


# ***Holy Innocents Church***

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**September 8, 2024 ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**



He has done all things well.  
He makes the deaf hear and  
the mute speak.

**Mark 7:37**



## Parish Served By:

**Fr. H. Todd Carter**

Pastor

**Fr. Caesar Rubiano**

Hospital Chaplain

**Deacon John Klincewicz**

**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 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, September 7, 2024

9:00 A.M. MARGARET BUCKALEW r/b Bob & Terry Dreeke  
 4:00 P.M. JOSEPH & ANNA SAWICKI r/b Lottie Barr & Ed Sawicki  
 PAT J. PAPA r/b Thaddeus Wargacki

SUNDAY, September 8, 2024

8:00 A.M. ANNE & AL SLIZEWSKI r/b Diane Ferreira  
 JOSEPH & FLORENCE MARTELLI r/b Joyce & Boyd Youngblood  
 10:00 A.M. WILLIAM NATURALE r/b His family  
 JOAN GENTHER r/b Gail Riggio  
 12:00 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 5:30 P.M. JOHN C. PACZKOWSKI, JR. r/b His family  
 JAMES & KATHERINE MOLINARO r/b Marlene Zarro

MONDAY, September 9, 2024

9:00 A.M. HENRY & MARGARET LYNCH r/b Marylu Savage

TUESDAY, September 10, 2024

9:00 A.M. ANNA CLAIRE MALIFF & MARIE FLATLEY r/b Jim & Carol Maliff  
 HARRY LYNCH r/b Phillips family

WEDNESDAY, September 11, 2024

9:00 A.M. ALL VICTIMS OF 9/11

THURSDAY, September 12, 2024

9:00 A.M. FOR AN INCREASE IN VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

FRIDAY, September 13, 2024

9:00 A.M. DICK & MARY BURNS r/b Mary Kavookjian

SATURDAY, September 14, 2024

9:00 A.M. ANTHONY & MARY HOOKS r/b Family  
 4:00 P.M. INT OF SELLINGER FAMILY  
 REV. VINCENT McKIERNAN r/b Pat Riordan

SUNDAY, September 15, 2024

8:00 A.M. STANLEY & BERNADETTE BEVAN r/b Eleanor & John Iannelli  
 EDWARD CENTANNI r/b M/M Neil Scotto  
 10:00 A.M. KERRY GIZZI r/b Sternik family  
 RUTH STURKE r/b Wuchter family  
 12:00 P.M. PETER KALAC r/b Bill & Ceil Maguire  
 CATHERINE CELLI r/b Kim Melango & fam  
 3:00 P.M. INT OF REBECCA BLONSKI  
 5:30 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

The book that has most influenced my conversion to Christianity and helped shape my thought is Orthodoxy by G. K. Chesterton. Though he was still an Anglican when he wrote the book, the reasons he gives for being Christian apply especially well to Catholicism. So, it is no wonder that later in life he converted as well. Here's one reason he gave for his conversion to Christianity:

*This, therefore, is, in conclusion, my reason for accepting the religion and not merely the scattered and secular truths out of the religion. I do it because the thing has not merely told this truth or that truth, but has revealed itself as a truth-telling thing. All other philosophies say the things that plainly seem to be true; only this philosophy has again and again said the thing that does not seem to be true, but is true. Alone of all creeds it is convincing where it is not attractive; it turns out to be right. (Orthodoxy, Chesterton)*

He is asserting here that he believes in Christianity because it has shown itself true over and over again even when it teaches unpopular things. The Church stood up against the Romans who even after converting, wanted to make the Church an arm of the state. When various heresies arose the Church pointed out why they were wrong even if they were well-liked. Right now, the world is generally accepting of divorce, contraception and same-sex unions. Only the Catholic Church has unequivocally stood up against all of these.

The Christianity he describes in his book is one where you cannot just pick and choose what you want to believe in. This can only be true if you have a living authority that can interpret the revelation of God. The Bible is the inspired word of God that contains everything necessary for our salvation. But the Bible cannot self-interpret. That is why so many non-Catholic Christian churches are so divided among themselves with even the most basic teachings of salvation and why Christianity cannot speak with a unified voice in modern times outside of Catholicism. So, I invite all of you to know the truths Our Lord Jesus teaches through His Church and to not be timid in witnessing what is true.

