HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH

431 BEDFORD ROAD, PLEASANTVILLE, NY
“WE GATHER TO PRAISE, TO BLESS AND TO PROCLAIM.”

APRIL 23, 2017

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Monday
Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday
1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday
Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday
Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Friday
Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday
Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday
Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Mass Intentions for the Week

Evening Vigil
5:15  Hedy & Ed Howard
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:30  Our Parishioners
9:00  John Vanzo
10:00 (OLP) John Perrotta
11:00 William Healy
5:15  Elizabeth Alfonzetti (Birthday)
Monday, Easter Weekday
7:00  Donna Scuranza
Tuesday, Saint Mark, Evangelist
7:00  Ronald Mackie (Anniversary)
Wednesday, Easter Weekday
7:00  Dominick Arceri (Birthday)
Thursday, Easter Weekday
7:00  Deceased of Pesacreta Family
Friday, Easter Weekday
7:00  Catherine Conry
Saturday, Saint Catherine of Siena
7:00  Daniel Crawford
Evening Vigil
5:15  Philip Savino
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:30  Our Parishioners
9:00  Theresa Flooks
10:00 (OLP) John Brentano
11:00 Mary Lombardo
5:15  Linda Donahoe

CONDOLENCES
We extend our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of:
Quentin Joshua Lupo
(son of Maria Diaz and Robert Lupo)
Barney McDermott
(father of Brian)
Jimmy Placona
(brother of Sue)

Please pray for the safety of our men and women in the military, especially those who are serving overseas.

BAPTISMS
We recently welcomed into the family of God and our parish family:
Vanessa Anne DeSimone
Charlotte Ann Hundzyski
Julianna Rose Morello
Avery Rose Tyson
Congratulations to the parents and sponsors!
PASTOR’S POETRY POST-IT

“Easter Monday”

Out of the rain a world growing green,
   On half the trees quick buds are seen
   Where glued up buds have been.
Out in the rain God’s Acre stretches green,
   Its harvest quick tho’ still unseen:
   For there the Life hath been.

If Christ hath died His brethren well may die,
   Sing in the gate of death, lay by
   This life without a sigh:
For Christ hath died and good it is to die;
   To sleep when so He lays us by,
   Then wake without a sigh.

Yea, Christ hath died, yea, Christ is risen again:
   Wherefore both life and death grow plain
   To us who wax and wane;
For Christ Who rose shall die no more again:
   Amen: till He makes all things plain
   Let us wax and wane.

Christina Rosetti (1830-1894)

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter. In recent years it has been dubbed as Divine Mercy Sunday. Traditionally this Sunday closes the Octave of Easter — eight days of the afterglow of Jesus’ triumph over death. The fallout from the explosion of love has enveloped the world ever since. Truly every Sunday and every Mass is a celebration of Divine Mercy. Each Mass begins with our pleas of “Lord Have Mercy” and in the Eucharist we receive the full strength of the Lord’s loving kindness as we relive the mysteries of His death and Resurrection. Jesus’ word to His disciples after the Resurrection was “Peace.” The message is passed down to us. The gift of the Lord’s Resurrection is the peace of mind and heart, knowing we are forgiven, loved and cherished forever. Easter is not just one day, nor eight days but everyday!

This month the Pantry is in need of: Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Dried Beans, Pork & Beans, Salt Free Veggies, Apple Sauce, Crackers, Mayonnaise, Mustard. Please check expiration dates. We are very grateful for your generosity.

PARISH COUNCIL

If you are interested in serving on the Parish Council, please contact Bridget Dinardi at: bplus4@aol.com.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please contact the parish office if you have a change of address.
Classes have resumed and the children have an extra skip in their step! Alleluia! He is Risen! Our Lord Jesus has rose from the dead...He has conquered death...The Light of Christ has conquered the darkness! Now, let us today—Divine Mercy Sunday remember and believe that we have an ever Merciful and Loving Lord. \textit{“Jesus, I trust in You!”}

On April 18, 2017 we started Registration for our next Catechetical Year of 2017-2018. We hope and pray that all of our students will be joining us again. After all, we are privileged and honored to be working with these spirit-filled children of God! We also hope that our families spread the word that we are eagerly anticipating his arrival of first graders. If you know of anyone who has children going into the first grade in September, please encourage them to contact our office in order to register or they can go on our Website.

Our Class Sessions are as follows:

\textbf{Afternoon Classes: 3:15pm-4:45pm}  
Monday, Grades 1-5  
Tuesday, Grades 1-5  
Wednesday, Grades 1-5  
Thursday, Grades 1-5

\textbf{Evening Classes: 6:45pm-8:15pm}  
Monday, Grade 6  
Tuesday, Grade 7  
Wednesday, Grade 8

\textbf{Saturday Mornings: 9:00am-10:30am}  
Saturday, Grades 1-7

For new Registrants, we will need a copy of the child’s Baptismal Certificate and any other Sacrament that they have received. All Registrations must be in person. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Religious Education office at 914-769-3297.

