

HOLY INNOCENTS

Served By The Dominican Friars Sunday, January 5, 2025

# 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)

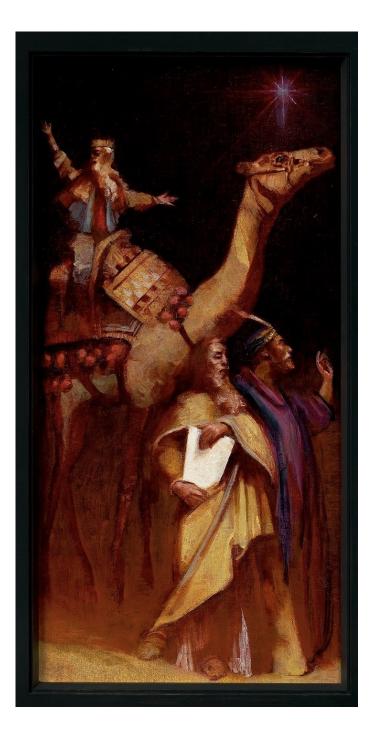
## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Tuesday: 7-8 PM

**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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## 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, JANUARY 4 5:15 PM (Vigil) | †Patty Smith

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 — THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 7:30 AM | People of the Parish 9 AM | <sup>†</sup>Steve Nikolla 10 AM (OLP) | <sup>†</sup>Natale Passaro 11 AM | <sup>†</sup>Patrick K. Sheridan 5:15 PM | <sup>†</sup>Agostino Salvo

MONDAY, JANUARY 6 — MONDAY CHRISTSMAS WEEKDAY 7 AM | Intentions For Angie 12:15 PM | <sup>†</sup>Tomo Sokich

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 — ST. RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT, OP 7 AM | <sup>†</sup>Carole Anzisi 5:30 PM (OLP) |Intentions for Margaret Finneran Hark & Michael Breen

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8 — CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY 7 AM | <sup>†</sup>Carmen DeJesus 12:15 Am |<sup>†</sup>Lucy Stearns

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 — CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY 7 AM | †Br. Jim Wiegand 5:30 PM (OLP) | †Guiseppina Mazzone

FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 — CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY 7 AM | <sup>†</sup>Ruth Murden 12:15 PM | <sup>†</sup>Frank Dupont

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11— CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY 7 AM | Intentions For Maria Boccasini 5:15 PM (Vigil) | †Fran Saracco

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 — THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 7:30 AM | <sup>†</sup>Mary Ellen Hradek 9 AM | <sup>†</sup>Lucy Stearns 10 AM (OLP) | People of the Parish 11 AM | <sup>†</sup>John Petriccione 5:15 PM | <sup>†</sup>Maryanne Cullen Beatley

## **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Rose DeSanctis, Mary Coughlin, Buddy Coughlin, Jimmy Fleming, Robert Sarro, Louis Sarro, Joann Keddy, Laura Cabrera, 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, Jean Davis, Christine Corsaro.

# **PASTOR LETTER**

#### "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

This Sunday (1/5) we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany: the arrival of the three magi in Bethlehem to offer homage and gifts to the Newborn King. We get to join the magi in their offerings today in a number of ways:

- 1. We will be doing the Epiphany blessings of the church doors at Our Lady of Pompeii before the 10am Mass and at Holy Innocents before the 11am Mass. Plan on joining us and pick up some blessed chalk to bless your own doors at home. These blessings remind us that whenever we enter our church or our homes, we are entering sacred places where we meet the newborn king.
- 2. Over the holidays, our parish gave gifts to the local community in many ways:
  - \$12,000 of gift cards distributed to households in need
  - Presents to the patients who reside in Rosary Hill Home (Rel. Ed. Grades 1-5)
  - Toy drive to benefit the students at Mercy Center, Bronx, NY (Rel. Ed. Grades 6-8)
  - Catholic Outreach Drive for children—Box of Joy (Rel. Ed Mrs. O'Connor Class Grade 8)
  - Donations of hams + turkeys, gifts cards, and toys to students and families of San Miguel Academy, Newburgh, NY (David, Sophia, and Charlotte Hundzynski)
  - Baby supplies and donations to the Sisters of Life (Advent Tea)
  - Baby bottle monetary collection and supplies for Sisters of Life (Rel Ed pageant)
  - Many bags of clothing donated to the Coachman Homeless Shelter in White Plains (Community Outreach Committee)

Thank you to each of you who helped facilitate these gifts!

