



HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH

431 Bedford Road

Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel, Saratoga Avenue

Pleasantville, New York 10570

Sunday, January 28, 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



- 1/27 Saturday**
5:15pm (Vigil) Vincent Foscaldi
- 1/28 Sunday 4th Sunday Of Ordinary Time**
7:30am The People of the Parish
9:00am Intentions of Anna & Nino Lacardonaro
10:00am (OLP) Jim Toffon & Josephine Surace
11:00am John Studenka
5:15pm Patricia Vreeland
- 1/29 Monday Weekday**
7:00am Kayla Rooney
12:15pm Kathleen O'Keefe
- 1/30 Tuesday Weekday**
7:00am Kathleen Shortall
5:30pm (OLP) Joan Johnson
- 1/31 Wednesday St. John Bosco**
7:00am John Ward
12:15pm Adele & Joseph Cuomo
- 2/1 Thursday Weekday**
7:00am George Henry Stenderhoff
5:30pm (OLP) Richard Coschigano
- 2/2 First Friday The Presentation Of The Lord**
7:00am Gloria Torriera
12:15pm Bob Morales
6:00pm Ann Johnson
- 2/3 Saturday Weekday**
7:00am Maurice Regan
5:15pm (Vigil) Giovanna Zinone
- 2/4 Sunday 5th Sunday Of Ordinary Time**
7:30am The People of the Parish
9:00am William Casey
10:00am (OLP) John Lombardi
11:00am Angela Ambrosio
5:15pm Rocco Zacarolli



**The Sanctuary Lamp burns
In Memory of Jim Toffon (OLP Chapel)**

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.



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):

January 21 \$7,618



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.



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 Flocks, 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.

PASTOR'S GREETING—Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P.



Good day,

A few notes to share with you:

- There has been some talk about physician-assisted suicide in the news lately, as our state considers a bill called “The Medical Aid in Dying Act.” I am always struck by how, when we take God out of the equation, suffering begins to appear the greatest of evils, as something to be avoided at all costs, even at the cost of life itself. What is the Catholic perspective on this matter? Simply put, it’s not up to us to decide when to end an innocent human life, and that includes our own. When a society begins to act as if such matters are up to us, it is to the detriment of everyone. (Bishop Barron [offers a quick summary](#) at his Word on Fire website – “It’s Not Your Life, It’s Not Your Death, It’s Not Your Choice” 4 January, 2024). See the [New York State Catholic Conference](#) website to contact a legislator about the proposed NY State legislation.
- This Friday is Candlemas, aka the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. When Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the Temple to consecrate him to God, a “righteous and devout man named Simeon” took Jesus into his arms and prophesied that he would be a “light to all nations.” Each Candlemas, we are invited to remember that Jesus is indeed our light – hence the tradition of blessing and lighting candles on this day. Come to Holy Innocents anytime from 8am-8pm to light a candle and say a prayer. Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 1-6pm (his Real Presence is indeed true “light!”). And join us for the special candle-lit Mass at 6pm, when all of the candles that have been lit throughout the day will be filling the sanctuary with their light. Truly, Christ is our true light who will always outlast every darkness.

Peace,
Fr. Luke

Liturgy Notes— January 28, 2024

What or who can free us from being “anxious about the things of the world”? Jesus, at whose command “even the unclean spirits” obey. The people in the time of Moses begged for such a prophet.

That promise is fulfilled definitively in Jesus Christ, whose authority astonishes the assembled crowd. “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts,” adhere “to the Lord without distraction.” “To him you shall listen,” because obeying the authority of Christ makes us more fully human and fills us with a burning desire for things truly great.

Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Collect

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honor you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. 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

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

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**

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.



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.

Youth Group News

All Students Welcome In Grades 9-12

All high school students are invited to join the youth Mass on Sunday, February 4, 5:15 pm followed by a meeting in the parish hall from 6:15-7:15pm. Come grab a slice of pizza and learn about faith with friends!

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>.



CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of:
Herbert Rogers, Vincent Tully, James Donovan, David Walton



Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesdays
7-8pm**

**Confessions
Available**

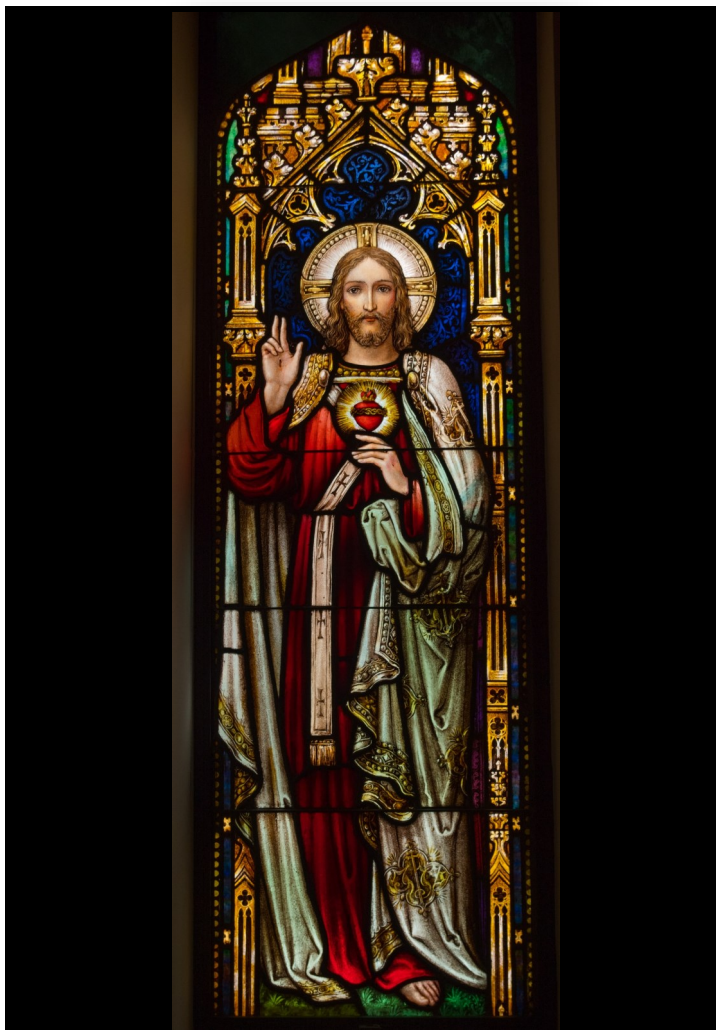
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Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.

