



HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH

431 Bedford Road

Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel, Saratoga Avenue

Pleasantville, New York 10570

Sunday, January 14, 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



1/13 5:15pm	Saturday (Vigil) Stephanie M. Schmiedel
1/14 7:30am 9:00am 10:00am 11:00am 5:15pm	Sunday 2nd Sunday Of Ordinary Time The People of the Parish Patrick Joseph Michael Conway (OLP) Fr. Alexander Merciere, OP John Petriccione Wieslaw Panek
1/15 8:00am	Monday Weekday Kenny Bailie
1/16 7:00am 5:30pm	Tuesday Weekday Joe Arcidiacono (OLP) Helen Chitty
1/17 7:00am 12:15pm	Wednesday St. Anthony David Walsh John Harris
1/18 7:00am 5:30pm	Thursday Weekday Renato Vellutino (OLP) Gloria Flores
1/19 7:00am 12:15pm	Friday Weekday Nicola DiBiase Alexander & Therese Shepetuk
1/20 7:00am 5:15pm	Saturday Weekday Helen Brady (Vigil) Rosemarie Wick
1/21 7:30am 9:00am 10:00am 11:00am 5:15pm	Sunday 3rd Sunday Of Ordinary Time George Civita William Casey (OLP) Kathleen Weiss Grayce & Rocco Surace The People of the Parish

EMERGENCY LINE If you need a priest after office hours you can call our emergency line at **914.340.4486**. We are always happy 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.



If you have a gluten intolerance and would like a low gluten host at Communion, please see the celebrant 10 min before Mass.

FINANCE CORNER
(Sunday Collection + WeShare):

December 31 \$ 9,706.00
January 7 9,657.00
Christmas Total \$58,952.00



Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month following the 9 am & 11am Mass . Contact the parish office if you would like to volunteer with this service. **Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel-** Every 1st Sunday of the month following the 10:00 am Mass.



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.



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 Grege, Micki Carbone, Walter Kastner, Jon Shuker, brother-in-law of Roxanne Surace, Sylvester Frazzini, Peter Gibbons.

PASTOR'S GREETING—Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P.



"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body." (1 Cor. 19-20)

So much of our Catholic view of human life is encapsulated in these lines from St. Paul. Christ has "purchased" each of us at the price of his own blood and each of the baptized has become nothing less than a "temple of the Holy Spirit." Therefore, none of us is "our own" anymore. Each of us is no longer accountable only to ourselves, but to God, whom we therefore strive to "glorify in our body," our spirit, and every part of our daily life. And mysteriously, in so doing, we are not diminished. Rather, we are led into the true freedom of a child of God.

A few notes to share with you:

- Thank you to those of you who braved the bad weather to join us for the volunteer appreciation brunch last week. I am truly so grateful for all that each of you does for our community.
- This Monday there is an interfaith prayer service for MLK Day at St. John's Episcopal at 11am. I am grateful to parishioner Jay Sullivan for speaking on behalf of our parish at the event – and each of you is warmly invited to attend.
- Thank you to those who helped our parish distribute \$12,000 to nearly 50 needy households for Christmas. I'm always grateful when we can find ways to extend the generosity of our parishioners to our broader community. As always, please let me know if you ever want to help me with the task of assessing and addressing needs in the community.
- A bit before Christmas, there was a new "declaration" from the Vatican regarding the question of blessings for same-sex couples. Not surprisingly, there has been a fair amount of back-and-forth in reactions to this. For myself, I found the text practical, pastoral, and balanced. It 1) maintains the Church's teaching that marriage is "an indissoluble union between a man and a woman," 2) articulates the meaning of blessings, and 3) encourages a pastoral response that unites charity and truth. I invite you to read it if you haven't done so already. You can find the text [here](#), or by googling "Fiducia Supplicans."
- Mark your calendars for February 26-28, when we will have a special Parish Mission each night, led by a few guest Friars. I hope you can join us for what will be a powerful opportunity for renewal.

Peace,
Fr. Luke

Liturgy Notes— January 14, 2024

"I have waited, waited for the Lord." In our yearning, John the Baptist sends us to the Lamb of God. Jesus looks at us and addresses us with a breathtaking question, "What are you looking for?" For Jesus draws us to himself through the longings of our heart. The Lord once said to Saint Catherine of Siena, "I who am infinite God want you to serve me with what is infinite, and you have nothing infinite except your soul's love and desire." God's law is within our heart, for he has given us that love and desire to lead us to him, that we may delight in doing his will. We are even so bold as to say, "we are not our own," because we have the Holy Spirit within us, who joins us to Christ. Whenever we hear in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." Christ's command, we are freed to answer with

Samuel: "Here I am." I

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.



