

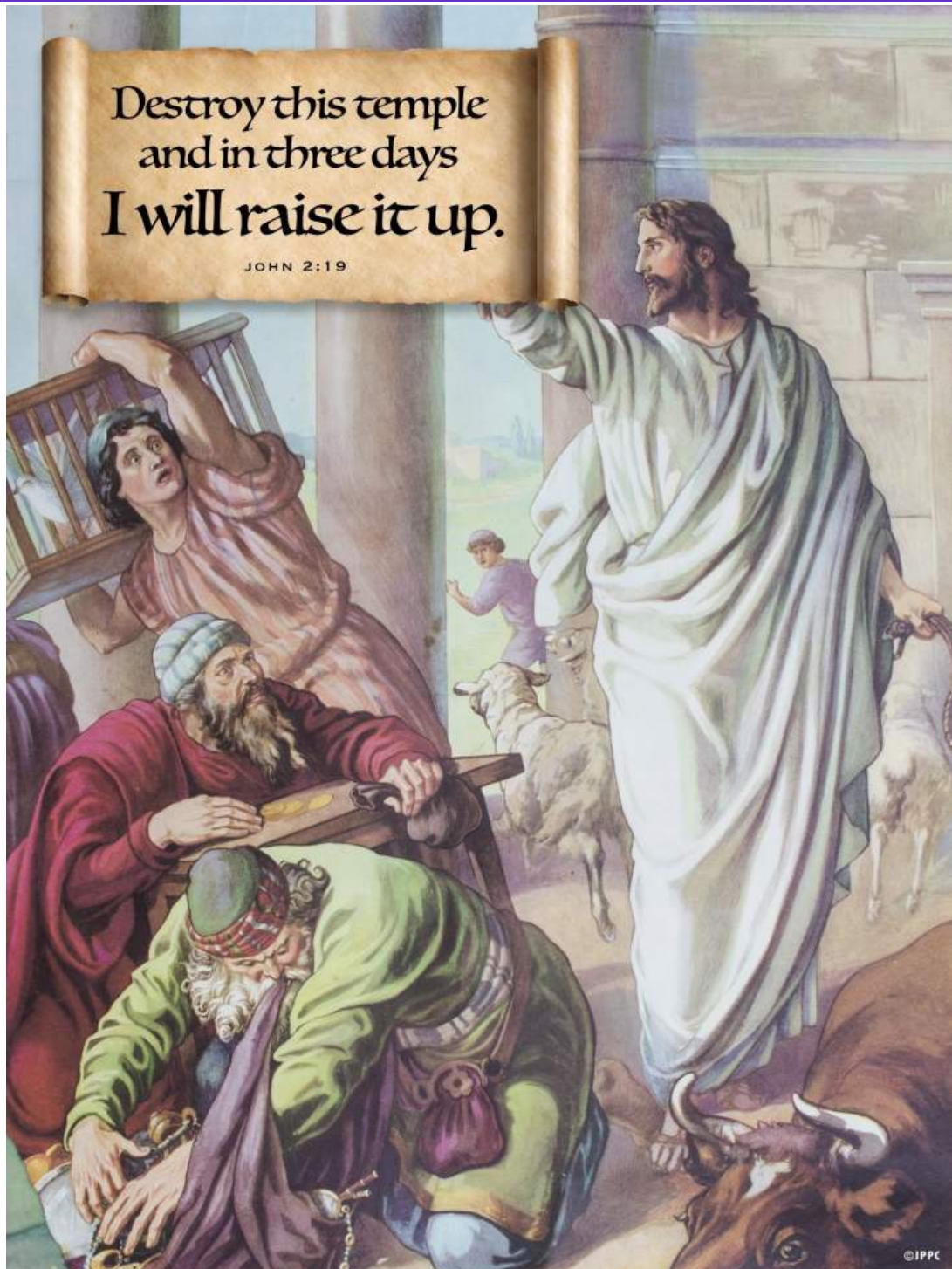
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March 3, 2024 ~ 3rd Sunday in Lent





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. 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, 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
EUFRACIA 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

MONDAY, March 4, 2024

9:00 A.M. SOPHIE & STANLEY SLIZEWSKI r/b Diane Ferreira

TUESDAY, March 5, 2024

9:00 A.M. NELSON McCAULEY r/b Arlene McCauley

WEDNESDAY, March 6, 2024

9:00 A.M. WILLIAM DeROSA & JUDITH WASHBURNE r/b MaryLu Savage
CAILA COBB r/b Family

THURSDAY, March 7, 2024

9:00 A.M. RITA & BETTY SAVAGE r/b Their nieces
CHARLES REILLY r/b Jim & Carol Maliff

