

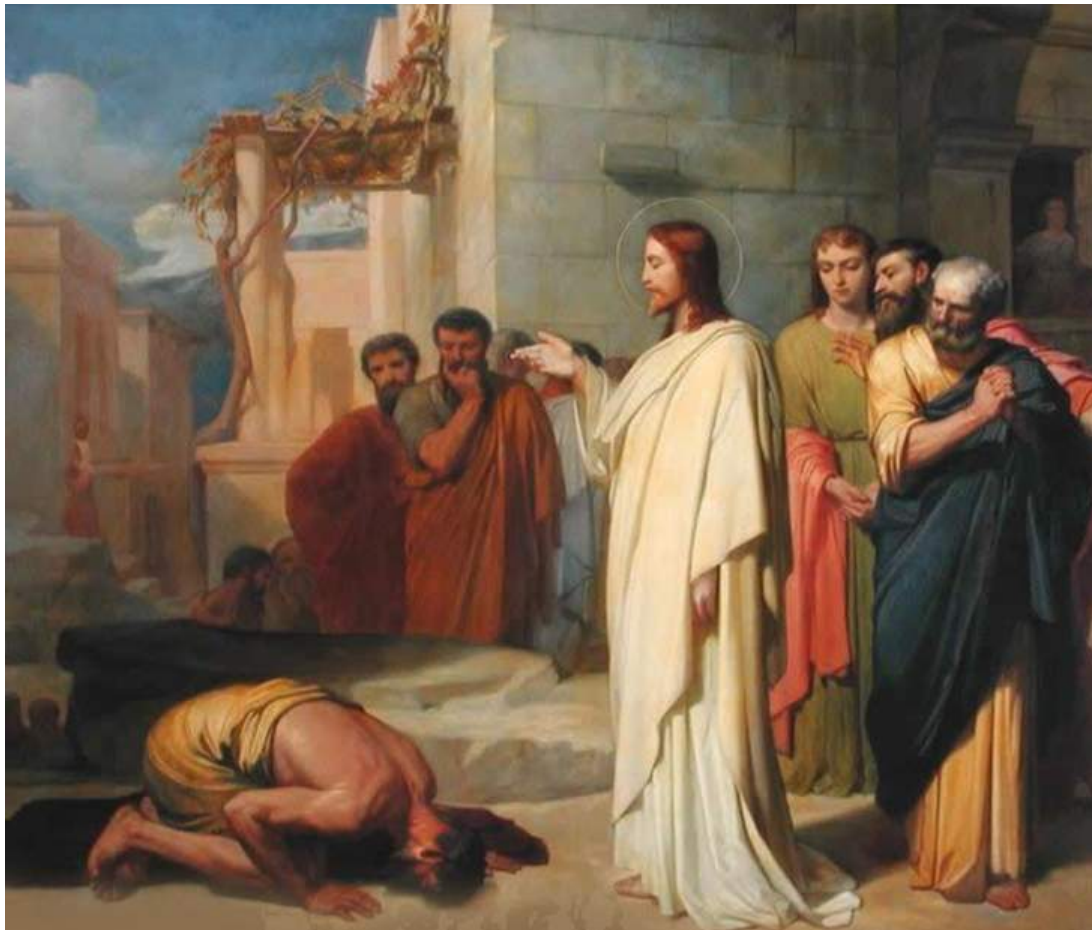
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February 11, 2024 ~ 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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, 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
 EUFRACIA SANGA SE r/b MaryBeth
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 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

MONDAY, February 12, 2024

9:00 A.M. ANNE B. FLETCHER r/b Ed Fletcher

TUESDAY, February 13, 2024

9:00 A.M. INT OF ROBERT MAGLIO, SR. r/b Jeryl
 Maglio
 BARBARA MOSLEY r/b Roseanne & David
 Duda

WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2024 Ash Wednesday

7:00 A.M. ASHES SERVICE
 9:00 A.M. KENNETH MILLS r/b Sellinger family
 12:10 P.M. ASHES SERVICE
 7:00 P.M. ANTHONY MARTELLI r/b Joyce & Boyd
 Youngblood

THURSDAY, February 15, 2024

9:00 A.M. JOHN MATTALIANO r/b Ed Fletcher

FRIDAY, February 16, 2024

9:00 A.M. JAMES MALSCH r/b Jim & Pat Monroe
 MARY HALL r/b Madonna House

SATURDAY, February 17, 2024

9:00 A.M. KENNETH MILLS r/b Wiczerek family
 4:00 P.M. LLOYD C. BUELL, JR. r/b His daughter
 DEC'D MBRS FLETCHER FAMILY r/b Ed
 Sawicki

SUNDAY, February 18, 2024

8:00 A.M. INT OF TRACEY CACCAVALE r/b Leahy
 Family
 HARRISON CODO r/b Roseanne & David
 Duda
 10:00 A.M. WILLIAM QUINN r/b Lou & MaryAnne
 Berardi
 JOSEPH WENNING r/b Bill & Ceil Maguire
 12:00 P.M. MAXIMO & BASTORA RAMOS r/b Nap
 DeLeon & family
 PAULINO CARLOS r/b DeLeon family
 3:00 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 5:30 P.M. JIM PISARCIK r/b Jim & Nancy Lannon
 CLARA LOYD r/b Rebecca Thomason

Dear Parishioners,

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and therefore the beginning of Lent. Last week, the bishop wrote to us and all the Catholics of the diocese to remind us what our duties are during this time period. (That letter is currently posted on the bulletin board if you missed it last week.) This week, I would like to talk about the voluntary practice of taking up a personal Lenten penance.

