

# ***Holy Innocents Church***

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**October 6, 2024 ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Whoever does not accept  
the kingdom of God like a  
child will not enter it

Mark 10:15





## 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 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, October 5, 2024

9:00 A.M. FRANK LOGAN r/b Sternik family  
 4:00 P.M. PAT J. PAPA r/b Thaddeus Wargacki  
 STEVE HEALY r/b Pat Riordan

SUNDAY, October 6, 2024

8:00 A.M. STANLEY & BERNADETTE BEVAN r/b  
 Eleanor & John Iannelli  
 ADDY DiBERNARDO r/b Pineda family  
 10:00 A.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 12:00 P.M. INT OF FR. CAESAR r/b Madonna House  
 ROBERT HUHN & KATHLEEN FAHY r/b  
 Family  
 5:30 P.M. ROVIC EVALLE r/b Gloria Guisihan  
 KERRY GIZZI r/b Her family

MONDAY, October 7, 2024

9:00 A.M. INT OF MARYELLEN & MAUREEN r/b  
 Patrick

TUESDAY, October 8, 2024

9:00 A.M. EUFRACIA SE r/b Neptune Internal Office  
 Staff

WEDNESDAY, October 9, 2024

9:00 A.M. INT OF MICHAEL r/b Patrick

THURSDAY, October 10, 2024

9:00 A.M. EDWARD FLETCHER r/b Lottie Barr  
 SR. UNA DAVEY r/b Jim & Pat Monroe

FRIDAY, October 11, 2024

9:00 A.M. COREY COMPERATORE & HEALING  
 FOR HIS FAMILY r/b Patrick

SATURDAY, October 12, 2024

9:00 A.M. ROBERT WARD r/b Marty & Carol  
 Staunton  
 4:00 P.M. DEC'D MBRS MARZULLI FAMILY r/b  
 Lottie Barr & Ed Sawicki  
 ANTHONY & MARY HOOKS r/b Family

SUNDAY, October 13, 2024

8:00 A.M. EDWARD & MARY BRACH r/b Family  
 STELLA CORNELL r/b Diane Ferreira  
 10:00 A.M. FR. LEON BUNI r/b Sternik family  
 GERARD BERGIN r/b Birch family  
 12:00 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 5:30 P.M. JOHN CASTELLUCIA r/b His family  
 ROVIC EVALLE r/b Gloria Guisihan

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend, the disciple John asked our Lord to prevent someone else from casting out a demon in His name. Jesus responded, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us." He is basically saying that no one can be against Him while using His name and that's a good thing.

Unfortunately, some people can take this passage and twist it to mean that it doesn't matter if you are explicitly a follower of Jesus at all. It does matter because our Lord explicitly says salvation is a narrow path and He is constantly calling people to follow Him. So, one way to interpret this Gospel is that using the name of Jesus might lead them into being followers of Jesus later. That's why Jesus allows it.

There are many people in this world who can say all sorts of great things about Christianity and the faith yet never consider converting. These people recognize the benefits of living in a society founded on Christian values. Because of the influence of Christianity, we have all benefited from the belief in the dignity of the human person, the importance of marriage (and family life), hospitals, education, art, music and even science. I won't go into the particular arguments of how Christianity gave us these things because people who know history recognize these things easily. Yet, these same people can in the same moment be agnostic to the bigger questions of life and allergic to "organized religion". Ideally, someone who sees the good Christianity has done in the world should be then open to the truths that inspired people to do these things. Likewise, whatever good someone does, especially inspired by Christ should lead them to come to know the God that inspires them.

What keeps people from converting then? Because many Christians are shy to witness their faith. It will never be popular to say that Christianity is the true religion because conversations around religion are some of the hardest conversations you can have with someone. This is especially true if you do not know your faith that well, and fear being put on the spot to answer for it. Also, people who think they know all about the Church are likely to bring up the worst parts of our history as an excuse to never listen to the message. To all this, I say witness the faith anyway. For the real reason that many people do not convert is that they never hear from someone who actually does believe and love their faith.

I am very glad that in college I had the good example of friends of mine who did show me the truth of the Catholic faith. If it was not for them, I would not be Catholic today. They were literally the first Catholics I ever met who were devout and faithful and did not bad-mouth their own religion. I am eternally grateful for that witness. Does that mean I immediately converted? No. I argued, read and prayed. It was a process and it was not until months later that I was able to admit to them that I wanted to convert. And I'm very glad that I did.

God Bless!

