

SATURDAY, June 16, 2018

9:00 A.M. THERESA ELDERS r/b Stephen Mason
 4:00 P.M. JOHN & CLARA CAVANAUGH r/b Family
 JAMES FALCONE r/b Pat Riordan
 5:30 P.M. INTENTIONS OF ARIS MIJARES r/b Carolyn
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 JOANNE BALLISTER r/b Lafalce family

SUNDAY, June 17, 2018

8:00 A.M. ROGER LeVALLEY r/b Bob & Terry Dreeke
 MARY TRZYNA r/b Joan & Ed Ziegler
 10:00 A.M. PAT & ROBERT ELLERSON r/b Family
 DEC'D MBRS BOSHINSKI FAMILY r/b Tom &
 Regina Donohue
 12:00 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 5:30 P.M. SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY INTENTIONS

MONDAY, June 18, 2018

9:00 A.M. PAT LAVELLE r/b M/M G. Litzas
 JOHN MORAN r/b Moran family

TUESDAY, June 19, 2018

9:00 A.M. JOSEPH CUSACK r/b Dick & Eileen Tobin

WEDNESDAY, June 20, 2018

9:00 A.M. 65th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF OCKLE
 & BETTYLU JOHNSON

THURSDAY, June 21, 2018

9:00 A.M. HAROLD KURDEWAN r/b Family
 FLAVIA MARISCA r/b Madonna House

FRIDAY, June 22, 2018

9:00 A.M. MATTHEW BAUER r/b Family
 MARIA STORZIERI & JOSEPHINE MAGGIO
 r/b Anna Quagliato

SATURDAY, June 23, 2018

9:00 A.M. SALLY ANN PAUL r/b Christine Schuetz
 4:00 P.M. JOHN MATTALIANO r/b Family
 ANGELA MASTROLIA r/b Barbara & Ray
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 5:30 P.M. FILIPPO & MARIANNA DiMITRI r/b Lucy
 DiMitre
 INTENTIONS OF BETTY SAVAGE r/b Bob
 Savage

SUNDAY, June 24, 2018

8:00 A.M. MARY JANE KURDEWAN r/b Family
 WILLIAM WILSON, JR. r/b Family
 10:00 A.M. ROBERT J. McDONALD r/b Lou & MaryAnne
 Berardi
 MAEVE O'SULLIVAN r/b Judy Sullivan
 12:00 P.M. ED MARTZ r/b Family
 PEGGY AHARRAH Jane Alwell & family
 5:30 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Weekly Collections

June 3, 2018 \$11,819.00
 June 10, 2018 \$11,118.00



PLEASE PRAY FOR Dorothy Johnson, Vincent Marzulli, Debbie Fromkin, Brian Oehme, Bronislaw & Zofia Buczek, Deacon Jim, Manuel Canencia, Annemarie Logan, Eleanor Passarella, Julia Sternik

ALTAR SERVERS for June 23rd & 24th

Sat., 4 pm: Gianna & Jack Narciso
 5:30 pm: Charlotte Doherty
 Sun., 8 am: Mia Rose
 10 am: Alfie Petrowski, Kathleen Burke & Joshua
 Clanton
 12 Noon: Dominic Baltazar, Angel Gallera & Zachary
 Guenther
 5:30 pm: Adrianna & Andrei Vergara

Religious Emblem for Catholic Boy Scouts Beginning this month, Deacon John Klincewicz will be conducting classes for Catholic Boy Scouts, currently in 7th grade or higher, who wish to earn their *Ad Altare Dei* religious emblem. For information, please contact Deacon John 732 922-3534 as soon as possible.

Can You Spare An Hour For Your Church? About every six weeks, a group of volunteers spend an hour or so to help prepare the Altar area for Sunday Liturgy. Please call Maria at 848 702-1811 with any questions, or to volunteer!

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.

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 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. The ladies are currently on summer break and meetings will resume in September.

Holy Innocents Seniors Club meets on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month (during the school year) at 1:30 pm in the cafeteria. If you would like more information about this group, call Alice Kohlman 732 988-4471. Have a great summer!

Dear brothers and sisters, parishioners of Holy Innocents Parish,

We read in the book of Ecclesiastes, “There is an appointed time for everything, and time for every affair under the heavens” (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Such time has arrived for me to take leave of my Holy Innocents faith family after eleven years!

My departure was first announced on the weekend of April 7 & 8 and since then I have been asked many questions and prominent among them were, “Why are you doing this to us?” and “What did we do to you?” The brief answers are, “You didn’t do anything to me” and “It is part of our mission and vocation as priests to move from one place to another.” This resonates with the words Jesus said to people in Capernaum when they didn’t want him to go away after having preached in their midst, driven out demons from those who had been possessed and cured many other diseases. He told his Apostles, “Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose I have come.” I don’t claim to have preached like Jesus, to have driven out any demons nor to have cured any people of any diseases. Nonetheless, I beg you to let me to go to the nearby village in Whiting to preach there also.

As I leave, I would be remiss if I didn’t tell you what you mean to me. Over the last eleven years, you have written an indelible chapter in the book of the history of my life. When I first came in your midst, I was an almost newly “minted” priest, with a two year experience in parish life and a two year experience in school as a graduate student. I leave, as some people say, as an experienced parish priest and hospital chaplain. During this time, I have prayed with and for all of you, laughed with many of you and cried with some of you.

