



HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH

431 Bedford Road
Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel, Saratoga Avenue
Pleasantville, New York 10570
Sunday, April 21, 2024



SERVED BY THE DOMINICAN FRIARS

Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P.

Pastor

Fr. Philip Nolan, O.P.

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Leo Camurati, O.P.

Fr. Michael Ciccone, O.P.

Fr. Frank Sutman, O.P.

In Residence

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass

5:15PM Saturday Vigil
7:30AM, 9:00AM (Family Mass),
11:00AM, 5:15PM
10:00AM *at Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel*

Daily Mass

7:00AM Monday - Saturday
12:15PM Monday, Wednesday & Friday
5:30PM Tuesday & Thursday *at
Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel*
6:00PM First Friday

Confessions

7:00PM-8:00PM Tuesday
4:30PM-5:00PM Saturday
4:30PM-5:00PM Sunday
4:30PM-5:30PM First Friday

Adoration

7:00PM - 8:00PM Tuesday
1:00PM- 6:00 PM First Friday

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:30pm
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EMERGENCY LINE If you need a priest after office hours you can call our emergency line at **914.340.4486**. We are honored to bring you the Sacraments in your time of need.


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Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony and Anointing of the Sick: Please visit our website or call the parish office.

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New Parishioners You are cordially invited to join our parish community. Please stop in at the parish office to meet one of our friars and to complete a registration card.

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Communion Call: If you would like to receive Holy Communion in your home, please email office@hiparish.org.





4/20	Saturday Easter Weekday
5:15pm	(Vigil) William & Eileen Bramswig
4/21	4th SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:30am	The People Of The Parish
9:00am	Alexander Travis
10:00am	(OLP) Rose Berte
11:00am	Frank & Lucy D'Antona
5:15pm	Vilson Perlleshi
4/22	Monday Easter Weekday
7:00am	Patrick Brady
12:15pm	Patrick Joseph Kennedy
4/23	Tuesday Easter Weekday
7:00am	Mary Regan
5:30pm	(OLP) Diane Marie Guido
4/24	Wednesday Easter Weekday
7:00am	Teresa Keenan
12:15pm	Samantha Berkman
4/25	Thursday St. Mark Evangelist
7:00am	Fran Saracco
5:30pm	(OLP) Fran Saracco
4/26	Friday Easter Weekday
7:00am	Anna, Nick & Joseph Pesacreta
12:15pm	Ronald Mackie (20th Anniv)
4/27	Saturday Easter Weekday
7:00am	James Vincent Nicolella
5:15pm	(Vigil) Gwendoline McAuley
4/28	5th SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:30am	The People Of The Parish
9:00am	Marilyn McEnery
10:00am	(OLP) Joseph & Maria Obermaier
11:00am	Alexander Praslick
5:15pm	Zacarolli Family & All The Forgotten Souls

 **GLUTEN INTOLERANT?**
If you have a gluten intolerance and would like a low gluten host at Communion, please see the celebrant 10 min before Mass. We are happy to accommodate!

FINANCE CORNER
(Sunday Collection + WeShare):

- April 14 \$11,306
- Second Collection April 21 2nd coll. for Church in Central & Eastern Europe

 **CONDOLENCES** We extend our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of: **Luis Delgado, Enis D'Angelo & Gino Paolucci**

 We celebrate with the parents and godparents of the newly baptized:
Aubrey Blair Giarusso, Zoe Mary Bova, Isabella Zulay Solis Ordonez

 Rose DeSanctis (mother of Joe DeSanctis), Mary Coughlin, Buddy Coughlin, Jimmy Fleming, Robert Sarro, Louis Sarro, Joann Keddy, Laura Cabrera, Joel Walker, Pamela Pena, Maria Annunziata, Debbie Flooks, Janet Moy, Teresa Angarola, Linda Callari, Isidro LaSalle, Ed Mann, Ada Juarbe, Meredith Davis, Vincent Tichy, Vinny M., Maryann Colucci, Anthony Colucci, George Stefanou, Karen Carini, Nancy DeZolt, Monica Fabi, Stan Magda, BJ Buono, Patricia Greges, Micki Carbone, Walter Kastner, Jon Shuker, brother-in-law of Roxanne Surace, Sylvester Frazzini, Paula Porrecelli, Bill Schmitz., Mary Collins, George Connaughton, Jr.

PASTOR'S GREETING—Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P.



"I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep, and mine know me."

