

SATURDAY, May 12, 2018

9:00 A.M. MARIE ACKATTA r/b Jim & Carol Maliff
CORAZON ARROYO r/b Family
4:00 P.M. JOHN & CLARA CAVANAUGH r/b Family
ROSE GUIDA r/b Pat Riordan
5:30 P.M. ELEANOR & VICTOR CICCONE r/b
Keating family
RAYMOND, JOYCE & ANGELO MINCIONE
r/b Family

SUNDAY, May 13, 2018

8:00 A.M. FLORENCE & ALVIN DURBAUM r/b Vinci
Family
NATIVIDAD, MARIO, ALDELMO & ZENON
CLOSA r/b Masiddo family
10:00 A.M. JOAN BUELL r/b R. Mesnikoff & F. West
PATRICIA CORRIDON r/b M. Corridon
12:00 P.M. SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY INTENTIONS
5:30 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, May 14, 2018

9:00 A.M. ALFRED CONSOLI r/b Virginia Consoli
WILLIAM LYVER r/b Wife

TUESDAY, May 15, 2018

9:00 A.M. INTENTIONS OF ZOFIA BUCZEK r/b Family
SHAWN ORBACH r/b Jack & Mary Sillup

WEDNESDAY, May 16, 2018

9:00 A.M. MICHAEL CORRIDON & FAM r/b M. Corridon

THURSDAY, May 17, 2018

9:00 A.M. STEPHEN J. FLYNN r/b Sternik family

FRIDAY, May 18, 2018

9:00 A.M. WILLIAM LAUTTMAN r/b Family
SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF SCHUETZ'S 50th
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SATURDAY, May 19, 2018

9:00 A.M. PAUL REPETTI r/b Jodi Repetti
MARY JANE CLAYTON r/b Carol & Jim Maliff
4:00 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
5:30 P.M. ANNA SAWICKI r/b Ed Sawicki & Lottie Barr
FRED & MARY ARENA r/b Family

SUNDAY, May 20, 2018

8:00 A.M. MBRS OF U.S. MILITARY r/b Vinci family
DORIS LUEDDEKE r/b Toni Egbert
10:00 A.M. LORI NOONAN r/b Sternik family
ANTHONY VARSALONE r/b Jim & Pat
Monroe
12:00 P.M. BETTY COUSINS
ED MARTZ r/b Family
5:30 P.M. RICK PERILLO r/b Ceil & Bill Maguire
WILLARD MOORE r/b Ockle & Bettylu
Johnson



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 May 19th & 20th

Sat., 4 pm: Isabelle Cattelona, Charlotte Doherty, Erin McKinley
5:30 pm: Maryanne Fiuza & Savannah Isacson
Sun., 8 am: Andiee & Jaimee Jocson
10 am: Kathleen Burke, Joshua Clanton & Angel Gallera
12 Noon: Hannah Sheehan, Jeffrey & Nathan Riley
5:30 pm: Peter Hegel, Jonathan & Celia Ekhelar

New Electronic Giving Program Available If you are interested in taking advantage of the Electronic Giving Program, please sign up by visiting our website www.holyinnocentschurch.net and clicking the appropriate link.

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!

Altar Rosary Society Next meeting: May 21st. 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: May 18th.**

Transportation For Our Veterans Monmouth County Division of Transportation provides service to the Tinton Falls VA Clinic. Appointments must be scheduled 7 days in advance and there is no charge for this service. To reserve your ride, please call 732 431-6480 and choose OPTION 1 and have your information ready (name, address, DOB, phone #, emergency contact #). Our intake department will guide you through the short process. We also provide transportation (at no cost) to VA services in Brick, East Orange & Lyons. You can request a print schedule of those dates for the year.



Dear Parishioners,

Today is my favorite Sunday of the whole liturgical year. It has special meaning for me personally because both my first preaching as a newly ordained deacon and my first Mass as a newly ordained priest fell on this Sunday. Furthermore, the Gospel of this Sunday is always a section of John 17 which is one of my favorite passages of scripture. In this chapter, known in scholarly circles as Jesus's high priestly prayers, Our Lord prays for the unity of all Christians which is something that is deeply meaningful to me as a convert from Lutheranism to Catholicism. So, even though my two ordination dates fall on different weeks of the calendar year, I consider this liturgical date to be the real anniversary of both my priesthood and diaconate ordinations.

At the heart of everything that is celebrated on this day is that Christ sent His disciples into the world to represent Him. Their mission was to carry truth into the world and risk being rejected by the world. Most people will not recognize them and even outright reject them. In imitation of Christ, they will be consecrated in the truth. They are in the world and not of the world anymore and the world may hate them for it. Yet, they will share Christ's joy completely.

I think we all need to really meditate on this passage at least once a year because it is a giant wake up call about why we are here as a Church. The Church may do many great and worthy things from running schools to having social functions to taking care of the poor. However, none of these activities is what the Church is. The Church exists to represent Christ and to bear His truth to the world. Though she may be involved with many activities, this has to be her main purpose or she quickly loses her identity. There are many organizations in the world whose sole purpose is to organize sporting events or other activities and they may even do it better than we can. But, people should want to come to the Church because this is where they can find Christ.

