HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH



431 Bedford Road Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel, Saratoga Avenue Pleasantville, New York 10570 Sunday, March 17, 2024



SERVED BY THE DOMINICAN FRIARS

Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P.

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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

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Nass Intentions

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3/16	Saturday Lenten Weekday
5:15pm	(Vigil) Deceased Members Of The
-	Samborski Family
3/17	5th SUNDAY OF LENT
7:30am	Michael & Theresa Keenan
9:00am	Desi Callanan
10:00am	(OLP) William Casey
11:00am	Robert Kafarski (Anniversary)
5:15pm	The People Of The Parish
3/18	Monday Lenten Weekday
7 :00am	Sean Brady
12:15pm	Intentions Of Paola Rendon (Birthday)
3/19	Tuesday St. Joseph
7:00am	Catherine T. Stenderhoff
5.30nm	(OLP) Jules Joseph Vedovino

(OLP) Jules Joseph Vedovino 5:30pm 3/20 Wednesday Lenten Weekday Nino Mariani 7:00am

12:15pm Richard "Desi" Callanan 3/21 **Thursday Lenten Weekday** 7:00am Terri Berrisford

5:30pm (OLP) Marylou Papa 3/22 Friday Lenten Weekday 7:00am **Hugh Dunlap**

William Connolly 12:15pm

3/23 Saturday Lenten Weekday

Rose Matthew 7:00am 5:15pm (Vigil) Anna Bonacci

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION 3/24

OF THE LORD

7:30am The People Of The Parish

Scott Frey 9:00am

(OLP) Pauline Antaki 10:00am 11:00am Robert & Dorothy Tracy

Amanda Knox 5:15pm

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.

Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony and Anointing of the Sick: Please visit our website or call the parish office.

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.

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):

March 10 \$12,711.00 March 17 2nd Collection -**Maintenance & Easter Flowers**



The Sanctuary Lamp burns In Memory of Louis Filice (OLP)



CONDOLENCES

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

Yesmen Yamin



Rose DeSanctis (mother of Joe DeSanctis), Mary Coughlin, Please Pray for the Sich of the Parish 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.

PASTOR'S GREETING—Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P.

"In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears....and he was heard because of his reverence."

Sometimes our prayer to God is filled with praise of his goodness and thanksgiving for his gifts. Other times our prayer is to rest in his peace. And other times, it is simply "loud cries and tears." But even cries and tears are indeed a prayer, when they are spoken in God's presence and offered to him with intention. What counts is not the state of our emotions or our circumstances, but the decision to enter into God's presence, to lift up to him our situation, and to await his response in trust and love. And that prayer is always heard.

A few notes to share with you:

- I'm grateful to Emma and Matt for speaking at our Masses last weekend about the bible studies and for their help in leading these groups. The Scriptures are one of the treasures of the Church, and joining with others to encounter the Word of God is a great way to enter more deeply into Christ and the communion we share in Him.
- The Synod launched by Pope Francis a couple of years ago continues to move forward. In the first phase, our parish participated in a local discussion day, as part of a worldwide listening session. This past summer, bishops and Catholics from around the world participated in sessions in Rome. Now, further listening sessions have been arranged for this spring. Our Archdiocese is holding its session at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers on Saturday, March 23rd (English: 11am-1pm; Spanish: 2-4pm). You can register at https://archny.org/synod. It would be great if we can have representatives from Holy Innocents in attendance. (And regrets for how last-minute this is the announcement from the higher-ups did not leave us much time to communicate!)
- Since St. Patrick's feast day falls on a Sunday this year, the Archdiocese is celebrating Masses in his honor on the following day, Monday, March 18th. Our 7am and 12:15pm Masses that day will therefore be Solemnities in which we celebrate his patronage of our Archdiocese.
- Tuesday, March 19th is the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Join us for our Masses (7am and 5:30pm (OLP)) our 7pm Holy Hour or simply come anytime, light a candle, and offer him a prayer.
- The Archdiocesan Chrism Mass is on Tuesday of Holy Week, March 26th @ 4pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral. This is a celebration of the gift of the Priesthood as well as the Mass at which the oils used for Baptism, Confirmation, and Anointing of the Sick are consecrated. It is a beautiful liturgy to be a part of if you have never experienced it, I hope you will consider coming. Just be sure to contact our parish office to RSVP so we can include you in our parish reservation.

Blessings,

Fr. Luke

Liturgy Notes - March 17, 2024

"Some Greeks" voice their desire: "We would like to see Jesus." What they hope to encounter through such an audience is "the joy of salvation." Jesus becomes "the source of eternal salvation" by his obedient suffering that makes him "perfect." For only if the grain of wheat dies does it produce fruit; only if one "hates his life in this world" does he "preserve it for eternal life." The Father will honor anyone who follows Jesus in this self-sacrificing way. He "will make a new covenant," writing his law upon our hearts. We will be his people.

