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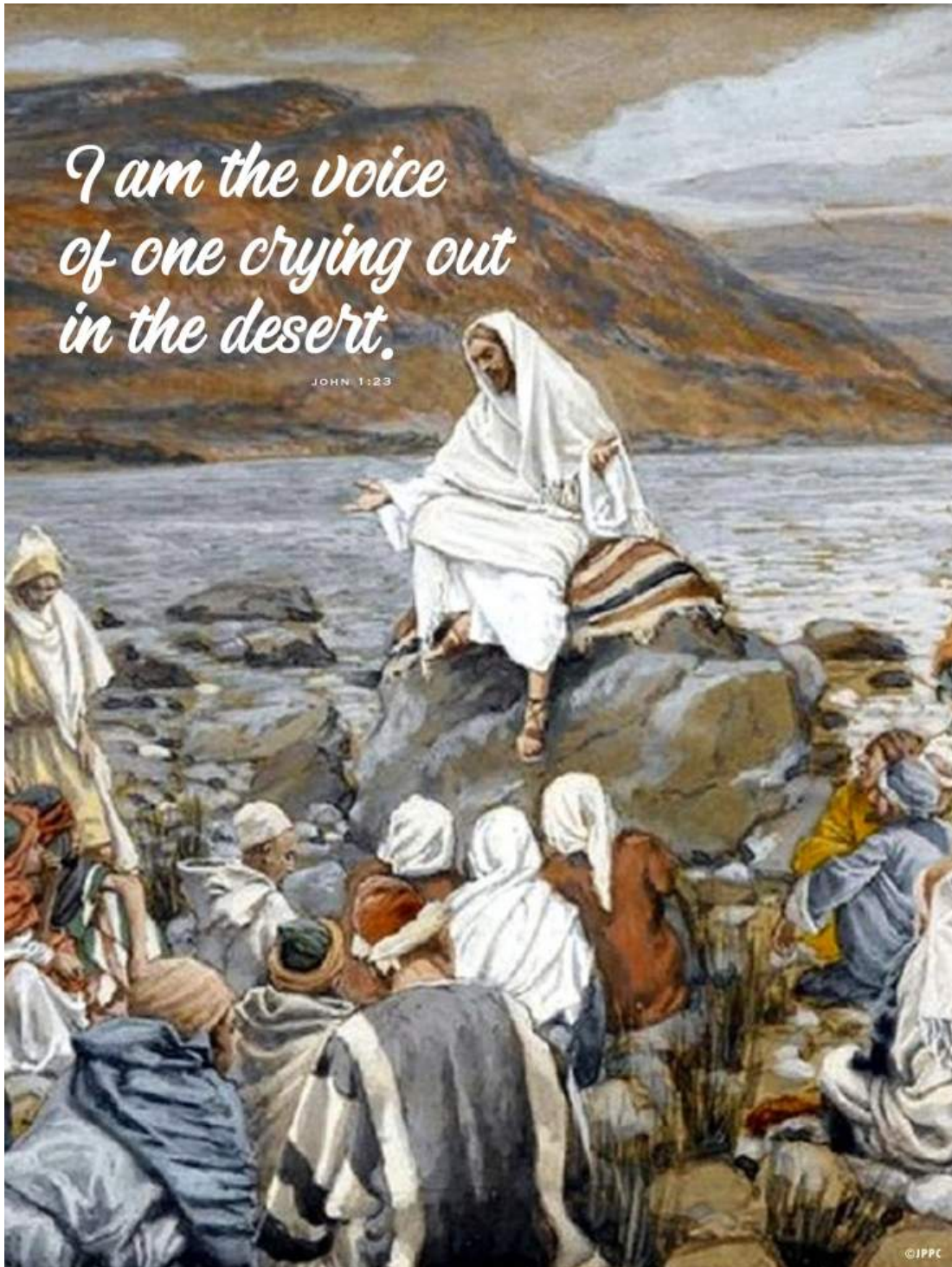
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December 17, 2023 ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

*I am the voice
of one crying out
in the desert.*

JOHN 1:23



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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, 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

MONDAY, December 18, 2023

9:00 A.M. BERNARD ZARRO r/b Mark Melango fam
TEODORO CLOSA r/b Family

TUESDAY, December 19, 2023

9:00 A.M. JOAN McCARTHY r/b Sternik family
CORAZON & KENNETH ROGERS r/b Manansala family

WEDNESDAY, December 20, 2023

9:00 A.M. BERNARD ZARRO r/b Bob & Terry Dreeke
MARK SHARIN, SR. r/b Gannon family

THURSDAY, December 21, 2023

9:00 A.M. HOWARD KAVOOKJIAN r/b Holy Innocents Sacristans

FRIDAY, December 22, 2023

9:00 A.M. BERNARD ZARRO r/b Walter & Mary Golembiewski

SATURDAY, December 23, 2023

9:00 A.M. BERNARD ZARRO r/b Kathleen Setteducato
LUCIA & CARLOS LAO r/b Manansala fam

4:00 P.M. BART SALERNO r/b His family
RON FLYNN r/b Ted Nebus, Jr.

