



# HOLY INNOCENTS

*Served By The Dominican Friars*

**Sunday, December 8, 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*)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Tuesday:** 7-8 PM

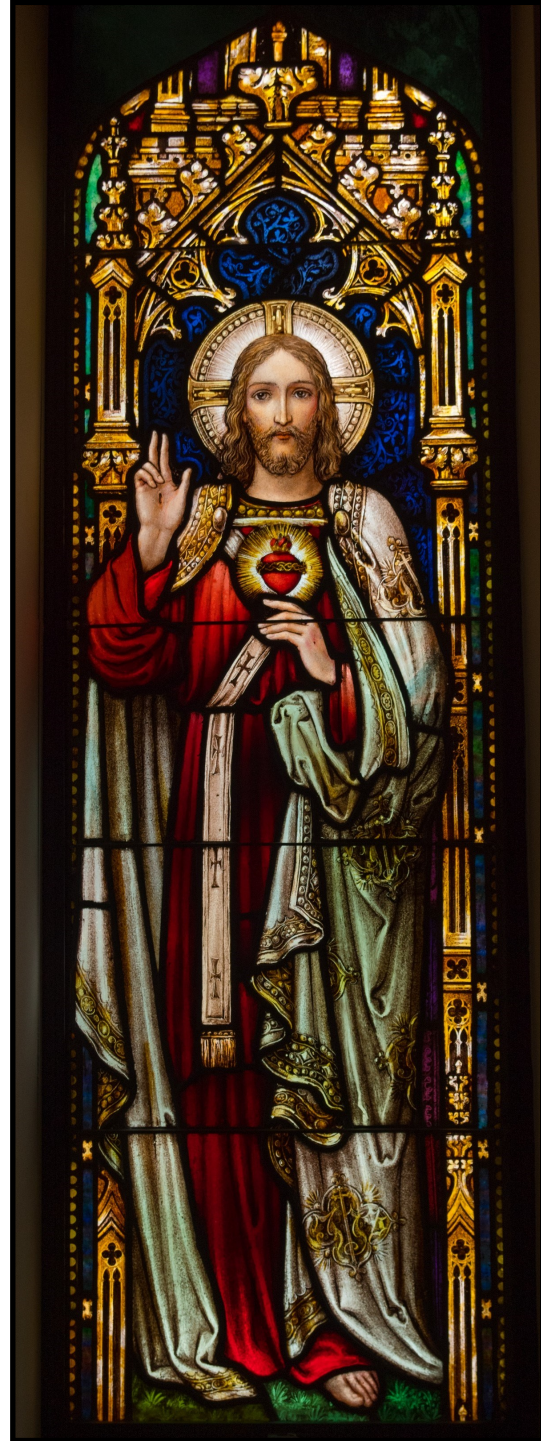
**1<sup>st</sup> Fridays:** 1-6 PM

## 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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### PARISH STAFF

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Fr. Michael Ciccone, O.P.  
Fr. Frank Sutman, O.P.

### OFFICE STAFF

Barbara Mackin, *business manager*  
Eileen Bruehl, *administrative assistant*  
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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 7

5:15 PM (Vigil) | †Mary Verdon

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 — 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 AM | People of the Parish  
9 AM | †John Aschettino  
10 AM (OLP) | †Cynthia Ann Egan  
11 AM | †Barbara & Dennis Vaccaro  
5:15 PM | †Samantha Berkman

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 — THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7 AM | †Pawel Lodzinski  
12:15 PM | †Rosa deJesus  
7 PM | †Joan & Laura Graham

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 — ADVENT WEEKDAY

7 AM | †Elizabeth Pipa  
5:30 PM (OLP) | †Arsenio Bonzon

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 — ADVENT WEEKDAY

7 AM | †Francesco Marino  
12:15 PM | †Roberto Orlando Sanabria Mikan

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 — OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

7:00 AM | Intentions Of Margaret Finneran Hark & Michael Breen  
5:30 PM | †Arsenio Bonzon

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 — ST. LUCY

7 AM | †Lucy Lomurno  
12:15 PM | †Pat Tropic

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14— ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

7 AM | †Maurice Regan  
5:15 PM (Vigil) | †Thomas McCormack

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 — 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 AM | †John Collins  
9 AM | †Scott Frey  
10 AM (OLP) | People of the Parish  
11 AM | †Lawrence Casa Bonne  
5:15 PM | †Yesmin Yamin

## 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

*“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths!”*

As we continue our journey through Advent, let’s be reminded that the best way we can make straight the paths of God into our life is through prayer and the sacraments. When a human heart is reconciled to God in Confession, joined to God in the Eucharist, and illuminated by God through a regular practice of prayer, the Lord’s way is truly open. Then one is ready to be led by God as his instrument in the world.

A few notes to share with you:

- Looking forward to Advent Lessons + Carols this Sunday (12/8 @ 7:30pm). Thank you to Joe, Roxanne, and our Music Ministry for this time of song and prayer to help us prepare for Christmas.
- Thank you to Fr. Mike for leading us through the Gospel of Luke in his Monday evening Advent reflections (each Monday of Advent @ 5:30pm). How much less color our celebration of Advent and Christmas would have each year without the narratives given to us in St. Luke’s Gospel.
- The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (which celebrates the beginning of Mary’s life in her mother’s womb) is on Monday (12/9). On this day we recall that Mary was “immaculate” from the start of her life – i.e., without the wound and guilt of original sin. (And yes, this is a Day of Obligation!)
- I invite you to join us for our Holy Hours each Tuesday this Advent (7-8pm). Sitting before the Eucharist listening for the Lord’s voice, the Lord’s path is indeed quite level and straight.
- Finally, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is on Thursday (12/12). This is an important feast day for Americans, as we celebrate the appearance of the Blessed Mother in Mexico in 1531, an event which changed our two continents forever. At Holy Innocents, we will be hanging a new image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the church this week, in anticipation of this feast day. I am so grateful to two of our parishioners who made this installation possible through their generosity.

