

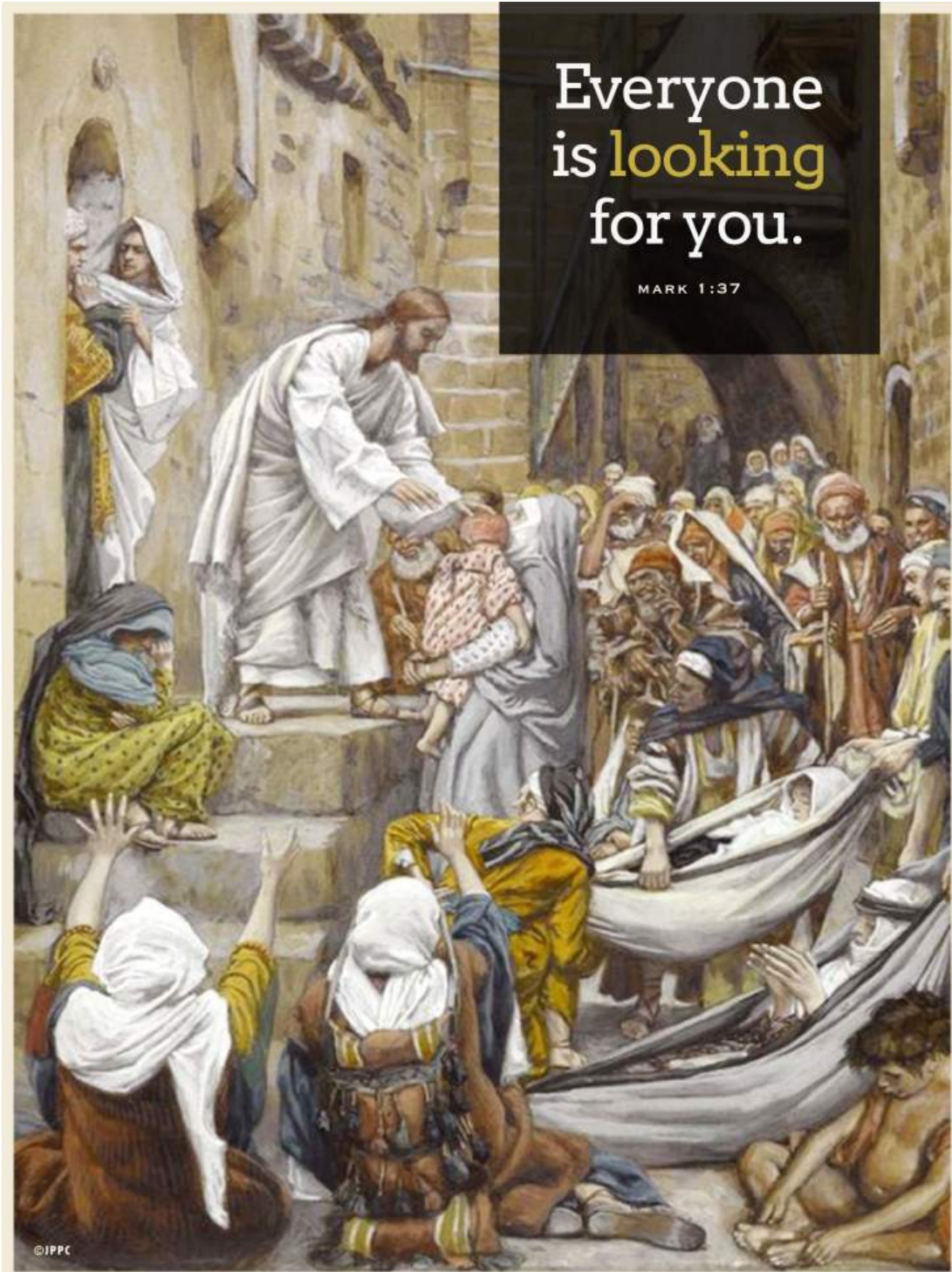
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February 4, 2024 ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time





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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, February 3, 2024

