

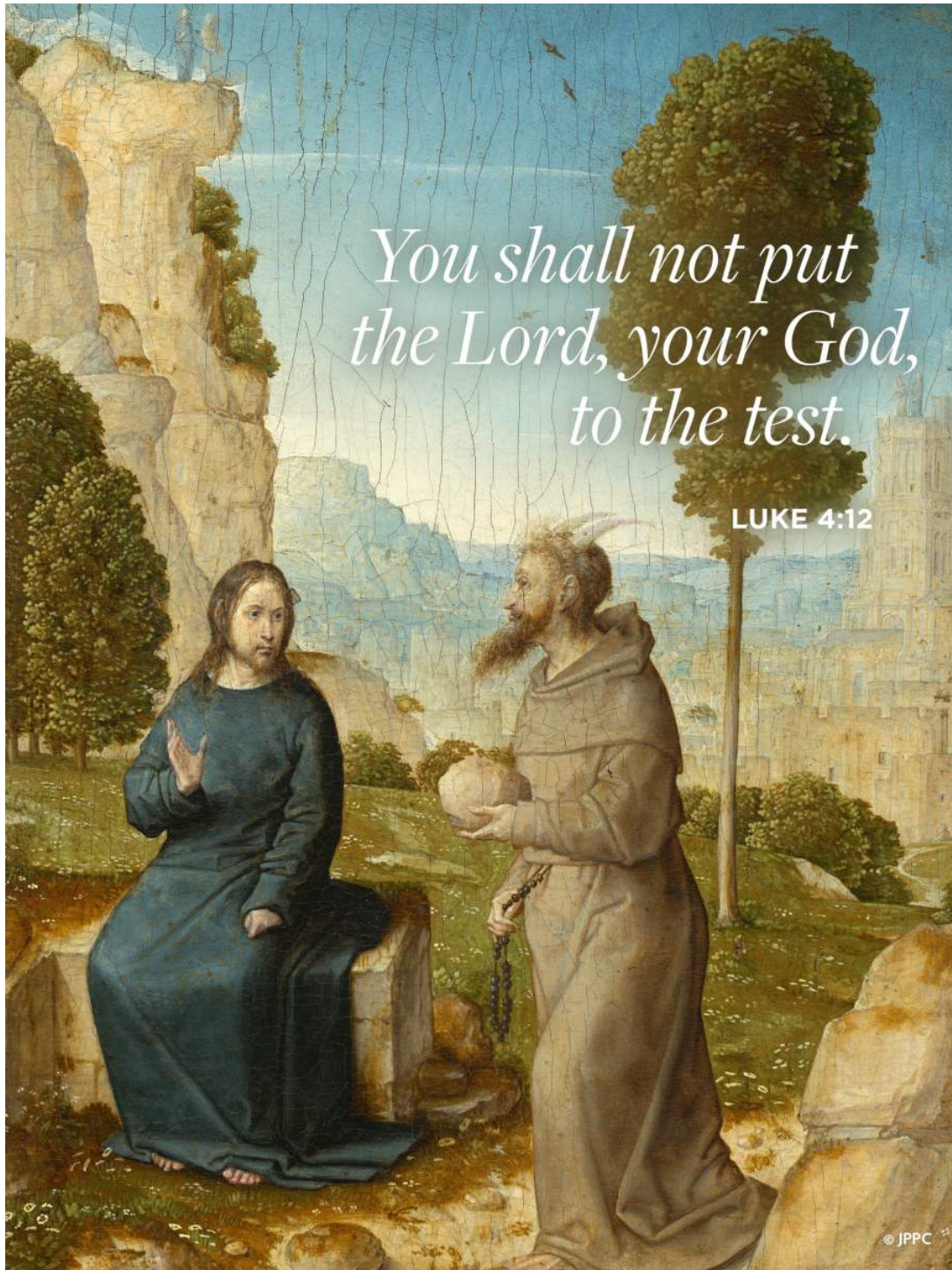
# Holy Innocents Church

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March 9, 2025 ~ First Sunday of Lent





