



HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH

431 Bedford Road

Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel, Saratoga Avenue

Pleasantville, New York 10570

Sunday, August 27, 2023



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*

Confessions

7:00PM-8:00PM Tuesday

4:30PM-5:00PM Saturday

4:30PM-5:00PM Sunday

4:30PM-5:30PM First Friday

Holy Hour

7:00PM - 8:00PM Tuesday

Summer Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00am-1:30pm

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Mass Intentions

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| 8/26 | Saturday Weekday |
| 5:15pm | Vigil Mass: Special Intention |
| 8/27 | 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time |
| 7:30am | The People Of The Parish |
| 9:00am | Clara Forchetti |
| 10:00am | (OLP Chapel) John Brentano |
| 11:00am | Frank & Lucy D'Antona |
| 5:15pm | Mary Ann Cappiello |
| 8/28 | Monday St. Augustine |
| 7:00am | Salvatore Caporale, Jr. |
| 12:15pm | Bart Lombardi |
| 8/29 | Tuesday The Passion of St. John The Baptist |
| 7:00am | Larry Vita |
| 5:30pm | (OLP Chapel) Barbara Vaccaro |
| 8/30 | Wednesday Weekday |
| 7:00am | Kathleen Shortall |
| 12:15pm | Joseph Marcella |
| 8/31 | Thursday Weekday |
| 7:00am | Letterio Vita |
| 5:30pm | (OLP Chapel) Roger Buglione |
| 9/1 | First Friday Weekday |
| 7:00am | Geoffrey J. D'Agostino |
| 12:15pm | Roger Buglione |
| 6:00pm | Antonio DeSanto |
| 9/2 | Saturday Weekday |
| 7:00am | Intentions of Mary Petrillo & Family |
| 5:15pm | Vigil Mass: Michael McKenna |
| 9/3 | 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time |
| 7:30am | Joseph & Jeanne O'Reilly |
| 9:00am | James Mitchell |
| 10:00am | (OLP Chapel) Richard D'Ambrosio |
| 11:00am | Austin Travis |
| 5:15pm | The People Of The Parish |

Religious Education



Sunday, August 27th is the feast of St. Monica and on Monday, August 28th we celebrate the feast of her son, St. Augustine. A mother-son duo of saintliness, but it was not an easy road for either of them.

St. Monica was a devout Catholic from North Africa. She was married and had three children. She had high hopes for her children, as most parents do, but Augustine had other plans, and abandoned his faith. His life of sin caused her much distress, and she prayed tirelessly for his conversion and return back to the faith.

St. Augustine lived a wild life. At one point in his life, he heard the preaching of a Catholic bishop in Milan named St. Ambrose, and became inspired to change his ways. Augustine begged God to forgive his past sins. He studied and devoted his life to God, and eventually Augustine was ordained and named bishop of Hippo. He is considered one of the great scholars of the Church, and also called a Doctor of the Church.

It's interesting to know that even a family of saints sometimes has tough times, and rocky relationships. Saints Monica and Augustine show us that the path to holiness isn't always straight and that we should never give up on the souls of our loved ones.

St. Monica never stopped praying for Augustine. Pray as a family to nurture your special relationships and help your "saints in training" stay on track!

CONDOLENCES



We extend our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of
Mary Ann Album & Victor Nicoletti

FINANCE CORNER

(Sunday Collection + WeShare)

August 13 & 20 collection will be reported in the September 3 bulletin



**The Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Memory of
Sheila Saccomanno & John Brentano
(OLP Chapel)**



We celebrate with the parents and god parents of the newly baptized:

Carter Prashad

PASTOR'S GREETING—Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P.



Greetings,

A few notes to share with you:

- In the Gospel today, Jesus tells Peter, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah!” Why is Peter blessed? For his faith in Jesus as the Son of the living God. This is one of so many occasions when Jesus reveals that what he desires from us is not our moral or worldly accomplishments, but our faith, confidence and trust in him. How good that is for us to remember whenever we get hung up on our tasks and worries or get discouraged by our failings. Let’s be renewed today in our simple faith in his personal presence, his power, and his love.
- During my retreat last week, one of the things I reflected on was that it has now been three years since I began serving as pastor here – and I thanked God for the honor of serving you in this role. Today, I’d like to also thank each of you for the kindness, patience, and encouragement you have shown me these last three years. Looking ahead, I will continue to do my best to follow Jesus as he leads us further up and further in.
- The roof project continues to proceed. As the summer begins to wane, I am so glad that we are going to be heading into the autumnal weather with a newly redone roof that will keep our interior dry and secure. Regarding the finances, when we started this project, I explained that we already had \$210,000 of the funds needed, leaving \$90,000 additional to raise. Since then, many of you have stepped forward and donated a total of \$28,000. I’ve been so moved by the generosity of these donations and how quickly they have come in – thank you! Thank you for your continued support as we work to close the remaining gap of \$62,000. Donations may be made by writing “Maintenance” on an envelope or check, or by donating to [“Maintenance” on WeShare](#).
- This weekend we continue to welcome Fr. Albert Paretsky, OP, who has been helping us with our weekend Mass schedule the last few weeks while several of our local friars are away on travel. Thank you, Fr. Paretsky!