Each Fourth Sunday of Easter we get to remember that we are in the care of a Good Shepherd. Although our lives may be confusing and challenging, we are not alone. Our Lord has come into our midst to care for us, protect us, and lead us. If we are willing to listen for his voice and follow it, we will never be left without his guidance and will be brought through every danger and difficulty to true pasture.

A few notes to share with you:

- This weekend is the Annual Friars Formation Appeal. Welcome to Br. Jeremiah and Br. Pius who will be speaking to us at our Masses. Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping our Dominican Province prepare our young men to be the good shepherds the Church asks us to be.
- Next Saturday is our First Communions. Please join me in praying for our first communicants and their families as they prepare for this special day of encountering Jesus in the gift of the Eucharist.
- Last week the Vatican released a new document called "Dignitas Infinita" ("On Human Dignity"). The news reports I initially saw made it seem that the entire document was about "gender fluidity" and "sex changes." *Dignitas Infinita* does indeed speak out against ideologies of gender fluidity and medical attempts to alter one's sex. But the document as a whole is actually a very broad presentation of the basis for the Church's teaching on the fundamental dignity of the human person (a teaching, by the way, that we often take for granted, but which is in fact a distinctly Christian contribution to culture). After outlining this understanding of the human person, the document then catalogues current threats to human dignity, in turn: poverty, war, the travail of migrants, human trafficking, sexual abuse, violence against women, abortion, surrogacy, euthanasia, marginalization of people with disabilities, gender theory, sex changes, and digital violence. I encourage you to read it if you haven't already. You can find it [here](#) if you are reading this online, or by googling "Dignitas Infinita."
- There will be some changes to the friars' community in the next few months. In mid-summer, Fr. Leo will be moving to Louisville, KY where he will be assisting with pastoral ministry at our Dominican parish of St. Louis Bertrand. Additionally, we will be welcoming Fr. Ignatius Schweitzer, OP in late July as a new member of the community. He will be serving on the faculty of St. Joseph's seminary in Yonkers. I'm sure you will join me in being excited to welcome Fr. Ignatius but sad to say goodbye to Fr. Leo. I am so grateful for all of Fr. Leo's assistance these last several years, first as a parochial vicar, and then as an ever-willing familiar face in the parish even after taking a new position at the Montfort Academy. Next time you see Fr. Leo I hope you can take the opportunity to join me in extending to him a big thank you.

Peace,

Fr. Luke

Liturgy Notes— April 21, 2024

To "take refuge in the Lord," the Good Shepherd, requires that we first face up to our own powerlessness, our limitations, and our need to follow someone if we want to experience true fulfillment in our life. Unlike literal sheep, we are aware of the risk that our Shepherd takes: "A good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep." Therefore, we exclaim, "See what love the Father has bestowed on us!" More than merely knowing the Shepherd's voice, we know his name "by which we are to be saved." Because we agree to be sheep, "we are God's children now."

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

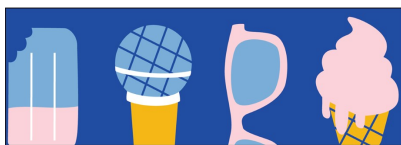
Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Parish Block Party

Sunday, May 5

11 am Mass + May Crowning
followed by
Food, Games, Fellowship



Welcome New Faces

Br. Jeremiah Tobin



April 20 & 21 will join us for the Annual Friar Formation weekend. Br. Jeremiah was born and raised in Greenwich, CT in a family of four. He attended Regis High School in New York before going to Providence College in Rhode Island, where he studied history and classics. While a student, he had the privilege of working at the friars' priory on campus. It was meeting the Dominican friars at Providence that inspired Br. Jeremiah to enter the novitiate of the Province of Saint Joseph in 2020 after graduating. He is now in his third year of studies in Washington, D.C., and will renew his simple vows this summer.

Br. Titus Sanchez



May 2024 will be joining us for the Summer. Br. Titus Sanchez was born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas where he attended St. Andrew's Catholic Church with his family. He studied at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, receiving degrees in Marketing and History. He first met the Dominicans through a mission trip to Alaska with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). This summer he will help at Holy Innocents. He is hoping to be ordained a priest in 2025. Br. Titus was assigned to Manhattan last summer, but he "considers Pleasantville a major upgrade!"

Br. Pius Henry



May 2024 will be joining us for the Summer. Br. Pius Henry was born in Massachusetts. He attended the Catholic University of America where he earned a BA in Theology & Religious Studies. While there he encountered the Order of Preachers through classes taught by Dominicans and the Dominican House of Studies across the Street. He entered the Order in 2019. This summer he will be serving at Rosary Hill.



