



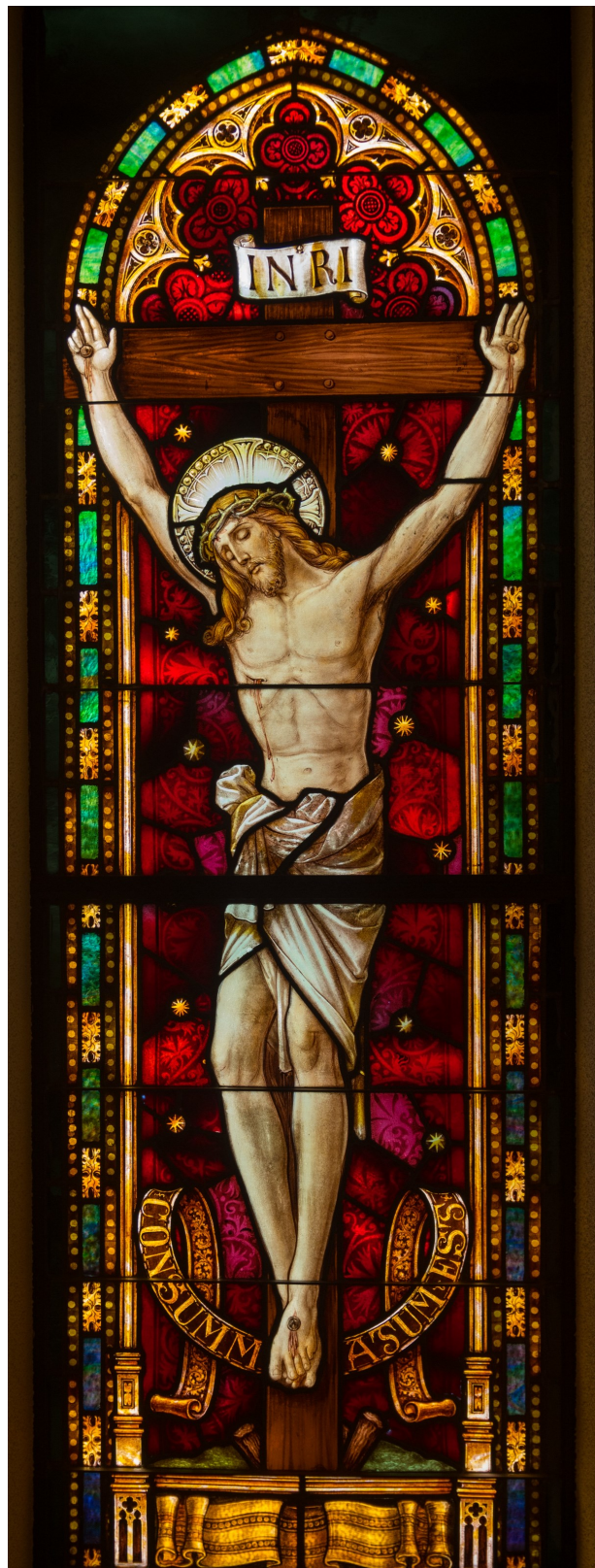
HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH

431 Bedford Road

Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel, Saratoga Avenue

Pleasantville, New York 10570

Sunday, February 25, 2024



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*

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

Adoration

7:00PM - 8:00PM Tuesday

1:00PM- 6:00 PM First Friday

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:30pm

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Youth Group Minister Julia Edelson



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Saturday

Carolyn Palomba

(Vigil) William Casey

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

The People of the Parish

Hugh F. O'Neil

(OLP) Bernadette Harris

Bradamante Coletti

Wieslaw Stanislaw Panek

Monday Lenten Weekday

Richard & Maria Wanda Winter

John Sudenka

Tuesday Lenten Weekday

Therese Shepetuk

(OLP) Gina Coggeshall

Wednesday Lenten Weekday

Dorothea McCarthy

Carol & Joseph Cannizzo

Thursday Lenten Weekday

Rina & Ernesto Stanghellini

(OLP) Mario Galli

First Friday Lenten Weekday

Margaret Hark, Finneran & Breen Family

Pablo Guzman

Nina Ferrioli

Saturday Lenten Weekday

Intentions of Margaret Hark &

Tommy Dunlea

(Vigil) George Civita

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Robert Morse (1st Ann)

The People of the Parish

(OLP) Pauline Antaki

Christopher & Hildegard Mola

Joe Lim Fat

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.



