



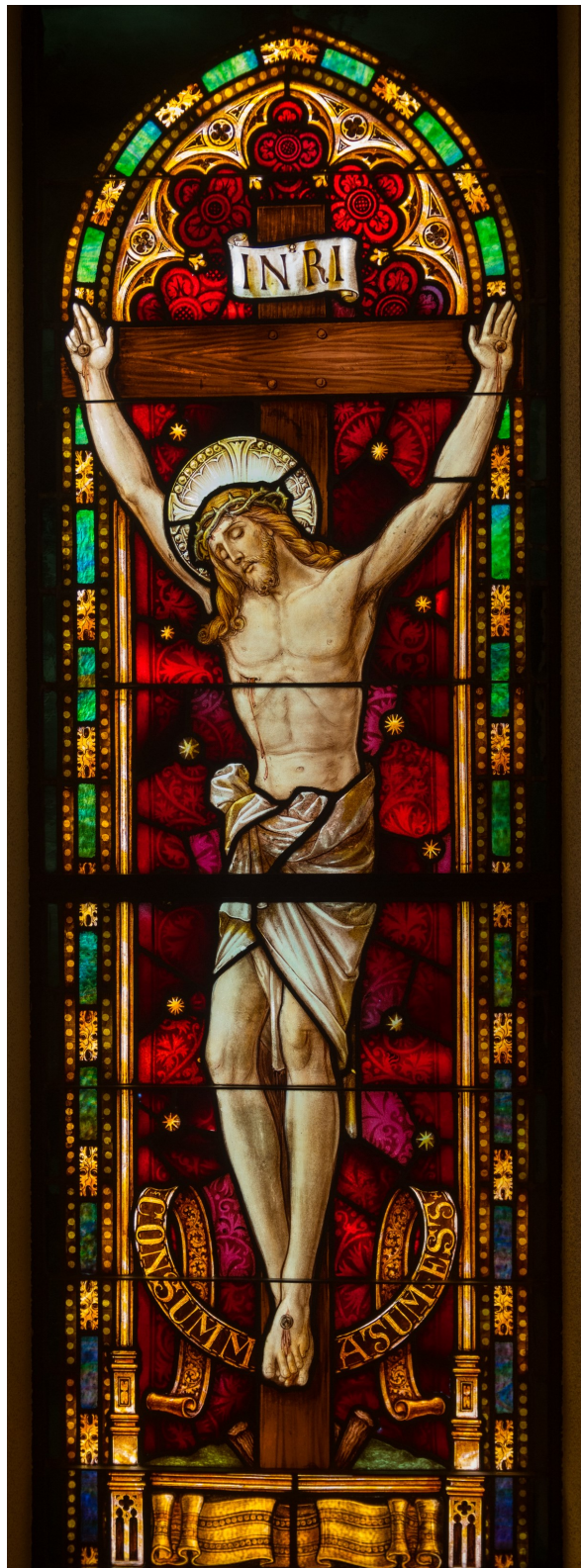
# HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH

431 Bedford Road

Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel, Saratoga Avenue

Pleasantville, New York 10570

Sunday, September 17, 2023



## 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*

### Confessions

7:00PM-8:00PM Tuesday

4:30PM-5:00PM Saturday

4:30PM-5:00PM Sunday

4:30PM-5:30PM First Friday

### Holy Hour

7:00PM - 8:00PM Tuesday

### Office Hours

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

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*Mass Intentions*

<b>9/16</b>	<b>Saturday SS. Cornelius and Cyprian</b>
5:15pm	Vigil Mass: Thomas Casey (17th Ann.)
<b>9/17</b>	<b>24rd Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>
7:30am	The People of the Parish
9:00am	Rocco Surace
10:00am	(OLP Chapel) Karen Morgan Blackstone
11:00am	Hildegarde & Christopher Mola
5:15pm	MaryAnn Cappiello
<b>9/18</b>	<b>Monday Weekday</b>
7:00am	Joseph A. Leto
12:15pm	Joseph Marcella
<b>9/19</b>	<b>Tuesday Weekday</b>
7:00am	Jeanne O'Reilly
5:30pm	(OLP) Patricia Hubertus
<b>9/20</b>	<b>Wednesday SS. Andrew Kim Tae-gon &amp; Paul Chong Ha-sang</b>
7:00am	Sarah Ferraro
12:15pm	Domenick Marcella
<b>9/21</b>	<b>Thursday St. Matthew</b>
7:00am	Brady & Collins Family
5:30pm	(OLP Chapel) Roger Buglione
<b>9/22</b>	<b>Friday Weekday</b>
7:00am	Jean & Walter Melhaff
12:15pm	Ruth Hubertus Rowe
<b>9/23</b>	<b>Saturday St. Pius</b>
7:00am	Ida Testa
5:15pm	Vigil Mass: Marguerite Snyder
<b>9/24</b>	<b>25th Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>
7:30am	Linda Alzapiedi
9:00am	Richard Duarte
10:00am	(OLP Chapel) Rosaria Rubino
11:00am	Mark S. Payne
5:15pm	The People of the Parish