Senior Lunch Wednesday, May 15 Following 12:15 Mass

We would like to invite the seniors of our parish to join us for lunch. Come reunite with old friends and make some new ones! **Please RSVP to the parish office if you will be attending.**



Pope Francis' April Intentions Is For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



Welcome to all families attending our Sunday 9:00am Family Mass.

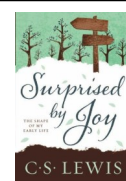
Please join us in the Social Hall after each Mass for coffee and donuts sponsored by our Religious Education classes.



All Students Welcome In Grades 9-12

All high school students are invited to join the youth group on Sunday, April 21st from 6:15-7:15pm in the parish hall for a youth group meeting. We hope to see you there! We will have another youth group meeting on Sunday, April 28th from 6:15-7:15pm in the parish hall. Please join us for some pizza, snacks, and fellowship! Please see the bulletin and Flocknote for updates.

For more information, please contact Julia Edelson at jedelson@hiparish.org or check <https://hiparish.flocknote.com/YouthGroup>



Fr. Leo's Book Club

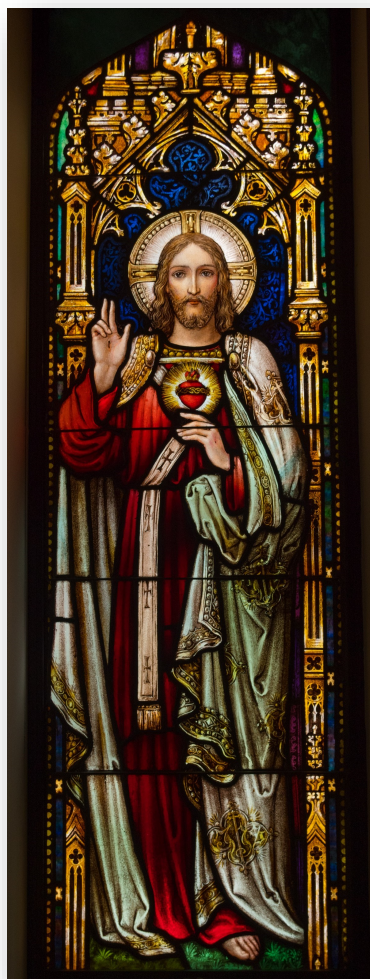
All are welcome!

Wednesday, May 1 @ 5:15PM in the Social Hall— The next book is *Surprised By Joy* by CS Lewis

Holy Innocents Parish Ride



Sometimes our parishioners need a lift to go food shopping, doctor appointment, attend Mass or an event at our parish. If you or a loved one needs a ride give our parish office a call at (914) 769-0025. **Also, if you are interested in being a volunteer driver please call the parish office.**



First Friday

May 3

*Renew your life
with Christ
every
First Friday
of the month.*

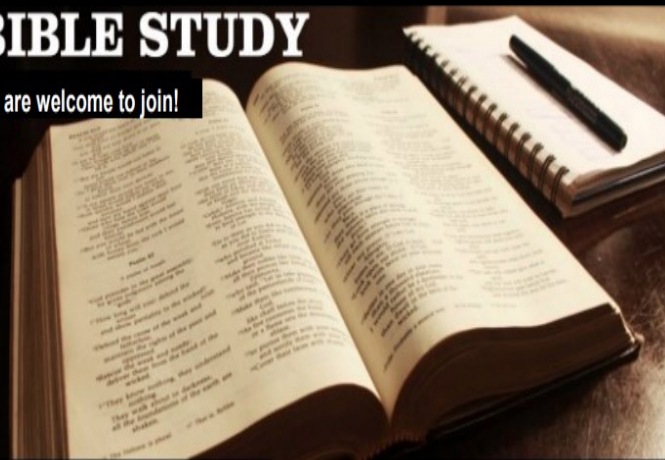
*Adoration
1pm—6pm*

*Confession
4:30pm—5:30pm*

*Mass
7am, 12:15, 6pm*

BIBLE STUDY

All are welcome to join!



Men's Group
Saturdays 9am-10am

Women's Group
Saturdays 9am-10am

Call the office at (914) 769-0025 or email office@hiparish.org for more information.



Church Care Please join the Church Care Group and lend a hand cleaning and beautifying our church and surrounding property. Volunteers ages 12 and older welcome. **Our next session is May 11 and June 8 from 9am to 11am.**



Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesdays
7-8pm**

Confessions Available

FORMED

We hope you are enjoying the parish subscription.

