

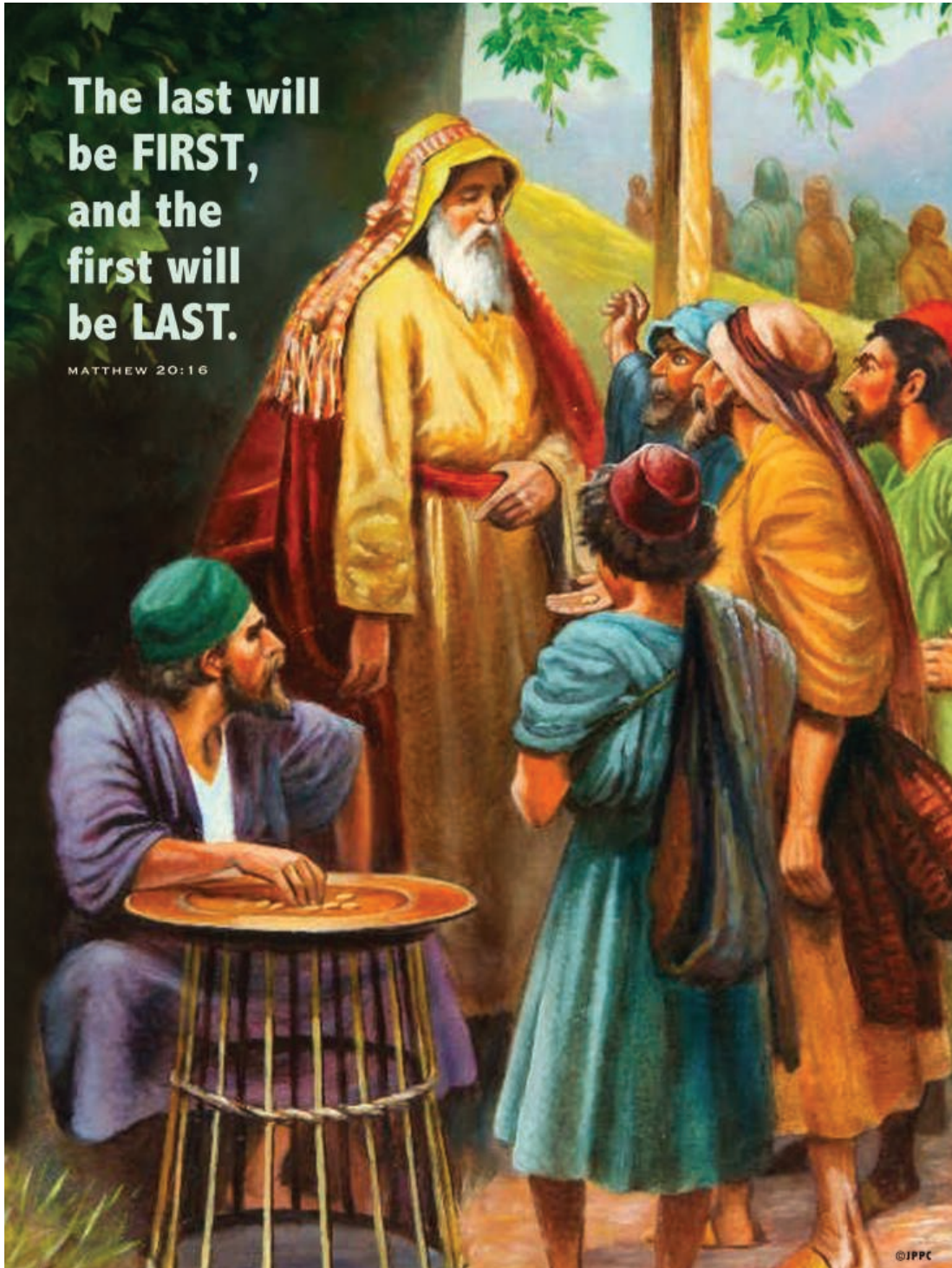
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September 24, 2023 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time





Parish Served By:

Fr. H. Todd Carter

Pastor

Fr. Caesar Rubiano

Hospital Chaplain

Deacon John Klinecicz

Deacon Robert Cerefice

Christa Dalmazio

Director of Music

Mrs. Fran Burke

Coordinator of Religious Education

Mass Schedule

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00 AM (except some holidays)

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 5:30 PM

Traditional Latin Mass is celebrated every first Saturday at 9 am and every third Sunday at 3 pm.

Parish Membership

All new families are welcomed and encouraged to join Holy Innocents Parish as soon as possible by contacting the Parish Office, or by submitting the online Registration Form at www.holyinnocentschurch.net. In order to be recognized as a practicing member of the Parish, it is necessary to be registered and show your presence and support by attendance at Mass, and through regular use of your Offering Envelopes.

