

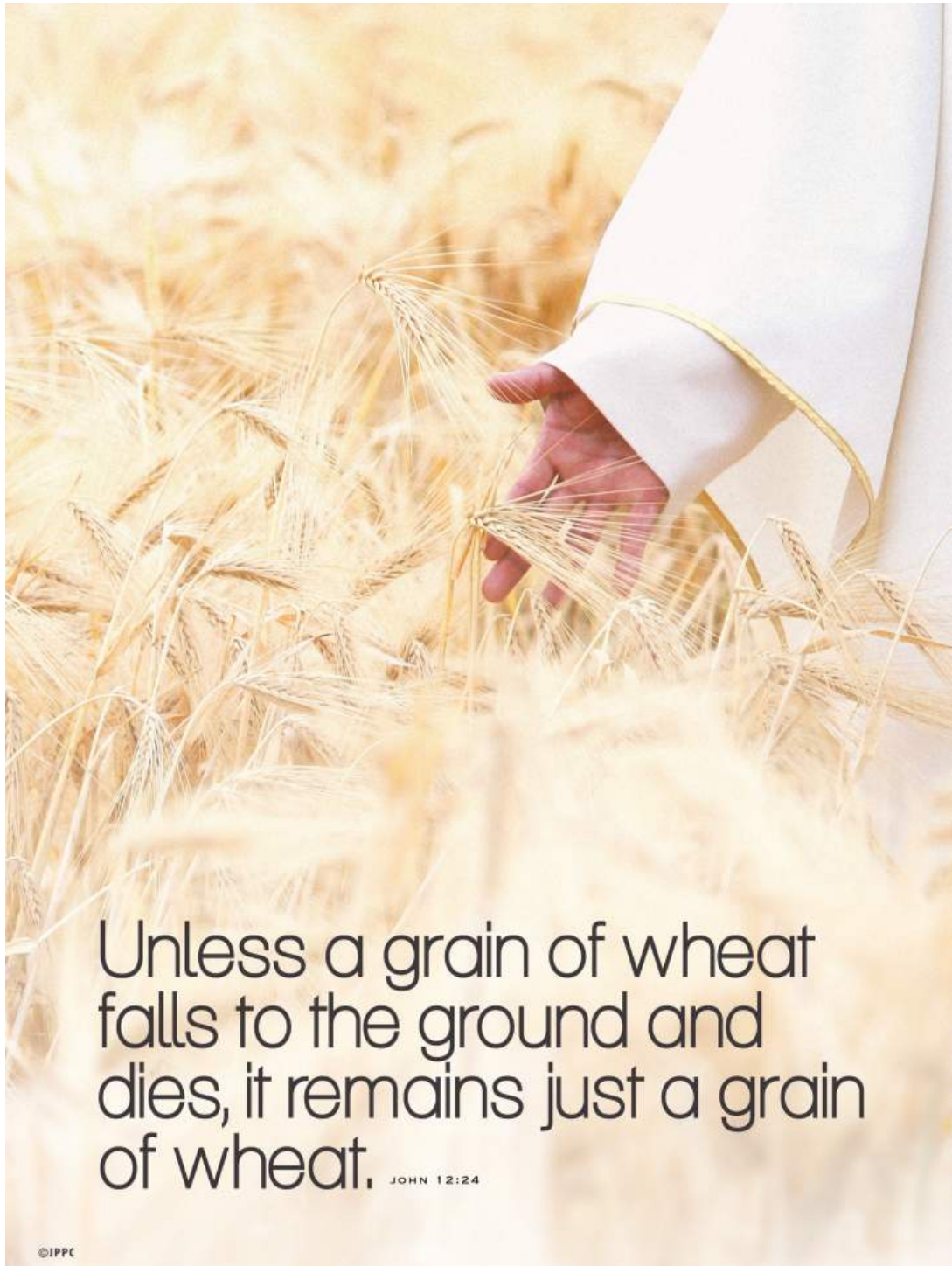
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March 17, 2024 ~ 5th Sunday in Lent



Unless a grain of wheat
falls to the ground and
dies, it remains just a grain
of wheat. JOHN 12:24



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 16, 2024

9:00 A.M. SALLY LAME r/b Gannon family
4:00 P.M. TED NEBUS, Sr. r/b Ted Nebus, Jr.
SUSAN MALLEY r/b Laura Lella

SUNDAY, March 17, 2024

8:00 A.M. DANIEL BRACUTO r/b Rebecca Thomason
ADDY DiBERNARDO r/b Ellen Quevedo
10:00 A.M. DAVE & MARY ALICE HEATH r/b Sternik Family
BETTY VOLEK r/b Jayne & Michael Weingarten
12:00 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
3:00 P.M. FRANK LOGAN r/b Family
5:30 P.M. JUSTIN LEE REYES r/b His family