To access: go to www.formed.org

1. click "Sign Up"
2. click "Sign Up as a Parishioner"
3. Create a New Account
4. enter "Holy Innocents, Pleasantville, NY"
5. enter "Name and Email"

Catholic Television



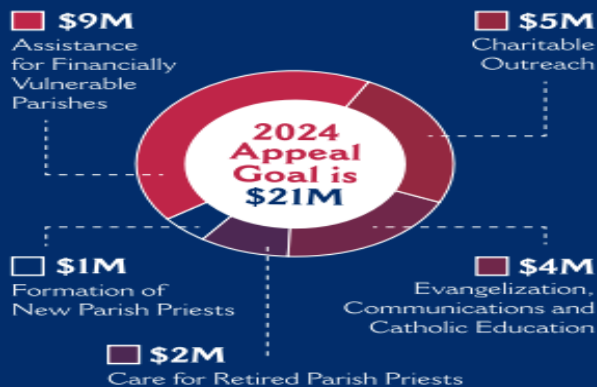
the CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
*Sharing God's Gifts Throughout
the Archdiocese of New York*

The mission of the Archdiocese of New York is to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, aware of the local area and the world, the spiritual and the material, the present and the future.

The archdiocese serves 2.5 million Catholics across the New York City boroughs of Manhattan, Staten Island, and the Bronx, as well as in the counties of Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan, Westchester, Ulster, Rockland, and Putnam.

The *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*, a critical component of the archdiocesan mission, raises funds to sustain the various ministries, institutions, and outreach programs that serve thousands of individuals and families throughout New York.

Areas of Support



Life, Death & The Common Good

Conversations on Catholicism and Culture

Thursdays 7:00PM in the Social Hall

April 18th

Death with Dignity: The Catholic Vision
Sr. Charity, S.V.

May 2nd

Dorothy Day and the Quest for Holiness
Dr. Kevin Ahern

May 16th

Suffering, Hope, and the Atom Bomb
Dr. James L. Nolan, Jr.

May 30th

*Christianity and Politics:
Lessons from the Early Church for Today*
Dr. Michael Peppard



Coffee and Donuts

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month following the 9 am & 11am Mass and every 1st Sunday of the month @ OLP following the 10:00 am Mass. Contact the parish office if you would like to volunteer with this service.



Join us in singing the Marian Antiphons at our sung Masses each Sunday.

This Easter season's antiphon is "Regina Caeli ." Music cards are available in the pews.



EVBS BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

We are excited about our upcoming Vacation Bible School this summer! In lieu of Coffee & Donuts EVBS is hosting a bake sale after our Masses the weekend of April 20 & 21. All proceeds raised will go to support this wonderful program for our youth. Coffee & tea will be served. We thank you for your generosity to support this program.

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Help us preach Jesus Christ to a world in need.

ANNUAL FRIAR FORMATION APPEAL

SUPPORTING OUR DOMINICAN STUDENT BROTHERS

APRIL 20-21, 2024
HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH



Visit dominicanfriars.org/formation to learn more or to make your gift.

Over the next few weeks, our parish, along with others across the Dominican Friars Province of St. Joseph will be conducting the Annual Friar Formation Appeal. This appeal is critical for providing for the formation expenses of the next generation of priests and brothers. God has continued to bless our province of Dominican Friars with many vocations such that dozens of friars will be sent out into ministry over the next decade. Some of those friars will likely serve at this parish. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you.



Holy Innocents Knitting Group

1st Thursday of the month in the social hall at 7:30PM



HOLY INNOCENTS Parish Raffle 2024



Drawing Date: July 20
\$25 per ticket

**All registered parishioners
will receive tickets in the mail
Or
Purchase tickets in the parish office**

**Bring payment and ticket stubs
to the office or deposit
in an envelope in collection boxes.**

Thank you for your generosity



Holy Innocents is offering a Bereavement Support Group for anyone laden by grief. Our next meetings will be May 23, June 6 & June 13 at 6:30 pm in the Council Room. Subsequent meetings will be announced in the bulletin.

There is no commitment, so please consider attending the meetings and determining whether this is for you. It is not limited to parishioners of Holy Innocents, We do need a minimum of 6 people, so please feel free to offer this information to others who might benefit from participation in the meetings. If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact the parish office.



The Music Ministry has started leading the Marian antiphon for the Easter season, **Regina Caeli**.

The authorship of Regina Caeli is unknown but has been traced back to the 12th century and is found in one of the antiphon collections in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Regina Caeli is Latin for Queen of Heaven and this antiphon is a tribute to our Blessed Mother and an exclamation of joy at the Resurrection of our Lord.

