

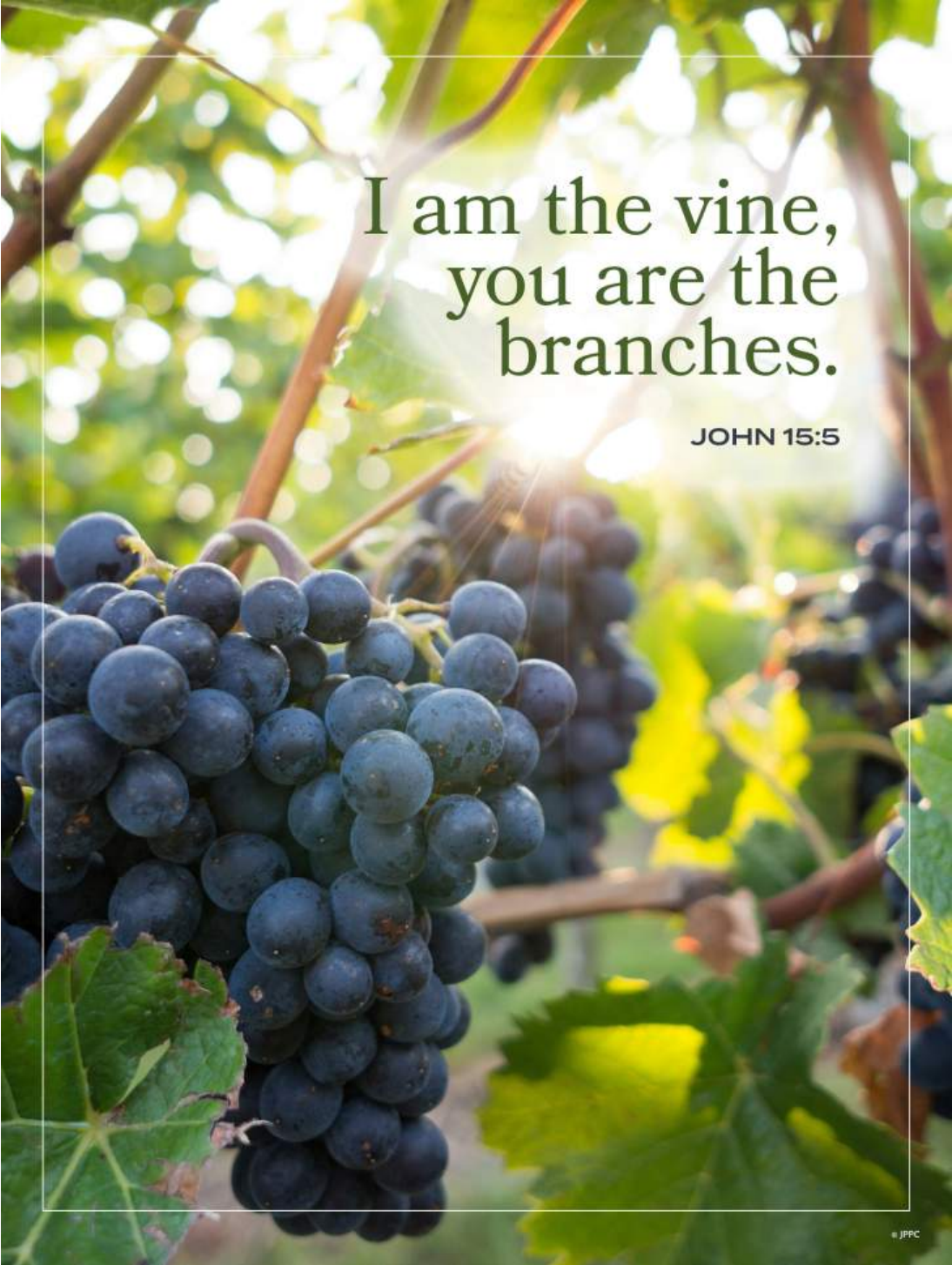
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April 28, 2024 ~ 5th Sunday of Easter



I am the vine,
you are the
branches.

JOHN 15:5



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, April 27, 2024

9:00 A.M. SAMANTHA BURSOM r/b Bettylu Johnson
4:00 P.M. PHIL FURIA r/b Sellinger family
MARIA REALI r/b Bob & Terry Dreeke

SUNDAY, April 28, 2024

8:00 A.M. PATRICIA HERNANDEZ r/b Her husband
CLAUDINA BREW r/b Raymond Brew
10:00 A.M. WILLIAM KOZABO r/b Bob & Terry Dreeke
MAUREEN McCORMICK r/b Christa
Dalmazio
12:00 P.M. JOHN PATRICK MORGAN and GEORGE
CHRISTOPHER r/b Jim & Carol Maliff
5:30 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, April 29, 2024

9:00 A.M. BART CORNELL r/b Diane Ferreira
MICHAEL CIOFFI r/b Uncle Bill & Aunt
Jean Anne Manigold

TUESDAY, April 30, 2024

9:00 A.M. TOM DONOHUE r/b Family

WEDNESDAY, May 1, 2024

9:00 A.M. HOWARD KAVOOKJIAN r/b MaryLu
Savage & Jean Manigold

THURSDAY, May 2, 2024

9:00 A.M. EDWARD MARTZ r/b Family
STANISLAW POPEK r/b Zofia Buczek

FRIDAY, May 3, 2024

9:00 A.M. ELEANOR M. FLETCHER r/b Ed Fletcher

SATURDAY, May 4, 2024

9:00 A.M. INT OF FR. H. TODD CARTER r/b
Rebecca Blonski
4:00 P.M. ADELE SPRINGSTEEN r/b Roberts family