MONDAY, March 18, 2024

9:00 A.M. ROBERT BAL r/b Family
INT OF ALLEGRA & DEAN ATHENS r/b Jeryl Maglio

TUESDAY, March 19, 2024

9:00 A.M. INT ROBERT MAGLIO, SR. r/b Jeryl Maglio

WEDNESDAY, March 20, 2024

9:00 A.M. EUFRACIA SE r/b Neptune Internal Office Staff
INT ROBERT MAGLIO, JR. r/b Jeryl Maglio

THURSDAY, March 21, 2024

9:00 A.M. IRENE GEYER r/b Jim & Pat Monroe
INT ATHENA ATHENS r/b Jeryl Maglio

FRIDAY, March 22, 2024

9:00 A.M. INT ARIANNA MAGLIO r/b Jeryl Maglio

SATURDAY, March 23, 2024

9:00 A.M. INT VIENNA MAGLIO r/b Jeryl Maglio
4:00 P.M. TED NEBUS, SR. r/b Ted Nebus, Jr.
ANTHONY SCOCOZZA r/b Lorraine Scocozza

SUNDAY, March 24, 2024

8:00 A.M. JOANNE HOFFMAN r/b Annemarie Logan
MARIE CORRIGAN r/b Rebecca Thomason
10:00 A.M. GEORGE S. SCOTT r/b Jayne & Michael Weingarten
MICHAEL & PAUL GRASSO r/b Phyllis Garafano
12:00 P.M. BARBARA REILLY r/b Jim & Carol Maliff
RAYMOND BREW, SR. r/b His family
5:30 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

This week is a very important week for our 8th grade Confirmandi because they are being confirmed by Fr. Martin O'Reilly on Thursday. So, please keep them in prayer. Because of this event, I would like to continue my sacrament series of articles and explain this wonderful and often overlooked sacrament.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is the sacrament that completes Baptism. As the Catechism says, "by the Sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed." (CCC 1285) So, while in Baptism we receive the graces to live the Christian, Confirmation increases and deepens those graces and makes them outgoing. Every confirmed Catholic is called to be a witness and defender of the faith. They are called to live their faith in every aspect of their lives.

One reason this sacrament is overlooked is that the Bible does not explicitly mention it. We believe as Catholics that Confirmation is part of the deposit of faith passed down by the Church throughout the ages. So, we trust that it comes from Christ Himself whether or not it is recorded in scripture. However, we do see signs of Confirmation in the Acts of the Apostles. In this book we see the Holy Spirit come down onto the Apostles (Acts 2) and later St. Paul lays hands on disciples of John the Baptist and they also receive the Holy Spirit. (Acts 19:2-6) In each of these cases, there are signs that the Spirit is active: they speak in tongues and begin to prophesy.

The Catechism goes on to tell the effects of Confirmation. These include being rooted more deeply in our sonship to God, being united more to Christ, increasing the gifts of the Holy Spirit, renders our bond with the Church more perfect and gives us a special grace to defend the faith by word and action. We are called to be, "true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross." (CCC 1303) This effect is permanent since Confirmation leaves an indelible mark on the soul like Baptism does.

I bring this all up because people can sometimes believe false things about this sacrament. Some people might treat it like a rite of coming of age or a Catholic graduation. This is awfully sad because it is the exact opposite of sending someone off. It should be a sacrament of rooting someone in their faith and the life of the Church. If you are ever asked to be a Confirmation sponsor then please take that responsibility seriously. Make sure your Confirmandi knows their faith and encourage them to love their faith and be a good witness of the Christian life.

God bless!
Fr. Carter

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR AREA:

MONDAY

St. Rose, Belmar 7-8 pm

WEDNESDAY

St. Margaret, Spring Lake 9-11:45 am

Ascension, Bradley Beach 8:30 am-8 pm

Epiphany, Brick 3-6 pm

THURSDAY

Holy Innocents, Neptune 9:30 am-9 pm

FIRST FRIDAY

Holy Innocents, Neptune 9:30 am-2 pm



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2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

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For this year's Annual Catholic Appeal, Holy Innocents Parish is tasked with raising \$57,000.00.

We sincerely thank all of our parishioners who already pledged or donated to the 2024 Appeal. *God bless you for your generosity!*

The ACA supports so many ministries, programs, and services in the Diocese, and our local parishes. We count on your support of the Appeal since a portion of what is raised comes back to Holy Innocents Parish. But in order for that to happen we need to make or exceed our goal. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you will support this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you!

Confessions are heard at Holy Innocents every Saturday, 2:30-3:30 pm in the chapel confessional.

If you cannot make that day and time, you can always contact Father to make an appointment for confession.

