**

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you so very much to everyone who pledged additional funds in the Increased Giving Campaign. According to the Cathedral Corporation, about 45% of active families in the parish have responded (which is about the average) with the average increase being about \$9 (which is slightly above average). If we keep this up, we are well on our way of meeting the bench mark of a 20% increase. After we pay the Cathedral Corporation for helping us with the campaign, this should translate to over \$100,000 more in the collections throughout the year which will greatly help our final budget and shield against possible expenses in the future. (The roof of the Church and the parking lot improvements are of most concern right now.)

I would also like to thank everyone for being so understanding. When it comes to any campaign to raise money, people can get very sensitive and react negatively. But, so far, everyone seems to understand why this needs to be done and have cooperated. There are even people who have apologized to me personally because they cannot give more at this time. If you are really not able to give, that is fine and there is really no need to apologize. The appeal was to encourage people to given within their means not to place undue hardship on anyone who really cannot afford it. Prayers and volunteering are also greatly appreciated, not just money.

On a completely separate note, we are moving forward with the assistance rails to help people walk up and down the steps at the altar. We just gathered the last quote and are ready to make a decision. So, please pray we make the right one. I can tell that this is a very important improvement for many in the parish and even though it is taking a while, it will be done.

Lastly, we decided when and where we will hold our Lenten Penance Services. On Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, we will have a 3:30 pm Penance Service at St. Rose in Belmar, and a 7 pm Penance Service here at Holy Innocents Church. Please make time to experience the mercy of our Lord at one of these services, or at our normal Saturday confessions this Lent. If you see me after any Mass, I'm always willing to hear confessions as well.

God bless!

*Fr. Carter*

**Bible Study** Exploring the Gospel of Mark. Join us at 5:30 pm in the school conference room on the following Mondays: 3/12, 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!

**Reading Group** will start a new book called, "Catholic For A Reason". It is a series of essays about God and the Holy Trinity edited by Scott Hahn. Reading Group meets every other Thursday in the School Conference Room at 7 pm starting March 8th. Feel free to contact Fr. Carter for details: toddcarterpriest@gmail.com. This book is available through book stores and online retailers.

**Next Family Game Night** Join us Friday, March 23rd 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.

**Stations of the Cross** Come and experience Stations of the Cross as part of your Lenten journey. Every Friday, now through Good Friday, we will present Stations of the Cross at 7 pm in the Church. Join us - all are welcome!

**The Annual Catholic Appeal—IN ACTION!** Catholic Schools in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth & Ocean Counties welcome more than 16,000 Catholic and non-Catholic students from many different cultural backgrounds. Parents as the primary educators of their children, work in partnership with teachers to develop their children's potential to become life-long learners. Donations to the ACA help to ensure that curriculum and performance standards and development of educators continue at high levels in the 31 Catholic elementary schools and 7 high schools in the Diocese of Trenton.

**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.

**Holy Innocents Church Increased Giving Update:**  
*As our Stewardship Appeal draws to a close, to date, 281 households have increased their weekly contribution in response to our program, representing a combined weekly increase of approximately \$2,551. If you are interested in taking advantage of the Electronic Giving Program, please visit our website [www.holyinnocentschurch.net](http://www.holyinnocentschurch.net) and click on the appropriate link.*

**Holy Innocents School News**

**Holy Innocents PTA** invites you to the Annual Gift Auction, so mark your calendar: Saturday, April 21st! In the mean time, they are seeking donations of goods or services, gift cards/certificates, and new gift items for auction. Donations will be collected in the School and Parish Offices during regular hours, Monday through Friday. Thank you for your consideration, and hope to see you at the Auction! Any questions, please call the School Office 732 922-3141 x13.



**Schedule for the Coming Week**

Sat., Mar. 10	5:00 pm Confessions 7:00 pm Lake House Music Academy Show in gym
Sun., Mar. 11	8:45 am Religious Ed (K-6) 2:00 pm Filipino Mass in church 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria
Mon., Mar. 12	5:30 pm Bible Study in the conference room 7:00 pm Religious Ed (7) 7:00 pm Confirmation Practice (7 pm group)
Tue., Mar. 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
Thur., Mar. 15	9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration in chapel 6:30 pm AA in cafeteria
Fri., Mar. 16	1:30 pm Seniors Club 5:00 pm Latin Mass in church 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross in church
Sat., Mar. 17	<b>Happy St. Patrick's Day!</b> 5:00 pm Confessions
Sun., Mar. 18	8:45 am Religious Ed (K-6) 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria
Mon., Mar. 19	5:30 pm Bible Study in the conference room 6:00 pm Confirmation practice (4 pm group) 7:00 pm Religious Ed (7) 7:00 pm Confirmation Practice (7 pm group)
Tue., Mar. 20	9:30 am Rosary Makers in Relig. Ed. Annex 4:00 pm Confirmation in church NO Religious Ed (K-6) 7:00 pm Confirmation in church NO RCIA