Christ is present in the Church in many ways. First and foremost, He is in the Blessed Sacrament, whose value should never be underestimated. By extension, He is in our liturgical worship where the priest stands as another Christ offering His sacrifice so that all may participate in it. He is also present in the souls of all of those who are members of the Church because of the indelible mark left on their souls at baptism. He is present in the teachings that the Church gives which have been passed through all the ages of the Church and has only grown more deep and clear as the centuries go on. If we have any pride in being Catholic, it should be in that we have such a wonderful savior.

In all of this is a challenge to live the faith to its fullest. It is a challenge to oneself because there are so many temptations in the world to sin and to deny the truth. The truth will never be popular in the world and we need to be willing to stand up for what is true and not give in to any social pressure to give up on the truth. I did not become a Catholic just to believe whatever I like. I did not become a priest in order to represent myself. I became these things because on some level, I believe Christ led me to them and though I am not always faithful or good, I pray that I may depend on His strength more than my own and He may somehow work through me. Someday, when I go to meet my Lord, I want to be able to say that I did this because in that all telling moment, I want to enter the joy that only Christ can give.

God bless!

Fr. Carter

Reading Group started 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 (next meeting 5/17). Feel free to contact Fr. Carter for details: toddcarterpriest@gmail.com. This book is available through book stores and online retailers.

Gennesaret Retreats for those who live with life-changing illness will be held: May 18 thru 20 and October 19 thru 21, 2018 at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center in Kearny, NJ. For further information, please contact Linda Capobianco 732 608-7277, Peggy Walsh 908 499-7667 or Hilare Reinold 732 566-7237.

Next Family Game Night Join us Friday, May 18th 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

Religious Ed is in need of volunteers for Fall, 2018. We are in need of teachers/assistants for Sunday morning and Tuesday afternoon (Gr. K-6) as well as Monday, evenings (Gr. 7 & 8). Please take time to pray and consider participating in this important ministry with our youth. Please contact Sr. Bernadette 732 922-4242 x28 for more information or to volunteer. We really need your help!

Registration for Religious Ed classes is taking place now. If your family is new to the Parish or 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 will receive forms and information through the mail.

Sacraments Preparation for *First Eucharist* takes place normally in Grade 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. Sr. Bernadette will advise you how this can be done. *Confirmation* preparation takes place in Gr. 7 & 8, so Gr. 7 Religious Ed must be completed before 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.

SAVE THE DATE Sunday, June 10th ~ Join us at 12 Noon Mass and in the cafeteria immediately following to give Fr. Evarist a proper send-off to his new assignment!

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.

Congratulations to all our First Communicants!

Aiden Alicaya, Janna Alviola, Jaden Andrada, Gabriella Anzivino, Adrian Asunto, Antonio Berrocal, Gianna Brown, Isabella Cheney, Santino Cintron, Joshua Clark, Liam Closius, Keith Corpuz, Sierra Corpuz, Anthony Crego, Destini Dunbar, Brayden Dunfee, James Esposito, Leah Farley, McKenna Faulhaber, Logan Freeman, Hatcher Gartley, Christopher Greco, Dowaine Green, Sarah Hariegel, Antonia Harker, Rylie Ingraham, Juliette Jarmon, Sophia Johannensen, Christopher Knight, Taylor Knight, Devyn Lecorchick, Jason LeMore, Jenna Letts, Gabriel Libang, Emma Lightbody, Helen Martinez, Issa Martinez, Zoe Martinez, Giovanna Mauriello, Connor McCarthy, Thomas Megill, Mya Murano, Carly Mykietyn, Kaiden Outwater, Frankie Padilla, Jack Perrino, Christian Ramos, Emily Rebeiro, Roseli Riano Torres, Isabella Riley, Meghan Rogers, Shaun Sampang, Ava Santos, Matthew Simon, Charlotte Stevens, Natalie Vitale, Alexander Waterman



Marriage Banns

II Camille Gesualdo + Patrick O'Connor

Schedule for the Coming Week

Sat., May 12	5:00 pm Confessions
Sun., May 13	Happy Mother's Day! 2:00 pm Filipino Mass 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria
Mon., May 14	5:30 pm Bible Study in the conference room 7:00 pm SVDPS in faculty lounge
Tue., May 15	9:30 am Rosary Makers in Relig. Ed. Annex 5:30 pm School Board in faculty lounge 7:00 pm Cohort 18 in conference room 7:00 pm PTA in faculty lounge 7:00 pm Choir practice in church
Thur., May 17	9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration in chapel 6:30 pm AA in cafeteria 7:00 pm Reading Group in conference room
Fri., May 18	1:30 pm Seniors Club in cafeteria 5:00 pm Board Game Night in cafeteria
Sat., May 19	5:00 pm Confessions
Sun., May 20	1:30 pm Baptisms in church 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria
Mon., May 21	10:00 am ARS in Religious Ed Annex 5:30 pm Bible Study in the conference room
Tue., May 22	9:30 am Rosary Makers in Relig. Ed. Annex 6:00 pm HIS Science Fair in cafeteria 7:00 pm Choir practice in church