

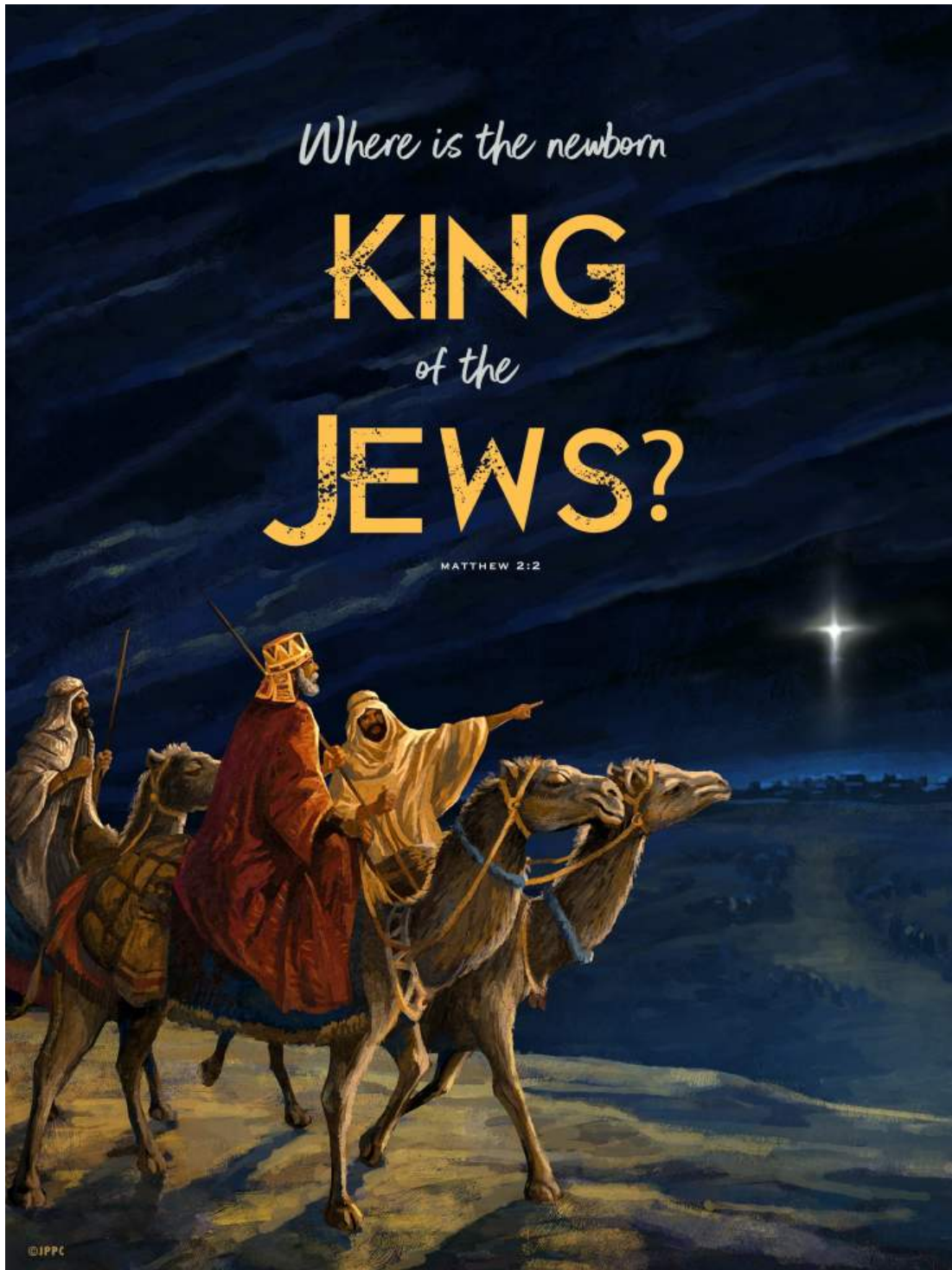
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January 7, 2024 ~ Epiphany





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Fr. Caesar Rubiano

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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, January 6, 2024

9:00 A.M. PAT GRANEY r/b Rebecca Blonski
4:00 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, January 7, 2024

8:00 A.M. HENRY COAKLEY r/b Walter & Mary Golembiewski
BARBARA & TED RUTZ, EILEEN & JOE CLERKIN & THOMAS YARROW r/b Fam
10:00 A.M. STEPHEN STERNIK r/b His family
ROGER CLEARY r/b Marylu Savage
12:00 P.M. WILLIAM NITTOLI r/b Bob & Joanne Kaden
TOM & ANDY DONOHUE r/b Family
5:30 P.M. GARY FARE r/b Bill & Jean Manigold
GEORGE ROSE r/b Riley family

MONDAY, January 8, 2024

9:00 A.M. CAROLYN BRACH r/b Family
DOROTHY LENNON r/b Rose family

TUESDAY, January 9, 2024

9:00 A.M. ALICE DeSANTE r/b Bill & Jean Anne Manigold

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 2024

9:00 A.M. LORI CUMMINS r/b Annemarie Logan & family

THURSDAY, January 11, 2024

9:00 A.M. ED SULLIVAN r/b Madonna House

FRIDAY, January 12, 2024

9:00 A.M. JOHN J. FLETCHER r/b Ed Fletcher
ED SULLIVAN r/b Madonna House

SATURDAY, January 13, 2024

9:00 A.M. DILLON TAYLOR r/b Family
ED SULLIVAN r/b Madonna House
4:00 P.M. PAT J. PAPA r/b Thaddeus Wargacki
HANK COAKLEY r/b Pat Riordan