9:00 A.M. STEPHEN R. SHERMAN r/b Family
4:00 P.M. DILLON TAYLOR r/b Family
INT OF MARIE VALVANO r/b Husband

SUNDAY, February 4, 2024

8:00 A.M. RICHARD ENGLISH r/b Joyce & Boyd
Youngblood
JOAN ZIEGLER r/b Rose family
10:00 A.M. PAT J. PAPA r/b Thaddeus Wargacki
NOEL LENNON JANOSI r/b Sternik family
12:00 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
5:30 P.M. JOANN MUSSO r/b Family
CARL DeCESARE r/b Lois Rose

MONDAY, February 5, 2024

9:00 A.M. IN THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S
BLESSINGS r/b Ed Sawicki
BETTY MARTZ r/b Family

TUESDAY, February 6, 2024

9:00 A.M. INT OF ED SAWICKI r/b Ed Fletcher
INT OF VIENNA MAGLIO r/b Jeryl Maglio

WEDNESDAY, February 7, 2024

9:00 A.M. INT OF ATHENS FAMILY r/b Jeryl Maglio
CARMENCHU DIAGO r/b Manansala fam

THURSDAY, February 8, 2024

9:00 A.M. INT OF ROBERT MAGLIO, SR. r/b Jeryl
Maglio
KENNETH MILLS r/b Sellinger family

FRIDAY, February 9, 2024

9:00 A.M. INT OF ARIANNA MAGLIO r/b Jeryl Maglio
MARY HALL r/b Madonna House

SATURDAY, February 10, 2024

9:00 A.M. EDWARD MARTZ, JR. r/b Family
4:00 P.M. DUANE SBRISCIA & LORETTA
MacCOLLUM r/b Ted Nebus, Jr.
TOMMY SHEEHAN r/b Pat Riordan

SUNDAY, February 11, 2024

8:00 A.M. JOHN SLIZEWSKI r/b Diane Ferreira
EUFRACTIA SANGA SE r/b MaryBeth
Kurdewan
10:00 A.M. INT OF STEVE STERNIK r/b Brenda
GERI AUSTIN r/b Joyce & Ronald
Chevestick
12:00 P.M. PAUL TALLARD r/b Jim & Carol Maliff
PEDRO & CORAZON DeLEON r/b Nap
DeLeon & family
5:30 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

A Message from our Bishop as we prepare for Lent:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, until Holy Thursday morning, March 28, 2024 --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. The model Jesus gave us for "these forty days" was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

1. The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE.

The pastor of a parish has the faculty to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish and the Diocesan Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.

2. Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

3. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as noted above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

4. The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter.

5. The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called "Easter duty" --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the First Sunday of Lent, February 17-18, 2024, to Trinity Sunday, May 25-26, 2024. However, the Church's law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage all Catholics, especially those who are conscious of serious sin, to go to Confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of Penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton



**February 8th
International Day of Prayer and Awareness
Against Human Trafficking**

REFLECT: Feb. 8th is the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese nun, who as a child had the traumatic experience of being a victim of human trafficking. The Unions of Superiors and Superiors General of Religious Institutes have organized the *Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking*. I encourage those who work helping the men, women and children who are enslaved, exploited, abused as instruments of work or pleasure, who are often tortured and mutilated. It is my hope that government leaders may work decisively to remove the causes of this disgraceful scourge, it is a scourge unworthy of society. May each one of us feel committed to being a voice for our brothers and sisters, who have been humiliated in their dignity. Let us all pray...*Pope Francis, Angelus Prayer February 8th, 2015*

PRAY: Oh God, we didn't see them.

But you did-The hundreds and thousands of human beings Trafficked each year to join the millions who are trapped in modern-day slavery.

Under terrible conditions, they work in factories, plow fields, harvest crops, work quarries, fill brothels, clean homes and haul water. Make our hearts open, guide us to be aware and learn more to make this world more loving and just for everyone. Let us say with You, No More.

Amen

ACT: Commit to Learn more! United States

Conference of Catholic Bishops www.usccb.org provides many resources. We highly recommend this resource as a starting point.

