

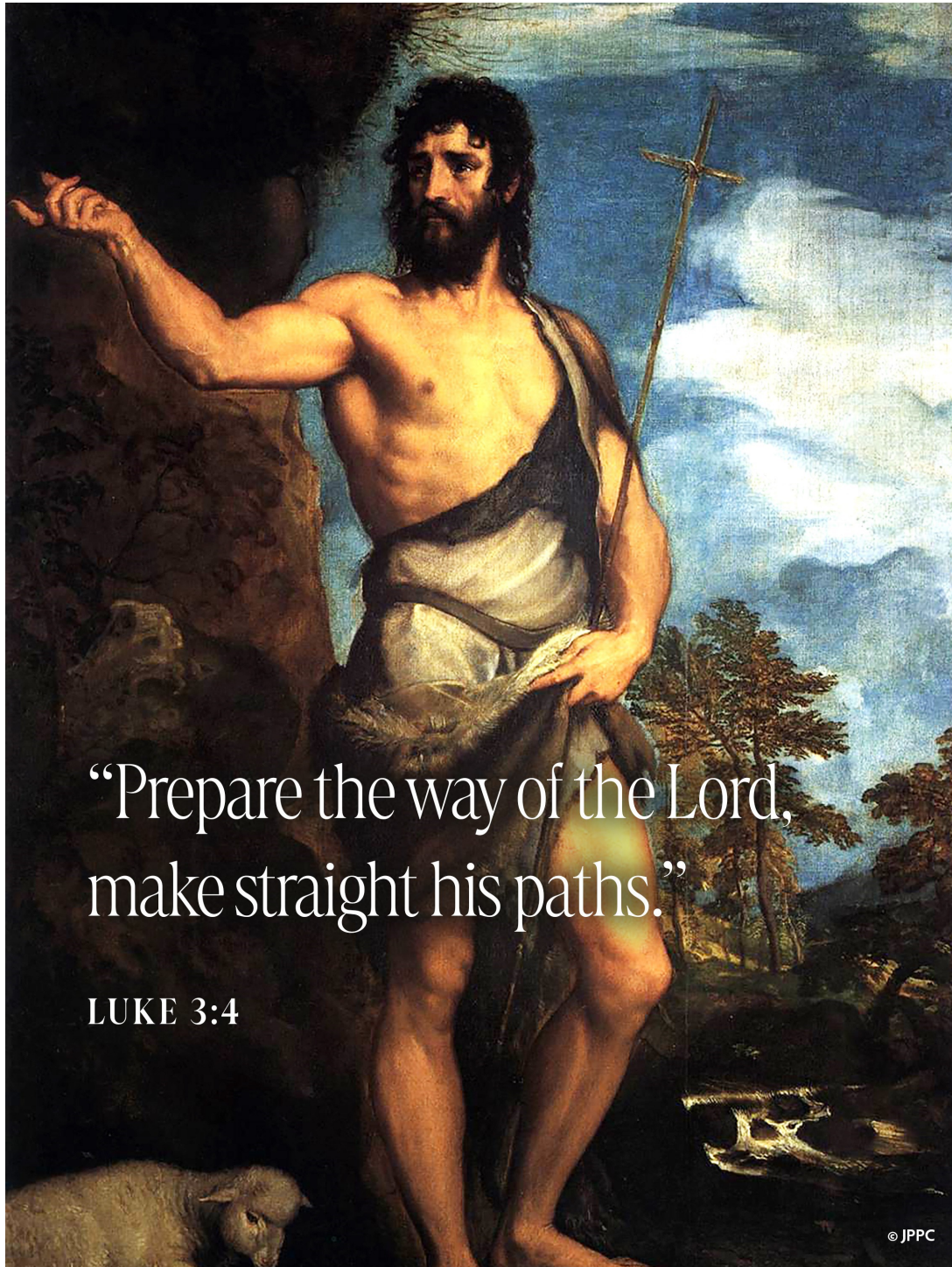
# Holy Innocents Church

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[www.holyinnocentschurch.net](http://www.holyinnocentschurch.net)

December 8, 2024 ~ Second Sunday of Advent



“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.”

