

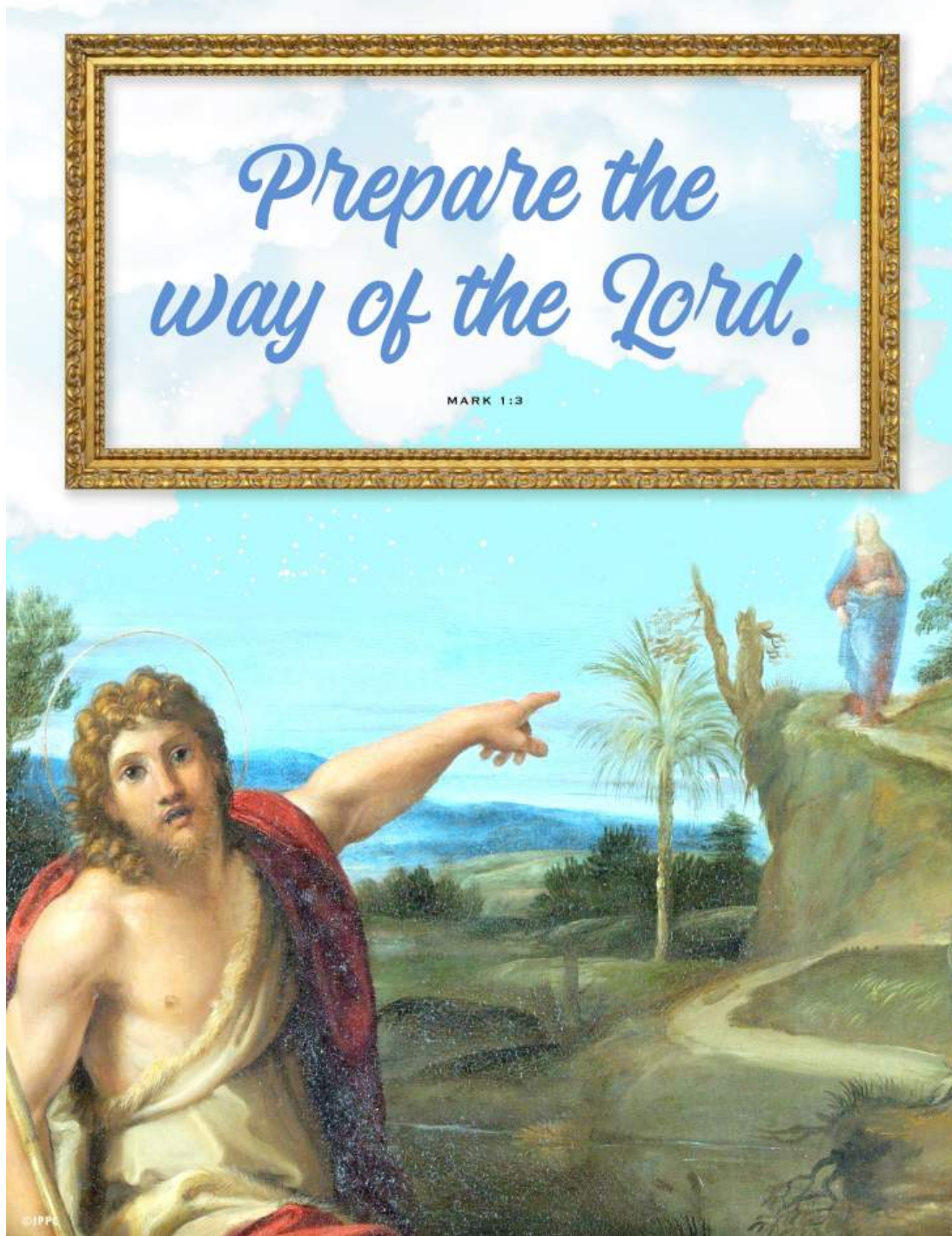
# Holy Innocents Church

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December 10, 2023 ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent





## 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](http://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, December 9, 2023