— *Thomas Aquinas*
Sunday, January 28





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*

Holy Innocents Snowcrew



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 meetings will be February 1 & February 8 at 6:30pm. 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.



The Music Ministry is introducing a new song this weekend for our Offertory hymn. It is called **Blessed and Beloved** by Lourdes Montgomery.

Lourdes was born in Havana, Cuba, and moved to the United States at age five. She studied jazz piano at Miami-Dade Community College and music composition and classical piano at the University of Miami.

She serves as Music Director of St. Vincent's Catholic Church in Rogers, Arkansas directing the bilingual, English and Spanish masses. She is a passionate piano teacher who loves sharing her love of music with her students and has provided free lessons to students in need. One student, Gabriela Gomez, is now "paying it forward" by playing piano at St. Vincent's and performing with a local Mariachi group.

Lourdes's extensive experience as a pastoral musician and love of people makes her an excellent leader of workshops for Hispanic and bilingual parish communities. She has done presentations at both the national and international levels.

She lives in Arkansas with her husband Michael Montgomery, a classical double bass teacher, composer and musician whose talent may be heard on her CD collections.

Religious Education



Saint Spotlight



Today, Sunday, January 28th is the feast day of one of the Catholic Church's most famous saints - St. Thomas Aquinas. Thomas was born in Italy to a large family, he had eight brothers and sisters! He studied at the University of Naples, and decided to join the Dominican order of priests, the same order the priests who

serve our parish are part of!

During the medieval period, people had a hard time figuring out how religious faith, and the philosophy of Aristotle could exist together. Thomas harmonized them through his writings.

He believed that people could prove that God existed in five ways, including understanding that cause and effect was all under God's control, all movement in the world came from God, and that human intelligence was a gift from God. He also believed that people could learn virtue by abiding human and divine law. This is connected to scholasticism, too, because he believed that following laws was based on reason. He had lots of followers and people who agreed with him, so he was very influential both while he was alive and for centuries after his death.

His most famous book is **Summa Theologica**. Thomas Aquinas is one of the 33 doctors of the church. He is also known for his work with natural law, and had an optimistic view of human nature. He believed that it is in our nature to do good and not evil.

St. Thomas Aquinas is the patron of Universities and students because of his love for study and writing. His feast day was originally on March 7th, the date of his death, but since that day often falls within Lent, it was moved to January in 1969.

St. Thomas is most commonly pictured with an open book or quill, as in the beautiful rendering of him in the stained glass window located in the Tompkins Avenue landing in our church.

Holy Innocents Parish Mission

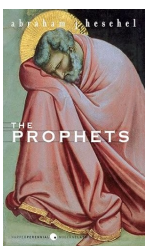
Join us for three Evenings of Renewal

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

Led by



Fr. James Sullivan, OP



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.



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



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

BIBLE STUDY

Men's Group
Saturdays 9am-10am

Women's Group
Saturdays 9am-10am

Sign up through FlockNote



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3. Create a New Account
4. enter "Holy Innocents, Pleasantville, NY" enter "Name and Email"

Catholic Television



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 at 8am -9:30am and Feb. 17 and March 23 from 9am-11am.**



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



PROROME



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DAUGHTERS OF MARY

5th-8th Grade Girls

...the Church called her alma Mater- Mother secret and hidden. Her humility was so profound that she had no propensity on earth more powerful or more un-intermitting than that of hiding herself, even from herself, as well as from every other creature, so as to be known to God only. -True Devotion To Mary, Saint Louis De Montfort

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.



the **CARDINAL'S**
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
*Sharing God's Gifts Throughout
the Archdiocese of New York*

The mission of the Archdiocese of New York is to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, aware of the local area and the world, the spiritual and the material, the present and the future.

The archdiocese serves 2.5 million Catholics across the New York City boroughs of Manhattan, Staten Island, and the Bronx, as well as in the counties of Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan, Westchester, Ulster, Rockland, and Putnam.

The *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*, a critical component of the archdiocesan mission, raises funds to sustain the various ministries, institutions, and outreach programs that serve thousands of individuals and families throughout New York.

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New Parish Priests

■ **\$4M**

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■ **\$2M**

Care for Retired Parish Priests

Feast Day of St. Blaise

Saturday, Feb. 3

Blessing of the Throats

Following the
7:00 am Mass



SAVE THE DATE

Parish Block Party

Sunday, May 5

11 am Mass + May Crowning

followed by

Food, Games, Fellowship



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.