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Collect

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain.

But if it dies, it bears much fruit.



Fírst Friday Apríl 5

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

Adoration
1pm—6pm

Confession 4:30pm—5:30pm

Mass 7am, 12:15, 6pm



The Second Vatican Council produced a document titled <u>Instruction on Music in the Liturgy</u> that states "musical instruments can be very useful in sacred celebrations, whether they accompany the singing or whether they are played as solo instruments. Any musical instrument

permitted in divine worship should be used in such a way that it meets the needs of the liturgical celebration and is in the interests both of the beauty of worship and the edification of the faithful."

The Music Ministry welcomes musicians who would like to contribute their talents to the masses at Holy Innocents. Orchestral instruments such as flute, viola, violin, trumpet, cello etc. can all be incorporated to support the singing at our liturgies.

If you are interested, please contact Joe DeSanctis or stop by and speak with him after mass.

Join us for two special days!



Solemnity of St. Patrick
Monday, March 18
Mass
7:00am & 12:15pm



Solemnity of St. Joseph Tuesday, March 19 Mass 7:00am & 5:30pm (OLP) Lenten Holy Hour 7:00pm Confessions are available.



Pope Francis' March Intentions Is For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

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Religious Education Mrs. Raefski's and Mrs. Sharp's Eighth-Grade Religious Education class is collecting Easter themed stuffed animals and candy as a service project to make this Easter a little happier for some children in the Bronx.

The Mercy Center offers programs such as Adult Education, Work Readiness, Family Skills and Youth Programs for approximately 85 children in the Mott Haven neighborhood in the South Bronx. The children range in age from First to Seventh Grades.

There is a collection bin outside the Religious Education entrance. Donations can also be dropped off or sent to Mrs. Raefski.

Danielle Raefski 182 Washington Ave Pleasantville NY 10570

Donations will be accepted until Thursday, March 28th.

Thank you to Mrs. Raefski and Mrs. Sharp for organizing this project, and for getting our students involved to make a special Easter for these children. We thank you for your donations and support.



Holy Innocents Knitting Group

1st Thursday of the month in the social hall at 7:30PM

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.



<u>Church Care</u> 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—10am to 12pm.

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Holy Innocents Altar Servers

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

more information, call the parish office.

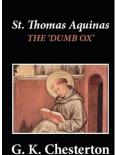
Youth/ Group News

All Students Welcome In Grades 9-12

News
All high school students are invited to join the youth group on Sunday, March 24th from 6:15-7:15pm for a

meeting in the parish hall. We hope to see you there!

Please see the bulletin and Flocknote for updates. For more information, please contact Julia Edelson at jedelson@hiparish.org or check <a href="mailto:https://htt



Fr. Leo's Book Club

All are welcome!

Next Meeting will be Wednesday,
April 3 @ 5:15P
in the Social Hall

We will be reading *St. Thomas*Aquinas: 'The Dumb Ox'

Paperback – December 16, 2012

by G. K. Chesterton (Author)

Please bring a copy of the book.



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, beginning 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.



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.





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

SAVE THE DATE

Parish Block Party
Sunday, May 5

11 am Mass + May Crowning
followed by
Food, Games, Fellowship





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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- 5. enter "Name and Email

Catholic Television

Save the Date Parish Talk Series April 18—May 30

Thursdays at 7pm in the Social Hall

- April 18th: "Death with Dignity: the Catholic Vision" (Sr. Charity, S.V.)
- May 2nd: "Dorothy Day and the Quest for Holiness" (Dr. Kevin Ahern)
- May 16th: "Suffering, Hope, and the Atom Bomb" (Dr. James L. Nolan, Jr.)
- May 30th: "Christianity and Politics: Lessons from the Early Church for Today" (Dr. Michael Peppard)

A Synodal Church is a Listening Church

SYNOD 2021-2024

Join with neighbors and meet others from your area during

Listening Sessions in the Archdiocese of New York

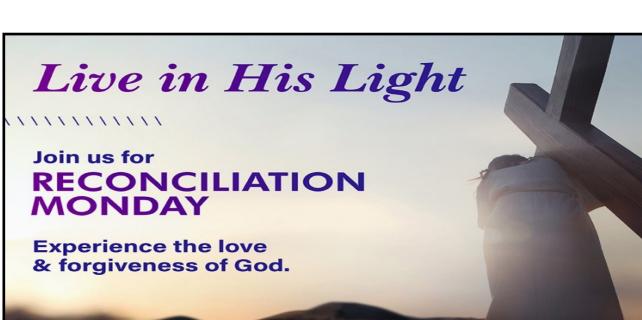
Saturday, March 23, 2024 English Session 11am—1:00 pm Spanish Session 2:00 pm—4:00 pm

St. Joseph's Seminary 201 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers NY

To register go archny.org/synod









March 25

Confession times are 2:00 to 4:00 & 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

Check archny.org/parish-finder for a parish near you.