**The Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
Memory of  
George Forstbauer  
Nancy Flora (OLP Chapel)**

*Religious Education*



Today is Catechetical Sunday at Holy Innocents! Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States designates the third Sunday in September as a

day on which to celebrate and pray for those who respond to the call to share the gift of faith. They work for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people.

Each of us by virtue of our baptism plays a role in handing on the faith and being a witness to the gospel. This day is a wonderful opportunity for our parish community to pray for those within our parish who have chosen to serve as catechists, and celebrate with them as they are commissioned for their ministry.

The theme this year is: *"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened."*

This year's theme reminds us of the invitation we receive from the Lord Jesus to follow Him and the promise that He doesn't want to add to our burdens; he wants to lighten them.

The Religious Education program is grateful to all of our catechists who are responding to the call to share the gift of their faith with the children of our parish. We are blessed to welcome many new catechists this year, as well as those who continue to serve and through their dedication have made the program a success.

We pray that God grants you the grace to serve in your vocation as a catechist, and that your own faith is deepened as you teach, guide and inspire the next generation of Catholics! Thank you for answering God's call.

Please remember these ministers of the Church in your prayers.



**All Students Welcome  
In Grades 9-12**

**Holy Innocents Youth group will be resuming meetings and activities in September.**

**We welcome all previous members and invite new students looking to join us**

- **Sunday, October 8th:** Youth Group meeting from 6:15-7:15pm. Location TBD.

Please see the bulletin and Flocknote for updates. For more information, please contact Julia Edelson at [jedelson@hiparish.org](mailto: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  
**Maria Miranda, Virginia Carey & George Forscante**

## PASTOR'S GREETING—Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P.



Greetings,

A couple of weeks ago, I mentioned that we had been given a tremendous gift from a parishioner: a newly commissioned, original oil painting based on the theme of the Holy Innocents. This artwork has now been installed in our church, to the left of the Mary statue.

I invite you to come and see it – it is very beautiful! See also an explanation of the work in this bulletin. And please join me in gratitude to the donor and in praying for parishioner Vincent Leheny (1936-2020) in whose memory the triptych was created.

Blessings,  
Fr. Luke

### Triptych of the Holy Innocents

The *Triptych of the Holy Innocents* is an original work of art by James Langley specially commissioned for the Church of the Holy Innocents in Pleasantville, NY. It was donated in honor of Vincent Leheny (1936–2020) and installed September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

#### What is a triptych?

The triptych is a classic genre of Christian artwork. It consists of five paintings on three panels which are joined together by hinges. Three of the paintings are visible when the panels are “open”; the other two are visible when the panels are “closed.” The triptych is open or closed depending upon the liturgical season.

In the *Triptych of the Holy Innocents*, the interior panels reflect upon the events recorded in the second chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, and the exterior panels depict two women of the Dominican Order.

#### The Interior Panels

The central interior panel depicts a mother and child. But unlike many mother-child images, this is a scene of deep tragedy: the child is lifeless, and the mother holds his body in anguish. It evokes the pain of the massacre of the Holy Innocents which is recounted in Mt. 2:16-18.

The left interior panel shows the journey of the magi traveling from the east to find the “*newborn king of the Jews*” (Mt. 2:1-2). They are journeying through the darkness of night towards Jerusalem. There they will meet Herod, who will order the massacre of the innocent children. But their eyes and hearts are fixed on the light; they are following the star.

The right interior panel depicts Mary and Joseph’s flight into Egypt, as they journey to protect Jesus from Herod (Mt. 2:13-15). Like the magi, they journey through the night. They have narrowly escaped the massacre and will be foreigners in this new land. And yet, God continues to be present. An angel leads them, pointing the way. This angel will be with them in Egypt, ready to tell Joseph when it is safe to return to Galilee.

#### The Exterior Panels

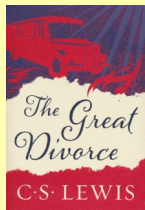
The two exterior panels depict two great Dominicans. On the left is St. Catherine of Siena (1347-1380), the Italian mystic who was made a “Doctor of the Church” for her influential writings. As usual, she is depicted with a crucifix, a book (representing her “Dialogues”), a crown of thorns, and the wounds of the stigmata.