We Do This Because... Human trafficking is a horrific crime against the basic dignity, and human rights of the human person.

FEBRUARY 8th

Please join the Justice and Peace Ministry at 7pm at St. Rose Church in a Prayer Service led by S. Jeanette Weychert, SSJ

Prayer to End Human Trafficking

If you are unable to attend the prayer Service, please pray the prayer on Feb. 8th prepared by the Sisters of Charity, Convent Station, NJ, with a Hail Mary to implore Mary's intercession.

God of freedom, beauty and truth
we believe that your deepest desire,
your most powerful energy,
is that all creation might know abundant life.

We raise our voices in anguished prayer
for our sisters and brothers,
women and girls, men and boys,
who are modern day slaves;
They are your beloved daughters and sons,
exploited sexually or forced to work
because of human violence and greed.

Fill us with your holy anger and your sacred
passion
that those who are trafficked might know healing
and justice; that traffickers will come to
repentance and conversion; that all of us might
live in such a way that others are not made to pay
the price for our comfort and convenience.

Hasten the coming of the day when all people
and our precious Earth itself
will be treated, not as a commodity,
but as radiant images of your freedom, beauty
and truth. **Amen. May it be so** (Hail Mary...)

For over a decade the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB.org) has been a leader in the U.S. in the fight against human trafficking.

Please stay tuned for more information from the Justice and Peace Ministry about shared learning opportunities through film, speakers and advocacy.

Children's Mass
Sunday, February 11th at 10 am
 Please join us for coffee and
 doughnuts following Mass.



The Office of Religious Education
 732 922-4242



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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Are you in need of non-perishable food items?

Our Food Pantry is available for anyone who is in need. Please make an appointment by calling the number below.

Are you a Neptune Township resident who is experiencing a temporary financial hardship?

Please call us for information and/or assistance.

SVdP gratefully accepts grocery store gift cards, monetary donations through the green Social Concerns envelopes (checks should be made payable to St. Vincent de Paul), unexpired, non-perishable food items, and paper products. *Unfortunately, we CANNOT accept clothing, household items or food that is NEAR OR PAST ITS EXPIRATION DATE.*

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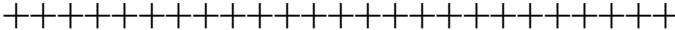
All parishioners are invited to join us in prayer for 40 Days For Life on Wednesdays at 11:00 am at the Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury, February 14th thru March 20th. See more information on the table in the gathering space.

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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

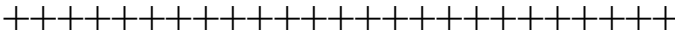
Eucharistic Adoration is held at Holy Innocents every Thursday (except holidays and holy days) 9:30 am-9 pm AND on First Fridays from 9:30 am-2 pm. Special thanks to all who make regular Adoration possible here at Holy Innocents! Please invite your friends and family members to participate, as all are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



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Jan. 28th \$7,134 (includes electronic)
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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
WITH GREGORIAN CHANT

Sunday, February 18th
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)

Friday by email:
parishoffice@holyinnocentschurch.net

Schedule for the Coming Week

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| Sat., Feb. 3 | 9:00 am TLM in church 2:30 pm Confessions in chapel |
| Sun., Feb. 4 | 8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7) 1:30 pm Baptism in church |
| Mon., Feb. 5 | 5:30 pm Rel Ed Monthly Program Religious Ed (8) Family Life lessons to be completed at home 7:30 pm RCIA (Bldg 3) |
| Tue., Feb. 6 | 5:30-6:30 pm Children's Choir 7:00-8:15 pm Adult Choir 8:15-9:00 pm Latin Schola |
| Thurs., Feb. 8 | 9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria (open meeting) |
| Sat., Feb. 10 | 2:30 pm Confessions in chapel |
| Sun., Feb. 11 | 8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7) 1:30 pm Baptism in church |
| Mon., Feb. 12 | Religious Ed (8) Family Life lessons to be completed at home 7:30 pm RCIA (Bldg 3) |
| Tue., Feb. 13 | 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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