9:00 A.M. BERNARD ZARRO r/b Pat Riordan  
 4:00 P.M. EWELINA BAJERSKA r/b Sellinger family  
 ANTHONY MARTELLI r/b Rita Kendrick & family

SUNDAY, December 10, 2023

8:00 A.M. BERNARD ZARRO r/b Stephanie & Jim McAnne  
 PAULA T. ZORNER r/b Chuck & Mary Daalder  
 10:00 A.M. JOE IMPERIAL r/b Bettylu Johnson  
 ARLENE CASPER r/b Casper Family  
 12:00 P.M. IN THANKSGIVING r/b Rose Achate  
 JAMES CONWAY r/b Jim & Carol Maliff  
 5:30 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, December 11, 2023

9:00 A.M. BERNARD ZARRO r/b Philip & Joyce Giaramita  
 INT OF MORGAN DESNOYERS r/b Patrick Meehan

TUESDAY, December 12, 2023

9:00 A.M. HOWARD KAVOOKJIAN r/b Holy Innocents Sacristans  
 INT OF MORGAN DESNOYERS r/b Patrick Meehan

WEDNESDAY, December 13, 2023

9:00 A.M. PATRICIA ANNE HINSENKAMP r/b Amy Volz  
 INT OF MORGAN DESNOYERS r/b Patrick Meehan

THURSDAY, December 14, 2023

9:00 A.M. VIOLETA JOSE r/b Reyes family  
 JOAN ZIEGLER r/b M/M Anthony Romano

FRIDAY, December 15, 2023

9:00 A.M. CATHERINE & SYLVESTER BELLEZZA  
 r/b Jayne & Michael Weingarten

SATURDAY, December 16, 2023

9:00 A.M. INT OF ARIANA WILSON r/b Patrick Meehan  
 BERNARD ZARRO r/b Michael Bonanno & Maria Cainzos  
 4:00 P.M. PHILIP FARHAT r/b Louise Pataranick  
 INT OF SELLINGER FAMILY

SUNDAY, December 17, 2023

8:00 A.M. JOAN McCARTHY r/b Kurdewan family  
 EILEEN & JOE CLERKIN, BARBARA & TED RUTZ and THOMAS YARROW r/b Rutz & Clerkin fam  
 10:00 A.M. MARGARET KEOGH r/b Pat Riordan  
 ROBERT GARAFANO r/b His wife, Phyllis  
 12:00 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 3:00 P.M. INT OF FR. CARTER r/b Rebecca Blonski  
 5:30 P.M. DEC'D MBRS BOLGER FAM r/b Jim & Carol Maliff

Dear Parishioners,

This week, I am recommending a book for everyone to read about a topic that many people find hard to talk about. The book is called "Male, Female, Other? A Catholic Guide to Understanding Gender" by Jason Evert and it is about the confusion surrounding the transgender movement and how Catholics should engage with others who feel like they were born in the wrong gender.

I can understand why many avoid thinking about this topic. In our society, if you disagree with something they feel is true, you are seen as an unjust aggressor and being judgmental. If someone says that they are in pain and that they want your sympathy, most people are sympathetic enough to at least play along with what they are saying even if they don't fully agree. This is especially true if they do not understand the topic or someone may commit suicide or do something terrible to themselves if people disagree with them. One of the great achievements of this book is that Evert goes to great lengths to talk about how to communicate with people who feel this way while not compromising on the truth.

The truth does matter. Whether or not you believe someone can change their gender greatly affects how you view the world. Either God made human beings male and female and the two complement each other in God's loving plan for procreation and caring of children or there is no meaning beyond gender besides personal expression and gender. In this book, Evert challenges many of the myths people just assume about gender. Some topics he gets into include: whether or not gender is a social construction, whether sex is assigned, neuroscience of gender, the damage done by cross-sex hormones (and surgery), transition regret and whether transitioning actually saves lives.

I hope you do read this book especially if someone you love is transgender. But also, it provides a great background for anyone who might have a conversation about it. Knowledge is never the enemy and I hope this book will be a good step to understanding others and to help them on the path of truth.