LUKE 3:4



## 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, December 7, 2024

9:00 A.M. HARRY LYNCH r/b The Latin Schola  
4:00 P.M. DOLORES MARASIGAN r/b Maria Rosal  
LEO & MARY GANNON r/b Family

SUNDAY, December 8, 2024

8:00 A.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
10:00 A.M. PHILIP & MARGARET LARDEAR r/b  
Family  
ROSE GOODWIN r/b Sternik family  
12:00 P.M. INT OF MARIE VALVANO r/b Her husband  
MARILYN HOENGE r/b Melango family  
5:30 P.M. KATHRYN CAMPANELLA r/b Lomasang  
Family  
GEORGE & VERONICA BOSKO r/b Family

MONDAY, December 9, 2024 Immaculate Conception

7:00 A.M. INT OF JOSEPH BREAUD r/b Steve  
Sternik  
9:00 A.M. JAMES CONWAY r/b Jim & Carol Maliff  
12:10 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
7:00 P.M. FOR AN INCREASE IN VOCATIONS TO  
THE PRIESTHOOD

TUESDAY, December 10, 2024

9:00 A.M. JANET LOFLAND & STEPHEN WALKDEN  
r/b Riley family  
INT ARIANNA MAGLIO r/b Jeryl Maglio

WEDNESDAY, December 11, 2024

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

THURSDAY, December 12, 2024

9:00 A.M. HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY r/b Bella  
DOLLY VERDI r/b Eleanor & John Iannelli

FRIDAY, December 13, 2024

9:00 A.M. BERT RILEY, SR. r/b Family  
INT ARIANNA MAGLIO r/b Jeryl Maglio

SATURDAY, December 14, 2024

9:00 A.M. ANTHONY & MARY HOOKS r/b Family  
4:00 P.M. JOSEPH & ANNA SAWICKI r/b Lottie Barr  
& Ed Sawicki  
ED FLETCHER r/b Dan Gannon

SUNDAY, December 15, 2024

8:00 A.M. JOAN ZIEGLER r/b Family  
CHRIS DALL r/b Kurdewan family  
10:00 A.M. HARRY LYNCH r/b Holy Innocents Choir  
FRANCIS 'Mickey' McMAHON r/b Lou &  
MaryAnne Berardi  
12:00 P.M. TERESA ANDERSON r/b Dennis &  
Carolyn Millevoi  
MARIE BOU r/b Catanio family  
3:00 P.M. INCREASE IN VOCATIONS  
5:30 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

This past weekend we introduced chanting the Marian antiphons after all the Sunday Masses. I am so glad that Christa, our music director, wanted to start this practice. So, I would like to take a moment in this bulletin to explain these beautiful devotions of the Church.

The Marian Antiphons are hymns dedicated to Our Lady that match the seasons of the liturgical year. During Advent and through Candlemas (February 2nd) we will sing the *Alma Redemptoris*. (Which can be found on page 428 of the St. Michael hymnal.) From Candlemas to Easter Vigil, we will sing the *Ave Regina Caelorum*. Then, in the Easter season we will sing Regina Caeli. And for the rest of the year we will sing the *Salve Regina*. (Which you might know well because it is the Hail Holy Queen prayer said at the end of the Rosary.) I am going to write an article on each of these antiphons as they come up in the year.

*Alma Redemptoris* is the antiphon for the Advent and Christmas seasons and it was written by a monk named Herman the Cripple in the 11th century. It is translated as follows, "Holy mother of our Redeemer, thou gate leading to heaven and star of the sea; help the falling people who seek to rise, thou who, all nature wondering, didst give birth to thy holy Creator. Virgin always, hearing the greeting from Gabriel's lips, take pity on sinners."

Pope Saint John Paul II reflects on this antiphon in his letter *Redemptoris Mater* saying: "These words of the antiphon express that wonderment of faith which accompanies the mystery of Mary's divine motherhood. In a sense, it does so in the heart of the whole of creation, and, directly, in the heart of the whole People of God, in the heart of the Church. How wonderfully far God has gone, the Creator and Lord of all things, in the 'revelation of himself' to human beings! How clearly he has bridged all the spaces of that infinite 'distance' which separates the Creator from the creature! If in himself he remains ineffable and unsearchable, still more ineffable and unsearchable is he in the reality of the Incarnation of the Word, who became man through the Virgin of Nazareth... At the center of this mystery, in the midst of this wonderment of faith, stands Mary. As the loving Mother of the Redeemer, she was the first to experience it: 'To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator!'"