*Fr. Carter*

# Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry

invites you to join us for the

## 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Champion for Life Award Dinner

Sunday, October 20, 2024 at Spring Lake Manor

415 Hwy 71, Spring Lake Heights, NJ 07762

### Our 2024 Award Honorees are:



#### Champions for Life

Jim and Marianne Sheridan  
Saint Mark's, Sea Girt



#### Lifetime Achievement

Lydia Silva  
Holy Innocents, Neptune

**Reception 5:00 - 6:00 PM (cash bar) Buffet Dinner 6:00 PM**

*Adult Dinner - \$70*

*Children's Dinner - \$35*

**Checks should be payable to "Saint Mark's Church"** (memo - Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry) and mailed to Saint Mark's Church, 215 Crescent Parkway, Sea Girt, NJ 08750. Kindly make reservations asap but no later than October 7<sup>th</sup>. For further information, call or text Catherine Minall at (917) 670-8333.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel# \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adult Dinners: \_\_\_\_\_ Children's Dinners: \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to be seated with others, please list their names on the back or attach sheet.

We expect a large turnout of our High School CYO and youth ministries. Whether you attend the dinner or not, please consider sponsoring participation of our youth.

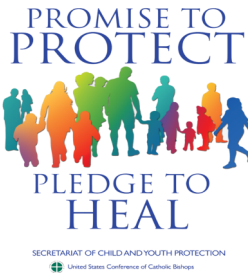
- Platinum Level (10 Youth Group Members) \$350.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Gold Level (5 Youth Group Members) \$175 \_\_\_\_\_
- Silver Level (<5 Youth Group Members) \$35/each \_\_\_\_\_

**Advertisements for the Program Booklet** should be mailed to Saint Mark's Church, attn.: Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry (see address above) or emailed to Barbara McLoughlin at [Heytwinsister@gmail.com](mailto:Heytwinsister@gmail.com).

Contact Barbara with any questions at (973) 543-4596. Deadline is October 7, 2024.

- Full Page Ad (6" x 7.5") \$500.00 \_\_\_\_\_
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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



Did you know that the Founder of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed Michael McGivney, was 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:

- Public Square Rosary Rally (at 2 locations: St. Denis & St. Rose) Oct. 12th
- Champion For Life Dinner at *Spring Lake Manor* Oct. 20th (Reservation form available in this bulletin and in the gathering space)

"To have an abortion is to kill a human being. Whether or not you like the word, it is killing. The Catholic Church does not allow abortion because it is killing. It is assassination. And we must be clear about that." Pope Francis 9/13/2024

## 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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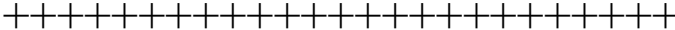


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**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Lottie Barr, Marie Valvano, Lydia Silva, Joanne Librie, Shirley Rible, Riley Grace, Katie Hubert, Frank Hines,

**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.

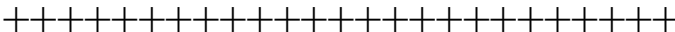


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### Weekly Collections

Sept. 29th \$7,968 (includes electronic)  
\$1,209 (church roof replacement)



TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS  
WITH GREGORIAN CHANT

Sunday, October 20th  
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

(in person)  
Monday thru Thursday, 8 am-4 pm  
(by email)  
Friday, 8 am-4 pm  
[parishoffice@holyinnocentschurch.net](mailto:parishoffice@holyinnocentschurch.net)

| <u>Schedule for the Coming Week</u> |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Sat., Oct. 5                        | 2:30 pm Confessions  |
| Sun., Oct. 6                        | 8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7)<br>1:00 pm Parish Picnic (Advance RSVP)   |
| Mon., Oct. 7                        | 6:00 pm Religious Ed (8)<br>7:30 pm RCIA (Bldg 3)  |
| Tue., Oct. 8                        | 5:30-6:30 pm Children's Choir<br>7:00-8:15 pm Adult Choir<br>8:15-9:00 pm Latin Schola                           |
| Wed., Oct. 9                        | 7:00 pm Bible Study (Bldg 2)   |
| Thurs., Oct. 10                     | 9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration<br>7:00 pm AA open meeting (Bldg 2)  |
| Sat., Oct. 12                       | 2:30 pm Confessions  |
| Sun., Oct. 13                       | 8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7)<br>2:00 pm Filipino Mass  |
| Mon., Oct. 14                       | <b>Columbus Day—Offices closed</b><br>NO Religious Ed<br>NO RCIA   |
| Tue., Oct. 15                       | 5:30-6:30 pm Children's Choir<br>7:00-8:15 pm Adult Choir<br>7:00 pm SVdPS (Bldg 2)<br>8:15-9:00 pm Latin Schola |

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