



HOLY INNOCENTS

Served By The Dominican Friars

Sunday, December 29, 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*)

1st Fridays: 6 PM

CONFESSION

Tuesday: 7-8 PM

Saturday: 4:30-5 PM

Sunday: 4:30-5 PM

1st Fridays: 4:30-5:30 PM

1st Tuesdays: 5:00 -5:30 PM
(*at Our Lady of Pompeii*)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday: 7-8 PM

1st 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

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

5:15 PM (Vigil) | †Piccorelli & Civita Families

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 —

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

7:30 AM | People of the Parish

9 AM | †Mario Galli

10 AM (OLP) | †Jeanette Trodden

11 AM | †Elizabeth Flanagan

5:15 PM | †Zacarolli, Timpone, Infelice, Morabito
& Meduri Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 —

SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

7 AM | †Andrew Stipicevic

12:15 PM | †Fran Hollmann

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 —

SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

7 AM | †Elizabeth Pipa

5:30 PM (OLP) VIGIL MASS | †Intentions for the Mann Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 —

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

8 AM | †Antonietta Curco

12:15 AM | †Ben Ruggiero

5:15 PM | †Margaret Curran

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 —

SS. BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN

7 AM | †John Nicolai

5:30 PM (OLP) | †John Nicolai

FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 3 — CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

7 AM | †Ruth Murden

12:15 PM | †Dennis Fitzpatrick

6 PM | †Scott Frey

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4— ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

7 AM | †Gennaro & Maria Rattenni

5:15 PM (Vigil) | †Patty Smith

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 — THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30 AM | People of the Parish

9 AM | †Steve Nikolla

10 AM (OLP) | †Natale Passaro

11 AM | †Patrick K. Sheridan

5:15 PM | †Agostino Salvo

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.

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

This weekend, we celebrate two feasts that are central to our parish. First, we celebrate the patrons of our parish on Saturday (12/28), the Holy Innocents: the babies that were killed in Bethlehem shortly after the birth of Christ. Killed by Herod to protect his throne from the “new king,” their death points to Christ’s true kingship. Secondly, on Sunday (12/29), we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. In the midst of the tragedy of the innocent martyrs in Bethlehem, Joseph, Mary, and Jesus make their way as exiles and refugees to the land of Egypt, to live there quietly until it is safe to return to Israel. The angel of the Lord is with them to lead them on this sojourn and to eventually bring them back to Nazareth, where they will raise Jesus. Together, these mysteries point to the work of the Lord in our midst, who leads us through every experience of pain, darkness, and tragedy. For the soul that lives by faith, hope, and love, there is always a way forward that leads to the True Homeland for which our hearts thirst.

On this occasion of our parish feast day, I once more give thanks for the beautiful triptych in the back of our church that encapsulates all of these mysteries in its three-fold scenes of journeying through the darkness of suffering by the light of faith. I also give thanks for the gift of our life together here in the Parish of the Holy Innocents. May our patrons pray for us this day, that we be renewed in faith, hope, and love as we continue our pilgrimage.

Finally, it was a joy to be with you for our Christmas Masses this past week. Thank you to all of you who worked so hard to make it a beautiful and joy-filled celebration

Merry Christmas,
Fr. Luke



PARISH GROUPS

HI MOMS GROUP Our focus is supporting mothers and babies within our parish and the wider community. Please use the play area set up in the Social Hall! It is available for use during and after Masses. If you’d like to get involved contact Adriana at asel4451@gmail.com or 917-291-1476.

OCIA The Holy Innocents group for those who want to explore the Catholic faith has begun. We welcome non-Catholics as well as adult Catholics who haven’t received their sacraments of initiation. The group gathers weekly on Wednesday evenings. If interested please contact the parish office or Fr. Philip.

BIBLE STUDY Join our Men’s Group, Saturdays 9:00am and Women’s Group Saturdays, 9:00am.

CYO Basketball See our website for more information.

ALTAR SERVERS Any children 3rd grade and up who want to join our altar server team are asked to contact the parish office or Fr. Philip.

KNITTING GROUP Meetings are 1st Thursdays of the month in the Social Hall at 7:30 PM. Newcomers are welcome!

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 TBA.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP HI support group is for anyone laden by grief. Meetings are usually on a Thursday evening and the next meeting will be announced soon. 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 more information, contact the parish office or scan the QR code to join.



DAUGHTERS OF MARY (GIRLS GRADES 5-8)

The next Daughters of Mary meeting is on **January 4, 4:45-7:15 PM in the Social Hall**. The girls meet the first Saturday of the month and will enjoy a meal, arts and crafts, learn about Mary and her virtues. To register email rosemarie@marysbeautybook.com

LITURGY NOTES

THE UNION OF MAN AND WOMAN THAT ESTABLISHES family life is a sacred reality at the very foundation of the social order. Bonded in love and in obedience to the Lord of life, the family reflects the holiness of the Holy Family, centered on Jesus. By the grace of union with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, family life—with its challenges and its joys—becomes a path to holiness. “The Christian family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit. In the procreation and education of children it reflects the Father’s work of creation. It is called to partake of the prayer and sacrifice of Christ. Daily prayer and the reading of the Word of God strengthen it in charity” (CCC 2205).

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

COLLECT PRAYER O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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.

ALLELUIA ANTIPHON Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Our God has appeared on earth, and lived among us.



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 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, following the 9 AM and 11 AM Masses; and every 1st Sunday of the month at OLP. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office.

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).



