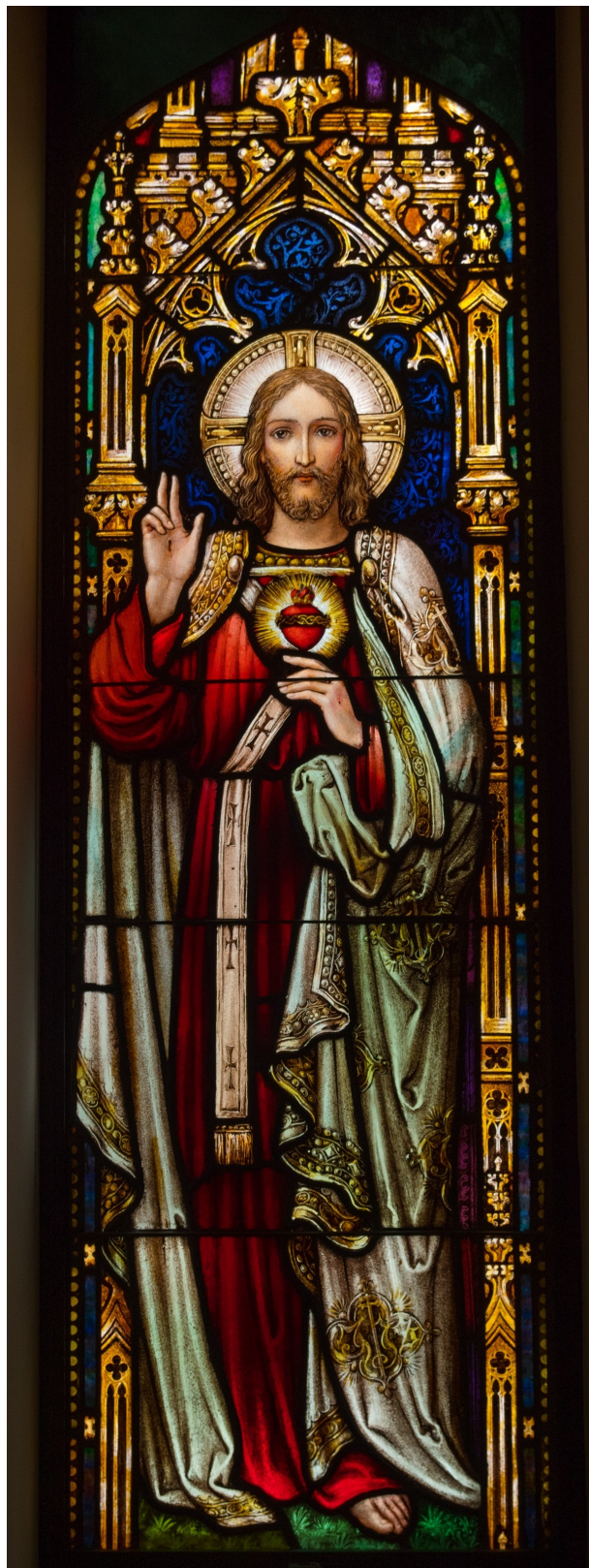




HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH

431 Bedford Road
Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel, Saratoga Avenue
Pleasantville, New York 10570
Sunday, August 25, 2024



SERVED BY THE DOMINICAN FRIARS

Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P.

Pastor

Fr. Philip Nolan, O.P.

Parochial Vicar

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

5:00PM-5:30PM First Tuesday *at*

Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel

Adoration

7:00PM-8:00PM Tuesday

1:00PM-6:00 PM First Friday

Office Hours

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

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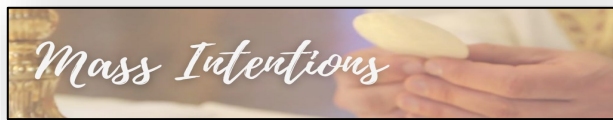
Robert J. Brutting & Elizabeth Kwiat

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.



8/24	Saturday
5:15pm	(Vigil) †Michael Piccorelli
8/25	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am	†Michael & Teresa Keenan
9:00am	†Gino Paolucci
10:00am	(OLP) †John Brentano
11:00am	†John D. Collins
5:15pm	The People Of The Parish
8/26	Monday Weekday
7:00am	†Margaret Moran
12:15pm	†Anthony Bochichio
8/27	Tuesday St. Monica
7:00am	†Maria Gennaro Rattenni
5:30pm	(OLP) Frey Family
8/28	Wednesday St. Augustine
7:00am	†Mary & James Sullivan
12:15pm	†Arduino Venturini
8/29	Thursday The Passion of St. John The Baptist
7:00am	†Letterio Vita
5:30pm	†Diane Marie Guido
8/30	Friday Weekday
7:00am	†Cynthia Egan
12:15pm	†Patrick Sullivan
8/31	Saturday Weekday
7:00am	†Daniel J. Raftery
5:15pm	(Vigil) †Michael McKenna
9/1	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am	†Yesmin Yamin
9:00am	†Jozo Granic
10:00am	(OLP) The People Of The Parish
11:00am	†Gloria Nicole & Leigh Howe
5:15pm	†Clorinda Prospero



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):

Sunday, August 18 \$10,688

Thank you for your support!



