

HOLY INNOCENTS

Served By The Dominican Friars Sunday, December 15, 2024

# SUNDAY MASS

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

# DAILY MASS

Mon-Sat: 7 AM Mon, Wed, Fri: 12:15 PM Tu, Thu: 5:30 PM (at Our Lady of Pompeii) 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: 6 PM

# CONFESSION

Tuesday: 7-8 PM Saturday: 4:30-5 PM Sunday: 4:30-5 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: 4:30-5:30 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays: 5:00 -5:30 PM (at Our Lady of Pompeii)

# EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Tuesday: 7-8 PM

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: 1-6 PM

OFFICE HOURS Monday-Friday: 9 AM-3:30 PM

## WELCOME NEW PARISHONERS!

Stop in at the parish office to meet one of our friars or fill out a card in the entryways to our church.





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Holy Innocents Church

# DIRECTORY

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#### **OFFICE STAFF**

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# SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANOINTING OF THE SICK** Please visit our website or call the parish office.

#### HOLY COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

If you want to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the parish office.

#### **EMERGENCY LINE**

If you need a priest after office hours, please call our emergency line at 914-340-4486.

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 5:15 PM (Vigil) | †Thomas McCormack

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 — 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7:30 AM | <sup>†</sup>John Collins 9 AM | <sup>†</sup>Scott Frey 10 AM (OLP) | People of the Parish 11 AM | <sup>†</sup>Lawrence Casabonne 5:15 PM | <sup>†</sup>Yesmin Yamin

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 — ADVENT WEEKDAY 7 AM | <sup>†</sup>Michele Tognari 12:15 PM | <sup>†</sup>James R. Whirt

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 — ADVENT WEEKDAY 7 AM | <sup>†</sup>Brian Jakeway 5:30 PM (OLP) | <sup>†</sup>Arsenio Bonzon

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 — ADVENT WEEKDAY 7 AM | <sup>†</sup>Janice Sanders 12:15 PM | <sup>†</sup>Stephen Hay

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 — ADVENT WEEKDAY 7:00 AM | <sup>†</sup>Flora Letiza 5:30 PM | <sup>†</sup>Rosemarie Wick

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 — ADVENT WEEKDAY 7 AM | <sup>+</sup>Joseph Torrieri 12:15 PM | <sup>+</sup>Elizabeth M. Pipa

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21— ADVENT WEEKDAY 7 AM | <sup>†</sup>Tomas Sokich 5:15 PM (Vigil) | <sup>†</sup>Robert Kafaraski

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 — 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7:30 AM | <sup>†</sup>The Yacovelli Family 9 AM | <sup>†</sup>Guiseppe & Vincenza D'Attoma 10 AM (OLP) | <sup>†</sup>Albert & Pauline Antaki 11 AM | <sup>†</sup>Brian Putorti 5:15 PM | People of the Parish

# **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Rose DeSanctis, Mary Coughlin, Buddy Coughlin, Jimmy Fleming, Robert Sarro, Louis Sarro, Joann Keddy, Laura Cabrera, Joel Walker, Pamela Pena, Maria Annunziata, Janet Moy, Teresa Angarola, Linda Callari, Isidro LaSalle, Ed Mann, Ada Juarbe, Meredith Davis, 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, and Mary Collins,. Marilyn Ross, Ellen Defilippo, David Minchin, Hank Frazzini II, Margaret Murphy.

## **PASTOR LETTER**

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

It may sound absurd to be told to "have no anxiety at all" when we live in a world that has so many apparent reasons to be afraid. But that is what St. Paul told his fellow Christians many years ago and it is spoken to us today as well. The disciple of Christ walks amidst the challenges of the world keeping his or her eyes on God, offering prayers of petition and thanksgiving, knowing that if the communication channel to God is open, we will always have all we truly need. Having complete confidence in the primacy of our loving relationship with Christ, our hearts and minds are then guarded with the peace of God that surpasses all understanding.

