

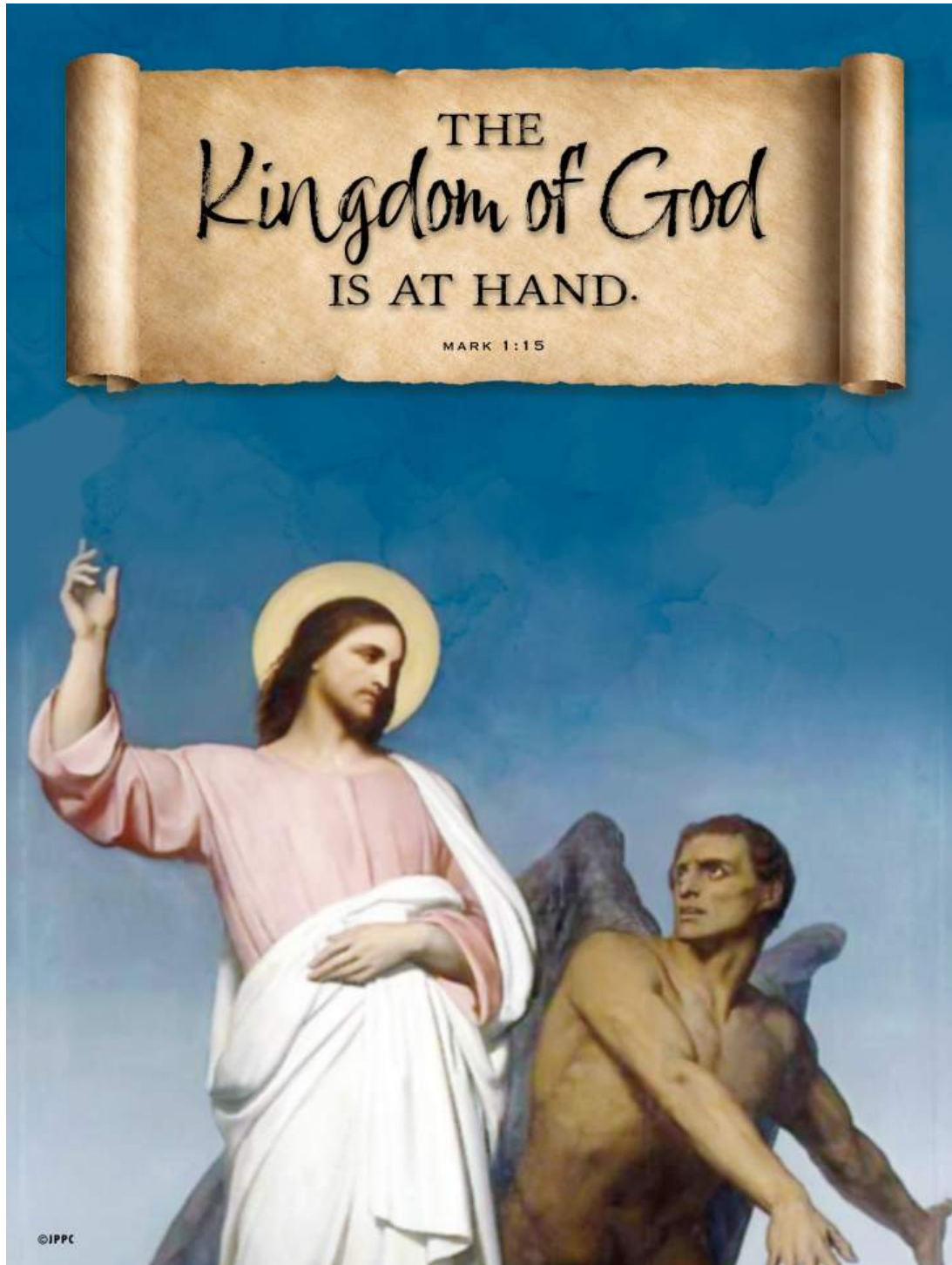
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February 18, 2024 ~ 1st Sunday in Lent





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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 17, 2024

9:00 A.M. KENNETH MILLS r/b Wieczerek 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

MONDAY, February 19, 2024

9:00 A.M. MARIA ROVIRA r/b Mary Lu Savage

TUESDAY, February 20, 2024

9:00 A.M. JOHN R. FLETCHER r/b Ed Fletcher
 PEGGY MULVEY r/b Arlene McCauley

WEDNESDAY, February 21, 2024

9:00 A.M. JANE HANSON r/b Mary Lu Savage

THURSDAY, February 22, 2024

9:00 A.M. PEGGY HANLON r/b Arlene McCauley
 JANE HANSON r/b Mary Lu Savage

FRIDAY, February 23, 2024

9:00 A.M. JOANN MUSSO r/b Gina Lesniewski
 MARY HALL r/b Madonna House

SATURDAY, February 24, 2024

9:00 A.M. FR. JOSEPH RODOMSKI
 4:00 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, February 25, 2024

