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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 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

MONDAY, October 2, 2023

9:00 A.M. DONALD COZINE r/b Jim & Pat Monroe

TUESDAY, October 3, 2023

9:00 A.M. BRONISLAW BUCZEK r/b Alina Sellinger
LUIGIA VENTURINI r/b Francesca
Venturini

WEDNESDAY, October 4, 2023

9:00 A.M. FRANCIS SAVARESE AND HARRY
SCHULER r/b Sternik family

THURSDAY, October 5, 2023

9:00 A.M. MICHAEL BOLDUC r/b Rebecca Blonski

FRIDAY, October 6, 2023

9:00 A.M. MICHAEL HOAG r/b Family
CECILIA HOLLE r/b Jim & Pat Monroe

SATURDAY, October 7, 2023

9:00 A.M. INT OF SUSAN REIDEL r/b Madonna
House
4:00 P.M. PHYLLIS FURCILLO r/b Family
EILEEN DINORSCIO r/b Joan

SUNDAY, October 8, 2023

8:00 A.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
10:00 A.M. MADELINE FORTUNATO r/b Lou &
MaryAnne Berardi
MARGARET KEOGH r/b Bernadette
Sherman
12:00 P.M. EDILBERTO ACHATE r/b Family
ED CAMPBELL r/b Marion Fairchild
5:30 P.M. INT OF MADONNA HOUSE
VOLUNTEERS r/b Rebecca Blonski
JOHN PATRICK MORGAN r/b Debbie &
Ken Leigh

Dear Parishioners,

You may have noticed that after all the Masses this month (until October 29th), we are praying for the 16th General Synod of Bishops. (Also called the Synod on Synodality) I know that many of you may be wondering why we are doing that. So, here is my brief explanation.

What is a synod?

According to Canon law, a synod is "a group of bishops who have been chosen from different regions of the world and meet at fixed times to foster closer unity between the Roman Pontiff and bishops, to assist the Roman Pontiff with their counsel in the preservation and growth of faith and morals and in the observance and strengthening of ecclesiastical discipline, and to consider questions pertaining to the activity of the Church in the world." (Canon 342)

What is synodality?

This term describes a process of fraternal collaboration; specifically the Holy Father would like the laity to be involved in this Synod. Pope Francis has encouraged this collaboration by preparing for this Synod in a series of stages. First, we had a year of listening sessions that were offered on the parish level. Second, there is the continental level where the bishops gathered together what was said by the laity in documents produced by the various conferences of bishops. The final step will be for the bishops (and 70 non-bishops) at the Synod to reflect on where the Holy Spirit is leading the Church and to advise the Pope.

Does the Synod have the ability to change Church practice or doctrine?

No. Its role is advisory.

Is this the same as the German Synod of bishops?

No. The German Synod has had some issues with pushing the Church to except blessing of same sex unions and allowing divorced and remarried Catholics to receive communion. The Holy See has corrected them in these matters.

Should we be worried that the General Synod might advise the Pope to promulgate something against the teachings of the Church?

No. I firmly believe in Papal infallibility: that the Holy Spirit will preserve the Pope from error on matters of faith and morals. Despite all the confusion out there, neither Pope Francis nor any Pope has ever contradicted the teachings of the Church when using their teaching authority.

Finally, why are we praying for this Synod?

Pope Francis has asked us to pray for the Synod so that they may be inspired to listen to the Holy Spirit. We ought to pray for what we wish to go well, especially for those things outside our own control. As Pope Francis has said, "Without prayer there will be no synod."

Overall, keep praying and don't worry.

God bless!

Fr. Carter

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



The Holy Innocents Society of the Diocese of Trenton, Southern Monmouth County Chapter, is beginning the 2023-24 academic year at St. Mark's Church in Sea Girt. The goal of the Holy Innocents Society is to bring all parishioners with developmental, cognitive and/or physical challenges in to full participation in parish life. The Southern Monmouth Chapter meets weekly on Saturdays from 9:30-11 am at St. Mark's Parish. These meetings include the celebration of six special seasonal Masses throughout the academic year. Adults and young people with special needs who live in Southern Monmouth County and their family members are encouraged to join us as we pray, sing, and celebrate our faith together. For more information, please contact Gina Lesniewski at 732 280-2451 or joeandgina@optonline.net. For more information on the Holy Innocents Society of the Diocese of Trenton, please visit us at <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/holy-innocents-society>

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Holy Innocents Church
Online Rosary Group

meets Monday thru Friday at 10 am online or over the phone. Please contact kathy.lynch@gmail.com for information.

New members are always welcome!

You can also pray in-person Rosary every morning before 9 am daily Mass in the Church.



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Become an Altar Server!

Young people, 4th through 12th Grade,
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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 Parish C.A.R.E. Classes

Holy Innocents Church offers a Continuing
Adult Religious 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 at-
tend, or for information. Registration is not
required to attend classes.

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**Holy Innocents
Respect Life Committee
News...**

On Wednesdays, September 27th to November
1st, we will participate in 40 Days for Life, pray-
ing the rosary from 11:00 am-12 Noon in front
of the Planned Parenthood at 69 Newman
Springs Rd, Shrewsbury. All are welcome to
join us or to sign up at:

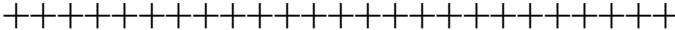
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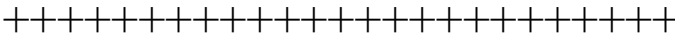
Eucharistic Adoration is held at Holy Innocents every Thursday (except holidays and holy days) 9:30 am-9 pm AND on First Fridays from 9:30 am-2 pm. Special thanks to all who make regular Adoration possible here at Holy Innocents! Please invite your friends and family members to participate, as all are welcome.



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Weekly Collections

Sept. 24th \$6,865 (includes electronic)
\$ 618 (Second collection)



TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
WITH GREGORIAN CHANT

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. 30	2:30 pm Confessions in chapel
Sun., Oct. 1	8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7) 1:00 pm Parish Picnic 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
Wed., Oct. 4	5:30 pm Blessing of Animals outside church
Thurs., Oct. 5	9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria (open meeting)
Fri., Oct. 6	9:30 am-2:00 pm Adoration 7:30 pm Baptism Prep Class (Bldg. 3)
Sat., Oct. 7	2:30 pm Confessions in chapel
Sun., Oct. 8	NO Religious Ed (K-7) 2:00 pm Filipino Mass
Mon., Oct. 9	Columbus Day—Offices closed NO Religious Ed (8) 7:30 pm RCIA (Bldg. 3)
Tue., Oct. 10	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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