A few notes to share with you:

- Thank you to our Music Ministry for the Advent Lessons + Carols last Sunday what a lovely program. We appreciate all your work putting it together and, indeed, all you do each weekend.
- Looking forward to our next College Student dinner this Sunday (12/15) following the 5:15pm Mass. Students, we are praying for you as you conclude the semester!
- This week is Reconciliation Monday (12/16). Every parish in the dioceses of New York and Brooklyn will be open for Confessions 2-4pm and 6-8pm. This is a prime opportunity to prepare our souls for receiving Christ into our lives this Christmas.
- The Jubilee Year begins on Christmas Eve in Rome, continuing till Epiphany 2026. Here in NY, our Archdiocese will be kicking off our local participation in the Jubilee on 12/29 at the 10:15am Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Speaking of the Jubilee, did you hear that we will have a new Dominican saint canonized as part of the Jubilee events in Rome the week of July 28–August 3? If you aren't already familiar with the lay Dominican Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, he's a fun character to get to know....

Peace,

Fr. Luke



## HOLY INNOCENTS UPCOMING EVENTS

# **ADVENT REFLECTION & MEDITATION On The Gospel Of Luke** led by Fr. Michael Ciccone, OP Mondays@5:30pm, Social Hall — 12/16 Gospel of Mercy & 12/23 Gospel of Forgiveness.

**CHURCH CARE** Please join in lending a hand to clean and beautify our church and surrounding property. Volunteers ages 12 and older welcome. Our next cleaning session is **December 15 at 2:30 pm.** 

**COLLEGE CAMPUS MINISTRY** All college students are welcome to join us **Sunday, 12/15 for 5:15pm Mass followed by a free dinner**. We are thankful for your presence in our parish community. For more information contact jdalceredo@hiparish.org.

## **RECONCILATION MONDAY** Come to confession - 2-4pm & 6-8pm

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** HI support group is for anyone laden by grief. Our next meeting will be **12/19 at 6:30 PM in the Council Room.** There is no commitment and the group is not limited to parishioners of Holy Innocents. For more information, contact the parish office.

**FOLLOW ME (GROUP FOR TEENS)** All high school students are invited to join our new youth group hosted by Fr. Luke and Fr. Philip on **Tuesdays at 7pm in our Social Hall.** Each meeting involves food, fellowship, and discussions about faith. For mor information, contact the parish office or scan the QR code to join.



# LITURGY NOTES

When people come to John the Baptist asking, "What should we do?" he says in effect: "Live generously and honestly with others, and don't live for material satisfaction only." With that advice, "the people were filled with expectation, asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ." What follows, however, is John's revelation not of what they must do, but what Christ will do: "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire," and will bring his winnowing fan to clear out the chaff of sin from our souls. Our anxiety dissipates and rejoicing floods in when we realize our salvation comes from "a mighty savior" who "renews us in his love."

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice./ Indeed, the Lord is near.

#### FIRST FRIDAY- JANUARY 3

Renew your life with Christ every first Friday of the month and join us for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. Adoration is 1-6 PM, confessions are 4:30-5:30 PM, and three Masses are celebrated (7 AM, 12:15 PM, and 6 PM).

**Song to Blessed Mother** Please join in singing the Marian hymn, the "Alma Redemptoris Mater," at our sung Masses each Sunday. Music cards are available in the pews.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET IN SONG** Join us every 2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday of the month at 3pm to pray in song.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION For pilgrims of hope.** We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**GLUTEN INTOLERANT?** If you have a gluten intolerance and would like to receive a low-gluten Host at Communion, please see the priest 10 minutes before Mass.

**FAMILY MASS** All families are welcome to join us on Sundays 9:00 am for Mass.

**SUNDAY COFFEE & DONUTS** Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, following the 9 AM and 11 AM Masses; and every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at OLP. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office.

#### **COLLECT PRAYER**

O God, who see how your people Faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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.

#### **ALLELIUA ANTIPHON**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me/ to bring glad tidings to the poor.

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.



## CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of: **Maria Renee Leimgruber, Rosemary Roxanne Marquis & Francis J. Hay** 

## FINANCES

Regular collection total in person and WeShare for **Sunday, Dec 1 was \$15,341** 

Thank you for your support!