If you have paid close attention during Mass, every time I start the Prayer of the Faithful after the profession of the Creed, I unfailingly start with, “Brothers and sisters in Christ...” Over time, even as those words have become habitual, I have reflected on them and have found them very meaningful in the context of the role you have played in my life in helping me to grow pastorally, spiritually, socially and intellectually. Besides, I have no words for your generosity in terms of prayers, morale and financial support for my family and the students I support for their education. My mother died on June 18, 2014 and you showed me much support after that great loss but even before her death, you had helped to strengthen me with prayers and financial support for medical bills in an economy with no health insurance arrangement and everything is out of pocket: you either have cash or you get no treatment. You have continued with that support for my father who on two occasions in 2015 and January this year was giving up on life. With that help, my dad continues to thrive and has regained the will to live with an incredible, positive attitude. Some of you have also supported students who would otherwise never have any professional success in life. One of these students is Fr. George, ordained in 2016 and another one is Mary Sylvia, who works with the United Nations Refugee Services Commission as a human rights advocate for the refugees in Northern Uganda, from South Sudan. All I can say for what you have done for me personally, for my family and for those needy students is, “Thank you and may God bless you!”

Since my ordination fifteen years ago, I have ceaselessly prayed from Psalm 69:7 which says, “Let not those who wait for you be put to shame through me, O Lord, God of hosts. Let not those who seek you blush for me, O Lord of Israel.” It is my hope that none of you was put to shame through me. However, if any of you was, it was inadvertent on my part and I owe you great apology. Either way, please pray for me that I continue to remain focused on the implication of that prayer where God is sending me as I leave Holy Innocents. On my part, I will keep all of you in my prayers.

Taking leave of the Ephesians to go to Jerusalem and finally to Rome where he would be decapitated, Saint Paul told them at Miletus, “I have gone about among all of you, preaching the Kingdom of God but now I know that none of you will ever see my face again” (Acts 20:25). Unlike Saint Paul and the Ephesians, you will see me again as long as life endures. I consider you family and the bonds we have forged cannot easily be severed. As long as I am still welcome in your midst, I will try my best to make myself available.

Many of you have been asking where I am going. The address of the parish is:

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
30 Schoolhouse Road
Manchester Township, NJ 08759

May God’s blessings continue to be with you as we keep each other in prayer!

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Evarist Kabagambe

Attention Seniors *Senior Spirituality And So Much More Day!* (July 18th, 10 am-3 pm) featuring the Catholic Grandparents Association and Msgr. Sam Sirianni presenting “Passing on the Faith to the Next Generation”. Join us for Mass with Bishop O’Connell, entertainment, and lunch from Dolce and Clemente at St. Gregory the Great, Hamilton Square. Visit www.dioceseoftrenton.org/pastoral-care to register or download the mail-in form.

Selective Seconds is a high quality, new and gently used furniture and home goods shop located at 911 Main Street rear, Belmar. Open Thursday thru Saturday 11 am -5 pm and Sunday 12 Noon-4 pm. Tax-free shopping to support St. Rose’s St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Next Family Game Night Join us Friday, July 13th 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

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 in Grades 1 AND 2. The Gr. 1 Religious Ed curriculum must be completed before entering Gr. 2. We do have a class for older students who have not received their sacraments. Sr. Bernadette will advise you how this can be done. *Confirmation* preparation takes place in Grades 7 AND 8, so Gr. 7 Religious Ed must be completed before the Gr. 8 program.

RCIA A new group is now being formed for the RCIA process. This is the process by which a person becomes a member of the Catholic Church. RCIA is for those who have never been baptized into any faith, those baptized in a non-Catholic faith, and for Catholics who were baptized but never received First Eucharist and Confirmation. For more information, please contact Sr. Bernadette. Individual appointments will be done over the summer and formal classes begin in September.

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.

Camp Excel Full-time weekday Summer Program for children (ages 5-17) with ADHD, Aspergers and Social Skills Challenges, with a children to staff ration of 3:1.

- Monmouth & Bergen County locations
- Social Skills Groups
- All adult staff
- Art, Cooking, Science, Sports, Trips
- Summer Program also includes Academics, Swimming, Parent Groups & Transportation.

For more information, visit www.CampExcel.com.



Schedule for the Coming Week

Sat., June 16	SVDPS "Spring Cleaning" fundraiser at Masses 5:00 pm Confessions
Sun., June 17	<i>Happy Father's Day!</i> SVDPS "Spring Cleaning" fundraiser at Masses 1:30 pm Baptisms in church 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria
Mon., June 18	5:30 pm Bible Study in conference room
Tue., June 19	9:30 am Rosary Makers in Relig. Ed. Annex 5:00 pm Camp Excel Training Meeting in conference room 6:00 pm Cohort 18 in faculty lounge 7:00 pm Choir practice in church
Wed., June 20	5:00 pm <i>Camp Excel Orientation</i> (building is closed to ALL others)
Thur., June 21	9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration in chapel 6:30 pm AA in cafeteria
Sat., June 23	5:00 pm Confessions
Sun., June 24	1:30 pm Baptisms in church 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria
Mon., June 25	<i>Welcome back, Camp Excel!</i>
Tue., June 26	7:00 pm Choir practice in church