



# HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH

431 Bedford Road

Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel, Saratoga Avenue

Pleasantville, New York 10570

Sunday, September 8, 2024



## SERVED BY THE DOMINICAN FRIARS

Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P.

*Pastor*

Fr. Philip Nolan, O.P.

*Parochial Vicar*

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

5:00PM-5:30PM First Tuesday *at*

*Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel*

### Adoration

7:00PM-8:00PM Tuesday

1:00PM-6:00 PM First Friday

### Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9am - 3:30pm

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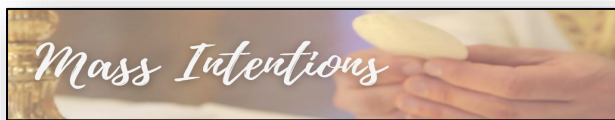
Robert J. Brutting & Elizabeth Kwiat

**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.

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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.



<b>9/7</b>	<b>Saturday Weekday</b>
5:15pm	(Vigil) †Austin Travis
<b>9/8</b>	<b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:30am	The People Of The Parish
9:00am	†Barbara Fiorile
10:00am	(OLP) Teresa Angarola
11:00am	†Birmingham & Byrnes Family
5:15pm	†George Foscante
<b>9/9</b>	<b>Monday St. Peter Claver</b>
7:00am	†Michael Breen
12:15pm	†Kathy Springer
<b>9/10</b>	<b>Tuesday Weekday</b>
7:00am	†Karen Wright
5:30pm	(OLP) †Fred & Marguerite Snyder (70th Ann)
<b>9/11</b>	<b>Wednesday Weekday</b>
7:00am	†Letterio Vita
12:15pm	†Anna Wallner
<b>9/12</b>	<b>Thursday Weekday</b>
7:00am	†Giovanni Brusco & Ida Testa
5:30pm	†Mario Galli
<b>9/13</b>	<b>Friday St. John Chrysostom</b>
7:00am	†Julia Brady
12:15pm	†Maureen Snyder
<b>9/14</b>	<b>Saturday The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>
7:00am	†Artie Olivieri
5:15pm	(Vigil) †Vincent Leheny
<b>9/15</b>	<b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:30am	†Thomas O'Brien
9:00am	The People Of The Parish
10:00am	(OLP) †Louis Sarro
11:00am	†Salvatore Arcidiacono
5:15pm	†Silvia Henao



**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):

- Sunday, September 1 \$9,109.00  
Thank you for your support!



**CONDOLENCES** We extend our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of: **Eileen Edwards Lew**



We celebrate with the parents and godparents of the newly baptized:  
**Lilian Montefusco, Arthur Felix Grisanti, Emilia Amendola**

**Holy Innocents Altar Servers** We invite children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older to consider becoming altar servers! For more information, call the parish office.



Rose DeSanctis (mother of Joe 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., Vincent Tichy, Vinny M., Maryann Colucci, Anthony Colucci, George Stefanou, Karen Carini, Nancy DeZolt, Monica Fabi, Stan Magda, Patricia Grege, Micki Carbone, Walter Kastner, Jon Shuker, brother-in-law of Roxanne Surace, Paula Porrecelli, Bill Schmitz., Mary Collins, Jeanie Davis



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



*Jesus looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to [the man], “Ephphatha!” – that is, “Be opened!” – and immediately the man’s ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.*

This weekend marks a new beginning of sorts in our parish. As the first weekend following Labor Day, it is the weekend in which the “fall semester” starts and many things are kicking off. Here’s a few of the things starting up:

- Our religious education classes for grades 1-8 begin this week. Welcome to our students. This Sunday we are celebrating “Catechetical Sunday” in which we have a special recognition and blessing of our catechists at the 9am and 11am Masses. Thank you, catechists, for your witness and the gift of your time and talents – I am personally grateful. And thank you to our DRE Roxanne and our Assistant DRE Roseann for their leadership.
- Our new group for high schoolers, “Follow Me,” begins this week. Led by Fr. Philip and myself, it is part discussion group and part prayer group. Our goal for the group is very simple: through conversation and prayer, inviting high schoolers to come to know, love, and follow Christ Jesus. If you know a high schooler, take a flyer and invite them to meet us in the Social Hall this Tuesday 7pm.
- This year, we are striving to be intentional in reaching out to local Catholic college students, especially students at Pace University. Next Sunday (9/15) we are having a special welcome Mass (5:15pm) and dinner for students. Please pray for this new ministry – and let me know if you are interested in assisting us as we strive to support students in their faith. Thank you to Julia DalCeredo for her leadership in this new work.
- We are now taking registrations for a new group for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade boys called Sons of Joseph, starting up next month. This is the boys’ version of the group for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls called Daughters of Mary. Thank you to Rosemarie Pomilla who designed the curriculum for these groups and to Frank Pomilla and Hans Gspandl for leading the boys group.
- Next weekend we welcome Fr. Allen Moran OP, the Provincial of our Dominican Province (in simpler language, my boss). He will be the celebrant of the 11am Mass (9/15). Please join me in offering him a warm welcome.