SUNDAY, December 24, 2023

8:00 A.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:00 A.M. JOHN PATRICK MORGAN r/b Maureen Gannon
SEGUNDO & DESIDERIA MILAGROS r/b Masiddo family

12:00 P.M. BOB GARAFANO

SUNDAY, December 24, 2023 Christmas Vigil Masses

4:00 P.M. JOSEPH LaCOSTE r/b His family
LETTIERI FAMILY r/b Lena Tornatore

6:00 P.M. DEC'D FAMILY & FRIENDS r/b Sternik fam

11:00 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

Many people desire to go to confession right before Christmas and this is a holy and good request. So, this **Wednesday December 20th**, I am offering sacramental **confessions** in Church from **5:30 pm to 6:30 pm**. I'll be in the confessional in the chapel. Feel free to come and offer your sins to God.

In order to help you make a good confession, here is a brief examination of conscience for you. More in-depth examinations can be found online.

- Have I made something more important in my life than God?
- Have I received communion unworthily?
- Have I prayed daily?
- Have I participated in superstitious practices?
- Have I used the name of God in an unworthy manner?
- Have I disparaged God, the Church or other holy things or people?
- Have I purposely missed Mass on Sunday or a Holy Day of Obligation?
- Have I acted irreverently in Church? (Like leaving Mass early or being a distraction to others in prayer?)
- Have I treated my family well, and parents with all due respect?
- Have I killed anyone? (Including euthanasia)
- Have I purposefully harmed anyone?
- Have I participated in the sin of abortion?
- Have I been quarrelsome or vengeful?
- Have I committed any of the sexual sins? (Including adultery, masturbation and pornography)
- Do I purposefully dress myself in a provocative manner?
- Have I placed myself in the near occasion of sin?
- Have I used artificial contraception for the purpose of not having children?
- Have I stolen anything?
- Have I been generous to the Church and the poor in so far as I am able?
- Have I lied to anyone?
- Have I gossiped, disparaged or mocked anyone?
- Have I been envious of others either for their relationships, for what they have, or the gifts God gave them?
- Have I been gluttonous or intemperate?
- Do I love God above all things and seek His glory above my own?

Remember, we are all sinners who are in need of the mercy of God. I pray that you all may receive it and those who really need to come to confession do so. As Pope Francis says, "Be courageous. Go to confession."

God bless!

Fr. Carter

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PLEDGE TO HEAL

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United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline.

To report the sexual abuse of minors call our hotline 1-888-296-2965 or email us at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org

Please note: The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

STANDING TOGETHER FOR *Life*

FRIDAY
JANUARY 19, 2024

Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold

Mass for Life

11:00 a.m.

CELEBRATED BY

**Bishop David M.
O'Connell, C.M.**

All are Welcome

Lunch & Seminar

12:30-3:30 p.m.

FEATURING

**5 Expert
Panelists**

*Advanced Registration
Required*



For full information about the day's events, visit:
dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life



**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
for information.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

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

**THANK YOU to everyone who sup-
ported our Christmas gift drive for
Madonna House!**

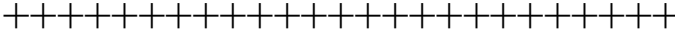
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PLEASE PRAY FOR Fr. Bausch, Lottie Barr, Marie Valvano, Carol Kelly, Lydia Silva, Louise Pataranick, Chris Dall, Michael Brander, Kathryn Campanella, Debbie Clemis

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.

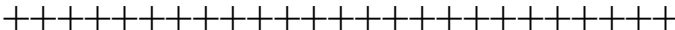


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Weekly Collections

Dec. 3rd \$7,279 (includes electronic)
\$ 930 (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.



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

Offices will be closed Dec. 25th through Jan. 1st

Schedule for the Coming Week

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 5:30-6:30 pm Children's Choir 7:00-8:15 pm Adult Choir 8:15-9:00 pm Latin Schola
Wed., Dec. 20	5:30-6:30 pm Confessions in chapel 7:00 pm Bible Study (Bldg 2)
Thurs., Dec. 21	NO Adoration today
Sat., Dec. 23	2:30 pm Confessions in chapel
Sun., Dec. 24	NO Religious Ed (K-7) NO Baptisms today
Mon., Dec. 25	Joy To The World! The Lord Is Come! MERRY CHRISTMAS! Offices closed 12/25/23 through 1/1/24



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