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated the 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month at 1:30 PM. Baptism Preparation Class is held on the first Friday of the month. Please call the Parish Office (x127) to arrange a baptism or to schedule attendance of Baptism Prep Class.

Marriage

Parishioners should call the Parish Office (x127) no less than ONE YEAR in advance of your desired wedding date. Engaged Encounter or Pre-Cana Conference is required and suggested 6 months before the wedding. Sunday weddings are not celebrated in this parish.

Reconciliation

Saturdays 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Please Remember Holy Innocents Church in Your Will.

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, September 23, 2023

9:00 A.M. MARGARET PALMER r/b Steve & Linda Dietz
 4:00 P.M. HELEN NEBUS r/b Ted Nebus, Jr.
 JOANNE HOFFMAN r/b Bob & Barbara Shafer

SUNDAY, September 24, 2023

8:00 A.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 10:00 A.M. INT OF ARIANA WILSON r/b Christa Dalmazio
 PETE BRUNCATI r/b Sternik family
 12:00 P.M. DONALD COZINE r/b Walter & Mary Golembiewski
 ANTONETTA PRATI r/b Anne & Jim Kirms
 5:30 P.M. INT OF KATIE BLONSKI r/b Family
 JACKIE & WILLIAM SCHIERECK r/b Their family

MONDAY, September 25, 2023

9:00 A.M. ANGELINA BORJA r/b Reyes family
 MICHAEL HOAG r/b Family

TUESDAY, September 26, 2023

9:00 A.M. JOHN G. LALANAS r/b Bob & Terry Dreeke
 INT OF LYDIA SILVA r/b Rebecca Blonski

WEDNESDAY, September 27, 2023

9:00 A.M. KATIE HAYES r/b Bill & Jean Manigold

THURSDAY, September 28, 2023

9:00 A.M. ELISABETH STERNIK r/b Family
 JOSEPH CLERKIN r/b Family

FRIDAY, September 29, 2023

9:00 A.M. JACK JUDGE r/b Family

SATURDAY, September 30, 2023

9:00 A.M. ANTONETTA PRATI r/b Madonna House
 4:00 P.M. JAMES ENGLAND r/b Family
 BORTOLUZ & VENTURINI FAMILIES r/b
 Francesca Venturini

SUNDAY, October 1, 2023

8:00 A.M. CHRISTOPHER FOX r/b Jodi Repetti
 WALTER MELNYK r/b Wife & family
 10:00 A.M. CAROL & ANDREW STURZIONE, SR. r/b
 Hoy Innocents Adult Choir
 FRANK & GAETANA TORRE r/b Christa Dalmazio
 12:00 P.M. MARY MOMBERGER & FAMILY r/b Fam
 TOM DONOHUE r/b Family
 5:30 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Bread & Wine
 in memory of Helen & Ted Nebus, Sr. r/b Ted Nebus, Jr.

Dear Parishioners,

Today I am going to warn you about the dangers of superstition. It is described in our Catechism as follows: "The First Commandment forbids honoring gods other than the one Lord who has revealed himself to His people. It proscribes superstition... Superstition in some sense represents a perverse excess of religion... Superstition is the deviation of religious feeling and of the practices this feeling imposes. It can even affect the worship we offer the true God, e.g., when one attributes an importance in some way magical to certain practices otherwise lawful or necessary. To attribute the efficacy of prayers or of sacramental signs to their mere external performance, apart from the interior dispositions that they demand, is to fall into superstition." (CCC 2110-2111)

So, as we can see, superstition is against the First (and most important) Commandment of loving God above all things. It is listed even before more obvious examples of violations of the First Commandment such as idolatry and magic. It is particularly dangerous because someone can easily mistake being superstitious as being more devout. However, even though someone's external practices may be similar to someone who is devout, God sees the heart of the person. Also, some of these practices may subtly contradict what the faith actually teaches. For example:

- Practicing novenas that guarantee results. Like claiming that if you say a St. Jude Novena for 9 days and you leave 9 copies of that novena in 9 churches, God has to answer your prayer. However, this novena makes promises it can't keep and if God does not answer a prayer in a way we like, it is more important to conform to His will than to impose our will on Him.
- Obsessing over the appearance of sacramentals. Specifically someone might claim that a miraculous medal or a rosary has to look a certain way to be true versions of those sacramentals and those that do not have that standard design are really satanic or masonic versions of those devotions. This is silly because what makes it so is the intention and faith behind using these objects. The objects in themselves have no real power. To say they have to conform to certain externals beyond the basic design is just making up rules.
- Believing in people who claim private revelation from God even though they contradict the Church. God does communicate divine revelation to prophets even today. However, anything that is revealed in this manner is private revelation. Therefore Catholics are not required to believe them nor are they necessary for salvation. Even approved apparitions like at Lourdes or Fatima are not required to be believed. So, whenever we hear someone claim to have divine revelation that changes everything, or calls into question the authority of the Church, or is meant to make people worried, we ought to be skeptical and expect to be given reasons to believe it. We can immediately disqualify any private revelation that contradicts the teachings of the Church, which is the pillar and bulwark of truth and who Christ has granted teaching authority until He returns.