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

Ruth Irene Arango



**The Sanctuary Lamp burns
In Memory Of John Brentano (OLP)**

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



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

PASTOR'S GREETING—Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P.



“This saying is hard; who can accept it?”

The disciples are shocked by Jesus' announcement that “unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.” They tell him it is a “hard saying” and that many will not be able to accept it. Indeed, the Real Presence of the Eucharist continues to be a hard teaching and it continues to divide Christians. But this day, we are called to be renewed in our devotion to Christ given to us in the Eucharist. This weekend, as we hear the words of Jesus in the offering of the Mass, we get to say with Peter, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

A few notes to share with you:

- Thank you to Roseann and Deb and the many volunteers who made Ecumenical Vacation Bible School happen last week, as well as to Emanuel Lutheran for hosting it. Thank you also to our many high schoolers who assisted. It is always an impressive sight.
- As was announced last weekend, we are launching a new group for teens called “Follow Me.” Starting September 10th, it will be meeting every Tuesday 7-8pm throughout the school year. Part discussion group, part bible study, part prayer group, the goal of Follow Me is to prepare high schoolers to be lifelong disciples of Christ. See the cards at the entrances for a sampling of the topics we will cover.
- Thank you to Julia Edelsen for taking on a new role in our parish: Outreach Coordinator. Her primary task will be to identify and cultivate ways that our parish can support Catholic students at Pace University. If you or anyone you know can be of service as we start this new ministry, please let us know.
- Thank you for the support we have received towards our Summer Improvement projects. See the bulletin for current numbers – and be sure to check out the Social Hall's beautiful new lighting!
- I am away from the parish this weekend taking my annual retreat. Priests are required to take a six-day retreat each year to be renewed in our relationship with the Lord. Please pray for me – and I am of course always praying for you.

Peace,

Fr. Luke

Liturgy Notes— Sunday, August 25, 2024

Many murmur, “This saying is hard; who can accept it?” If we think of the Christian life without faith, and only from the perspective of our weaknesses and limitations, then we fail to see that Christ offers us “everlasting life.” His grace makes it possible for us to love one another and to be “holy and without blemish.” “Decide today whom you will serve”—the “Holy One of God” who gives us “Spirit and life.” It is in serving the Lord that we “taste and see the goodness of the Lord.”

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.



CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of:
Lenore Montalbano



**Eucharistic
Adoration
Tuesdays 7-8pm
Confessions
Available**



Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month following the 9am & 11am Mass and every 1st Sunday of the month @ OLP following the 10am

Mass. Contact the parish office if you would like to volunteer with this service.

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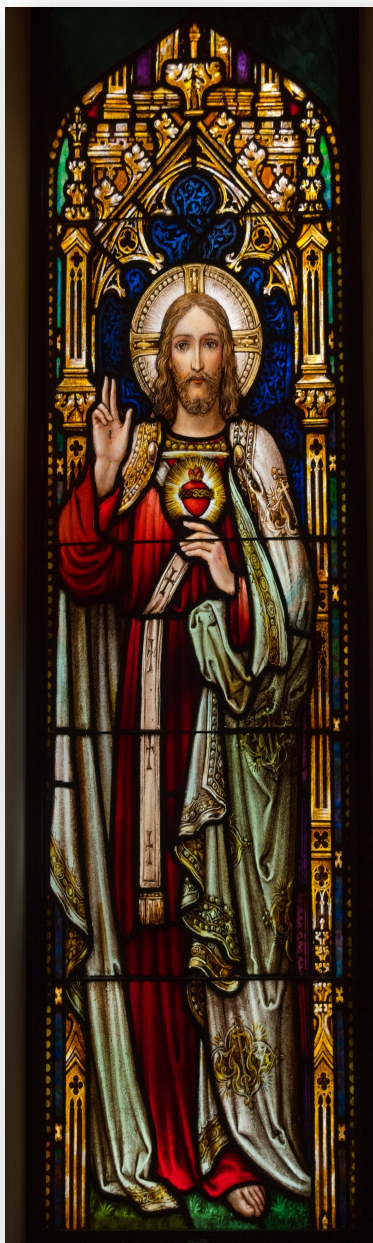


