

SATURDAY, March 3, 2018

9:00 A.M. ANTHONY SUSI r/b Pasquale & Laurie D'Ambrose
 ANTHONY DiMARCO r/b Vaccaro family
 4:00 P.M. ANGELA MASTROLIA r/b Lynn & Eric Ludwig
 JENNIE SALERNO r/b Family
 5:30 P.M. MATTHEW BAUER r/b Family
 LIONEL CLAYTON r/b Jim & Carol Maliff

SUNDAY, March 4, 2018

8:00 A.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 10:00 A.M. ROCCHINA DeIULLIS & JOSEPH BOTTITTA r/b Family
 ANTIONETTHA MOSTERT r/b MaryAnne & Lou Berardi
 12:00 P.M. JACK & JOAN MOLLOY r/b Family
 MARY ARENA r/b Family
 5:30 P.M. HELEN PIE r/b Libang family
 PAUL MUDRICK r/b Cecelia Ruegsegger

MONDAY, March 5, 2018

9:00 A.M. CONNIE MURPHY r/b Bob & Terry Dreeke
 JENNIE CONSOLI r/b Virginia Consoli

TUESDAY, March 6, 2018

9:00 A.M. MAXIMO & PASTORA RAMOS r/b Deleon Family
 IN THANKSGIVING r/b Robert Reyes

WEDNESDAY, March 7, 2018

9:00 A.M. BETTY COUSINS
 JOYCE WASHINGTON-RYALS r/b Wilson family

THURSDAY, March 8, 2018

9:00 A.M. JOSEPH & MICHAEL McLEAVEY r/b Michael Corridon
 JACK RIORDAN r/b Pat Riordan

FRIDAY, March 9, 2018

9:00 A.M. ANDREW DONOHUE r/b Family
 ANTHONY DiMARCO r/b Ed Fletcher

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



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 March 10th & 11th

Sat., 4 pm: Isabelle Cattelona, Virgil & Johanna Icasiano
 5:30 pm: Adam Fox
 Sun., 8 am: Andrey & Justin Morales
 10 am: Alfie Petrowski, Angel Gallera & Constance Bricker
 12 Noon: Jocelyn Jackson, Jeffrey & Nathan Riley
 5:30 pm: Bryan Hammond, Adrianna Vegara & Andrei Vergara

**Faith In Our Future
 Cohort 18 Update**

Our Cohort needs your input and help. You will recall that this committee was founded to help deal with the difficult challenges in the Church by collaborating with our neighboring parishes. We need to hear from our parishioners regarding your needs as well as how we can best serve the community. We need more members from each parish to serve on the core team. The subcommittees could also use more members to contribute their talents to help complete their goals. If you are interested and willing to help, please contact the Parish Office!

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: April 6th. New members are always welcome!**

Dear Parishioners,

In order to help you all through your Lenten journey, I would like to offer this short reflection from Fr. John Hardon. Fr. Hardon, S.J., was the spiritual director of St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta, a Jesuit and a servant of God on his way for beatification. In this reflection, he talks about the need for penance as he writes:

"If we ask, why penance and reparation, the first answer is: Because God wants it.

"But if we press the question: Why does God want it? Then we must say, because in His mysterious wisdom, His justice requires it. We may legitimately say, without really understanding it, that He has no choice. Having given us a free will, if we abuse liberty, we must use our freedom to repay to God the love we have stolen from Him (which is penance) and repair the damage we have done (which is reparation).

"Notice, all along I have been using the first person plural, 'we', because penance and reparation are owed to God not only because I have individually sinned, but because we human beings have sinned and are sinning, in our day, on a scale never before conceived in the annals of history.

"We know better than Cain after he killed his brother, Abel. We **are** our brother's keepers. We are mysteriously co-responsible for what other people do wrong. There is a profound sense in which all of us are somehow to do penance and make reparation, not only for our sinful misdeeds, but for the sins of our country and, indeed, for the sins of the whole human race.

"We return to our question: **Why** penance and reparation? Because, in Christ's words, 'Unless you do penance, you shall **all** likewise perish'.

"Is it any wonder that on Pentecost Sunday, after Peter preached his sermon, and rebuked the people for their sins, and they asked him, 'what must we do,' his first word to the multitude was the imperative verb, 'Repent!'

"Is it any wonder that Our Lady of Fatima's message to a sinful world in our day, may be summarized in the same imperative, 'Do penance.' "Indeed, the calamities that we have so far seen in this present century: two world wars with more casualties than in all the previous wars of history, and the threat of a nuclear holocaust that hangs over us like a tornado cloud. All of this is God's warning to do penance and reparation. Why? Because God is not mocked.

"You do not offend God with impunity. You do not sin without retribution. You do not ignore the will of the Almighty and expect the Almighty to ignore what you do.

"What bears emphasis, however, is that this retribution is either to be paid willingly, with our penance and reparation, or will be paid unwillingly within the divine punishment.

"The divine logic is simple, awfully simple, and all we have to do is learn what God is telling us. Either we do penance and reparation because we want to, or we shall suffer (against our will) the consequences of our sins in this life, and in the life to come. "But remember, this penance and reparation is to be done not only for what we have personally done wrong. It is for all the pride and lust, for all the cruelty and greed, for all the envy and laziness and gluttony of a sin-laden human family.

"God is merciful and in fact as our Holy Father has told us, Jesus Christ is the Incarnation of divine mercy. But God's mercy is conditional. It is conditional on our practice of penance and reparation."

(source: http://www.therealpresence.org/archives/Lent/Lent_002.htm)

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: 3/5, 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!

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, 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.

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, 262 households have increased their weekly contribution in response to our program, representing a combined weekly increase of approximately \$2,360. If you are interested in taking advantage of the Electronic Giving Program, please visit our website www.holyinnocentschurch.net and click on the appropriate link.

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.

Holy Innocents PTA invites you to our Annual Gift Auction, so mark your calendar: Saturday, April 21st! In the mean time, we are asking for 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. We 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. 3 | K of C Membership Drive at Masses 5:00 pm Confessions |
| Sun., Mar. 4 | K of C Membership Drive at Masses 8:45 am Religious Ed (K-6) 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria |
| Mon., Mar. 5 | 5:30 pm Bible Study in the conference room 7:00 pm Religious Ed (7) 7:00 pm Confirmation Practice (4 pm group) |
| Tue., Mar. 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., Mar. 7 | 7:00 pm SVDPS in conference room |
| Thur., Mar. 8 | 9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration in chapel 5:30 pm School Board in conference room 7:00 pm Reading Group in conference room 6:30 pm AA in cafeteria |
| Fri., Mar. 9 | 5:00 pm Latin Mass in church 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross in church |
| 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 |