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):

February 18 \$9,354.00



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

For this Lenten season' the antiphon is **"Ava Regina Calorem."** Music cards are available in the pews



Church Care Please join the Church Care Group and lend a hand cleaning and beautifying our church and surrounding property. Volunteers ages 12 and older welcome. **Our next session is March**

23 from 9am-11am.



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



The Sanctuary Lamp burns In Memory of All the forgotten deceased from the beginning of time

PASTOR'S GREETING—Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P.



Greetings,

I hope your Lent is off to a good start. Each Lenten Season, I am struck by how my body and soul are ultimately grateful for the opportunity to give something up. Saying no to what we are used to initially brings some suffering, but this can quickly give way to a deeper peace, joy, and hope. Our bodies and souls know deep down that they were made for something higher than the easy contentments of this world. So, while sating every surface-level desire may seem to bring contentment, it actually just ends up “crowding out” the deeper desires that point to what we really want and need. Meanwhile, saying no to some of them reminds us of what we truly desire and opens up a space to remember and seek those deeper things anew – which brings peace, joy, and hope. All of this is summed up nicely in one of our opening prayers at Mass this Lent:

*Look upon your family, Lord,
that, through the chastening effects of bodily discipline,
our minds may be radiant in your presence
with the strength of our yearning for you.
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.*

On another note, our Lenten Parish Mission begins this week. We are welcoming Fr. James Sullivan, OP to all of our Masses this weekend in advance of the Mission itself, which will be as follows:

- Monday, Feb. 26th @ 7pm
- Tuesday, Feb. 27th @ 7pm, followed by 8pm Holy Hour with Confessions
- Wednesday, Feb. 28th @ 7pm, followed by Reception in the Social Hall

I hope you can join us for what will be a fruitful opportunity for renewal.

Peace,

Fr. Luke

PS – some of you have asked if the Mission talks could be recorded and made available for those not able to attend in person. This is certainly possible, we just need a volunteer to make the recording. If you would like to assist, let me know!

Liturgy Notes— February 25, 2024

“He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all will give us everything else along with him.” Abraham responded in faith to God’s command to slaughter his son Isaac. Why? Abraham knew that everything, even life itself, belonged wholly to the wise and loving God who had called him, and who could even raise the dead (Heb 11:19). In the Transfiguration, God reveals to Peter, James, and John the glory that is given to us when we give everything to God. “Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful,” because then the Lord raises us to a new and everlasting life with him.

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Collect

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

BEGINNING THIS WEEK!

Holy Innocents Parish Mission

Join us for three Evenings of Renewal

**February 26
through
February 28
At 7pm**

Led by



Fr. James Sullivan, OP



Pope Francis' February Intentions Is For The terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Tax Contribution Letter for 2023

If you would like a copy of your church contributions for the 2023 year, Please contact the parish office during business hours.



Holy Innocents Knitting Group 1st Thursday of the month in the social hall at 7:30PM



Holy Innocents Altar Servers

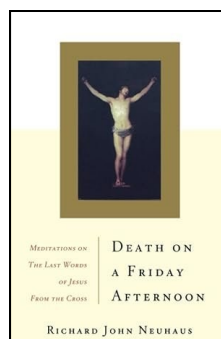
We invite children 3rd grade and older to consider becoming altar servers! For more information, call the parish office.

Youth Group News

All Students Welcome In Grades 9-12

All high school students are invited to join the youth group on Sunday, February 25th for a meeting in the parish hall from 6:15-7:15pm. Come grab a slice of pizza and learn about faith with friends!

Also, join the Youth Group on Sunday, March 3rd at 5:15pm for our next Youth Mass, followed by a meeting from 6:15-7:15pm in the parish hall. 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>.



Fr. Leo's Book Club

All are welcome!

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, March 6, @ 5:15PM in the Social Hall

We will be reading Death On a Friday Afternoon Paperback - January 30, 2001

Holy Innocents Parish Ride



Sometimes our parishioners need a lift to go food shopping, doctor appointment, attend an event at our parish or a ride to Mass. We are currently working on connecting those who need a ride with volunteers who can take them.

