

Holy Innocents Church

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November 5, 2023 ~ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Do not be called
Master;
you have but one master,
the Christ.

MATTHEW 23:10



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, November 4, 2023

9:00 A.M. INT OF REBEKAH M. BLONSKI r/b Family
 4:00 P.M. RAPHAEL CANGIANO r/b Family
 EDWARD CAMPBELL r/b Angie & Ron Shapinski

SUNDAY, November 5, 2023

8:00 A.M. ANNE FLANNELLY r/b Kurdewan family
 SHAWN McBRIDE r/b Anne & John Moon
 10:00 A.M. MARY ZAGROBELNY r/b Alina Sellinger
 INT OF MADONNA HOUSE r/b Rebecca Blonski
 12:00 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 5:30 P.M. JOE IMPERIAL r/b Ann Cramer
 JOJITZ ESPIRITO r/b Lomasang family

MONDAY, November 6, 2023

9:00 A.M. INT OF SAMUEL BLONSKI r/b Family
 DILLON TAYLOR r/b Family

TUESDAY, November 7, 2023

9:00 A.M. JOHN PATRICK MORGAN r/b Jeryl Maglio
 MARY GANNON r/b Family

WEDNESDAY, November 8, 2023

9:00 A.M. JOHN PATRICK MORGAN r/b Jeryl Maglio
 NORMA FELEO r/b Nap DeLeon family

THURSDAY, November 9, 2023

9:00 A.M. HOWARD KAVOOKJIAN r/b Carol Donofrio
 JULIA SKALA r/b Jeryl Maglio

FRIDAY, November 10, 2023

9:00 A.M. INT OF MARIE VALVANO r/b Husband
 CHET BIELJESKI r/b Diane Ferreira

SATURDAY, November 11, 2023

9:00 A.M. SILVA FAMILY r/b Anthony Silva
 4:00 P.M. ALBINO VENTURINI r/b Francesca Venturini
 ANTONETTA PRATI r/b Scully family

SUNDAY, November 12, 2023

8:00 A.M. FRANK R. DICKSON r/b Richard & Susan Sheridan
 HOWARD KAVOOKJIAN r/b Anthony Hernandez
 10:00 A.M. NICHOLAS J. TROISI III r/b His family
 PAUL YOUNG r/b Steve Sternik & family
 12:00 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 5:30 P.M. MAUREEN MINNICK r/b Marty & Carol Staunton
 ELLYNN JULIUS r/b Roche family

Dear Parishioners,

This month of November is dedicated to praying for the dead. This is a practice that can easily be misunderstood by even Catholics. So, here is a brief summary of why we pray for the dead.

As Catholics, we believe that there is an afterlife. We hope to someday go to Heaven and be happy with God forever. However, we recognize that any sin on our souls creates a barrier between us and God. When we sin, we are rejecting God's plans for us and wound our relationship with the Almighty. It is not that God gives up on us, but, He has given us free will to make the choices we have made in this life.

The Church also teaches that it is only mortal sin that can completely break this relationship with God. A mortal sin is a major sin (e.g., breaking one of the Ten Commandments) which one does with full knowledge and with the intention of committing that sin. If someone dies with a mortal sin on their soul, they are choosing to be eternally separated by God. (If you think you have committed a mortal sin, then I urge you to please go to confession!) Now, since we cannot assume to know the state of someone's soul, the Church presumes that when someone dies they are in Purgatory instead.

A soul in Purgatory knows that it will someday be in Heaven. It is where a soul that has not committed a mortal sin but has not perfected itself in this life waits to be healed by God. As Catholics, we should take advantage of the sacraments and try to overcome our own faults so that we do not go to Purgatory. It is a place of healing. But, so is a hospital and you would not want to be there unless you are sick. Healing can be a painful process and that is why souls in purgatory are often portrayed as being in a state of agony. Though, on the upside, this agony is temporary.

