

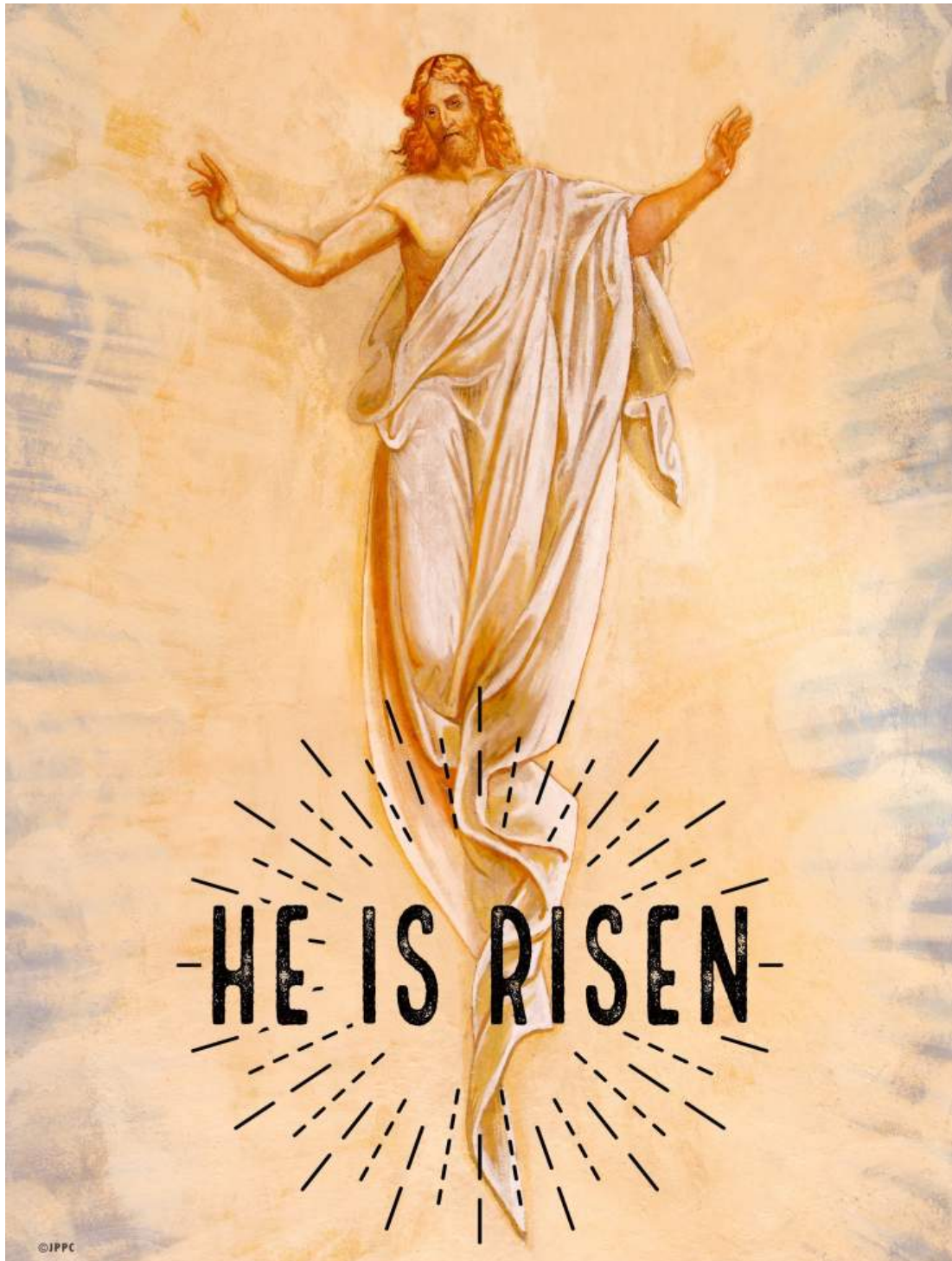
# ***Holy Innocents Church***

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**March 31, 2024 ~ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**





## 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, March 30, 2024 Holy Saturday

8:00 P.M. JOAN BUELL r/b Her daughter  
DANUTA SKRZYPEK r/b Lottie Barr & Ed Sawicki



*Happy Easter!*



SUNDAY, March 31, 2024 Easter

8:00 A.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
10:00 A.M. IRENE GEYER r/b Walter & Mary Golembiewski  
PEGGY MOORE r/b Wuchter family  
12:00 P.M. ADDY DiBERNARDO r/b Ellen Quevedo  
RICHARD PARRISH r/b Jim & Carol Maliff

MONDAY, April 1, 2024 Easter Monday

9:00 A.M. **NO MASS TODAY**

TUESDAY, April 2, 2024

9:00 A.M. INT OF VICTORIA COSTA r/b Jeryl Maglio  
ANDREW WHITE r/b Anne Olsen

WEDNESDAY, April 3, 2024

9:00 A.M. JOANN MUSSO r/b Her family  
GERALDINE LUNDRIGAN r/b Marce Keane

THURSDAY, April 4, 2024

7:00 P.M. DEC'D MBRS LOGUE FAMILY r/b Anne Olsen  
DANIEL MEHAN, SR. r/b Dreeke family

FRIDAY, April 5, 2024

9:00 A.M. FLOYD BLOWERS r/b Chris & Patti Piazza

SATURDAY, April 6, 2024

9:00 A.M. BRO. JOHN BLONSKI r/b His family  
4:00 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, April 7, 2024