Stay tuned for events coming up next month like the Wine Tasting as well as a lecture series.

As we press “go” on a new parish semester, let’s draw close to the Lord Jesus. He is the one who opens the way, who says “Ephphetha” for us, who clears the path for his flood of grace to come into our parish and our lives. Please pray for our families, our youth, our local college students, and our parish. As St. John Paul II would say, “Let us open wide the doors to Christ!”

Fr. Luke

### **Welcome To College Students**



A warm welcome to Pace University students and all college students! We are thankful for your participation and contribution to our parish community, and we are praying for you and your intentions.

All local college students are invited to join us on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> for Mass at 5:15pm, followed by a free welcome dinner. Please contact Julia DalCeredo at [jdalceredo@hiparish.org](mailto:jdalceredo@hiparish.org) for more information.



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*new group for teens*

**FOLLOW ME**

With Fr. Luke and Fr. Philip

Scan to sign up



*preparing high schoolers to be lifelong disciples*

**EVERY TUESDAY AT 7PM  
STARTING SEPTEMBER 10TH**

**PROVINCIAL VISITATION**

On September 15-17, Fr. Allen Moran, O.P. will be visiting Holy Innocents and will be celebrating the 11am Mass on Sun. Sept. 15. He is the Provincial of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph, which covers the Northeastern part of the United States. Fr. Allen is based out of our headquarters at St. Vincent Ferrer Priory in New York City. Part of his job is to check in on each Dominican house and parish in the territory--something we call a "Provincial Visitation." Over the course of his visit here, he'll be meeting with various groups in the parish as well as with all the friars. If you see him, please wish him a warm welcome!



**9/11 Church Bells**

This Wednesday is September 11th. At 8:46 AM, listen for our church bells, which will ring for 30 seconds to remember the twenty-third anniversary of this national tragedy. We pray for everyone who lost their lives on that day and for all who continue to bear wounds.

**Parking at Our Lady of Pompeii**

We ask our parishioners to be careful to park legally when attending Mass at Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel. We understand parking is limited at that location. But please remember to respect the signage around the chapel and to be mindful to never block a driveway.

**Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage  
September 28, 2024**

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception  
Washington, DC

*Join the Dominican Friars in a national pilgrimage devoted to Christ and Our Lady!*



**We are going!  
Join us!**

A group from Holy Innocents, led by Fr. Philip, will be attending the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage. We will travel by bus, leave Pleasantville early in the morning and return late evening. All are invited.

**SIGN UP!**

Scan to register and for payment or call the office to register.



Cost \$85 per person.

Bus leaves HI at 5am and  
departs from DC at 8pm

More than 3,500 people attended the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., last September, and the Dominicans are preparing an even larger event in 2024 to help people grow closer to Christ through the Rosary.

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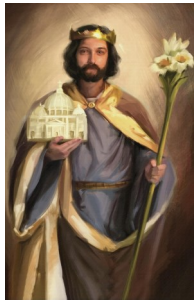
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**Holy Innocents Knitting Group**  
1st Thursday of the month in the  
social hall at 7:30PM.



**Sons of Joseph** The twenty-first century is a difficult time for growing up. So much in the world teaches our young people to feel insecure about themselves and to prioritize values that do not correspond to our Faith. We need to be proactive in leading them to what is good, wholesome, and true

Launching in October '24, the Sons of Joseph class strives to achieve this goal for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade boys. Drawing on the example of St. Joseph and other male saints devoted to Mary, it will teach the boys character-building qualities that lead them closer to Christ, resulting in a holy self-love, peace, and joy.