Next week, we are going to begin our RCIA course. So, if you know anyone who would like to become Catholic or needs to complete their sacraments, feel free to call the office or email me here: [toddcarterprest@gmail.com](mailto:toddcarterprest@gmail.com)

God Bless!

*Fr. Carter*



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## SUNDAY OCT 6TH

### AFTER 12 PM MASS

At this year's Annual Champion For Life Dinner our parishioner, Lydia Silva will be honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award. For a number of years, Lydia WAS our Respect Life Committee! We will have information available in the coming weeks about the dinner and how to reserve your seat (or hopefully a table). We hope to have a great turnout to support Lydia and all the good work she has done to respect life! We encourage our parishioners and all who know and love Lydia to attend the 2024 Champion For Life Dinner on October 20th. Please check future bulletins for more information.

## RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process for people who want to become Catholic, or enter the Catholic Church for the first time. Classes are beginning now. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or if you need Adult Confirmation, please contact Fr. Carter now about joining class!

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## PLEDGE TO HEAL

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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.

## 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!

## 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 thru Saturday before 9 am Mass in the Church.

## Holy Innocents Respect Life Committee

### Upcoming Events:

- **Our next meeting: 9:30 am in the chapel, Fri., Sept. 13th (immediately following Mass)**
- **Mass / March / Rally For Life at St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral, Trenton Sept. 26th**
- **NJ Right To Life Raffle sales at weekend Masses Sept. 28th & 29th**
- **Public Square Rosary Rally (at 2 locations: St. Denis & St. Rose) Oct. 12th**
- **Champion For Life Dinner Oct. 20th**

## St. Vincent dePaul Society

The St. Vincent dePaul Society is an all-volunteer organization that provides financial assistance to our neighbors for rent, utilities and other basic necessities. The help provided is only possible through the very generous donations from our parishioners.

If assistance is needed, please call our help line and leave a message 732 922-4242 x124

Non-perishable food items, paper products, personal hygiene products and cleaning supplies are available from our Pantry.

### Pantry Times

**Immediately AFTER the following Masses:  
Saturday 4 pm ~ Sunday 10 am & 12 Noon**

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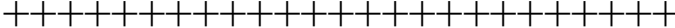


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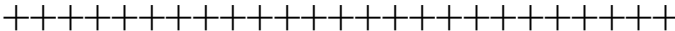
**Eucharistic Adoration** is held at Holy Innocents every Thursday (except holidays and holy days) 9:30 am-9 pm AND on First Fridays from 9:30 am-2 pm. Special thanks to all who make regular Adoration possible here at Holy Innocents! Please invite your friends and family members to participate, as all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



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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS  
WITH GREGORIAN CHANT

Sunday, September 15th  
3PM  
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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**

(in person)  
Monday thru Thursday, 8 am-4 pm

(by email)  
Friday, 8 am-4:00 pm  
[parishoffice@holyinnocentschurch.net](mailto:parishoffice@holyinnocentschurch.net)

**September**

**Schedule for the Coming Week**

Sat., Sept. 7	2:30 pm Confessions
Sun., Sept. 8	8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7) 2:00 pm Filipino Mass
Mon., Sept. 9	6:00 pm Religious Ed (8)
Tue., Sept. 10	5:30-6:30 pm Children's Choir 7:00-8:15 pm Adult Choir 8:15-9:00 pm Latin Schola
Thurs., Sept. 12	9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration 7:00 pm AA open meeting (Bldg 2)
Sat., Sept. 14	2:30 pm Confessions Holy Land Christian Art at Mass
Sun., Sept. 15	Holy Land Christian Art at Masses 8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7) 2:00 pm Filipino Mass
Mon., Sept. 16	5:30 pm Religious Ed Family Program (K-7) 6:00 pm Religious Ed (8) 7:00 pm RCIA (Bldg 3)
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