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, March 8, 2025

9:00 A.M. WILLIAM KELLETT r/b Tom & Noreen Kelly  
4:00 P.M. SHAWN MICHAEL OSIEJA r/b Sellinger Family  
ANNE SIBOLE r/b Bob & Terry Dreeke

SUNDAY, March 9, 2025

8:00 A.M. PERFECTO JUSAY r/b Kipsy & Ramil Caragay  
10:00 A.M. INT OF DR. JOHN SCHMIDT r/b Madonna House  
INT OF KATHLEEN O'BRIEN r/b Sharon  
12:00 P.M. ANDY DONOHUE r/b His family  
EUGENE ERTLE, JR. r/b Anne & Jim Kirms  
5:30 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, March 10, 2025

9:00 A.M. INT OF ALLEGRA & DEAN ATHANS r/b Jeryl Maglio

TUESDAY, March 11, 2025

9:00 A.M. INT OF ATHENA ATHANS r/b Jeryl Maglio  
WILLIAM ERIC BUTLER r/b MaryLu Savage

WEDNESDAY, March 12, 2025

9:00 A.M. INT OF PAUL KIPIANI r/b Jeryl Maglio

THURSDAY, March 13, 2025

9:00 A.M. MARY ANN ELTRINGHAM r/b Madonna House  
INT OF REV. CHILDRESS r/b Jeryl Maglio

FRIDAY, March 14, 2025

9:00 A.M. INT OF VICTOR KIPIANI & FAMILY r/b Jeryl Maglio

SATURDAY, March 15, 2025

9:00 A.M. INT OF CARY FELICIANO r/b Jeryl Maglio  
4:00 P.M. TED NEBUS, SR. r/b Ted Nebus, Jr.  
DOLORES MARASIGAN r/b Her family

SUNDAY, March 16, 2025

8:00 A.M. INT OF FR. JOHN THOMAS r/b Madonna House  
10:00 A.M. VERONICA McTAGUE r/b Pat Riordan  
DAVE NULTY r/b Sternik family  
12:00 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
3:00 P.M. INT OF JACKELYNE RODROGUEZ r/b Her mom  
5:30 P.M. HELEN & WALTER RAPKA, SR. r/b Marlene & Walter Rapka  
JOHN CASTELLUCIA, JR. r/b His family

Dear Parishioners,

In order to prepare myself for this Jubilee Year whose theme is "Pilgrims of Hope," I have been reading Pope Benedict's encyclical "Spe Salvi" (Saved by Hope). In this encyclical, he says something really profound that I would like to reflect on. He says, "[The capacity to suffer for the sake of the truth is the measure of humanity." (39)

I find this statement to be a really profound summary of why people are willing to suffer even when they have nothing material to gain. It is one thing to suffer if you know you will achieve something in the end. For example, people suffer by working long hours in order to make money or going through childbirth for the good of having a baby. People even exercise for the good of having a healthier and more attractive body. However, according to Jesus, people who follow Him will suffer for the sake of righteousness and truth. (see Matthew 5:1-12) We see this kind of suffering chiefly in the martyrs who give their lives for Christ but also in anyone who had to lose a job or a supposed friend because they desire to be a Christian. This kind of suffering does not make sense in a worldly sense and has endlessly confused worldly people about the Christian life.

So, why are Christians willing to suffer? It is because we believe the truth matters. Jesus says that He is the truth. (John 14:6) If we are not loving the truth, we are not loving Christ. If we are living by what is true, we are living for our own desires and well-being. You may be able to live a physically prosperous life this way. But, you will not grow in the life that matters for all eternity. People have to live in the hope of Christ or they will be pushed by the world into greater and greater evil. The examples of this lack of adherence to the truth are plentiful. The reason we have elected abortion and euthanasia is that we fail to recognize the dignity of the human person. The reason we have people who believe they can change their gender is because we are not adhering to the truth of the human body. The reason why so many people give into temptations of greed and take advantage of other people for wealth is because they value material goods over being good to others. People can avoid their duty to pray and attend Mass on Sunday because they value material goods over spiritual goods or don't prioritize worship of God over recreation.