If you can either volunteer driving or you need a ride, you can call the parish office at (914) 769-0025 or email us at office@hiparish.org to be connected.



Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage 9*28*24

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

Nine Month Novena to be prayed on the last Saturday of each month, starting **January 27, 2024**. Cards with information can be found in the entryways of the church. Learn more at rosarypilgrimage.org.



Welcome to all families attending our Sunday 9:00am Family Mass.

Please join us in the Social Hall after each Mass for coffee and donuts sponsored by our Religious Education classes.



Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month following the 9 am & 11am Mass and every 1st Sunday of the month @ OLP following the 10:00 am Mass. Contact the parish office if you would like to volunteer with this service.



First Friday

March 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*



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

Lenten Holy Hour
Tuesdays 7-8
Confession is available.

Stations of the Cross
Thursdays 6 pm (OLP)
Fridays 11:30 am

Rosary before most Vigil & Sunday Masses



All are welcome
come join us!

LENTEN SOUP &

4 nights
(2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13)
4 churches

VESPERS

Ecumenical Lent Service
Wednesday, February 28 @ 6:30pm
St. John's Episcopal Church
8 Sunny Side Avenue, Pleasantville, NY 10570

February 21 @ 6:30pm
Holy Innocents Church
8 Sunnyside Avenue
Pleasantville, NY

March 6 @ 6:30pm
Pleasantville Presbyterian Church
400 Bedford Road
Pleasantville, NY

March 13 @ 6:30pm
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
197 Manville Road
Pleasantville, NY



Rules for Fasting and Abstinence During Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14 and ends on the evening of Holy Thursday, March 28. During the season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fasting and abstinence**.
All Fridays in Lent are days of **abstinence**.

Fasting means only one full meal a day may be taken. Two smaller meals may be eaten to maintain physical strength but together they should not equal another full meal in quantity. Snacking between meals is not permitted.

Abstinence forbids the eating of meat or poultry.

Catholics ages 18-59 are obligated to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. (Those who are not specifically obligated to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.)

Catholics who have reached the age of 14 and older are obligated to abstain on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. (Those who are not specifically obligated to abstain from eating meat are urged to join in the discipline of abstaining to the extent that they are able.)

Religious Education



Each year our Eighth-Grade students are asked to perform acts of service as part of their Confirmation preparation. They are asked for four service projects, one for church, one for family, one for community and to perform a Random Act of kindness.

Meghan Nebel, an Eighth-Grade student in Mrs. Cappa's class and Emily Raefski, a student in Mrs. Raefski's and Mrs. Sharp's class volunteered to update the Marian antiphon cards in our church as their church service.

The girls came on Saturday morning, and worked their way through the church, removing the old cards, and inserting the new ones. They also cleaned up extraneous papers left behind in the pews.

We are grateful to them for completing this task in preparation for the First and subsequent Sunday liturgies of the Lenten season.



Senior Lunch

**Wednesday, March 20
Following 12:15 -Mass
In our Social Hall**

We would like to invite the seniors of our parish to join us for lunch. Come reunite with old friends and make some new ones!

Please RSVP to the parish office if you are attending.



CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of:
James Vincent Nicolella

SAVE THE DATE

**Parish Block Party
Sunday, May 5
11 am Mass + May Crowning
followed by
Food, Games, Fellowship**



Another change to the liturgy during the season of Lent is the obvious omission of the Alleluia. Alleluia is a term of great joy, our singing the Alleluia is a way of participating in the angels' worship, and a reminder that the kingdom of heaven is established on earth in the form of the church. In its place we sing an acclamation of praise. This year we are using the Lenten gospel acclamation by Owen Alstott.

"Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!"

We omit the Alleluia as a kind of verbal, (and musical) fast, not to depress the mood of the liturgy but to create a sense of anticipation and even greater joy when this familiar word of praise returns when we celebrate Easter and the resurrection of our Lord.

In the Eleventh century a hymn, titled, *Alleluia, Dolce Carmen*, was written as a beautiful farewell, it has been translated under the title, **Alleluia, Song of Gladness**.

"We do not now deserve to sing the Alleluia forever; Guilt forces us to dismiss you, O Alleluia for the time approaches in which we must weep for our sins."