HOLY INNOCENTS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Ministry
(Eucharist, Lectors, Ushers, Homebound Communion)

Altar Servers

Adult/Teen Choir

Church Care Group
(monthly cleaning of the church/social hall)

Snow Crew
(shoveling church grounds when snow falls)

Religious Education
(Catechist, Assistants, Hall Monitor, Principal)

CYO Basketball
(coordinator & coaches)

Vacation Bible School Camp
(planning committee, site leader, group leaders, teen volunteers)

Family Events
Pancake Breakfast, Family Day, Wine Tasting, Advent Tea, Seven Fishes & more
(chairperson, setup/breakdown, shopping)

Sunday Coffee & Donuts

Senior Luncheon

Christmas Pageant Committee

Parish Rides
(bringing seniors and/or homebound to church, events, doctor appointments)

Holiday Decoration Team



If you are interested in volunteering or have a particular skill you would like to share with us, let us know by calling the parish office at 914/769-0025 or email us at office@hiparish.org. We will call you when a opportunity arises.

We appreciate all that our volunteers do to keep our church a loving faith based community of God.



Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage 9*28*24 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC.

Learn more at rosarypilgrimage.org.

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.

The Religious Leaders of our
Local Communities

Invite you to join us for an Interfaith Celebration of



Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Monday, January 15, 11:00 am

at St. John's Episcopal Church
8 Sunnyside Avenue, Pleasantville

Please bring in food donations for the Upper Westchester Muslim Society Food Pantry, which serves all our communities. Especially needed are rice, lentils, cereals, canned food, and all dry shelf items.

For more information, please contact the Pleasantville Community Synagogue's Rabbi Ben Newman at rabbibennewman@gmail.com or call the PCS office, 914-769-2672.

All Souls Cemetery



Ground plots available.
Above ground columbarium niches available.

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Pope Francis' January Intentions Is For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

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

Letters will be mailed to your home after February 1, 2024.



CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of:
Mary E. Phillips & Carmela Porricelli



Join us in singing the Marian Antiphons at our sung Masses each Sunday. This season's antiphon is "Salve Regina." Music cards are available in the pews



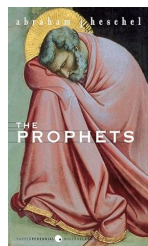
Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays
7-8pm

Confessions
Available



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



Fr. Leo's Book Club

All are welcome!

Next book is "The Prophets (Perennial Classics)" Paperback – October 16, 2001. We will be reading the second part of the book .

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, February 7 @ 5:15PM in the Social Hall Please bring a copy of the book.

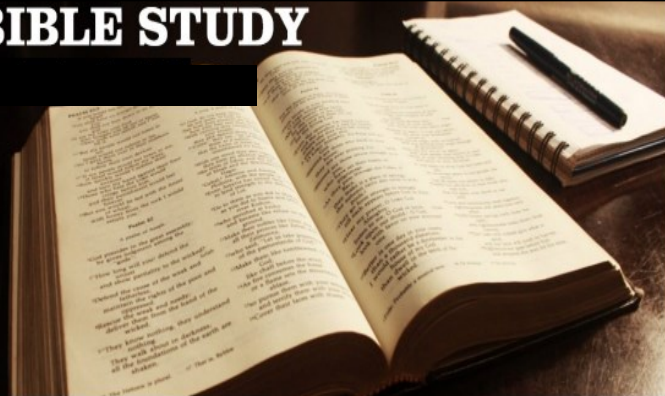
Youth Group News

All Students Welcome In Grades 9-12

All high school students are invited to join the youth group on Sunday, January 21st for a meeting in the parish hall from 6:15-7:15pm.

Come grab a slice of pizza and learn about faith with friends! Contact Julia for more information about a potential Youth Group trip to Spins Hudson on Saturday, January 13th from 12:30-2:30pm. This trip is dependent on expression of interest. 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>.