8:00 A.M. MARIA ROGERS r/b Boyd & Joyce
 Youngblood
 PATRICK CONNOLLY r/b Chuck & Mary
 Daalder
 10:00 A.M. MARY PAPPÀ r/b Lou & MaryAnne Berardi
 LINDA SHEEHAN r/b Walter & Mary
 Golembiewski
 12:00 P.M. FLORENCE SMITH r/b Anne & Jim Kirms
 EUFRACIA SE r/b Jim & Carol Maliff
 5:30 P.M. FRANCISCA GONZALEZ VENEGAS r/b
 Her family
 ARISTON CORTES III r/b Henry & Menchu
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Dear Parishioners,

Last year, I gave a list of facts about confession I thought every Catholic should know. So, since I thought it would be helpful, here is that list again:

- Sins stated in confession are absolutely and totally secrets. If a priest reveals a sin he has heard in confession, he is excommunicated and can only be forgiven by the Pope. Some people might prefer that we reveal some sins like if someone committed a crime or plans to harm someone. But the Church has a really firm stance on this because anyone should feel like they can state their sins without repercussions. The Church's role is to forgive and that is more important than secular punishment.
- Confession is not the same thing as counseling. Sometimes it is important for the priest to offer advice to the penitent. However, it is limited to the scope of the sins as presented to the priest in that confession since the priest should not bring up matter from a previous confession. So if someone wants to talk about their emotional wounds or things that make them upset, then it is best done in counselling.
- Confession is necessary for forgiveness of mortal sins. (And mortal sins are sins that cut you off from God. They involve grave matter, knowledge and consent.) But venial sin (lesser sins) can be forgiven in numerous ways, even just receiving the Eucharist in a worthy manner. It is still good to bring up one's venial sins in confessions since it still helps someone resist these sins in the future. But, they do not necessarily have to be listed.
- If someone purposely withholds a mortal sin, the confession is invalid. So, when you go back to confession, you need to confess all the sins you can remember from previous invalid confessions.
- Catholics are required to go to confession at least once per year. And it's better to go more frequently than that. If we do not go at least once a year, we can often become dull to our own sins and think we have nothing to confess. That is why it is good to run through a good examination of conscience so that we can be reminded of our sins.
- Even priests need to go to confession. And being that we can hardly ever make it to confession at normal scheduled times, we always know the priest we are confessing to. So, if you are ever embarrassed to go to confession to a priest you know, I can highly sympathize. Still, I have found that it is better to be embarrassed and confess one's sins than not. Very often, after I arrange a time with a priest to make a confession, they decide to go to confession to me in return. So, we help each other out and become holier in the process.
- General Absolution of many penitents simultaneously is only allowed in dire circumstances where it would be impossible for the priest to hear everyone's confession and people are in danger of dying soon. It is sad that some priests offer this form of confession as another way to be forgiven. But they are lying (or ignorant) and they lead many lay people astray. If you find a priest abusing the sacrament in this manner, please report them to the chancery.

Have a happy and holy Lent. God bless!

Fr. Carter

P.S. I am offering confession at 6 pm on Thursday March 14th in the chapel. (During Eucharistic Adoration) I am also always available for confession whenever I am asked.

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Completed registration form must be submitted for every participant regardless of whether you purchase your materials directly or they are ordered for you. Registration forms are available in church.

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

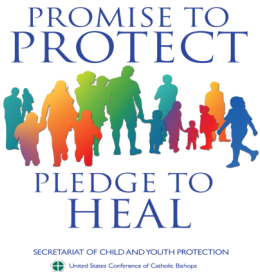
***Good Counsel Homes** serve and protect the most poor and vulnerable—homeless mothers and children. They offer a loving home, a 24/7 crisis pregnancy hotline, and Lumina: their post-abortion healing program.



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

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Holy Innocents Respect Life Committee News...

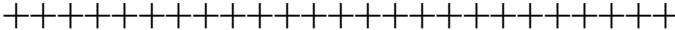
All parishioners are invited to join us in prayer for 40 Days For Life on Wednesdays at 11:00 am at the Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury, February 14th thru March 20th. See more information on the table in the gathering space.

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

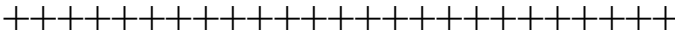
Eucharistic Adoration is held at Holy Innocents every Thursday (except holidays and holy days) 9:30 am-9 pm AND on First Fridays from 9:30 am-2 pm. Special thanks to all who make regular Adoration possible here at Holy Innocents! Please invite your friends and family members to participate, as all are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



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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

<u>Schedule for the Coming Week</u>	
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
Thurs., Feb. 22	9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria (open meeting)
Fri., Feb. 23	6:00 pm Stations of the Cross in church 7:00 pm Speaker & Unplanned movie in church
Sat., Feb. 24	2:30 pm Confessions in chapel
Sun., Feb. 25	8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7) 1:30 pm Baptism in church
Mon., Feb. 26	Religious Ed (8) Family Life lessons to be completed at home 7:30 pm C.A.R.E. Class (Bldg 2)
Tue., Feb. 27	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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