Peace,

Fr. Luke

Liturgy Notes-Sunday August 27

Peter can declare with certainty that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God, because God himself had chosen Peter and prepared him for a new and unique vocation. Only God, with his “unsearchable ways,” could bestow on Peter such clarity in the midst of the many false claims about the identity of Christ. Christ begins to use Peter as an instrument—a Vicar—by which the Lord will open heaven to the world, and “what he opens, no one shall shut.” All that Peter is and does is from Christ, for “all that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him.”

Entrance Antiphon

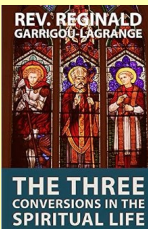
Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Collect

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



Fr. Leo's Book Club -All are welcome

Next Meeting September 6 @ 5:15PM in the Social Hall

The Three Conversions in the Spiritual Life in paperback—April 23, 2019 by Rev. Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange

Please bring a copy of the book which can be purchased on Amazon, Barnes & Noble or picked up at the local public library.

FORMED

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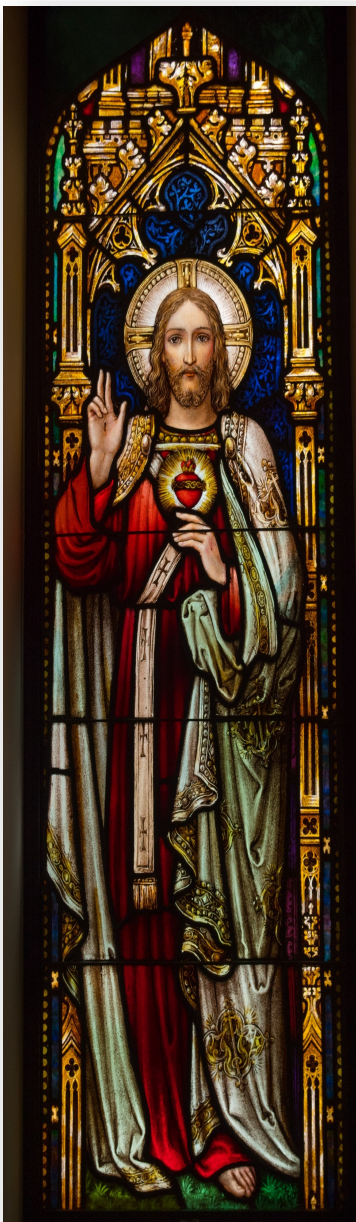
August 27: Today is the Memorial of Saint Monica and tomorrow her son Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Watch *Restless Heart*; or *Augustine: A Voice for all Generations*; Episode 6 of the *Early Christians: A Light in the Darkness*; or with kids, *Catholic Heroes of the Faith: The Story of Saint Augustine*. Listen to: *The Restless Flame*. Read *Saint Augustine's Confessions*. Tuesday is the Memorial of The Passion of St. John the Baptist. Study: *Lectio Eucharist*, session 3: *Lamb of God*, or *The Wild Goose*, segment 3: *Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Fire*.



Summer Office Hours beginning 6/1-8/31 Monday—Friday 9:00am to 1:30pm



Rose DeSanctis (mother of Joe DeSanctis), Mary Coughlin, Buddy Coughlin, Jimmy Fleming, Robert Sarro, Louis Sarro, Joann Keddy, Laura Cabrera, Desi Callanan, Joel Walker, Pamela Pena, Maria Annunziata, Debbie Flooks, Janet Moy, Teresa Angarola, Linda Callari, Isidro LaSalle, Ed Mann, Ada Juarbe, Meredith Davis, Mary Krulis, Vincent Tichy, Vinny M., Maryann Colucci, Anthony Colucci, George Stefanou, Karen Carini, Nancy DeZolt, Monica Fabi, Stan Magda, Diane Guido, BJ Buono, Patricia Gregees, Mikki Carbone **Names of the sick will remain in our bulletin for 12 weeks after that time if needed to be added again, you can email or call parish office.**



First Friday September 1

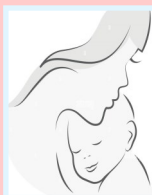
Renew your life
with Christ
every
First Friday
of the month.

Adoration
1pm—6pm

Confession
4:30pm—5:30pm

Mass
7am, 12:15, 6pm

Adoration sign-ups can
be found in the entryways
of the church, Flocknote
&
hiparish.org



HI Moms Group

- 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
- New Moms Support Group meets twice a month - the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 11am in the Council Room. Open to Moms of children aged newborn to one year. See flyer in church entrances for more details and text Adriana on 917-291-1476 if you plan on attending
- If you'd like to get involved in other HI Moms Group initiatives contact Adriana at asel4451@gmail.com. Our focus is supporting mothers and babies both within our Parish, and the wider community.

HOLY INNOCENTS Parish Raffle

2023

Thank you for your participation in this year's parish raffle! You helped us raise \$15,012.50 for our parish.