CONFESSION

(take this with you ... it's really okay)



BEFORE YOU GO

Examine your conscience, that is, reflect on what sins you've committed. To guide you, just Google "examination of conscience" and you'll find resources to help you. It's even all right to make a list to bring with you if that helps.



INTRODUCTION

When you come before the priest, begin by making the Sign of the Cross (praying the words out loud), and continue by saying, "Bless me, Father, I have sinned. It has been (how long) since my last confession. These are my sins..."



CONFESSION

List the sins you've committed that came to mind during your examination of conscience. Don't be too general ("I haven't been a good person"), but a lot of detail isn't necessary (you don't need to tell the whole story of how a sin came about). If you're not sure if something is a sin, ask the priest. This isn't counseling, so unless you ask, the priest likely won't give you advice. He'll just move on to ...



PENANCE

The priest will suggest something for you to do or pray as a response to God's mercy. You'll have to remember what this is and do it after the confession is over, so pay attention



ACT OF CONTRITION

The priest will then ask you to pray out loud your "Act of Contrition," to demonstrate your sorrow for your sins: "My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy."



ABSOLUTION

Don't get up to leave after that prayer, because the best part is yet to come: The priest will extend his hands in your direction and he will pray the Prayer of Absolution: "God, the Father of Mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son, has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins. Through the ministry of the Church, may God grant you pardon and peace. And I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." You respond: "Amen."



CONCLUSION

The priest will then likely say something like, "God has freed you from your sin. Go in Peace." To which you can respond: "Thanks be to God." Don't forget to do your penance. If it is saying certain prayers, it's best to do it right away in the church before you forget.



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.

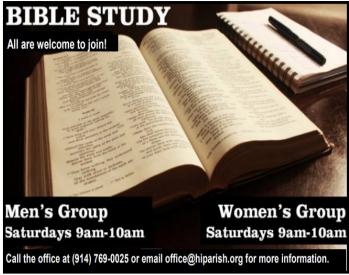
Fasting means only one full meal a day may be taken. Two smaller meals may be eaten to maintain physical strength but together they should not equal another full meal in quantity. Snacking between meals is not permitted.

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 obliged 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 obliged to abstain from eating meat are urged to join in the discipline of abstaining to the extent that they are able.)







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

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audiences daily. Visit: www.thegoodnewsroom.org or download The Good Newsroom app either on the Apple App Store or on Google Play. The Good Newsroom app is free and is the easiest way to stay up to date on what's happening throughout the Catholic Church in New York Your connection to the Catholiccommunity of New York



SAVE THE DATE

Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass

Sunday, June 2, 2024 at 2:30 PM Saint Patrick's Cathedral **His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan** Celebrant

The Golden Jubilee Mass is for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2024.

All those who wish to attend need to contact their parish secretary to register.

Pews will be reserved for *Golden Jubilee* couples only. Up to four (4) additional family and friends will be accommodated in pews outside of the reserved section in general seating.

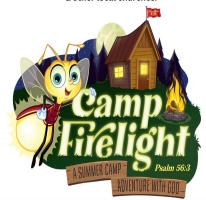
All Golden Jubilee couples will receive a commemorative certificate.

Couples who are unable to attend the Mass can request
a certificate through their parish.

Registration will close on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 5:00 PM

PLEASANTVILLE ECUMENICAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Emanuel Lutheran Church, Pleasantville Presbyterian Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, Holy Innocents Catholic Church & other local churches.



August 12-16th, 2024

8:30 am – 12 pm Emanuel Lutheran Church, Manville Rd, Pleasantville NY



\$60 - 1 child \$85 - 2 children

\$100 - 3+ children



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For children entering K-entering 8th Grade Nursery & Pre-K is exclusively for the children of volunteers.





www.myvbs.org/pvilleevbs2023 Questions about registration contact: Deborah Hurdis @ munozhurdisd@gmail.com



DAUGHTERS OF MARY 5th-8th Grade Girls

It is as if all the outward glory, which heaven and earth rival each other in laying at her feet, is nothing in comparison with that, in which she receives

from the Creator within, and which is not known by creatures, which in their littleness are unable to penetrate the secret of the secrets of the King. -True Devotion To Mary, by Saint Louis De Montfort

The Spring/Summer session of the Daughters of Mary Class begins on April 6th, from 4:45-7:15 in the social hall classroom. The girls will enjoy a meal, arts and crafts, learn about the Seven Sorrows of the Virgin Mary, and the virtue of the month will be Forgiveness.

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