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

We celebrate with the parents and godparents of the newly baptized **Saoirse Karpich.** 

### MUSIC MINISTRY

The Music Ministry sends its warmest thanks to all of you who joined us for our presentation of Advent Lessons and Carols this past weekend. It was a truly wonderful evening of song and reflection for the Advent season.

We especially extend our thanks to the lectors who joined us, Nick Antonaccio, Margaret Brusic, Mary Dwyer, Carol Fiorile, Joann Frey, Roseann Graj, and Kathy Titterton, who made the "Lessons" part of the evening inspiring and meaningful.

The Music Ministry is also most grateful to our Pastoral Team – Fr. Luke Hoyt, and Fr. Philip Nolan who not only made the evening possible by their participation, but also for their help, support and encouragement as we planned and prepared for the evening.

Thanks to Angie Bonzon-Adelson for providing the home baked goodies for our reception, and her helpers for preparing, hosting and cleaning up our event reception. It was a lovely end to our special evening.

Last, but not least, we also thank the parish staff Eileen Bruehl, Jim Keane, Barbara Mackin, and Joanna O'Connor for their support and assistance.

Thank you all!

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

All of our Eighth grade students are preparing for their Confirmation in May. As part of that preparation, they will be performing acts of service, following Jesus's example of giving of Himself selflessly and lovingly for all of us. We hope that what seems like a requirement today will become a natural part of their lives as Christians.

These students from Mrs. Bianco's, Mrs. Mancuso's, and Mrs. White's classes, volunteered for our hymnal project. They came to work on Saturday morning to collect the old hymnals from the pews, unbox the brand new Breaking Bread hymnals, insert them in the protective covers, and place them back in the pews for all of us to use during mass. *Miguel Baez, Samantha Baez, Matthew Benavides, Richard Consani, Katie Dolan, Vincent Dore, Mikaela Gerring, Ashley King, Chris Liosi, Nicolette McMillan, Tommy O'Brien, Victoria Paternostro, Frank Robertson, Stephanie Rodriguez.* Thank you for performing this needed service for your parish!

#### **COLLEGE CAMPUS MINISTRY**

We had a wonderful turnout for our November Mass & Meal, with students from Pace, WCC, and New York Medical College in attendance! All college students, including those home for winter break, are warmly invited to join us for our final Mass & Meal of the Fall semester this Sunday, December 15. **Mass will be at 5:15pm**, **followed by a free dinner and Night Prayer.** We invoke the intercession of St. Joseph of Cupertino as we wish all students best of luck on their final exams!

### HOLY INNOCENTS CHRISTMAS DRIVES

#### San Miguel Academy, Newburgh, New York to support the students and families of this community:

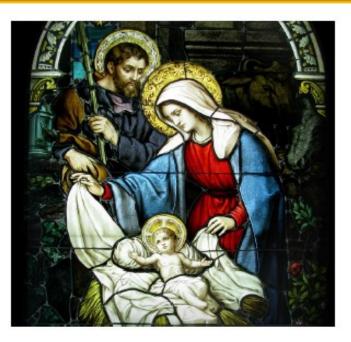
- Donations of hams and turkeys to provide holiday meals for the families in need. Please drop one off at 42 Weskora Ave, Pleasantville <u>on</u> Sunday, December 22nd at 10 am.
- Gift cards to purchase a ham/turkey—can be dropped off in the parish office during business hours.
- Donate a gift for a child ages 10 to 14, drop a unwrapped gift in a box labeled "Helping Hands of San Miguel." on the landing of the side entryway of the church.
- Monetary donations are also accepted –scan the QR code to donate.

David, Sophia, and Charlotte Hundzynski (914) 279-9039

All seasons Clothes Drive: to support Coachman Homeless Center, White Plains, NY: for the month of December – all season clothing for children & adults but winter is preferred (coats & sweaters, etc.). Clothes can be brought to the HI Church, Tompkins Ave. entrance - For questions contact Lovette Esliker@gmail.com or (914) 610-5081.



# <u>Christmas Mass Schedule</u>



# Tuesday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

4pm, 6pm, & 10pm

# Wednesday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day

7:30am, 9am, 10am @ OLP, 11am & 5:15pm (Quiet Mass)

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