Some people do not like to hear that the Church still teaches that Purgatory is real because they think that if God is merciful, He should just allow people to go directly to Heaven. This attitude, however, puts words in God's mouth. Salvation is possible and every person on earth has an opportunity to become a saint (and those are the people who go directly to Heaven). However, it should be obvious to even the casual observer that we are not all taking advantage of those abundant graces. Like I said before, God does not overcome your own free will to make you come to Heaven. Instead, Purgatory is a manifestation of God's mercy. It is a place where we can go even if we are slow to act and follow Our Lord.

That is why we pray for the souls of the dead during this month, and at every Mass. We are praying that they may overcome their sins and be healed so that they can enter the glory of God. They are there waiting helplessly. They need our prayers. Maybe if we pray for them, it will help us become saints ourselves.

God bless!

Fr. Carter

Holy Innocents Respect Life Committee
 will be in the gathering space at Masses
 Saturday & Sunday, November 4th & 5th
 selling tickets for the NJ Right To Life Annual Raffle



Tickets: \$10 each

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November 4th through November 12th, 2023

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HOLIDAY FOOD ITEMS NEEDED

Mashed Potatoes (Boxed) • Canned Sweet Potatoes
 Cranberry Sauce • Canned Vegetables • Stuffing Mix
 Turkey Gravy • Soup • Corn Bread/Muffin Mix • Cake Mix
 Icing • Paper Products

FOOD ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED FOR OUR PANTRY

Individual Fruit Cups • Salad Dressing • Mac & Cheese
 Jarred Pasta Sauce • Boxed Cereal • Peanut Butter
 Jelly • Pasta • Canned Tuna • Coffee • Canned Chicken
 Coffee • Tea Bags • Sugar • Parmalat Milk
 Condiments (ie Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup, Salt, Pepper,
 Onion Salt and Powder, Garlic Salt and Powder)



In November we remember all souls...

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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**Weekend Retreat
November 10-12, 2023**

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offer a supportive, non-judgmental process in a confidential atmosphere. It is designed to help both women and men experience the compassion of God. If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, please consider attending a retreat weekend. Contact:

Judy Warenkiewicz 732 536-6871

***Holy Innocents Church
Online Rosary Group***

meets Monday thru Friday at 10 am online or over the phone. Please contact kathy.lynch65@gmail.com for information.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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



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 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.

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If you have any questions about our services, please call.



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

***Next Meeting:
Saturday, November 18th at 5 pm
in the chapel
(immediately following 4 pm Mass)***

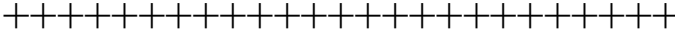
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PLEASE PRAY FOR Fr. Bausch, Lottie Barr, Marie Valvano, Carol Kelly, Lydia Silva, Louise Pataranick, Chris Dall, Mike Killeen, Michael Brander, Kathryn Campanella, Debbie Clemis

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.

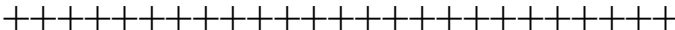


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Weekly Collections

Oct. 29th \$7,719 (includes electronic)
\$ 826 (2nd collection)



TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
WITH GREGORIAN CHANT

Sunday, November 19th
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:

Schedule for the Coming Week

Sat., Nov. 4	2:30 pm Confessions in chapel NJ Right To Life Raffle sales at Mass
Sun., Nov. 5	8:00 am-2:00 pm Blood Drive in cafeteria NJ Right To Life Raffle sales at Masses NO Religious Ed (K-7)
Mon., Nov. 6	NO Religious Ed (8) 7:30 pm RCIA (Bldg. 3)
Tue., Nov. 7	5:30-6:30 pm Children's Choir 7:00-8:15 pm Adult Choir 8:15-9:00 pm Latin Schola
Wed., Nov. 8	7:00 pm Bible Study (Bldg. 2)
Thurs., Nov. 9	9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria (open meeting)
Sat., Nov. 11	2:30 pm Confessions in chapel
Sun., Nov. 12	8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7)
Mon., Nov. 13	6:00 pm Religious Ed (8) in church 7:30 pm RCIA (Bldg. 3)





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