On the right is Rose Hawthorne (1851-1926), also known as Mother Mary Alphonsa, who devoted her life to caring for terminally ill cancer patients. She founded the Congregation of Saint Rose of Lima, whose members serve at Rosary Hill Home in neighboring Hawthorne, NY. In one hand she holds a crown of roses in honor of her namesake and patron; in the other, she fingers a rosary, a pillar of Dominican prayer.

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Taken together, the five panels attest to the great truth of our Faith: although the world and our lives are marked by sin and suffering, the bright light of God’s presence continues to abide with us amidst every darkness, guiding all who walk by faith, hope, and love towards our Heavenly Homeland.





### Fr. Leo's Book Club

**All are welcome!** The Great Divorce Paperback – Deckle Edge, February 6, 2001 **Next Meeting October 4 @ 5:15PM in the Social Hall** Please bring a copy of the book.

## FORMED

We hope you are enjoying the parish subscription to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) which gives parishioners and members of the community free 24/7 access to over 300 quality Catholic on line programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, & 98+ E-Books. **Week of September 17:** Tuesday listen to: *St. John Henry Newman- Excerpts from the Tears of Christ* or watch: *Lead Kindly Light* or *One Step is Enough*. Thursday we celebrate the Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. Study *Lectio: Evangelization* or watch *The Calling of Matthew*, FORMED Now! *Feast of St. Matthew* or Bible Study: *The Gospel of Matthew*. You can also listen to the audio *Proclaiming the Kingdom: The Gospel of Matthew*. Saturday is the Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest. Watch *Padre Pio: Miracle Man* or *Padre Pio: Between Heaven & Earth* or *The Cross that Padre Pio Bore*. Listen to: *The Life of Padre Pio*.

Coffee and donuts



Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Sunday, October 22** parishioners who are celebrating their **25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary** during 2023 will be recognized at the **11am Mass**. Please call the parish office to register.



*Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish*  
**Rose DeSanctis** (mother of Joe DeSanctis), **Mary Coughlin**, **Buddy Coughlin**, **Jimmy Fleming**, **Robert Sarro**, **Louis Sarro**, **Joann Keddy**, **Laura Cabrera**, **Desi Callanan**, **Joel Walker**, **Pamela Pena**, **Maria Annunziata**, **Debbie Flocks**, **Janet Moy**, **Teresa Angarola**, **Linda Callari**, **Isidro LaSalle**, **Ed Mann**, **Ada Juarbe**, **Meredith Davis**, **Mary Krulis**, **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**



## First Friday

**October 6**

Renew your life with Christ

every  
First Friday  
of the month.

Adoration

1pm—6pm

Confession

4:30pm—5:30pm

Mass

7am, 12:15, 6pm

Adoration sign-ups can be found in the entryways of the church, Flocknote

&

[hiparish.org](http://hiparish.org)



The 2024 Mass Intention Book will open Monday, October 16

@ 10 am in the parish office.



## 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 meetings

**Sat. 10/28 @ & Sat. 11/ 18 @ 9-11am**



## Pope Francis' September Intentions For the For people living on the margins.

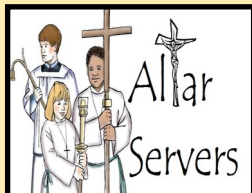
We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



## Holy Innocents Knitting Group

**1st Thursday of the month in the social hall at 7:30 PM** Come knit with us!

**EMERGENCY LINE** If you need a priest after office hours you can call our emergency line: **914.340.4486**. We are always happy to bring you the Sacraments in your time of need.



## Holy Innocents Altar Servers

We invite children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older to consider becoming altar servers!

Both new and experienced servers are asked to come to a training session. The next session is at Holy Innocents on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 6–7:30pm

Parents, please contact the parish office or Justine Collins to RSVP and for more info: [justinecollins@verizon.net](mailto:justinecollins@verizon.net)

## CHURCH ROOF PROJECT

Cost of Roof Project	300,000.00
Savings Used	(210,000.00)
Donations received	(47,000.00)
<b>Balance: Donations Needed</b>	<b>43,000.00</b>

Donate in person – place envelope marked “Maintenance” in the collection box or online to “Maintenance” through WeShare.

*Thank you for your continued support to complete this project!*

## Dominican Friar Speaker Series 4 Dominicans, 4 Ministries, 4 Windows into the Faith



Come and join us for a series of evenings with four Dominican friars. Each talk is on a Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Social Hall, starting in September. All are welcome.