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This weekend our entrance hymn is \textit{Ye Sons and Daughters}. This Christian hymn was written by Jean Tissierand, O.F.M, a Franciscan monk and an eloquent speaker, who died in 1494. He was probably a Doctor of Theology, and may have been the confessor of King Charles VIII of France and Queen Anne of Brittany. He founded a monastery near Lyons, France.

The hymn’s French name is \textit{O filii et filiae} and it was written to celebrate Easter. The hymn originally had twelve stanzas, nine of which are commonly found in hymnals today.

The triple Alleluia repeated after the verse, emphasizes the jubilant effect of the triumph and importance of the Resurrection. It seems to speak of the majesty of the event, and chronicles even the smallest portions of it.

The hauntingly beautiful melody is not considered a true or authentic Gregorian Chant, but the Benedictine monks of Solesmes, in France, found it worthwhile and musically valid. The hymn is still very popular in France, and in other countries, it is known by other titles.

\textbf{THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH}

\textbf{Monday, April 24th:}  
11:00am—Bible Study

\textbf{Tuesday, April 25th:}  
11:00am—Lectio Divina  
3:15pm—First Holy Communion Rehearsal

\textbf{Wednesday, April 26th:}  
3:15pm—First Holy Communion Rehearsal  
6:00pm—Junior Choir  
7:15pm—Adult Choir

\textbf{Thursday, April 27th:}  
3:15pm—First Holy Communion Rehearsal

\textbf{Saturday, April 29th:}  
9:00am—First Holy Communion Rehearsal  
4:30pm—Teen Choir

\textbf{Sunday, April 30th:}  
7:00pm—Holy Innocents Speaker Series Presents: \textit{“A Conversation with Peter Somogyi”}
The Holy Innocents Speaker Series
Presents:

“A Conversation with Peter Somogyi”
A Holocaust Survivor shares his stories of fear and hope from his time in the Auschwitz Death Camp

Sunday, April 30th – 7:00pm

Holy Innocents Catholic Church
in the Social Hall
431 Bedford Road, Pleasantville, NY

Peter Somogyi was born in Pecs, Hungary in 1933. At 11 years old, he was placed in a ghetto in Hungary with all the Jews. Two months later he was deported to Auschwitz with his mother, sister, and twin brother Thomas. When they arrived at Auschwitz, after four days packed in cattle cars, Dr. Josef Mengele chose twins from the prisoner’s selection lines for use in his research. In 1949, Mr. Somogyi and his brother moved to Israel. In addition to Israel, he has lived in England, Canada and now resides in the US with his wife, two children and four grandchildren.

All members of our inter-faith communities are invited

Donations accepted - Light Refreshments served

Mr. Somogyi is a member of the Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center’s Speakers Bureau
2017 JULIUS AUCELLO SCHOLARSHIP
The Knights of Columbus St. Dominic Council #4399 is going to award a scholarship to a practicing Roman Catholic high school senior who will be starting college in September 2017. The scholarship is available to students who reside in Mt. Pleasant. The award is extended to students of public or private high schools. The deadline for applying is May 5, 2017. Information and applications are available at high school guidance offices.

ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS
Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Sunday, June 11th at 2:00pm. This event is sponsored by the Family Life Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

Pre-registration is required. Please call the Parish Office at 769-0025 as soon as possible so we can reserve seats (total of three tickets per couple) for you. Additional non-ticketed seating will be available for families and guests who are invited to sit/stand outside of the reserved section. Tickets are limited.

If you can not attend the Mass but would like to receive a certificate from the Archdiocese, please call the Parish Office and we will send the Archdiocese the following information: your first and last names, mailing address and date of wedding.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 23, 2017
First Reading: Acts 2:42-47
In the early days of the Church in Jerusalem, the faithful listened intently to the teachings of the apostles. They lived a communal life, sharing all property in common and praying and taking their meals together.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
In this first letter from Peter, he speaks to the Christians with great joy and confidence, reminding them that through Christ’s resurrection, they have been given a new birth and are heirs to the kingdom of heaven.

Gospel: John 20:19-31
After his resurrection, Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the power to forgive sins. Thomas, who is absent, sees Christ later and believes in His resurrection after feeling His wounds. Christ admonishes Thomas by saying, “You became a believer because you saw Me. Blessed are they who have not seen and believed.”

CHARISMATIC CLUSTER PRAYER MEETING
St. Patrick’s Parish Center
137 Moseman Road, Yorktown Heights
Thursday, April 27th at 6:45pm.

Join us to praise God in song, hear His word in Scripture, and share what God is doing in our lives.

Guest speaker: Fr. Steve Norton
“Children of God Through Adoption”

This prayer meeting is sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Prayer Groups of Northern Westchester and Putnam. All are welcome to attend.

HEALING MASS
St. Patrick’s Yorktown Heights
Thursday, May 18th
Come for songs of praise at 6:45pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm
Celebrant: Msgr. Edward Barry