SANCTUARY LAMP

The candle burning in the sanctuary is in Memory of **David, Ruth & Jane Murden.**

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of: **Ruth Murden.**

FINANCES

Regular collection total in person and WeShare

- Total for 12/15 Regular collection was **\$10,684.**
- Archdiocese collection for Charity & Justice was **\$1,711.35.** Thank you for your support!

CONGRATULATIONS

We celebrate with the parents and godparents of the newly baptized **Hayden James Marcy.**

MUSIC MINISTRY

Happy New Year!!

The Music Ministry of Holy Innocents, extends to all of you our warmest wishes for a happy and healthy 2025! We look forward to a year filled with wonderful things and the opportunity to continue to share the blessings of our faith with all of you.

We appreciate your participation as we continue to sing the beautiful songs of the Christmas season that will be used over the next few weeks during our parish liturgies.

The Children's and Adult Choirs of Holy Innocents, as well as all of our parish musicians wish you a very Happy New Year!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday, January 1st is New Year's Day but it is also a special day when we celebrate the motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The feast is called the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This day is a Holy Day of Obligation and helps us ring in the New Year in a special way.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a special time to celebrate the motherhood of Mary. The title "Mother of God" comes from the word "Theotokos" which means "God-bearer." *Mary Mother of God is our first saint of the new year!*

Mary played a very special part in the plan of salvation. Jesus came into the world to save us. On Christmas, we honor the birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. On New Year's Day we honor His most holy Mother, the Queen of Peace. Pope Paul VI instituted New Year's Day as the "World Day of Peace." Mary has a special place in our world and in our hearts and she is forever striving to bring about peace through her Son.

This New Year's Day, remember that Our Blessed Lady is here with us, to guide us, and to help us face whatever life has to offer. May she wrap you in her mantel and keep you safe in her loving protection!

Happy New Year to all of our students, catechists, assistants and volunteers! Looking forward to seeing you all in 2025! Classes resume on January 6th.

COLLEGE CAMPUS MINISTRY

We'd like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our college student community and all those who helped make our first semester of college ministry a success. Thank you especially to Fr. Luke and Fr. Philip for their pastoral support and the parish staff and volunteers who shared their time and talents in myriad ways. We look forward to announcing some exciting updates regarding college ministry in the new year!

College students who would like to receive more information and updates about events are invited to join our GroupMe chat by scanning the QR code below.



PARISH NEWS & COMMUNITY NEWS

Family Christmas Photos Send us one picture of your family celebrating Christmas that we can share in our January 12 bulletin. Photos are due by 1/6. Email photo to office@hiparish.org.

Knights Of Columbus Events Please Join St. Dominic Council for a Family Dinner on Friday January 17th, 2024, at 7:00pm at our Council, 874 Franklin Ave, Thornwood. Menu will be by Casa Rina to include Chicken Marsala, Veal Ala Rollatini, Cavatelli with Short Rib Ragu, Stuffed Filet of Sole, Rice Pilaf/Sauté Broccolini with Oil & Garlic, Tossed Garden Salad, Bread and Butter, Coffee, Desert, plus Beer, Wine and Soda. All for \$30.00 person/\$15.00 Children under 12. RSVP by 1/15 to PGK Mike DeFlorio at mickd004@verizon.net or 914-490-6700.



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December 29, 2024
Octave of Christmas

Dear friends in the Lord:

January is the time of year within our archdiocese when we ask our people for their support of both *The Catholic University of America* and the *Catholic Communications Campaign*.

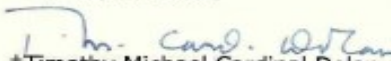
The Catholic University, in the heart of our nation's capital, is a truly unique institution of higher learning, founded by the United States bishops back in 1887, and chartered by the Holy See. In every way, the university belongs to each of us no matter where we live. And so, it is incumbent upon us to help with the education of future leaders of our Church and nation. Just within the past year, several thousand students, including those from our archdiocese, who otherwise would not have been able to attend CUA, were given an opportunity to do so, thanks in large part to your generosity. I, myself, am a grateful alumnus.

Also, through the *Catholic Communications Campaign*, the conference of bishops can serve all the dioceses of our nation by providing educational and spiritual programs for radio and television. You should know that one half of your giving remains here in the archdiocese to assist with the ongoing and planned efforts of our communications and technology office such as with broadcasting, social media, public relations, marketing, and *The Good Newsroom*.

This combined collection will be taken in our parishes next Sunday, January 5, the Solemnity of the *Epiphany of the Lord*. To learn more, visit these two web sites <https://engage.catholic.edu/giving/how-give/national-collection> and <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-communication-campaign>.

My gratitude to you for your contribution to these two important collections, and for your past generosity of \$343,847 last year; and my prayerful best wishes for a holy, healthy, and happy new year.

Faithfully in Christ,

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† Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

(call the office or email office@hiparish.org to help)

USHERS

We are looking for individuals who can assist for our Saturday and Sunday Masses. Individual schedules can be accommodated.

CHURCH CARE

We can use a lending hand to clean and beautify our church and surrounding property. Volunteers ages 12 and older welcome.

SNOW CREW

We are looking for volunteers to help shovel the Church premises when snow arrives. Call the office or email office@hiparish.org to be added to the crew.

CATHOLIC RESOURCES

GOOD NEWSROOM

The Good Newsroom is the multichannel, award-winning digital newsroom of the Archdiocese of New York. It has easy-to-navigate sections within its website and app, multimedia content, and social media integration. Stay informed about all the happenings and initiatives of the archdiocese by visiting www.TheGoodNewsroom.org, downloading the app, subscribing to the e-newsletter, or following *The Good Newsroom* on social media. You can receive regular updates directly to your inbox or preferred platform.