**September 28 – Fr. Philip Nolan, OP**  
**October 19—Fr. Raymond LaGrange, OP**  
**November 16 – Fr. Michael Ciccone, OP**  
**December 7—Fr. Luke Hoyt, OP**

**Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony and Anointing of the Sick:** *Please call the Parish Office*

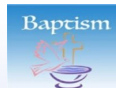
**New Parishioners** *You are cordially invited to join our parish community. Please stop in at the Parish Office.*

## FINANCE CORNER

**(Sunday Collection + WeShare):**

**September 10 \$14,706.00**

**September 24 Second Collection is for St. Joseph Seminary**



We celebrate with the parents and god-parents of the newly baptized  
**Hendrex Lasco**

Hear the Shepherd's Call  
Consider Catholicism. Inquiring Minds Welcome.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults  
Holy Innocents Parish  
Learn more at [hiparish.org/RCIA](http://hiparish.org/RCIA)  
Meetings Starting Soon



## Holy Innocents Adult Faith Formation Group (RCIA)

Do you know someone who has thought about becoming Catholic?

Were you baptized Catholic, but never received First Communion and/or Confirmation?

Our adult faith formation and inquiry group (RCIA) begins **Thursday, September 21st, at 6pm at the parish office.** Ideal for learning about Catholicism and for Catholics who have not yet received all their sacraments.

Contact the parish office at (914) 769-0025 or email @ [hiparish.org](mailto:hiparish.org)

## DAUGHTERS OF MARY (5th-8th Grade Girls)



*"To serve the Queen of Heaven is already to reign there, and to live under her commands is more than to govern." - St. John Vianney*

The Fall/Winter session starts on October 7th from 4:45-7:15 in the social hall classroom. The girls will enjoy a meal, arts and crafts, learn about Mary's Relationship With Us and the virtue of the month will be Prudence.

If your daughter is interested in joining, please email Rosemarie at [rosemarie@marysbeautybook.com](mailto:rosemarie@marysbeautybook.com).



If you would like to receive Holy Communion in your home, please let us know by email at [office@hiparish.org](mailto:office@hiparish.org). Also, 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.





OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL  
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NEW YORK, NY 10022

September 17, 2023  
Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary

Dear friends in the Lord:

Every day I receive many letters from our wonderful parishioners, but none cheers me more than when I read how much the faithful love their devoted priests. And as you know, almost all of them were educated and formed at *St. Joseph's Seminary*, Dunwoodie, now beginning its 128<sup>th</sup> year.

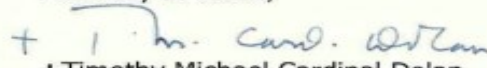
Our seminarians are not only the future shepherds of our flock, but they will also be spiritual guides and leaders in our wider communities. We must be sure that they are as well prepared as possible to serve the Church in New York. And for the last century and a quarter, Dunwoodie has been that place of formation. Thousands of holy, dedicated, and faithful priests have been ordained over these years. It is nationally renowned, held in the highest regard by bishops from around the country. Each year, other dioceses and religious orders send their candidates to our priestly formation program.

As I write to you today and express my gratitude for last year's contribution of \$378,918, I ask you to consider in your own prayer, a sacrificial gift to the *Annual Seminary Appeal*. It will be collected on the weekend of September 24. Your support will provide tuition, room and board, academic training and spiritual formation for our archdiocesan seminarians and the others who are studying there and help prepare these young men to become great priests after the heart of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

As you know, we do not have as many men making the commitment to serve as priests as we did years ago, and I am so grateful to those who accept the Lord's call. I ask you to pray for priestly vocations and help me in providing for our seminarians who will hand on the life and traditions of the Church one day. To learn more, visit [www.dunwoodie.edu](http://www.dunwoodie.edu).

With prayerful best wishes and gratitude to you and your families, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

+   
+ Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York



The Music Ministry shares the great sadness over the passing of our former pastor, Fr. William Holt. Fr. Holt was a big part of so much of our parish life and participated in many of the activities that each ministry and group organized. He added his touch to whatever was going on at Holy Innocents.

Fr. Holt always appreciated our efforts and many times took time to compliment the musicians and the choir for their presence and for sharing their talents. He was a wonderful supporter of our ministry and took time to get to know many of the choir members personally. He took an interest in our families and work life.

With all due respect, Fr. Holt had a terrible voice, and he knew it. He joked about how the choirmaster told him there wasn't one note on the piano that he could match, and it was better if he just moved his mouth. What he lacked in ability he made up for in spirit, and often rocked to the music and loudly reminded the congregation "C'mon pick up the books!"

The Music Ministry family extends our deepest sympathies to Fr. Holt's family. He will be missed by all, we feel we have lost a family friend.

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Matthew 25:21

God blessed us with your presence Fr. Holt, may you rest in peace and share the happiness and reward of heaven.