Congratulations to the winners!



Pope Francis' August Intentions For the World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



Food Pantry

Interfaith Food Pantry Of Pleasantville

Our parish continues to contribute to the **Interfaith Food Pantry of Pleasantville**. They provide food for those living in the area that are in need.

******PLEASE NOTE: the pantry will be closed until the week of Sept. 12—donations can be offered after that date. Thank you.**



If you would like to receive Holy Communion in your home, please let us know by email at office@hiparish.org. Also, 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.

BIBLE STUDY



Men's Group
Saturdays 9am-10am

Women's Group
Saturdays 9am-10am

Sign up through FlockNote



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DAUGHTERS OF MARY

(5th-8th Grade Girls)



"The title of Mary as our mother is not merely symbolic. Mary is our mother in the most real and lofty sense, a sense which surpasses that of earthly maternity"-St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

The next meeting is on Sept 2nd from 4:45-7:15 in the social hall classroom. The girls will enjoy a meal, arts and crafts, learn about Mary Undoer of Knots, and the virtue of the month will be Understanding. If your daughter is interested in joining, please email Rosemarie at: rosemarie@marysbeautybook.com.

EMERGENCY LINE If you need a priest after office hours you can call our emergency line: **914.340.4486**. We are always happy to bring you the Sacraments in your time of need.



Holy Innocents Knitting Group
1st Thursday of the month in the social hall at 7:30 PM.
Come knit with us!



We have need for more servers. If you are interested in joining our team (grades 3rd-12th) please contact the parish office or the religious education office.



Join us in singing the Marian Antiphons at our sung Masses each Sunday. This season's antiphon is "Salve Regina." Music cards are available in the pews.

Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony and of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office

New Parishioners You are cordially invited to join our parish community. Please stop in at the Parish Office.



COFFEE & DONUTS

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month following the 9 am & 11am Mass. Contact the parish office if you would like to volunteer with this service. **Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel-** Every 1st Sunday of the month following the 10:00 am Mass.



All Students Welcome In Grades 9-12

Holy Innocents Youth group will be resuming meetings and activities in September. We welcome all previous members and invite new students looking to join us. Our first Youth Mass and meeting will be on September 10.

- **Sunday, September 10th:** Youth Mass at 5:15pm. Sign up for a role at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49AEA92EABFBCF8-youth>. Our Youth Mass will be followed by an end-of-summer party/Youth Group meeting from 6:30-7:30pm. Location TBD.
- **Sunday, October 8th:** Youth Group meeting from 6:15-7:15pm. Location TBD. 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>.

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Join us on the Feast of the Exaltation of The Holy Cross with Rare Relics of The Passion

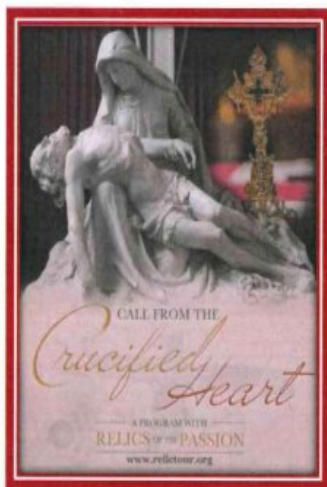
Holy Name of Jesus Church

2 Broadway

Valhalla, NY 10595

September 14, 2023

7:00 PM followed by Veneration of the Holy Relics



The Relics of the Passion collection includes:

- A piece of the True Cross which was discovered by St. Helena
- A piece of the Holy Table of the Last Supper
- A piece of the Column of Flagellation
- A piece of the Crown of Thorns
- A replica of the Holy Nail, fashioned using filings from the true nails
- A relic (bone) of St. Longinus, the centurion who pierced the side of Christ
- A picture of (the effigy of) the Veil of Veronica touched to the original with a Vatican seal attesting to the fact.
- A piece of the exterior wrapping from the Shroud of Turin
- Relics of the Holy Apostles



On Monday, August 28th we celebrate the feast of St. Augustine. Among his many famous writings and quotes, he is known to have said that “the one who sings, prays twice”.

His assertion is very much in accord with the many occasions in scripture we find the prompt to “sing to the Lord”.

Mostly found in the psalms but also Saint Paul directs the Ephesians to address one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord.

Music is a special part of our lives, all of us have a favorite song, a favorite singer, or a favorite band. In the same way, music is a special part of our Catholic faith and our liturgies.

The Old Testament contains the Book of Psalms, a collection of lyrical poems.

The poetry was often set to music and originally titled, *Tehillim*, which means “praise songs”, the English title, Psalms, originated from the Greek title, *psalmoi*, which means “songs of praise”.

The psalms comprised the ancient hymnal of God’s people. Music like the psalms enhances our worship and devotion to God.

The Church encourages playing and singing in her liturgy. The Catechism even calls “[t]he musical tradition of the universal Church...a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art.” (CCC 1156).

Music has a beautiful way of making God’s word remain in our hearts. It can help us to ponder it as Mary did.