DAUGHTERS OF MARY

5th-8th Grade Girls

...the Most High has made her the sole treasurer of His treasures, and the sole dispenser of His graces, to ennoble, to exalt, and to enrich whom she wishes; to give entry to whom she wills into the narrow way of heaven; to pass whom she wills, and in spite of all obstacles, through the strait gate of life; and to give the throne, the sceptre, and the crown of the King to whom she wills. -True Devotion To Mary, by Saint Louis De Montfort

The next Daughters of Mary Class is on September 7th from 4:45-7:15 in the social hall classroom. The girls will enjoy a meal, arts and crafts, learn about The First Five Saturday Devotion, and the virtue of the month will be Fear of the Lord.



First Friday

September 6

*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.

Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage September 28, 2024

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Washington, DC

*Join the Dominican Friars in a national pilgrimage devoted to
Christ and Our Lady!*



Cost \$85 per person.

More than 3,500 people attended the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., last September, and the Dominicans are preparing an even larger event in 2024 to help people grow closer to Christ through the Rosary.

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We are going! Join us!

A group from Holy Innocents, led by Fr. Philip, will be attending the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage. We will travel by bus, leave Pleasantville early in the morning and return late evening. All are invited.

SIGN UP!

Scan to register and for payment or call the office to register.



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



Food Pantry

Food Pantry

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.

Food can be brought to the Parish Office during office hours. Please do not leave donations in the entrances to the Church. Please remember to check expiration dates on all donations or they cannot be accepted. For more information you can visit their site at pleasantvillefoodpantry.org

Summer '24 Improvement Projects

We're continuing to update and improve our facility!
Each improvement is well worth it, but comes with a price tag. See the cost outline below.
All donations marked "Maintenance" will go towards these projects until they are paid off.
Thank you in advance for your help!

LED lighting in the perimeter of the main church

We installed new LED lighting in the hanging fixtures of the main church last year. Relighting the dropped-ceiling perimeter area will complete the job.

= \$11,000

LED lighting in the Social Hall

The new fixtures will be smaller, more luminous, energy efficient, dimmable (a needed feature for events like our Wine Tasting), look better, and last longer.

= \$51,500

Our Lady of Pompeii windows and social hall

The windows in the sacristy and the bathrooms of OLP need to be replaced, and we will refurbish the OLP hall (new lighting, new ceiling, repainting) which is used regularly for Sunday refreshments, meetings, and events like the Seven Fishes Dinner.

= \$44,000

TOTAL COST = \$106,500

FUNDS RAISED = \$63,007.34 (As of August 20, 2024)

FUNDS STILL NEEDED = \$43,492.66

Thank you in advance for your help!



Religious Education

Saint Spotlight

Tuesday, August 27th is the feast of St. Monica and on Wednesday, 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!



On Wednesday, August 28th we celebrate the Feast of St. Augustine of Hippo. One of his famous quotes is: "He who sings, prays twice." The holy Bishop knew that sung prayer expresses the joy of the heart. Our voices are gifts, with which we can make music to the Lord, and singing adds to our praise and worship of God. Sung prayer reminds us of the choirs of heaven, with whom we are called to praise God eternally in heaven.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is made more beautiful by the singing of every Catholic, who is called to active participation through sung prayer, especially in the Mass. The Second Vatican Council taught that, "liturgical worship is given a more noble form when the divine offices are celebrated solemnly in song, with the assistance of sacred ministers and the active participation of the people." When the sacred liturgy is sung, it can become more beautiful!

Christians have sung in sacred liturgy since the Church's earliest days, and the Jewish people have sung praise to God, in the context of holy worship, for thousands of years. The Psalms are the record of the liturgical song-prayers of the Jewish people. When we sing in the context of Holy Mass, we join a tradition of sacred worship that goes back to at least the time of King David himself. "Let us come before him with a song of praise," wrote King David, "joyfully sing out our psalms."

Let us remember and honor St. Augustine and heighten our prayers through singing together with joy at mass to praise and give thanks to God for all He has given us.

Hear the Shepherd's Call
Consider Catholicism. Inquiring Minds Welcome.

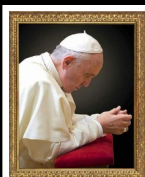
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Meetings Starting Soon



Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who might be? The Holy Innocents group for those who want to explore the Catholic faith will be beginning in September.

We will have an informational meeting (no more than 45 minutes) on **Wednesday, September 4th, at 7:15pm in the social hall.**

The following week, the group will start gathering weekly on a weekday evening (day and time TBD).



Pope Francis' August Intention is for For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.



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