

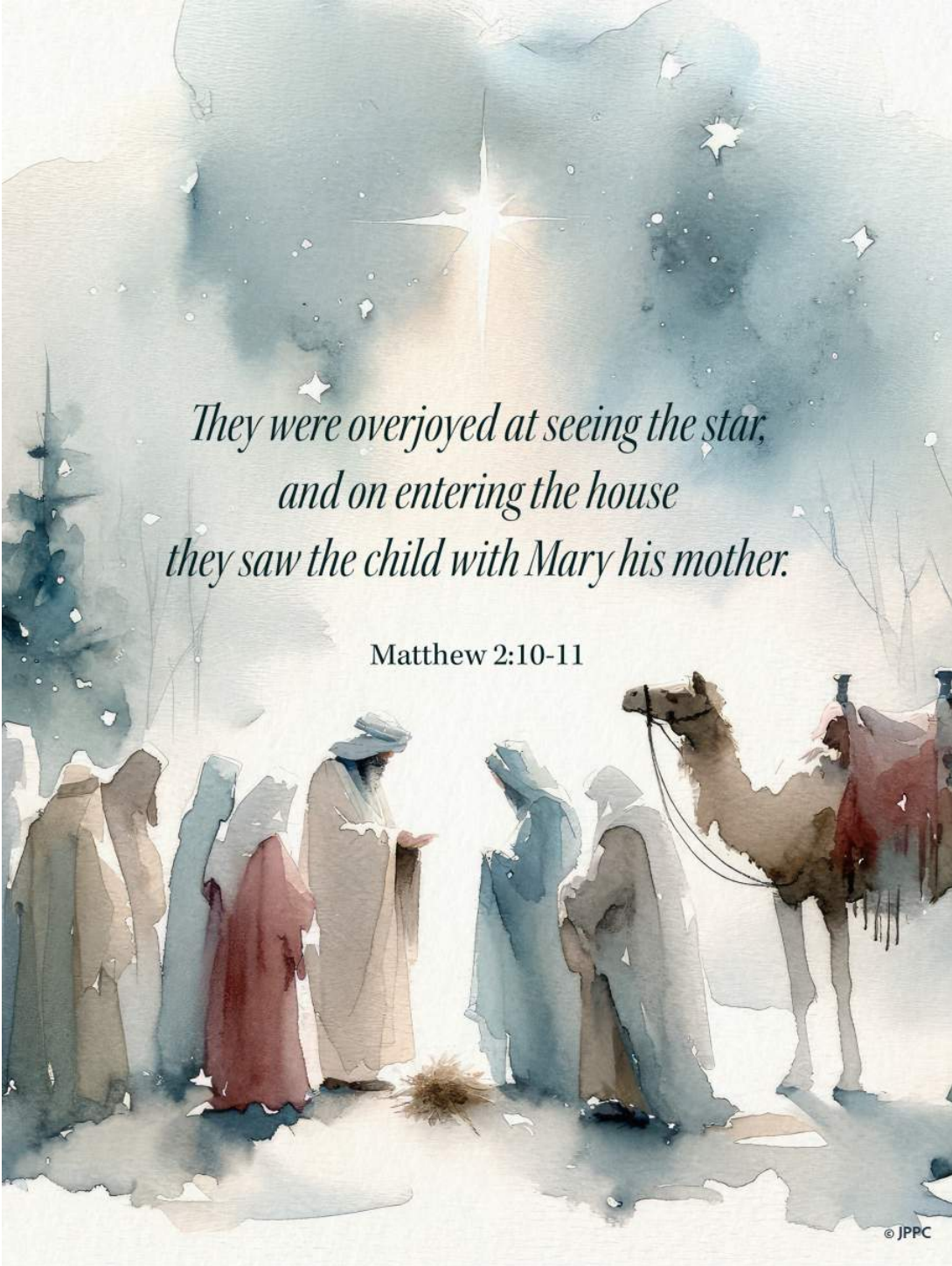
# Holy Innocents Church

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January 5, 2025 ~ Epiphany

A watercolor illustration depicting the Epiphany scene. In the foreground, several figures in traditional robes are gathered around a manger containing a baby. One figure, likely a king, is kneeling in adoration. To the right, a camel is visible, suggesting the journey of the kings. The background features a night sky with a prominent bright star and other smaller stars. The overall style is soft and artistic, using a palette of blues, greens, and earthy tones.