FRIDAY, March 8, 2024

9:00 A.M. KEITH VanWICKLE r/b John & Dianne Gustavsen
MARY HALL r/b Madonna House

SATURDAY, March 9, 2024

9:00 A.M. JOSEPH BUONONATO r/b Amy
ANDY DONOHUE r/b Family
4:00 P.M. ANTHONY MARTELLI r/b Joyce & Boyd
Youngblood
IRENE GEYER r/b Joann Doherty

SUNDAY, March 10, 2024

8:00 A.M. PETER FALCO r/b Richard & Susan Sheridan
ADDY DiBERNARDO r/b Ellen Quevedo
10:00 A.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
12:00 P.M. ENEIDA Dela FUENTE r/b Jim & Carol Maliff
ANTHONY MAJESKI r/b Alwell family
5:30 P.M. FRANK LOGAN r/b Family
INT OF LYDIA SILVA r/b Jim & Carol Maliff

Dear Parishioners,

Recently the Alabama Supreme Court ruled that all embryos are human beings and should be protected under the law. They ruled this way because certain embryos were accidentally destroyed at a clinic for In Vitro Fertilization (IVF). We should be very glad that they ruled this way because we should support measures that protect human life from conception to natural death. Unfortunately, while opposing elective abortion is a main pillar of the pro-life movement, people often turn a blind eye to IVF because it is bringing life into the world. So, I would like to take some time in this article to explain why IVF is in fact immoral. I have already written about why life begins at conception and why elective abortion is wrong. So, please see my previous articles for those points.

First, we have to recognize that IVF as it is currently practiced involves abortion. IVF brings about more human lives than anyone intends to implant because some are bound to be killed while being implanted and the excess embryos are either discarded or kept indefinitely in stasis with little to no hope of growing. Then even after the embryos are implanted, if too many survive, the doctors and parents often choose which embryos they wish to keep and which will be aborted. Each one of these embryos is a human life and if we believe that abortion is wrong, we would have to believe that IVF is wrong because it uses abortion. We can never do evil (abortion) even if a good can come from it (having a child.)

Second, even if we find a way to eliminate the need for abortion in this process, it would still be immoral because it is against the dignity of the child to be conceived outside a loving union between a husband and a wife. Children are not products we can will into existence or purchase. Children are a gift from God and we need to respect when He grants life and when He does not.

Overall, I think we can all sympathize with a couple that really wants to have a child. Bearing children is a good and natural urge and every couple should be open to life. It is no wonder why so many people think that IVF is a good thing and politicians on both sides of the aisle are preparing to protect the procedure. But we have to be people that live by God's will and not our own. We have to be people who recognize the truth especially when it is inconvenient. My advice to parents having trouble conceiving is to find another way to have children or to bear this cross that Christ has given you for your sanctification. Either way, I will pray for you.

God bless!

Fr. Carter

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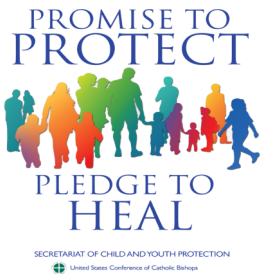
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The Prophets 10-Week Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7 pm beginning March 6th

Information and Registration Forms are available in the gathering space. A completed Registration Form is due for every participant. Please order your materials online, directly from ascensionpress.com. Hard-copy materials with workbook is \$27.95. Online access with the *digital workbook only* is available for \$6.95.



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
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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

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Holy Innocents Respect Life Committee News...

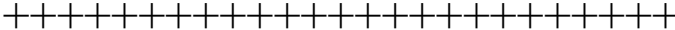
All parishioners are invited to join us in prayer for 40 Days For Life on Wednesdays at 11:00 am at the Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury, February 14th thru March 20th. See more information on the table in the gathering space.

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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.

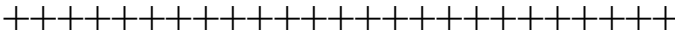


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Feb. 25th \$7,468 (includes electronic)
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The 2nd Collection March 10th is for Catholic Relief Services



TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
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Sunday, March 17th
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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., 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 6:00 pm Religious Ed (8) Return to class with completed Family Life Book 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
Wed., March 6	7:00 pm Bible Study (Bldg 2)
Thurs., March 7	9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration 7:00 pm AA open meeting (Bldg 2)
Fri., March 8	6:00 pm Stations of the Cross in church
Sat., March 9	2:30 pm Confessions in chapel
Sun., March 10	8:00 am-1:30 pm Blood Drive in cafeteria 8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7) 2:00 pm Filipino Mass
Mon., March 11	6:00 pm Confirmation Penance Completed Family Life Books were due 3/4 7:30 pm RCIA (Bldg 3)
Tue., March 12	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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