BIBLE STUDY



Men's Group

Saturdays 9am-10am

Women's Group

Saturdays 9am-10am

Sign up through FlockNote



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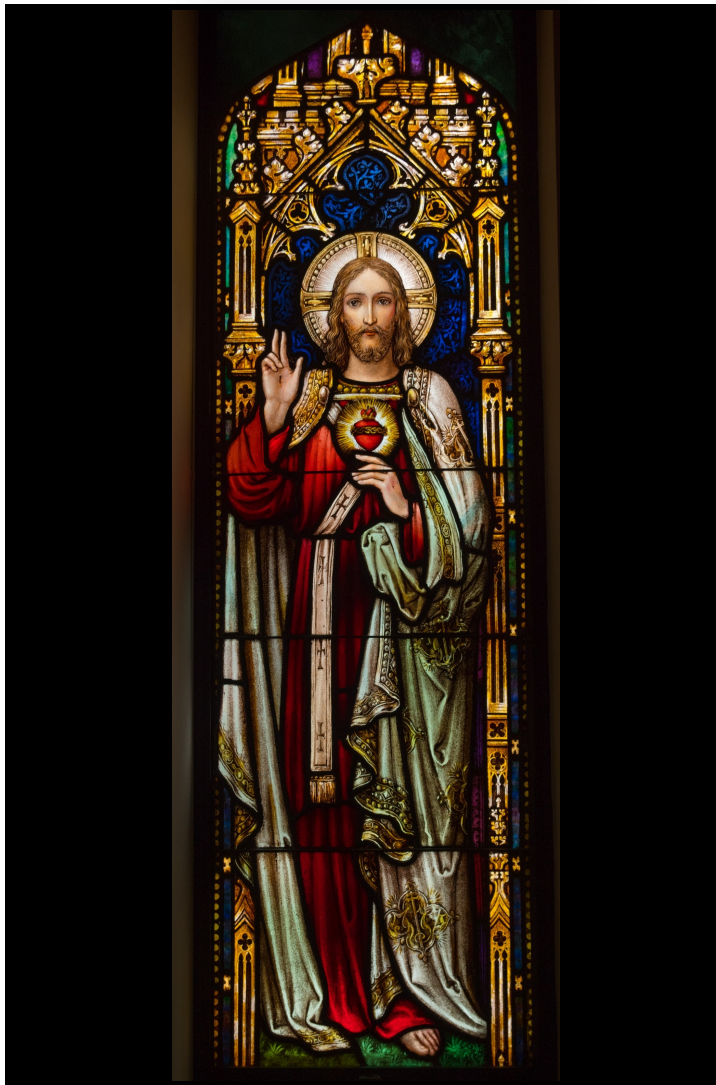
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First Friday February 2

*Renew your life
with Christ
every
First Friday
of the month.*

*Adoration
1pm—6pm*

*Confession
4:30pm—5:30pm*

*Mass
7am, 12:15, 6pm*



Volunteers requested!

When snow arrives on our church,
we welcome and ask for
volunteers to help us shovel.

If you are available to help out please email
us your contact
information at office@hiparish.org.

Thank you!



Holy Innocents is offering a Bereavement Support Group for anyone laden by grief.

Our next meeting will be January 18. Subsequent meetings will be announced in the bulletin.

There is no commitment, so please consider attending the meetings and determining whether this is for you.

It is not limited to parishioners of Holy Innocents, We do need a minimum of 6 people, so please feel free to offer this information to others who might benefit from participation in the meetings.

If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact the parish office.



Holy Innocents Altar Servers

We invite children 3rd grade and older to consider becoming altar servers!

For more information, call the parish office.

CANDLEMAS

Friday, February 2



**Come to Church and
Light a Candle
8am to 8pm**

**Adoration
1pm to 6pm**

**Confession
4:30pm to 5:30pm**

**Mass Times
7am, 12:15pm,
Candlelit 6pm**



Knights of Columbus FAMILY DINNER Jan. 19

Please Join St. Dominic Council for a Family Dinner on Friday January 19th, 2024, at 7:00pm at our Council, 874 Franklin Ave, Thornwood.

The menu will be cooked by Chef Charlie Sacco and his crew. The menu will include Penne with Meatballs & Sausage, Bowties w/ Pesto, Spaghetti w/ Garlic and Oil, Lasagna, Broccoli, Tossed Garden Salad, Bread and Butter, Coffee, Italian Cookies, plus Beer, Wine and Soda. All for \$30.00 person!!

Please RSVP by January 15th to PGK Mike DeFlorio at mickd004@verizon.net or 914-490-6700.



New Moms Support Group

Come meet other moms, get parenting info and support. Bring your baby!

- Support Group meets 10am on the first Friday of the month in the Council Room.
- Our focus is supporting mothers and babies both within our parish, and the wider community. See flyer in church entrances for more details.
- If you'd like to get involved group initiatives or attend the monthly meetings, contact Adriana at asel4451@gmail.com or text 917/291-1476.
- Lastly, 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

Holy Innocents Parish Ride Give the gift of a ride



information at office@hiparish.org.