*They were overjoyed at seeing the star,  
and on entering the house  
they saw the child with Mary his mother.*

Matthew 2:10-11



## 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, 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

MONDAY, January 6, 2025

9:00 A.M. PATRICIA HIGGINS r/b Leahy family  
IN THANKSGIVING r/b Serge & Elisa Escoto & Jun

TUESDAY, January 7, 2025

9:00 A.M. INT OF RAMONITA TORRES r/b Wanda ANTONIO FELEO, SR. r/b DeLeon family

WEDNESDAY, January 8, 2025

9:00 A.M. STEPHEN STERNIK r/b Family  
CAROLYN BRACH r/b Family

THURSDAY, January 9, 2025

9:00 A.M. WILLIAM GRONIKOWSKI r/b Bob & Terry Dreeke

FRIDAY, January 10, 2025

9:00 A.M. WILLIAM KELLETT r/b Aurelia Flickinger

SATURDAY, January 11, 2025

9:00 A.M. WILLIAM KELLETT r/b Jackson American Legion Post #504  
4:00 P.M. PAT J. PAPA r/b Thaddeus Wargacki  
LEO & MARY GANNON r/b Family

SUNDAY, January 12, 2025

8:00 A.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
10:00 A.M. HARRY LYNCH r/b Regina Donohue  
ED FLETCHER r/b Bettylu Johnson  
12:00 P.M. JOHN HENRY RYDER r/b Piazza family  
5:30 P.M. PAM MAURO r/b Sue & Jim McGann  
LOUISE PATARANICK r/b Her nieces

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Epiphany! Today is the day we celebrate the Wisemen visiting the child Jesus and giving Him the gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. They follow the star that predicts the Lord's coming and are able to find Him in Bethlehem. This long journey is predicted in the Old Testament and is another sign that Jesus is the long expected Messiah. In a sense, these Wisemen represent all the nations of the world who Christ is destined to save.

There is an old blessing of homes that is associated with this day. If you notice, in the back of Church on the top of the door are the letters, "20 + C + M + B + 24" (or 25 if I have already changed it for the year) written in chalk. This chalk is especially blessed for this day. The letters of course refer to the year (20 and 25) and the traditional names of the three Wisemen (Casper, Melchior and Balthazar.) Though the solemn version of this blessing of homes has to be done by a priest and involves Holy Water and incense, a simple blessing can be done by a priest or the head of the household. I have provided blessed chalk in the back of church today for anyone who would like to draw these letters on their own doors and ask God for blessings on their homes for the upcoming year.

All you need to do is write the following: **20 + C + M + B + 25** and say a prayer with all those who live in the household. If you can't think of anything to say, then you can say an Our Father and the following, "Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord."

It's good to return to Catholic tradition and to ask God for more blessings on our houses. And we could always use more blessings.

God Bless!  
*Fr. Carter*

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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.



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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 3

**Baby is about 3 inches long now and weighs roughly one ounce. Finger nails and toe nails are forming and baby can make a responsive fist. Although Mom doesn't feel it yet, baby is quite active in the womb, and even sucks their thumb already. Baby squints, and swallows and moves their tongue, and can feel pain.**

## 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.

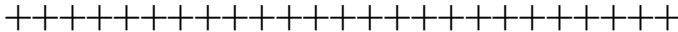


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**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Lottie Barr, Marie Valvano, Lydia Silva, Joanne Librie, Kyle Addeo, Shirley Ribble, Riley Grace, Matt Harris

**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.

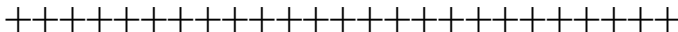


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**Some important notes for our Parishioners who use the Weekly Offering Envelopes...**

- 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, and God bless 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](mailto:toddcarterpriest@gmail.com).



**Parish Office Hours**

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

(by email)  
Friday, 8 am-4 pm  
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**Hello, January...**

**Schedule for the Coming Week**

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 pm Bible Study (Bldg 2)
Thurs., Jan. 9	9:30 am 9:00 pm Adoration
	7:00 pm AA open meeting (Bldg 2)
Sat., Jan. 11	2:30 pm Confessions
Sun., Jan. 12	8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7)
Mon., Jan. 13	6:00 pm Religious Ed (8)
	7:30 pm RCIA (Bldg 3)
Tue., Jan. 14	5:30-6:30 pm Children's Choir
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	8:15-9:00 pm Latin Schola



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