

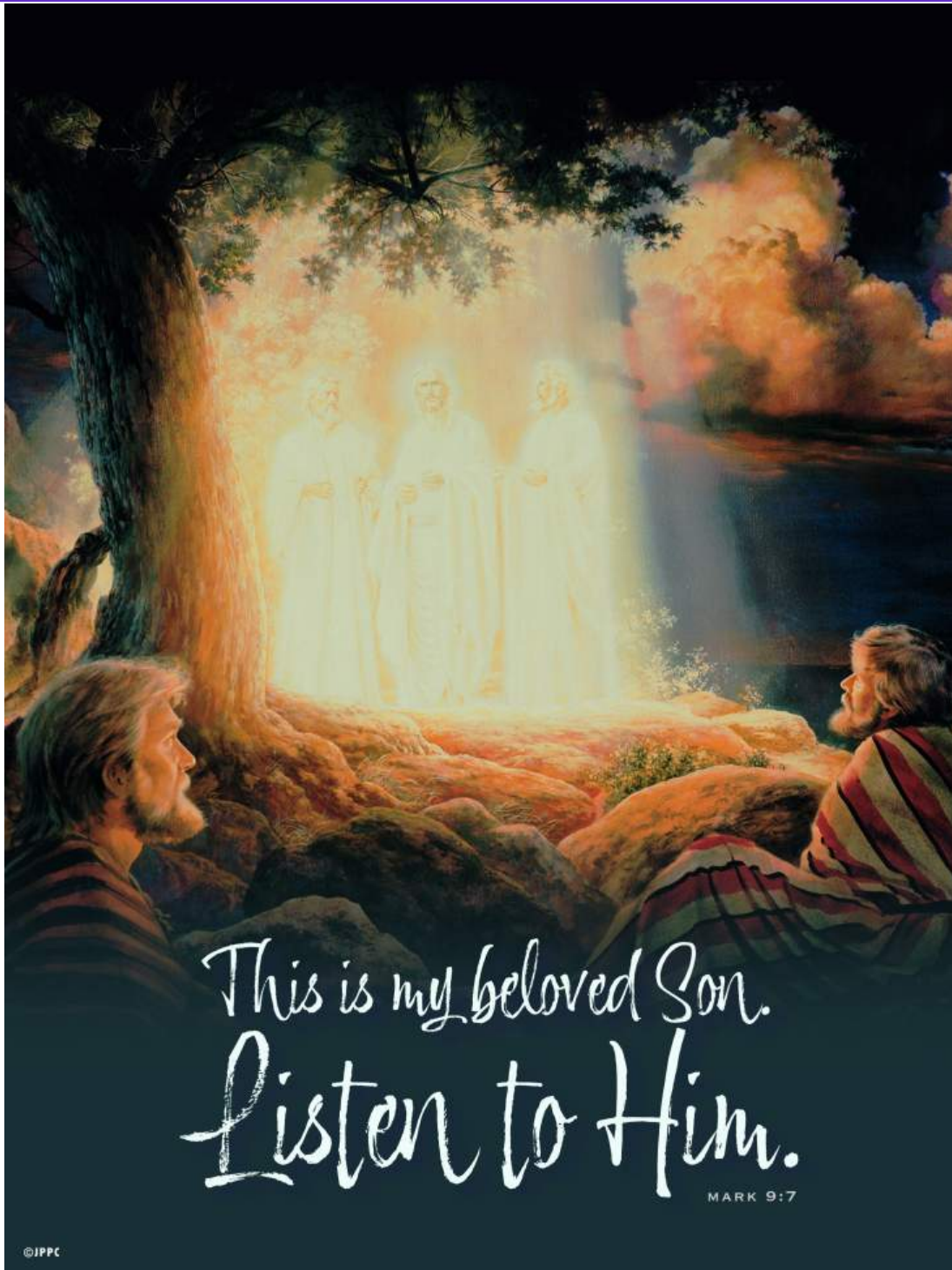
# Holy Innocents Church

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February 25, 2024 ~ 2nd Sunday in Lent





## 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](http://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 24, 2024

9:00 A.M. FR. JOSEPH RADOMSKI  
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 PAPPA r/b Lou & MaryAnne Berardi  
LINDA SHEEHAN r/b Walter & Mary  
Golembiewski  
12:00 P.M. FLORENCE SMITH r/b Anne & Jim Kirms  
EUFRACTIA 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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MONDAY, February 26, 2024

9:00 A.M. SPECIAL INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, February 27, 2024

9:00 A.M. MARY SPENSER r/b Arlene McCauley  
INT OF MARIE VALVANO r/b Husband

WEDNESDAY, February 28, 2024

9:00 A.M. JOAN GENTHER r/b Gail Riggio  
FR. JOSEPH RADOMSKI

THURSDAY, February 29, 2024

9:00 A.M. JAMES MULVEY r/b Arlene McCauley  
VIRGINIA McNAMARA r/b Roberts family

FRIDAY, March 1, 2024

9:00 A.M. MARY HALL r/b Madonna House  
FR. JOSEPH RADOMSKI

SATURDAY, March 2, 2024

9:00 A.M. ED SULLIVAN r/b Teresa Won  
4:00 P.M. PAT J. PAPA r/b Thaddeus Wargacki  
DEACON CYRIL MASSAR r/b Holy  
Innocents SVdPS

SUNDAY, March 3, 2024

8:00 A.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
10:00 A.M. JULIA STERNIK r/b Her family  
MARY & JOSEPH BOTTITTA r/b Family  
12:00 P.M. INT OF MARIE VALVANO r/b Her husband  
EUFRACTIA SE r/b Neptune Internal Office  
Staff  
5:30 P.M. ANDREW STILLITTANO r/b Gina Pezzino  
INT OF RILEY LEWIS r/b Riley family