The English translation is:

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia
For He whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia
Has risen, as he said, Alleluia
Pray for us to God, Alleluia

According to tradition, this antiphon is sung for the Easter season, the fifty days from Easter until Pentecost. We invite you to join in singing as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary before the final hymn at the conclusion of mass. The cards are in the inner cover of the hymnals, but this antiphon can also be found in the hymnal as #186.



Religious Education

Holy Innocents Religious Education is

now accepting registration for the 2024-2025 school year. We are continuing to use the ParishSoft application for registration and WeShare to pay on-line. It is our hope that opening up early will make it easier for you to plan your Fall activities and enjoy your summer!

For detailed instructions, please click the Religious Education icon on the parish website: hiparish.org and then click Registration Information.

If you prefer to register via paper form, and pay by check, the registration form is also located on the website, and can be printed and mailed.

Please direct any questions to the Religious Education office email religious.ed@hiparish.org



OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL
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April 21, 2024
Month of the Resurrection
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Dear friends in the Lord:

Although Soviet communism ended in the early 1990s, its destructive effects linger in the societies where it once ruled.

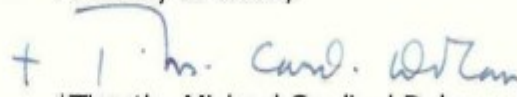
In 2022, I made a visit to the border countries of Poland and Slovakia with the *Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA)*, of which I am chairman, to show our solidarity and concern for the people of Ukraine and to remind them that they are not alone, and they have good friends who will support them.

Every year, the USCCB requests a collection for the *Church in Central and Eastern Europe*. Your participation on April 28 will express your care and support for the people throughout the region and in Ukraine, especially in times of crisis and disruption. I am asking that you prayerfully consider as an act of mercy and charity a generous donation to this distinctive offering.

My thanks to you for last year's contribution of \$321,115 and for your kindness once again this year. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

With gratitude to you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe, and with my prayerful best wishes for this joyful fifty days of Easter, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

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† Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

TMD:djlf



HI Moms Group

Our focus is supporting mothers and babies both within our parish, and the wider community

If you'd like to get involved in group initiatives or attend the meetings, contact Adriana at asel4451@gmail.com or text 917/291-1476.

- Please make use of the Quiet Play Area set up in the social hall! It is available for children to use during and after Masses



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. DOMINIC COUNCIL #4399



May Family Dinner Honoring All Mothers and Mother Mary.



Friday
May 17, 2024
St. Dominic Council
7 PM

Menu:
Chicken Piccata
Veal Marsala
Cavatelli Carbonara
Stuffed Filet of Sole
Rice Pilaf, Escarole and Beans
Salad, Bread and Butter
Desert
Beer, Wine, Soda
Cost:
\$30 per adult

RSVP By Tuesday May 14th, 2024

Anthony Catalano: Email tedog1957@gmail.com: Phone 914-272-8954



DAUGHTERS OF MARY

5th-8th Grade Girls

Jesus Christ gave more glory to God, the Father, by submission to His Mother during those thirty years, than He would have given Him in converting the whole world by the working of the most stupendous miracles. Oh, how highly we glorify God, when, to please Him, we submit ourselves to Mary, after the example of Jesus Christ, our Sole Exemplar! -True Devotion To Mary, by Saint Louis De Montfort

The next Daughters of Mary Class is on May 4th, from 4:45-7:15 in the social hall classroom. The girls will enjoy a meal, arts and crafts, learn about The Devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Mary, and the virtue of the month will be Compassion.

If your daughter is interested in joining, please email Rosemarie at: rosemarie@marysbeautybook.com.



Holy Innocents Altar Servers

We invite children 3rd grade and older to consider becoming altar servers! For more information, call the parish office.

Camp Firelight

A SUMMER CAMP *Psalm 56:3*
ADVENTURE WITH GOD

August 12-16th, 2024

8:30 am - 12 pm

Emanuel Lutheran Church, Manville Rd, Pleasantville NY



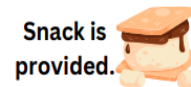
Concert on Thursday Evening

\$60 - 1 child

\$85 - 2 children

\$100 - 3+ children

For children entering K-entering 8th Grade Nursery & Pre-K is exclusively for the children of volunteers.



Snack is provided.

Reg Registration ends July 21.
Late Registration fee is \$10 per child.



Questions about registration contact: Deborah Hurdis @ munozhurdisd@gmail.com

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