Usually, when people talk about their Lenten penance, they might say something like, "I am giving up something for Lent." While accurate, it does not exhaust the full meaning of taking on a penance. When we give something up, we are participating in fasting which is a good and holy act. As Our Lord reminds us, we cannot do everything He asks us to unless we are fasting. (Mark 9:29) It is tied to our ability to deny what we immediately want, or self-control. Unless we are free to deny ourselves, then we are enslaved to the pleasures of this life. But if we can deny ourselves, it makes us more free to love Christ. So, with any fasting, there has to be a spiritual component. We need to remind ourselves why we are doing this: to make room for love in our heart to love God. Otherwise, we are just making ourselves miserable for the sake of us. Things you might want to consider giving up include: a meal (daily or once a week), chocolate, some other food you enjoy or coffee. Or even social media or television. Or giving up some comfort like warm showers or a pillow at night.

Another way to practice this penance is through acts of charity, which is tied to almsgiving. We can give money to a charity that we do not usually support. We can volunteer our time to a charity. (I suggest contacting Madonna house or the Missionaries of Charity if you want to do this.) We can take time out of our schedule to be with those we love who are sick or who need help. St. Paul reminds us in his first letter to the Corinthians that the greatest virtue is charity (1 Cor 13) and St. John reminds us that God is love. (1 John 4:8) Also, He reminds us that we can find Him among the poor.

Lastly, a third way to practice your Lenten penance is prayer. We all should have good habits of prayer. Prayer empowers everything else we do as Christians and God loves to hear from us. Some prayers that can easily be done daily are reading the daily Mass Gospel or praying the rosary, or praying night prayer. The more we pray, the more we are reminded of the presence of God and how He is working in our life.

Whatever it is you choose, make sure it is something that you find challenging and that will lead you to be a holier person. Before Ash Wednesday, take a moment to pray to God and ask Him what you should choose. I hope you all have a holy and fruitful Lent.

God bless!

Fr. Carter



Attention all married and engaged couples! We are pleased to announce that Holy Innocents is now a ‘mentoring parish’. If you are a married couple (validly married in the Catholic Church) for at least five years, and practice your faith, you may be invited to serve as mentors for an engaged couple in our parish. Just as we have godparents for baptism and sponsors for Confirmation, the mentor couple “stands up” for the engaged couple in the following ways:

- Helping to connect them to the parish community
- Offering friendship, wisdom and support during their marriage preparation and into their newly married years

If you would like to learn more about mentoring, please contact Fr. Carter:
toddcarterpriest@gmail.com

Sunday, February 11, 2024 is World Marriage Day

O God, who in creating the human race
willed that man and wife should be one,
keep, we pray, in a bond of inseparable love
those who are united in the covenant of Marriage,
so that, as You make their love fruitful,
they may become, by Your grace, witnesses to charity itself.
Through Christ our Lord
Amen.

Join us for a powerful Pro-Life event:

Friday, February 23rd at 7 pm in church—immediately following Stations of the Cross
A presentation by Michael Phelps of **Good Counsel Homes*** will be followed by a showing of the “**Unplanned**” movie.



Due to sensitive topics and images, this film is rated R by the MPAA. Viewers under the age of 17 must be accompanied by an adult/guardian, or must provide a signed permission slip to attend.

For more information, please contact jeanmanigold@hotmail.com

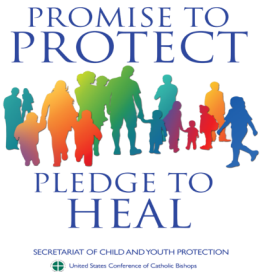
***Good Counsel Homes** serve and protect the most poor and vulnerable—homeless mothers and children. They offer a loving home, a 24/7 crisis pregnancy hotline, and Lumina: their post-abortion healing program.



Save the Date:
Sunday, March 10th

8 am-1:30 pm
in the cafeteria

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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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Holy Innocents Respect Life Committee News...

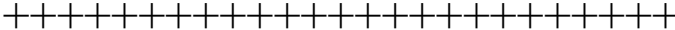
All parishioners are invited to join us in prayer for 40 Days For Life on Wednesdays at 11:00 am at the Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury, February 14th thru March 20th. See more information on the table in the gathering space.

Please patronize the businesses and professionals who advertise on this publication, and be sure to tell them where you saw the ad. Their advertising makes it possible for us to provide this weekly bulletin to our parishioners. As well, if you own a local business and would like to inquire about ad space, call Tracey Rauh 610 405-6534.



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

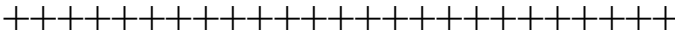
Eucharistic Adoration is held at Holy Innocents every Thursday (except holidays and holy days) 9:30 am-9 pm AND on First Fridays from 9:30 am-2 pm. Special thanks to all who make regular Adoration possible here at Holy Innocents! Please invite your friends and family members to participate, as all are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



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Weekly Collections

Feb. 4th \$8,762 (includes electronic)
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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
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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.



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

Friday by email:
parishoffice@holyinnocentschurch.net

Schedule for the Coming Week

Sat., Feb. 10	2:30 pm Confessions in chapel
Sun., Feb. 11	8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7) 2:00 pm Filipino Mass
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
Wed., Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday
Thurs., Feb. 15	9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria (open meeting)
Fri., Feb. 16	6:00 pm Stations of the Cross in church
Sat., Feb. 17	2:30 pm Confessions in chapel
Sun., Feb. 18	8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7) 1:30 pm Baptism in church
Mon., Feb. 19	Presidents' Day—Offices closed Religious Ed (8) Family Life lessons to be completed at home 7:30 pm RCIA (Bldg 3)
Tue., Feb. 20	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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