The medieval bishop and writer, William Durandus (1237-1296) explained that "we part from the Alleluia as from a beloved friend, whom we have embraced many times".

When the Alleluia returns on Easter, we invite you to sing it with incredible flourish as an expression of our Easter joy.



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Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection for Liturgical Ministers

The Twofold Imitation of Christ

Saturday, March 16

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM | St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers

SESSION 1: *Imitating Christ as a Child of God*
SESSION 2: *Imitating Christ in His Mysteries*

Registration fee:
\$40 (includes lunch)

The great goal of the Christian life is union with God, and this happens most beautifully as we come to a more perfect imitation of Christ. Join us for a day of reflection as we unpack the twofold imitation of Christ and how we imitate Him both as adopted sons and daughters of God and also in the various mysteries of His life – especially those celebrated throughout the liturgical year.



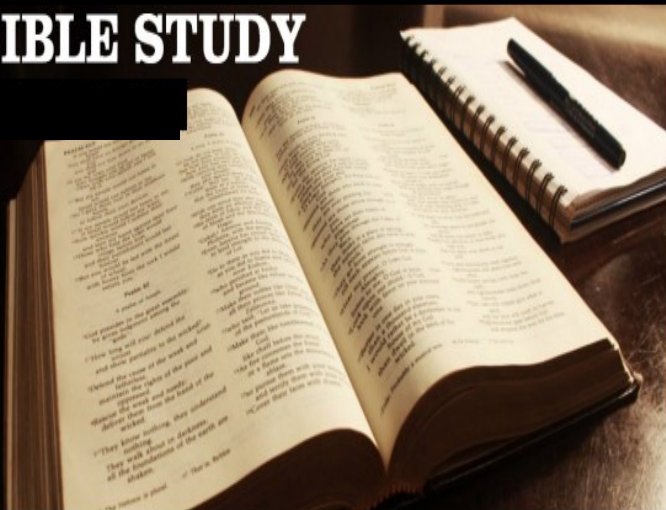
SPEAKER:

Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, OP
Pastor, St. Vincent Ferrer and
St. Catherine of Siena, NYC

Register by Sunday, March 9 at
DayofPrayer2024.eventbrite.com

Contact info: 914.968.6200 x8177 or x8145 | liturgy@archny.org

BIBLE STUDY



Men's Group
Saturdays 9am-10am

Women's Group
Saturdays 9am-10am

Sign up through FlockNote



914-769-0025 . office@hiparish.org

DAUGHTERS OF MARY

5th-8th Grade Girls



...the breadth of her charity, which is broader than the earth, is in truth immeasurable; the grandeur of her power, which she exercises even over God Himself, Incomprehensible; and finally, that the depth of her humility, and of all her virtues and graces, is an abyss which never can be sounded. -*True Devotion To Mary, by Saint Louis De Montfort*

The next Daughters of Mary Class is on March 9, from 4:45-7:15 in the social hall classroom. The girls will enjoy a meal, arts and crafts, learn about The Assumption and The Coronation and the virtue of the month will be Peacefulness.

If your daughter is interested in joining, please email Rosemarie at: rosemarie@marysbeautybook.com.



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Following in the footsteps of the Dominican and Franciscan friars, be prepared for an incredible journey through the most beautiful and sacred places of Italy. With overnights in Assisi, Florence and Padua, we will also visit Orvieto, Siena, Loreto, Bologna and Venice.

July 15 - 25, 2024

\$4940 per person (includes airfare from Washington Dulles IAD)

For more information or to register, please visit www.prorometours.com/friars or contact ProRome Tours directly at (434) 953 1112 or by email at office@prorome.com.

ZOOM WITH THE DOMINICAN LAITY

Take a quick journey through salvation history with the Dominican Laity via Zoom beginning Wednesday, Feb. 21st at 7:30pm for an 8-part Bible study featuring Jeff Cavins.

Many people give up reading the Bible because it seems so complicated. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible gives the “big picture” of the Bible by showing how 14 narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam & Eve to Christ & the Church.

The workbook costs \$24.95 from ascensionpress.com

For more info: Jennifer at castle348@gmail.com or text: (914) 438-4996

Meeting ID: 835-6954-0159 and Passcode: 874531