8:00 A.M. ISTVAN "STEVE" NAGY r/b Annemarie Logan & family  
10:00 A.M. INT MADONNA HOUSE VOLUNTEERS r/b Rebecca Blonski  
MAUREEN UPADHYAY r/b Dan & Debbie Snyder  
12:00 P.M. RAYMOND NITTOLI r/b Joanne Kaden  
IRENE GEYER r/b Bob & Terry Dreeke  
5:30 P.M. STASIA & ROBERT WOLAK r/b Marlene & Walter Rapka  
INT OF BARBARA FANNING r/b A friend

Dear Parishioners,

I am going to tell you about a great resource written by one of our parishioners, Michael McCormick, called "Perfect Sense". It is about why we go to Mass, which is a topic I don't think even life-time weekly-attending Catholics think about very often. So, here is a short excerpt from the pamphlet **which can be found in the back of the Church**. Feel free to take one, read it and give it to someone who needs it.

*Sin, being an offense against God, is an offense against Him who is All Perfect. In the case of Adam and Eve, their sin destroyed the perfect human nature that God created. So what can we say then about the reparation that must be made in order to properly restore what was lost?*

*IT MUST BE PERFECT! Why? Because Sin destroyed our perfect human nature and offended God who is All Perfect.*

*Where must the reparation come from? It must come from the human race. Why? Because Adam and Eve were human and they brought sin into the world. The generations that followed, being flawed by sin continued to sin.*

*So what do we have here? We have an offense where reparation is required in order to restore what was lost. This reparation must come from the human race and must be perfect.*

*But wait a minute. Now that the human race is flawed by sin, it is no longer perfect, and, since it is no longer perfect, there is nothing that it can offer for sin that would qualify as perfect.*

*We have a dilemma. We were created to dwell with God, but now because of sin we are separated from Him and have nothing sufficient to offer to repair what was lost. So how do we solve this problem?*

**If you want to know the answer, you'll have to read the pamphlet!**

Happy Easter!  
Fr. Carter

P.S. It can also be found on this website:  
<https://www.catholicmadesimple.com/>

## **'He has been raised!'**

An excerpt from the 2024 Easter message from  
Bishop David M. O'Connell

Although Jesus was an "unknown" for most of His life, He certainly attracted enough attention in His last three years of His earthly existence to lift people's hopes that the Messiah had come, and the Messiah was He! But when He died in a most humiliating way, the hopes of His followers that He was the Messiah were dashed... But that was not the end of the story, as we know.

John's Gospel tells us that when the women came to the tomb in which Jesus was buried, the stone was already rolled back, His body was not there; the tomb was empty. "He has been raised; He is not here" they were told by the angel. Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ of faith, the Messiah—everything that had been said and predicted about Him had been fulfilled, had come true.

The Lord Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. That is what we Christians celebrate at Easter and that is what joins us with baptized Catholics throughout the world.

For all of us who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, Easter is the heart of our faith—its life, its breath, its everything. There is no more significant expression than faith in Jesus' Resurrection. He didn't just die and come back to life. He was not revived or resuscitated. Jesus' Resurrection is about new life, transformed life, a completely different order of existence. He rose from the dead leaving death behind Him. The tomb is empty. That is about glory and triumph. Easter is the heart of our faith... The tomb is empty.

"Christ once raised from the dead shall never die again; death has no more power over Him." And the source of our Easter joy is that He offers the same triumph and glory to us who believe in Him. That is the meaning of our Baptism when we say we died in Christ only to rise in Him, new, changed, different, filled with grace and light and life.

Easter is that moment in human history when the world was changed forever: changed by an obscure Jesus of Nazareth who lived and died but who rose to new life, Jesus Christ the Messiah of God, the Christ of our faith! **Amen! Alleluia! Happy Easter!**



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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!

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## 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



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



## Mary Queen of Knights Council #816 Holy Innocents Church



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](http://www.kofc.org/join). Use Promo Code Blessed McGivney for one year of free membership. Our local Council is 816. Use the QR code to apply!

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## Holy Innocents Respect Life Committee News...

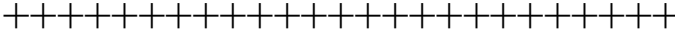
Thank you to all who prayed along side us during the 40 Days for Life, whether you were there in person or in spirit. The next meeting of the Respect Life Committee will be on Friday, April 5th at 11:30 am in the chapel.

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.

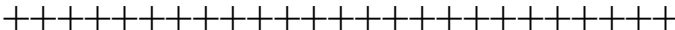


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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS  
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Sunday, April 21st  
3PM

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)

## alleluia! *Christ has Risen!*

### Schedule for the Coming Week

- Sat., Mar. 30 **Holy Saturday**  
12:00 pm Blessing of the Easter Food
- Sun., Mar. 31 **Easter Sunday**  
**NO Religious Ed (K-7)**
- Mon., April 1 **Easter Monday—Offices closed**  
**NO Mass today—NO Religious Ed**  
**NO RCIA**
- Tue., April 2 5:30-6:30 pm Children's Choir  
7:00-8:15 pm Adult Choir  
8:15-9:00 pm Latin Schola
- Wed., April 3 7:00 pm Bible Study (Bldg 2)
- Thurs., April 4 9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration  
7:00 pm AA open meeting (Bldg 2)
- Fri., April 5 7:30 pm Baptism Prep Class (Bldg 3)
- Sat., April 6 2:30 pm Confessions
- Sun., April 7 **NO Religious Ed (K-7)**
- Mon., April 8 **NO Religious Ed**
- Tue., April 9 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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