God bless!  
**Fr. Carter**



## Oplatek Christmas Wafers

will be available at Masses  
 December 9th & 10th (while supplies last)  
 for a donation of \$3 per packet  
 (4 wafers in each)

### Holy Innocents Church Parish Boardgame And Fellowship Night



**Friday December 15th, 5pm**  
**Holy Innocents Church**  
**Neptune, NJ**  
**in the Spiritual Center**

Parish board game and fellowship night is a chance to gather with fun people to play fun games. We also have a table for sharing snacks and desserts and pizza is provided for a suggested donation

If you enjoy games or want to just hang out, come and join us.  
 Next Game night: January 5th

## Holy Innocents Church Christmas Mass Schedule

<u>Christmas Eve</u>	<u>Christmas Day</u>
4pm	8am
6pm	10am
11pm	Noon

These Masses will also be livestreamed on our Youtube page.

<https://holyinnocentschurch.net/>



## Feast of the Holy Innocents

Come celebrate our parish's feast day  
 with a Traditional Latin Mass  
 and Gregorian Chant

Thursday December 28th 7pm  
 Holy Innocents Church  
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# Lessons and Carols Christmas Concert

Holy Innocents Church  
Neptune, NJ  
Saturday, December 16th at 7:00pm

Celebrating the Advent season  
with the Holy Innocents Choirs

**Confessions will be heard in Church on  
Wednesday, December 20th  
5:30-6:30 pm  
Please take advantage of this  
opportunity for Reconciliation  
during this holy season of Advent.**

## Holy Innocents Church Online Rosary Group



meets Monday thru Friday at 10 am  
online or over the phone. Please  
contact [kathy.lynch65@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.lynch65@gmail.com)  
for information.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

You can also pray in-person Rosary every morn-  
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## Holy Innocents Respect Life Committee News...

### Christmas Giving

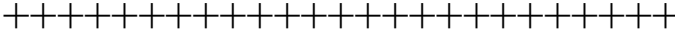
*Respect Life currently has WHITE tags on the tree in the gathering space. The items on these tags are gifts which will be donated to Madonna House. Return the items to the Madonna House bin in the gathering space with the tag attached, NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 8th. Please DO NOT WRAP THESE GIFTS. Thank you and God bless you!*

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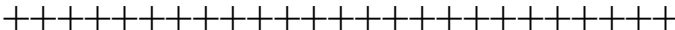
**Eucharistic Adoration** is held at Holy Innocents every Thursday (except holidays and holy days) 9:30 am-9 pm AND on First Fridays from 9:30 am-2 pm. Special thanks to all who make regular Adoration possible here at Holy Innocents! Please invite your friends and family members to participate, as all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



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**Weekly Collections**

Nov. 26th \$7,000 (includes electronic)  
\$1,020 (2nd collection)



TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS  
WITH GREGORIAN CHANT

Sunday, December 17th  
3PM  
HOLY INNOCENTS CHURCH  
NEPTUNE

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](mailto: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](mailto:parishoffice@holyinnocentschurch.net)

**Schedule for the Coming Week**

Sat., Dec. 9	2:30 pm Confessions in chapel Oplatek Christmas Wafers at Mass
Sun., Dec. 10	Oplatek Christmas Wafers at Masses 8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7) 2:00 pm Filipino Mass
Mon., Dec. 11	6:00-9:00 pm Confirmation Retreat (8) in church 7:30 pm RCIA class (Bldg. 3)
Tue., Dec. 12	5:30-6:30 pm Children's Choir 7:00-8:15 pm Adult Choir 8:15-9:00 pm Latin Schola
Wed., Dec. 13	7:00 pm Bible Study (Bldg 2)
Thurs., Dec. 14	9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration
Fri., Dec. 15	7:00 pm Simbang Gabi
Sat., Dec. 16	2:30 pm Confessions in chapel 7:00 pm Lessons and Carols Christmas Concert in church
Sun., Dec. 17	8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7) 1:30 pm Baptism in church
Mon., Dec. 18	6:00 pm Religious Ed (8) 7:30 pm RCIA class (Bldg. 3)
Tue., Dec. 19	Christmas decorating in church



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