SUNDAY, January 14, 2024

8:00 A.M. HANK COAKLEY r/b Bob & Terry Dreeke
FRAN & CHET BIELJESKI r/b Diane Ferreira
10:00 A.M. ED SULLIVAN r/b Madonna House
LINDA SHERTENLIEB r/b Keith Sturziona
12:00 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
5:30 P.M. BERNARDO ASUNTO r/b Donna & Denise Schiereck
ROSEMARIE LELLA r/b Laura Lella

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. Normally, throughout the whole world we celebrate this day on January 6 (which is literally the 12th day of Christmas, like in the song). But, as a custom in America, we place this feast always on the Sunday after the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1). The word "Epiphany" means "showing" or "manifestation." Literally, it is about how God shows Himself, His glory and His divinity to the world.

The first event of the Epiphany is the obvious one: the visitation of the Magi, the wise men from the East. They follow a star which eventually leads them to Christ. But, first they encounter Herod and that makes him the first world leader to know that the savior has come into the world. However, he does not welcome this manifestation and tries to kill the Christ child forcing the holy family to flee to Egypt. When we love our sins more than God, we can be people who reject God's promptings to turn away from sin. Instead, we need to be like the Magi who search for Christ and are led to worship Him.

The second event of the Epiphany is the Baptism of Our Lord. At His Baptism, Our Lord Jesus shows that He is the Son of God to John the Baptist. This was an unusual event because the baptism by John the Baptist was a sign of repentance and Jesus did not need to repent. He is already, and for all time, the second person of the Most Holy Trinity and therefore could never sin. But, He willingly allowed Himself to be baptized as an example of how to repent and to show that He was willing to take the sin of all humanity onto Himself. He symbolically turned away from sin in order to save humanity from their sins.

The third event of the Epiphany is the Wedding Feast at Cana. This is when Our Lord Jesus begins His earthly ministry. The feast ran out of wine which would have been an embarrassment to the wedding couple. Our Lady sends her son to solve this problem and so He makes water into wine. Though we can easily make jokes about Jesus wanting us to get drunk, that is not the point of this miracle. The bridegroom of the wedding feast is supposed to provide the wine, and Our Lord gives His own body and blood for heavenly food and to unite the world to God. By providing this wine to the guests at the wedding, He is showing that He is the true bridegroom that will wed fallen humanity. According to the book of Revelation, the whole culmination of creation is a great wedding feast and it is then that we will see God face to face. No longer in need of signs and symbols we will finally see the living God.

In all of our hearts, we long to see the living God. It pains us to be away from Him. Through worshiping Him in His sacraments we are preparing ourselves to see Him, and through faith we know that He is really present. Like St. Paul said, "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him." (1 Corinthians 2:9) May we recognize Him when we see Him by loving Him in this life.

God bless!

Fr. Carter

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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

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

May 2024 be a happy, healthy & prosperous New Year for all!

God bless you,

*The Priests, Deacons & Staff
of Holy Innocents Church*



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.

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 Church Mary Queen of Knights Council #816



You are invited to join a community of like-minded Catholic men who share their faith, hands, hearts, and prayers, providing support and communing with each other. You can also bring your families along and get to know other members. Membership is **FREE** to join online, and you can request to join anytime. Just scan the QR Code at left. **Enter Council number 816 in the appropriate place on the form. Join Our Knights of Columbus!** We meet once a month, in the evening at St. Anselm's Church in Wayside (Tinton Falls).

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Holy Innocents Respect Life Committee News...

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Christmas gift drive for Madonna House!

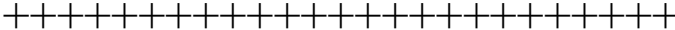
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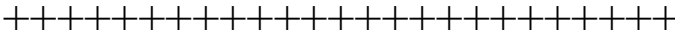
PLEASE PRAY FOR Fr. Bausch, Lottie Barr, Marie Valvano, Carol Kelly, Lydia Silva, Louise Pataranick, Chris Dall, Michael Brander, Kathryn Campanella, Debbie Clemis

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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**TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
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Sunday, January 21st
 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.

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Parish Office Hours
 Monday thru Thursday, 8 am-4 pm
 (in-person)
parishoffice@holyinnocentschurch.net

Schedule for the Coming Week

Sat., Jan. 6	2:30 pm Confessions in chapel
Sun., Jan. 7	8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7) 1:30 pm Baptism in church
Mon., Jan. 8	5:30 pm Religious Ed Family Program 6:00 pm Religious Ed (8)
Tue., Jan. 9	5:30-6:30 pm Children's Choir 7:00-8:15 pm Adult Choir 8:15-9:00 pm Latin Schola
Wed., Jan. 10	7:00 pm Bible Study
Thurs., Jan. 11	9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria (open meeting)
Sat., Jan. 13	2:30 pm Confessions in chapel
Sun., Jan. 14	8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7) 2:00 pm Filipino Mass
Mon., Jan. 15	5:30 pm Religious Ed Family Program NO Religious Ed (8) 7:30 pm RCIA (Bldg 3)



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