

Holy Innocents Church

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December 29, 2024 ~ The Holy Family



Did you not know that I must
be in my Father's house?

LUKE 2:49



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 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 28, 2024

9:00 A.M. BILL MAGUIRE r/b Marty & Carol Staunton
 4:00 P.M. RON FLYNN r/b Ted Nebus, Jr.
 EDWARD McCORMICK r/b Dick & Susan Sheridan

SUNDAY, December 29, 2024

8:00 A.M. PEDRO, ELISA, RENEE & ROGER
 DeMUNDO r/b Family
 IMMACULATA GERARD r/b Eleanor &
 John Iannelli
 10:00 A.M. HARRY LYNCH r/b Patty at Senior Center
 MICHAEL HOAG r/b Lynch family
 12:00 P.M. MARILYN BEDARD r/b Jane Alwell
 LORRAINE HANSTEIN r/b Jim & Carol
 Maliff
 5:30 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, December 30, 2024

9:00 A.M. JAMES MANNING, SR. r/b Martuscelli fam
 WILLIAM KELLETT r/b Jim & Carol Maliff

TUESDAY, December 31, 2024 New Year's Eve

9:00 A.M. INCREASE IN PRIESTLY VOCATIONS
 5:30 P.M. DEC'D FAMILY & FRIENDS r/b Sternik
 family

WEDNESDAY, January 1, 2025 New Year's Day

9:00 A.M. CONNOR GOLEMBIEWSKI r/b His family
 PAT J. PAPA r/b Thaddeus Wargacki
 12:10 P.M. CAROL ANN KELLY r/b Holy Innocents
 SVdPS

THURSDAY, January 2, 2025

9:00 A.M. HOLY SOULS IN PURTATORY r/b Bella

FRIDAY, January 3, 2025

9:00 A.M. PAUL M. COUTO r/b Linda & Hans Hampel
 LOIS DANESE r/b Rogers family

SATURDAY, January 4, 2025

9:00 A.M. ANN MARIE VECCHIONE r/b Robert &
 Susan DeSevo
 4:00 P.M. DUANE SBRISCIA r/b Ted Nebus, Jr.
 DEC'D MBRS WOJTASHEK r/b Lottie Barr
 & Ed Sawicki

SUNDAY, January 5, 2025

8:00 A.M. IMMACULATA GERARD r/b Eleanor &
 John Iannelli
 LEROY McCARTHY r/b Mary Beth
 Kurdewan
 10:00 A.M. STEPHEN RUGGIERO r/b Jim & Pat
 Monroe
 HARRY LYNCH r/b Tony Hernandez
 12:00 P.M. PELAGIA DeLEON r/b Her family
 SHARI SATLER r/b Laura Lella Smith
 5:30 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter into the Jubilee year 2025, I think the thing we all need to work more on is the virtue of charity. Here are some examples. This past year, the election cycle was way more heated than normal with people treating political opponents like a Communist or a Nazi. I have noticed a rise in vitriol online not to mention the spread of misinformation which has been a problem for a while. Also, people even applauded the murder and attempted murder of certain disliked individuals.

Charity is the most important of the virtues because it most directly relates to God. We should love God for His own sake and our neighbors because we love God. You can pretty much sum up the moral life as acting with charity. In fact, if you cannot do something out of charity, then you probably shouldn't do it at all. So, for a New Years resolution, here are some ways to practice charity in your life:

- Control your speech. Don't immediately talk back to people. Think about how your words may affect others before you speak. Try to phrase things in the kindest way possible. Don't tear down people behind their back.
- Give to the poor. Either money or time.
- Help others in some sort of ministry like bringing communion to the sick, visiting the sick or volunteering in some social service.
- Do your best to understand why people believe what they believe even if you disagree with them.
- Pray for people, especially those who you really do not like.
- Reach out to people you care about but have not seen for a long while.
- Be kind to others, even strangers.
- Thank God even when things don't go according to plan.

Also, we should avoid sins that contradict charity. These include: indifference (not thinking about God's goodness), ingratitude, lukewarmness (not responding to God's goodness), spiritual sloth, hatred of God, envy, violence, discord and scandal.

There are many benefits to living a charitable life. As the Catechism says, "The fruits of charity are joy, peace, and mercy; charity demands beneficence and fraternal correction; it is benevolence; it fosters reciprocity and remains disinterested and generous; it is friendship and communion: Love is itself the fulfillment of all our works. There is the goal; that is why we run: we run toward it, and once we reach it, in it we shall find rest." (CCC 1829)

God Bless!

Fr. Carter

2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope



*Join Bishop David O'Connell
in Celebrating*
THE JUBILEE HOLY YEAR



DECEMBER 28, 2024
Mass 5:30 pm
**Cathedral St. Mary of
the Assumption, Trenton**
151 N Warren St, Trenton, NJ 08608



DECEMBER 29, 2024
Mass 10:00 am
**Co-Cathedral St. Robert
Bellarmine, Freehold**
61 Georgia Rd, Freehold Township, NJ 07728

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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 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

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. 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 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!**



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.

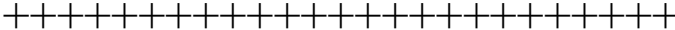


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PLEASE PRAY FOR Lottie Barr, Marie Valvano, Lydia Silva, Joanne Librie, Kyle Addeo, Shirley Ribble, Riley Grace, Matt Harris

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.

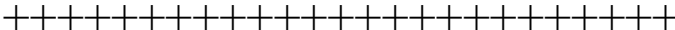


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Weekly Collections

December 8th \$8,576 (includes electronic)
\$2,607 (Priest Retirement Fund)

- 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, January 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.



Parish Office Hours

(in person)

Monday thru Thursday, 8 am-4 pm

(by email)

Friday, 8 am-4 pm

parishoffice@holyinnocentschurch.net

Schedule for the Coming Week

Sat., Dec. 28	2:30 pm Confessions 6:00 pm Emmaus YA Group (Bldg 2)
Sun., Dec. 29	NO Religious Ed (K-7)
Mon., Dec. 30	Offices closed (thru January 1st) NO Religious Ed (8) NO RCIA
Tue., Dec. 31	New Year's Eve 5:30 pm Vigil Mass
Wed., Jan. 1	New Year's Day Masses 9 am & 12:10 Noontime
Thurs., Jan. 2	9:30 am 9:00 pm Adoration 7:00 pm AA open meeting (Bldg 2)
Fri., Jan. 3	7:30 pm Baptism Prep Class (Bldg 3)
Sat., Jan. 4	2:30 pm Confessions
Sun., Jan. 5	8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7)
Mon., Jan. 6	5:30 pm Religious Ed Family Program 6:00 pm Religious Ed (8) 7:30 pm RCIA (Bldg 3)
Tue., Jan. 7	5:30-6:30 pm Children's Choir 7:00-8:15 pm Adult Choir 8:15-9:00 pm Latin Schola
Wed., Jan. 8	7:00 Bible Study (Bldg 2)



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