**Each session includes a lesson, meal, fellowship, and an activity.**

- **When:** First Sundays of the month, October through June, from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
- **Where:** Holy Innocents Council Room (adjacent to Social Hall), then an activity (sometimes off-site)
- **Cost:** \$100 (cash or check payable to Holy Innocents) plus a separate activity fee (for certain classes)
- **Registration:** Email [rose-marie@marysbeautybook.com](mailto:rose-marie@marysbeautybook.com)

**Dads are welcome to join the program too!**

#### **Knights of Columbus Baby Alex**

**Fundraising Dinner** Saturday, 9/21/24 6:30 pm @ Holy Rosary Cafeteria \$25 per person  
Baby Alexander is the grandson of Holy Rosary Parishioner who was born this past March with a very rare congenital medical condition and has had numerous surgeries, including emergency open heart surgery. Baby Alexander has had seven additional surgeries and will remain in ICU as he recovers. The KOC are hosting a pasta dinner with wine, beer & soda including a 50/50 to help the family. You are invited to attend this event.

**For reservations contact Mike DeFlorio at [mick-d004@verizon.net](mailto:mick-d004@verizon.net) or 914-490-6700**

#### **Liturgy Notes— Sunday, September 8, 2024**

To give hearing and speech back to the deaf and mute man restores his ability to enter fully into human communication: to hear the voice of a friend and to express himself with ease. But his many years of suffering led to an incomparable privilege: the first voice he hears is Christ's, the first person he speaks to is Jesus. "Here is your God," O once deaf and mute man, "he comes with divine recompense, he comes to save you." If we "adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ," we will be healed of every infirmity and be "heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him."

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

#### **Collect**

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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**

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

#### **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. The next cleaning date is September 21 at 9am.

#### **Summer '24 Improvement Projects**

All donations marked "Maintenance" will go towards these projects until they are paid off.

#### **LED lighting in the perimeter of the main church**

= \$11,000

#### **LED lighting in the Social Hall**

= \$51,500

#### **Our Lady of Pompeii windows and social hall renovations**

= \$44,000

TOTAL COST = \$106,500

FUNDS RAISED = \$69,989.34 (As of September 3, 2024)

**FUNDS STILL NEEDED = \$36,510.66**

Thank you in advance for your help!





## Religious Education

Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States designates the third Sunday in September as Catechetical Sunday, a day on which to celebrate and pray for those who respond to the call to share the gift of faith.

We are celebrating Catechetical Sunday a week early at Holy Innocents and will recognize those that volunteer their time to serve God and teach the faith at the 9:00 and 11:00 AM masses this weekend.

The Religious Education program would like to especially acknowledge two of our catechists who have reached a milestone in their calling as catechists.

**Ms. Jean Bianco** – Fifteen years and **Ms. Daneen Mancuso** – Ten years.

Jean and Daneen are wonderful role models of living the faith and sharing the gifts they have been given with others, specifically the children of our parish.

The Religious Education program is grateful to all of our catechists who are responding to the call and we are blessed to welcome many new catechists this year.

Classes begin this **Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**. We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning with our new and returning students.

Please remember our students, Catechists, Catechist Assistants, Principals, and Hall Monitors in your prayers as we begin the 2024-2025 school year!



In remembrance of the tragedies of September 11, 2001, the lives that were lost, and for the loved ones they left behind who are still grieving every single day, we have chosen **For the Healing of the Nations** as our recessional hymn.

This song was written by Fred Kaan in 1968 as a song of peace. He was born in Haarlem, Netherlands and his family was active in the Dutch resistance hiding many refugees during the Nazi occupation. Three of his grandparents died of starvation due to the famine during the war. These teenage experiences of wartime had a lasting effect and he became a pacifist.

The title is derived from the words in the Book of Revelation, 22:2, "*on either side of the river is the tree of life....and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.*" The guiding theme is that through prayer we will be led forward in freedom, and a reminder that we are all made in the image of God, and to be more like Christ in all that we do.

The Music Ministry hopes you will take a moment today to pray for peace in our world, and use this day as a reminder of how short life is, and that we should treasure each day with affection, tenderness, love and laughter.



Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month following the 9am & 11am Mass and every 1st Sunday of the month @ OLP following the 10am Mass. Contact the parish office if you would like to volunteer with this service.

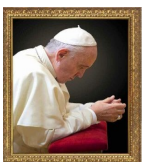


Holy Innocents is offering a Bereavement Support Group for anyone laden by grief. Our next meetings will be 9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/7, & 11/14 at 6:30 pm in the Council Room. Subsequent meetings will be announced in the bulletin.

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.

## INTEREST IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

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.



## Pope Francis' September Intention is for the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



## Save The Date

Join us  
on **Sat., 10/26/24**  
at 7pm for our  
**Wine Tasting Evening!**