Peace,  
Fr. Luke



## HOLY INNOCENTS UPCOMING EVENTS

### **DAUGHTERS OF MARY (GIRLS GRADES 5-8)**

The next Daughters of Mary meeting is on **December 7, 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](mailto:rosemarie@marysbeautybook.com)

**ADVENT REFLECTION & MEDITATION On The Gospel Of Luke** led by Fr. Michael Ciccone, OP  
**Mondays@5:30pm, Social Hall – 12/2 Gospel of Joy, 12/9 Gospel of Prayer, 12/16 Gospel of Mercy & 12/23 Gospel of Forgiveness.**

**SENIOR LUNCH** Wednesday, December 11, following the 12:15 PM Mass. We invite the seniors of our parish to join us for lunch. Come reunite with old friends and make some new ones. Scan the QR code or Call the office to rsvp.



**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](mailto:jdalceredo@hiparish.org).

**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 of- fice or scan the QR code to join.



## LITURGY NOTES

All these names—Pontius Pilate, Herod, Annas, and Caiaphas—belong in the Passion of Christ. So then why do we hear them now before his birth? To remind us why the Lord was born: “Jesus Christ was born to die on the cross” (Saint Leo the Great). The winding road that Christ makes straight is the way to Calvary. With Christ we want to “advance secure in the glory of God, with his mercy and justice for company.” We do that this Advent by asking God to complete the work he has begun in us. The “affection of Christ Jesus” moves us to embrace every sacrifice that prepares in us the way of the cross, confident that “God is leading us in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.”

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

### COLLECT PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

### ALLELUIA ANTIPHON

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and be-

### 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



## CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of: **Matthew Hintz, Regina Miranda & Ann Marie Smith**

## FINANCES

Regular collection (WeShare & In Person)  
total for **Nov 24** was **\$13,137**.

Thank you for your support!

## CONGRATULATIONS

We celebrate with the parents and godparents of the newly baptized **Frederick Orwen Nemeroff**

## OUR THANKSGIVING FAMILIES



## MUSIC MINISTRY

Tonight, Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> the Music Ministry will join with our Parish Lectors and Pastoral team to present Advent Lessons and Carols. The Adult and Children's Choirs and Musicians have been rehearsing and preparing for this special evening to prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior.

Each year, we look for new and inspiring pieces that will celebrate the season of Advent, and combine them with traditional hymns from our Catholic tradition to allow our participants to join in the singing to embrace the spirit of this season of preparation and waiting.

We hope you can join us for this special evening!



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Today, Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The feast celebrates that the Blessed Virgin Mary was born free from sin from the moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne.

Our Blessed Mother was chosen to bear God's son, and is an essential part of the Christmas celebration and our salvation. Her motherhood provides a pathway to Heaven for all the faithful, she intercedes on our behalf, drawing us closer to her son, Jesus, and to God, through prayer

This feast often confuses Catholics who think that the Immaculate Conception refers to Jesus, but that event is celebrated on the Feast of the Annunciation, celebrated on March 25<sup>th</sup>, nine months before Christmas.

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception dates back to Pope Pius IX in 1854 and December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. When a Solemnity falls on a Sunday, as it does this year, the feast is moved to Monday and celebrated with the same joy and reverence. Please refer to the bulletin for the mass times for this great feast honoring our Blessed Mother.

The Religious Education Program is dedicated this year to our Blessed Mother, "to Jesus through Mary."



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December 8, 2024  
Season of Advent

Dear friends in the Lord:

As we approach the annual collection for the *Retirement Fund for Religious* – an appeal that benefits nearly 25,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests – I reflect on the ministry of women and men religious – past and present – and I am grateful for the ways they have shaped my own faith. I also value the tremendous service they have offered our archdiocese.

In their younger years, they laid the foundation for Catholic schools, parish religious education programs, hospitals, and works of mercy with very little compensation, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Today, many serve in volunteer ministry. Others are frail and need assistance. Yet all remain committed to their vocations, accepting the limitations of aging and embracing the opportunity to spend more time praying for our Church and world.

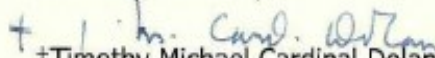
Your gift, which will be collected on December 15, offers support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders. Rising health care costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs for medications, nursing assistance, and other necessities. Over 20 congregations in the archdiocese received more than \$2,000,000 in grants from this national collection.

While I write to you today and express my thanks for last year's contribution of \$415,957, I am also grateful to you for your support of the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* which, in addition to other worthy causes, helps our retired archdiocesan priests at the St. John Vianney Clergy Residence in Riverdale.

Pray with me for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured; they are praying for us. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit <https://retiredreligious.org/>.

With gratitude and prayerful best wishes to all for a blessed Advent season, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

  
† Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York