Dear Parishioners,

Recently, Pope Francis gave a reflection on Lent about God leading us to Freedom. It is a very rich message and well worth reading. So, here is a little excerpt:

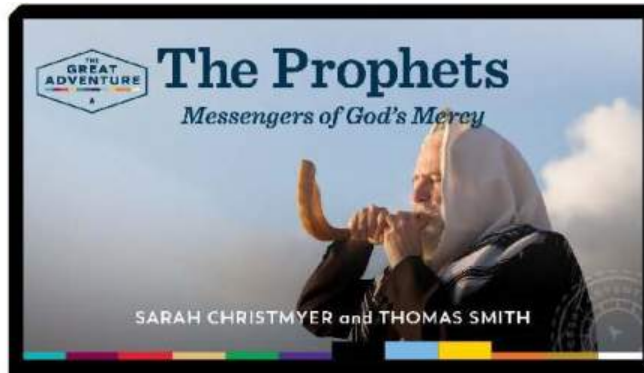
*In the Exodus account, there is a significant detail: it is God who sees, is moved and brings freedom; Israel does not ask for this. Pharaoh stifles dreams, blocks the view of heaven, makes it appear that this world, in which human dignity is trampled upon and authentic bonds are denied, can never change. He put everything in bondage to himself. Let us ask: Do I want a new world? Am I ready to leave behind my compromises with the old? The witness of many of my brother bishops and a great number of those who work for peace and justice has increasingly convinced me that we need to combat a deficit of hope that stifles dreams and the silent cry that reaches to heaven and moves the heart of God. This “deficit of hope” is not unlike the nostalgia for slavery that paralyzed Israel in the desert and prevented it from moving forward. An exodus can be interrupted: how else can we explain the fact that humanity has arrived at the threshold of universal fraternity and at levels of scientific, technical, cultural, and juridical development capable of guaranteeing dignity to all, yet gropes about in the darkness of inequality and conflict.*

*God has not grown weary of us. Let us welcome Lent as the great season in which he reminds us: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery” (Ex 20:2). Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom. Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the first Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son. Unlike Pharaoh, God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters. The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery. In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken.*

If you would like to read the whole thing, the text can be found here: <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2024/02/01/240201c.html>

Also, this week is supposed to be the kick-off of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Unfortunately, I am away. So, we are going to do it next week instead.

God bless!  
Fr. Carter



## Holy Innocents Spring 2024 Bible Study

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm on Wednesdays:

3/6, 3/13, 3/20, NO STUDY on 3/27, 4/3, 4/10,  
4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, and if needed 5/22

### Participant Information

This registration form must be completed and submitted to the Parish Office or given directly to Kim DiBiase

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The hard copy of **The Prophets** workbook is **\$27.95**. In addition you can purchase the online access option for **\$6.95** The online access will have the digital workbook and the weekly video to review at home. Another option is to purchase **ONLY** the online access for **\$6.95**.

If you do not have access to a computer please contact **Kim DiBiase** at **bibleholynnocents@gmail.com**

To request financial assistance contact **Kim DiBiase** at **bibleholynnocents@gmail.com**  
**Please consider using your gifts to help implement our study!!!**

### Volunteer Opportunities:

Small Group Facilitators: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality: \_\_\_\_\_

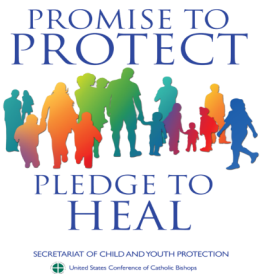


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If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline.

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

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**Holy Innocents**  
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**News...**

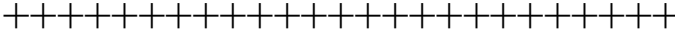
**All parishioners are invited to join us in prayer for 40 Days For Life on Wednesdays at 11:00 am at the Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury, February 14th thru March 20th. See more information on the table in the gathering space.**

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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

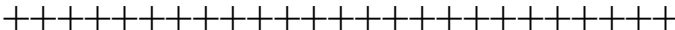
**Eucharistic Adoration** is held at Holy Innocents every Thursday (except holidays and holy days) 9:30 am-9 pm AND on First Fridays from 9:30 am-2 pm. Special thanks to all who make regular Adoration possible here at Holy Innocents! Please invite your friends and family members to participate, as all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



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**Weekly Collections**

Feb. 11th \$8,227 (includes electronic)  
\$ 940 (2nd Collection)  
Feb. 18th \$7,682 (includes electronic)  
\$1,364 (Black & Native Amer.)



TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS  
WITH GREGORIAN CHANT

Sunday, March 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](mailto:toddcarterpriest@gmail.com).



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

Friday by email:  
[parishoffice@holyinnocentschurch.net](mailto:parishoffice@holyinnocentschurch.net)

**Schedule for the Coming Week**

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
Tue., Feb. 27	7:30 pm C.A.R.E. Class (Bldg 2) 5:30-6:30 pm Children's Choir 7:00-8:15 pm Adult Choir 8:15-9:00 pm Latin Schola
Thurs., Feb. 29	9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria (open meeting)
Fri., March 1	6:00 pm Stations of the Cross in church 7:30 pm Baptism Prep Class (Bldg 3)
Sat., March 2	2:30 pm Confessions in chapel
Sun., March 3	8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7) 1:30 pm Baptism in church
Mon., March 4	5:30 pm Religious Ed Monthly Program <b>6:00 pm Religious Ed (8) Return to class with completed Family Life Book</b> 7:30 pm RCIA (Bldg 3)
Tue., March 5	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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