Volunteers needed!

Sometimes our neighbors need a lift to go food shopping, doctor appointment, attend an event at our parish or a ride to Mass.

We are looking for reliable volunteers who can help our elderly or sick parishioners that do not have a ride with occasional travel plans.

If you have the time, car and would like to volunteer please email us your availability and contact

Epiphany Sunday at Holy Innocents & OLP Chapel



The Music Ministry continues to lead the Marian antiphons to honor the Blessed Mother before the final hymn. An antiphon typically consists of one or more verses from the psalms or another part of scripture. You may have noticed the sung Entrance and Communion antiphons that are now part of our liturgies.

The Marian antiphons are a group of hymns in the Gregorian chant repertory of the Catholic Church. They are not true antiphons because they are not associated with a psalm verse, and may also be referred to as anthems or chants.

According to the tradition, before Vatican II, the four Marian antiphons followed a date driven schedule, but today each is assigned a liturgical season.

Alma Redemptoris Mater – Advent/Christmas season.

Ave Regina Caelorum – the season of Lent.

Regina Coeli – Easter season.

Salve Regina – Ordinary Time.

We have redesigned the cards with the antiphons to make your participation easier. The cards can be found in the front inside pocket of the hymnal. We respectfully ask that you return them to this spot after use.

Since we have now returned to Ordinary Time, we invite you to join us in the **Salve Regina**. You can find it on the cards and in our Breaking Bread hymnal as #697.

Religious Education



The readings for today, the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, focus on the theme of discipleship and listening for God's call.

In our First reading we hear the story of Samuel. Samuel was the son of Hannah who had prayed to God for a son, and when he was born she was faithful in taking Samuel to the temple to be raised there. One of the priests in the temple, Eli, taught him that he must always listen to God. Samuel's response to God's call was "*Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.*" - we need to listen for God just like Samuel did.

We can listen to God by reading the bible, coming to church, doing good deeds, and making time to pray to Him every day. In our responsorial psalm, Psalm 40, we hear the appropriate response to God's calling - "*Here am I Lord, I come to do your will.*"

In the gospel reading, we hear that when Jesus walks by John the Baptist, John says "*Behold the Lamb of God!*" This response prompts Andrew to answer the call and immediately follow Jesus. Through Andrew's answer to the call, he also leads his brother, Simon, who Jesus names Peter, and becomes the rock upon whom Jesus builds His church.

To listen to God's call and to do His will is a continual process as we go through our earthly journey. As the circumstances in our life change, we may be called to serve Him in ways that we can never imagine before. It is very important to listen to Him all the time because it is only after listening that we can find the best way to serve Him. We might need someone to help us listen, someone who has solid faith and rich experience in life, a parent, a godparent, a teacher, a mentor or someone like John the Baptist, who helps his disciples recognize God and listen to His call. We should follow Andrew's example and help those around us listen to God so that they can understand God's plan in their lives and follow accordingly.

Through the examples of Samuel in the first reading and the call of the first apostles in the Gospel, we are reminded of the importance of being open to God's voice and responding to His call in our lives.



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**

sessions are Jan. 27, Feb. 17 & March 23 from 9am-11am.



DAUGHTERS OF MARY

5th-8th Grade Girls

Sleep, sleep, mine Holy One,
My flesh, my Lord! -- what name? I do not know
A name that seemeth not too high or low,
Too far from me or heaven.
My Jesus, *that is best...*
Sleep, sleep, my saving One.
-Elizabeth Barrett Browning

The next Daughters of Mary Class is on February 3rd, from 4:45-7:15 in the social hall classroom. The girls will enjoy a meal, arts and crafts, learn about the Magnificat, and the virtue of the month will be Justice.

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



Please join us for an evening gathering of adults from our local communities, to discuss various theological topics. Our monthly dialogue provides a safe venue for spirited conversation, education and an opportunity for Christian fellowship.

Our Local Westchester Faith On Tap

Topic: Defending Our Faith. Why it's important and how to do it in today's world.

Speaker: Fr. Justin Cinnante

Where/ When: Generously hosted by our Knights of Columbus @ 874 Franklin Ave, Thornwood on January 17, 2024 Doors open at 7:00 PM Wine and Beer on tap available & Coffee, Tea and light refreshments to be served (\$5.00 Suggested donation)

Admission Cost: Free



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



Holy Innocents Parish Mission

Join us for three Evenings of Renewal

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

Led by



Fr. James Sullivan, OP

WITH



Fr. Simon Teller, OP