Overall, we have to recognize that God loves us and wants what is best for us. He is not trying to trick us or hold us to anything He did not reveal for our salvation. So, trust in Him above all things.

God bless!

Fr. Carter



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Become an Altar Server!

Young people, 4th through 12th Grade,
would you like to help the Church?

There will be two training sessions for new servers
and a parent to attend:

Wednesday, September 27th
Wednesday, October 4th
at 4 pm in the Church



New servers should attend both sessions. To sign-up, or
for more information, contact Deacon John 732 922-
3534 or at klincewicz@verizon.net



October is the Month of the Holy Rosary!

The ladies of our *Altar Rosary Society* will
be selling sapphire crystal, locket Rosaries
on the weekend of **Oct. 7th-8th** at the follow-
ing Masses:

Saturday, 4 PM
Sunday, 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 Noon
Cost is \$15.00 ea.

All proceeds will be given back to our parish
community.

Holy Innocents Church Music Ministry

We welcome new singers to join any of our choir
groups. If you are interested, please contact
christadalmazio@gmail.com

Tuesday evening Rehearsal schedule:

5:30-6:30 pm—Children's Choir
7-8:15 pm—Adult Choir
8:15-9 pm—Latin Schola

Music for Sept. 23-24 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance: God We Praise You #540
Offertory: I Love You, O My Lord Most High #574
Communion: Humbly We Adore Thee #570
Recessional: Sing Praise To Our Creator #750

Holy Innocents Church Annual Blessing of the Animals Wednesday, October 4th at 5:30 pm in front of the Church



Holy Innocents Parish C.A.R.E. Classes

Holy Innocents Church offers a Continuing Adult Reli-
gious Education program. **C.A.R.E.** class meets at 7:30
pm in Building 2 (former Spiritual Center) on 9/25,
10/30, 11/27, 1/29, 2/26, 4/29 & 5/20. In keeping with
the ongoing Eucharistic Revival, this year's topic is the
Eucharist. Please contact jeffcarter83@gmail.com if you
plan to attend, or for information. Registration is not
required to attend classes.

Holy Innocents Church ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY 732-922-4242 EXT 124

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Holy Innocents Respect Life Committee News...

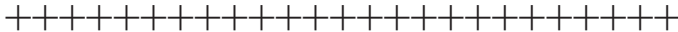
From Wednesday, September 27th to November
1st, we will participate in 40 Days for Life, praying
the rosary on Wednesdays from 11:00 am-12 Noon
in front of the Planned Parenthood at 69 Newman
Springs Rd, Shrewsbury. All are welcome to join us
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Eucharistic 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, as all are welcome.



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Weekly Collections

Sept. 17th \$8,679 (includes electronic)
\$ 1,506 (Second collection)



TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
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Sunday, October 15th
3PM
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Due to the popularity of the Traditional Latin mass, Fr. Carter will be offering a Traditional Latin mass every 3rd Sunday of the month. If you have devotion to and would like to see Traditional Latin masses become more widely available, then please attend this mass or voice your support.

This mass is a trial run to determine the demand for this form of the mass. If it is well attended Fr. Carter is considering making it possibly a weekly mass.

For questions or concerns, please contact Fr. Carter at toddcarterpriest@gmail.com.



Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday, 8 am-4 pm
(in-person)

Office closed on Friday, but available by email:
parishoffice@holyinnocentschurch.net



Schedule for the Coming Week

- Sat., Sept. 23 2:30 pm Confessions in chapel
- Sun., Sept. 24 8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7)
1:30 pm Baptism in church
- Mon., Sept. 25 6:00 pm Religious Ed (8)
7:30 pm C.A.R.E. class (Bldg. 2)
- Tue., Sept. 26 5:30-6:30 pm Children's Choir
7:00-8:15 pm Adult Choir
8:15-9:00 pm Latin Schola
- Thurs., Sept. 28 9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration
7:00 pm AA in cafeteria (open meeting)
- Sat., Sept. 30 2:30 pm Confessions in chapel
- Sun., Oct. 1 8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7)
1:00 pm Parish Picnic immediately following
12 Noon Mass
1:30 pm Baptism in church
- Mon., Oct. 2 6:00 pm Religious Ed (8)
7:30 pm RCIA (Bldg. 3)
- Tue., Oct. 3 5:30-6:30 pm Children's Choir
7:00-8:15 pm Adult Choir
8:15-9:00 pm Latin Schola



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