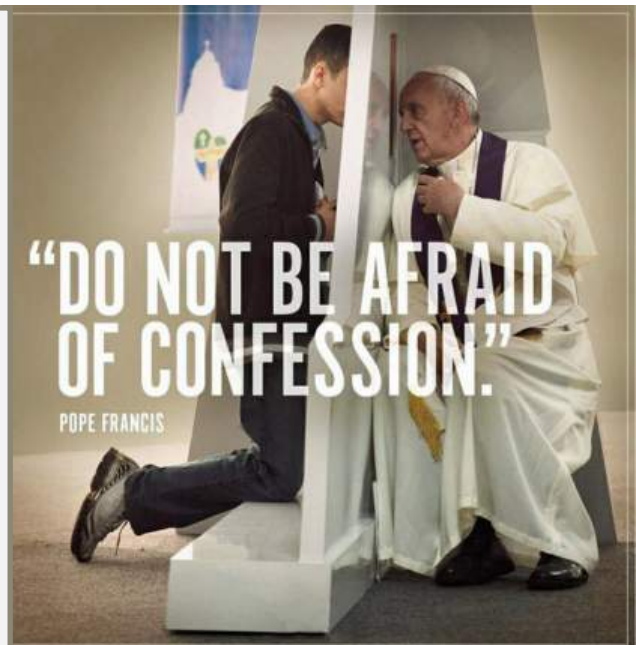
by email (preferred): toddcarterpriest@gmail.com
by phone: 732 922-4242 x114

Area Confession Schedules

*Ascension, Bradley Beach
Fridays, following 8 am Mass*

*St. Elizabeth, Avon
Saturdays, 3-3:45 pm*

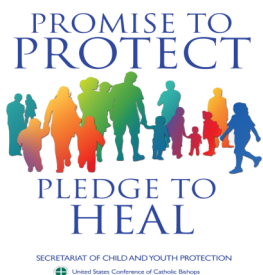
*St. Rose, Belmar
Saturdays, 4-4:50 pm*



The Prophets 10-Week Bible Study

Wednesdays thru May 15th

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
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 (begins at 8:25 am) Monday through Saturday before 9 am Mass in the Church.



Holy Innocents Church Mary Queen of Knights Council #816



Are you ready for the baseball season? Did you know that the Founder of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed Michael McGivney, was also a heck of a baseball player? We know that in one game with his seminary team, he scored three runs, contributing to a big victory of 23-6. He paved the way for a long history of baseball players who would join the Knights, including Connie Mack, Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio, Mike Sweeney and Shane Victorino. Catholic gentlemen 18 years and older can join online at www.kofc.org/join. Use Promo Code Blessed McGivney for one year of free membership. Our local Council is 816. Use QR code to apply.

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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...

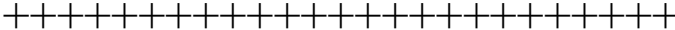
All parishioners are invited to join us in prayer for **40 Days For Life** on Wednesdays at 11:00 am at the Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury, now thru March 20th. See more information on the table in the gathering space.

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 Ryan Mahalsky 908 392-4240.



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

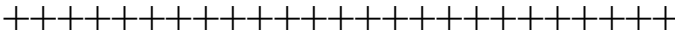
Eucharistic Adoration is held at Holy Innocents every Thursday (except holidays and holy days) 9:30 am-9 pm AND on First Fridays from 9:30 am-2 pm. Special thanks to all who make regular Adoration possible here at Holy Innocents! Please invite your friends and family members to participate, as all are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



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Weekly Collections

March 10th \$8,186 (includes electronic)
\$1,278 (Catholic Relief Svcs)



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.

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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., Mar. 16 | 2:30 pm Confessions in chapel |  |
| Sun., Mar. 17 | 8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7)
1:30 pm Baptism in church | |
| Mon., Mar. 18 | 6:00 pm Confirmation Practice
7:30 pm RCIA (Bldg 3) | |
| Tue., Mar. 19 | 5:30-6:30 pm Children's Choir
7:00-8:15 pm Adult Choir
7:00 pm SVdPS (Bldg 2)
8:15-9:00 pm Latin Schola | |
| Wed., Mar. 20 | 7:00 pm Bible Study (Bldg 2) | |
| Thurs., Mar. 21 | NO Adoration today
5:00 pm Confirmation in church
7:00 pm AA open meeting (Bldg 2) | |
| Fri., Mar. 22 | 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross in church | |
| Sat., Mar. 23 | 2:30 pm Confessions in chapel | |
| Sun., Mar. 24 | Palm Sunday
8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7) |  |
| Mon., Mar. 25 | 7:30 pm RCIA (Bldg 3) | |
| Tue., Mar. 26 | 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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