- 3. Whether by volunteering your time and talents, joining for social events, contributing financially, sharing in our communion of prayer and Sacrament, or doing all of the above, we each continually share ourselves and our treasures with God and with each other through our life in this parish.
- 4. Finally, you and I today, by joining in the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Mass, offer ourselves to God, in praise, love, and trust, thanking him for his grace and presence in our lives.

Epiphany blessings,

Fr. Luke



## 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.

## LITURGY NOTES

The feast of Epiphany, wrote Sister Aemiliana Löhr, o.s.b., "brings to completion what the feast of Christmas began. The redemption has become real, in us and upon us. The Lord has come to visit us, has made us clean, has joined us to himself most deeply. Born a man, he has shown himself as God, has rescued us and espoused himself to us. Changed into a new being, and set upon another way, we pass back from the banquet table to the life of every-day. We have seen God. We have become his children." Two thousand years later, we join in the homage and gift-giving of the Magi by worshiping Jesus— Son of Mary, King of kings, and the One whom we will adore for all eternity

**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 the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

**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 you are able to help, please contact the parish office.

### **FINANCES**

• Total for 12/22 will be reported in the next bulletin. Thank you for your support!

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

#### **COLLECT PRAYER**

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime 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.

#### ALLELIUA ANTIPHON

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.



### FIRST FRIDAY— FEBRUARY 7

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).

## 2024 REASON FOR THE SEASON



## MUSIC MINISTRY

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. The traditional hymn for this feast day is We Three Kings, written by John Hopkins Jr. He was born in Pittsburgh, the son of an Episcopal bishop. He graduated from the University of Vermont in 1839 and earned a Master's degree in 1845. In 1850 he graduated from the General Theological Seminary and became the seminary's first music teacher from 1855 to 1857.

John Hopkins Jr. served as rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Williamsport, Pennsylvania and delivered the eulogy at the funeral of President Ulysses S. Grant. He died in 1885 in Hudson, NY and is buried next to his father at Bishop's House, Rock Point, Vermont.

As we sing the refrain today, think of his powerful view of the star, guiding the wise men on their journey then, and all of us on our life's journey now. "star of wonder, star of night.....guide us to thy perfect light"

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. The word epiphany comes from the Greek word *Epiphania,* meaning revelation. Also called Three Kings Day, at Epiphany we recall the visit of the Magi to the newborn Jesus:

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:9–12)

The epiphany, or showing, of Jesus teaches us that Jesus' coming into the world was important to the whole world and that the Good News of Jesus Christ is meant for everyone!

The Religious Education program hopes that you enjoyed your Christmas break. Our classes resume on January 6, 2025.

## COLLEGE CAMPUS MINISTRY

Happy New Year! I'm sure many of us have had a chance to reflect on the last year and think about goals we have for 2025. Perhaps you've even made some New Year Resolutions to guide you in making positive physical, emotional, or spiritual changes. The start of a new year or a new semester can be overwhelming; in moments of stress or uncertainty, let's resolve to remember that our God is always with us and always has our good in mind. He invites us to draw close to Him in every moment.

We invite local college students to kick off the new year with a Mass & Meal on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be at 5:15pm, followed by a free dinner and social. Please join us and start the new semester off with friends, fellowship, and food!



# **PARISH GROUPS**

HI MOMS GROUP Our focus is supporting mothers cleaning session TBA. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**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, fellow-

ship, and discussions about faith. For mor 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 February 1, 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

### **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, awardwinning 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.