So, I hope that you reflect well on this great mystery and allow it to renew your faith in the Lord and devotion to His Mother.

God Bless!

*Fr. Carter*

P.S. Do not forget that tomorrow December 9th we are celebrating the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** (a holy day of obligation) and Wednesday December 11th we will be having a talk in church about **Our Lady of Guadalupe**.



The  
Christmas  
Giving Tree is in  
the gathering space.  
Please take a tag from  
the tree and help us make  
Christmas a little brighter for  
families in need in our community.  
Please return all ***unwrapped*** gifts with  
*the WHITE tags, no later than December 10<sup>th</sup>*  
and ***unwrapped*** gifts with *the COLOR tags, no*  
*later than December 15<sup>th</sup>*. Thank you, and  
God bless you!

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**Holy Innocents Church**  
**St. Vincent dePaul Society**  
and  
**Madonna House**

## PROMISE TO PROTECT



## PLEDGE TO HEAL

SECRETARIAT OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION  
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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 were abused 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.



NO COMMITMENT NECESSARY  
COME WHEN YOU CAN

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

Please continue to pray for your Spiritual Adoption babies!

### UPDATE: Month 2

**Baby is receiving antibodies from Mom to help boost immunity to many diseases. The hair on baby's head is growing. Baby's grip is stronger now than it will be after birth. Baby is only about 2 inches long but already uses the senses of taste, touch and hearing, and can already recognize Mom's voice. Baby's heartbeat can be heard with ultrasound!**

## 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**

We are very grateful for your continued support and thank you for providing the means to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors! If you have questions about SVdPS, please call or stop in during Pantry times.

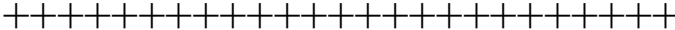


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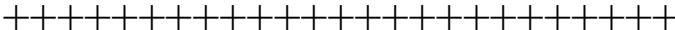
**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Lottie Barr, Marie Valvano, Lydia Silva, Joanne Librie, Shirley Rible, Riley Grace, Frank Hines

**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.



The online giving system for Holy Innocents Church

Please visit [www.holyinnocentschurch.net](http://www.holyinnocentschurch.net) and use the Parish Giving link at the top of our home page to set-up and customize your account. We appreciate your continued support of our parish!



**Notes regarding your Weekly Offering envelopes:**

Please mark your donation amount on the envelope.  
Please make sure you have signed your check.  
Please don't staple or tape the envelope.

These things will help counting go more smoothly for our volunteers. We appreciate your continued support of our Parish.

**Thank you!**

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS  
WITH GREGORIAN CHANT

Sunday, December 15th  
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)

**Schedule for the Coming Week**

Sat., Dec. 7	2:30 pm Confessions 7:00 pm Eucharistic Encounter in church
Sun., Dec. 8	8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7)
Mon., Dec. 9	<b>Feast of Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation—See Mass schedule</b> 6:00 pm Religious Ed (8) in school 7:30 pm RCIA (Bldg 3)
Tue., Dec. 10	5:30-6:30 pm Children's Choir 7:00-8:15 pm Adult Choir 8:15-9:00 pm Latin Schola
Wed., Dec. 11	7:00 pm Guadalupe Talk in church
Thurs., Dec. 12	9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration 7:00 pm AA open meeting (Bldg 2)
Fri., Dec. 13	7:30 pm Baptism Prep Class (Bldg 3)
Sat., Dec. 14	2:30 pm Confessions 7:00 pm Lessons & Carols Concert in church
Sun., Dec. 15	8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7)
Mon., Dec. 16	5:30 pm Religious Ed Family Program (K-7) 6:00 pm Religious Ed (8) in school 7:30 pm RCIA (Bldg 3)
Tue., Dec. 17	5:30-6:30 pm Children's Choir 7:00-8:15 pm Adult Choir 8:15-9:00 pm Latin Schola