SUNDAY, May 5, 2024

8:00 A.M. JOSEPH FERREIRA r/b Diane Ferreira
THOMAS GLENNON r/b His family
10:00 A.M. MAUREEN McCORMICK UPADHYAY r/b
Bob
12:00 P.M. MARIANNE NAPOLITANI r/b Jim & Carol
Maliff
JENNIE MARIE PIAZZA r/b Her family
5:30 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

Before last Sunday, a remarkable thing happened to the parish: all the buildings other than the Church lost power. Without any warning, a lightning bolt hit a telephone pole that then knocked a wire down which ignited a leaking gas pipe. The gas pipe then exploded and destroyed a transformer. This all occurred just down the street from here. So, for two days after that, we only had partial power in the rectory & offices and former Spiritual Center building. The only reason the Church was able to maintain operations was because it was connected to a different transformer. From this experience, I draw 3 basic lessons.

First, just as we are dependent on electricity to do everything, our spiritual life completely depends on being connected to God. In this week's Gospel, Jesus calls Himself the true vine because we cannot flourish unless we are attached to Him. If we are without Christ, we wither. God wants us to remain in Him so that we may flourish.

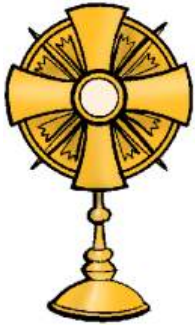
Second, we can never depend on this world working the way we think it should even if it always worked that way. Really, anything can happen in life and nothing is constant except God Himself. So, are we prepared if things go wrong? This goes for personal matters as well. When we are stressed or in trouble, are there people in your life you can depend on for help?

Third, just as I had no inkling that I would lose power that morning, we will never know when exactly God will call us to Himself. That is why we should always be prepared to meet God. People will always say they have time to live a good life, repent, or pray later. But the truth is we only have the present moment to love God. So, if we are not loving Him in what we are doing now, we are not preparing ourselves to see Him. Hopefully, that day is far off. But it could even happen today. So, we ought to be prepared.

In case anyone is wondering, I was perfectly okay. I managed to get everything I needed to do done, even without internet access. Really, the worst thing about the experience was eating cold food because the microwave didn't work. So, thanks be to God for that

God Bless and Happy Sunday!

Fr. Carter



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Day 2:
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Day 3:
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***3-Day Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in our Diocese
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May 28, 2024 Celebrations in Spanish Mass with Bishop O’Connell
May 29, 2024 Mass & Candlelight procession with Bishop O’Connell
May 30, 2024 1/2 Mile Procession to Bordentown Hilltop Park

For event schedules and information, contact eucharisticrevival@dioceseoftrenton.org



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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!

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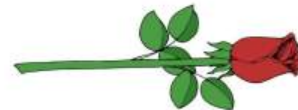
featuring songs by Elton John, Queen,
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**Saturday, May 11, 2024
6:00 PM**

at The Church of Saint Anselm
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Tickets: \$35 per person

**Annual Mother’s Day Rose Sale
at Masses, May 11th & 12th**



**our Respect Life Committee
will participate in conjunction with
Mary’s Child Pro Life Ministry**

\$3 per Rose (while supplies last)

*The Committee is looking for
volunteers to assist with selling roses.*

*If you can help, please contact:
jeanmanigold@hotmail.com or
joanneabatemarco@gmail.com*

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

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.



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. 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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Are you a Neptune Township resident who is experiencing a temporary financial hardship?

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Holy Innocents Respect Life Committee



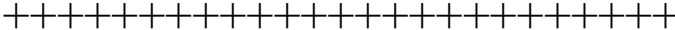
New members are always welcome! Please contact Jean (jeanmanigold@hotmail.com) or Joanne (joanneabatamarco@gmail.com) for more information about our Respect Life Committee and the dates, time and location of our meetings.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR Fr. Bausch, Lottie Barr, Marie Valvano, Carol Kelly, Lydia Silva, Louise Pataranick, Chris Dall, Dolores Picollo, Debbie Clemis, Sean Acker

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.

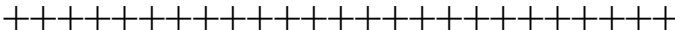


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Weekly Collections

April 21st \$7,683 (includes electronic)
\$ 939 (2nd collection)



TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
WITH GREGORIAN CHANT

Sunday, May 19th
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

April

Schedule for the Coming Week

- Sat., April 27 2:30 pm Confessions
- Sun., April 28 8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7)
- Mon., April 29 7:30 pm C.A.R.E. class (Bldg 2)
- Tue., April 30 5:30-6:30 pm Children's Choir
7:00-8:15 pm Adult Choir
8:15-9:00 pm Latin Schola
- Wed., May 1 7:00 pm Bible Study (Bldg 2)
- Thurs., May 2 9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration
7:00 pm AA open meeting (Bldg 2)
- Fri., May 3 7:30 pm Baptism Prep class (Bldg 3)
- Sat., May 4 2:30 pm Confessions
- Sun., May 5 8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7)
- Mon., May 6 5:30 pm Religious Ed Monthly Program
7:30 pm RCIA (Bldg 3)
- Tue., May 7 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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