The cure to this giving into the world is the theological virtue of hope which is defined as a supernatural trust in God and the goods He promises us. As this hope is eroded away in public life as well as private and many people actively try to extinguish faith in others, we more and more give in to the ways of worldliness. So, as Catholics and Christians, we need to say no to the world in our own lives and be willing to let people think what they want about us. We need to fortify ourselves with prayer and the sacraments. We need to value the good of people over the good of things. And when we do that, we will have a joy with which this world cannot compete: the joy of knowing and loving our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our hope. Trust in Him.

God Bless!

*Fr. Carter*

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Saturday  
March 29, 2025



### TIME:

8 AM-3 PM



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Questions? Contact **Michelle Angelo Santoro**

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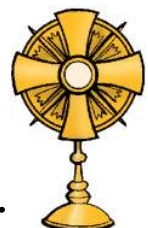
## Holy Innocents Church

needs Adorers to commit to times for Thursday and First Friday Adoration.

Thursday: 11 am-12 Noon and 12 Noon-1 pm hours

First Friday: 9:30-10:30 am and 10 am-11 am hours

To sign up, or for more information, please contact Jim 732 995-3386.



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To report the sexual abuse of minors call our hotline  
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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

**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**  
to all who participated in, and donated to our "Respect Life Weekend" in February. Through your generosity, we raised \$600 for Madonna House!

**Please continue to pray for your  
Spiritual Adoption babies!**

**40 Days For Life**  
March 5th thru April 13th

Please join one of the groups from our parish praying at the Shrewsbury Planned Parenthood.

**Holy Innocents:** (1pm Mon. & 11am Wed.)

**Jean** [jeanmanigold@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanmanigold@hotmail.com)

**Kathy** [kathy.lynch65@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.lynch65@gmail.com)

## 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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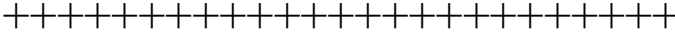


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**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Lottie Barr, Marie Valvano, Lydia Silva, Joanne Librie, Kyle Addeo, Shirley Ribble, Riley Grace, Matt Harris

**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.

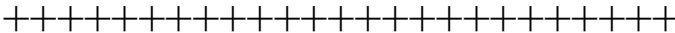


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## Weekly Collections

Feb. 16th	\$9,169	(includes electronic)
	\$1,077	(Church roof replacement)
Feb. 23rd	\$7,634	(includes electronic)
	\$1,762	(The Church in E. & Central Europe)

### Some 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.

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS  
WITH GREGORIAN CHANT

Sunday, March 16th  
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., Mar. 8	2:30 pm Confessions <i>Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour</i>
Sun., Mar. 9	8:00 am-1:00 pm Blood Drive in cafeteria 8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7) 2:00 pm Filipino Mass
Mon., Mar. 10	6:00 pm Confirmation (8) Practice with Sponsors in church 7:30 pm RCIA (Bldg 3)
Tue., Mar. 11	5:00 pm Confirmation in church
Wed., Mar. 12	10:00 am Bible Study (Bldg 2) 7:00 pm Bible Study (Bldg 2)
Thurs., Mar. 13	9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration 7:00 pm AA open meeting (Bldg 2)
Fri., Mar. 14	6:00 pm Stations of the Cross in church
Sat., Mar. 15	2:30 pm Confessions
Sun., Mar. 16	8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7)
Mon., Mar. 17	<b>Happy St. Patrick's Day!</b> 7:30 pm RCIA (Bldg 3)
Tue., Mar. 18	5:30-6:30 pm Children's Choir 7:00-8:15 pm Adult Choir 7:00 pm SVdP (Bldg 2) 8:15-9:00 pm Latin Schola

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