



HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH

431 Bedford Road

Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel, Saratoga Avenue

Pleasantville, New York 10570

Sunday, December 10, 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*

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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12/9

5:15pm

Saturday

(Vigil) Rudy Flavio & Nino Forchetti

12/10

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am

The People of the Parish

9:00am

Joseph DeSanctis, Sr.

10:00am

(OLPI) Albert Antaki

11:00am

Rosalie Camasto

5:15pm

Lisa D'Agostino

12/11

Monday Advent Weekday

7:00am

Francesco Marino

12:15pm

Mario Galli

12/12

Tuesday Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00am

Frank Pennimpede

5:30pm

(OLP) Michael Flanagan

12/13

Wednesday Advent Weekday

7:00am

Gloria Flores

12:15pm

Margaret Flores

12/14

Thursday St. John The Cross

7:00am

Thomas McCormack

5:30pm

(OLP) Scott Frey

12/15

Friday—Advent Weekday

7:00am

Rose Makosky

12:15pm

John Collins

12/16

Saturday Advent Weekday

7:00am

Ida Testa & Family

5:15pm

(Vigil) Michele Tognari

12/17

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am

The People of the Parish

9:00am

Pietro, Julia & Bambina Forchetti

10:00am

(OLPI) Albert Antaki

11:00am

Thomas Tropea

5:15pm

Roger Buglione

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. 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.

FINANCE CORNER

(Sunday Collection + WeShare):

November 26 \$9,997.00

Second Collection: December 17 Maintenance

Total donation:

Arch collection for Charity & Justice \$1,483.36



Join us in singing the Marian Antiphons at our sung Masses each Sunday. This season's antiphon is "**Alma Redemptoris Mater.**" Music cards are available in the pews



Holy Innocents Knitting Group

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



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.



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 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 Gregees, Micki Carbone, Walter Kastner, Jon Shuker, brother-in-law of Roxanne Surace, Sylvester Frazzini

PASTOR'S GREETING—Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P.



Greetings,

A few notes to share with you:

- Thank you to our Music Ministry for the Advent Lessons & Carols this weekend! I am looking forward to joining you for this opportunity to listen and sing together as we prepare for Christmas.
- Thank you to our volunteers who are making it possible for us to continue with the Senior Luncheon. We re-started this in October as something of a test to see if it would be feasible to continue – and now with both the interest and willingness of volunteers, we are able to continue with another gathering this Wednesday. (Please let us know if you would like to assist!)
- Would you be interested in being on a roster of parishioner-drivers who could assist those who are homebound with picking up groceries and transport to appointments and church? Let the office know if so.
- As we continue our journey through Advent, here are some Advent words from the Catholic author Caryl Chessman:

Advent is the season of the secret, the secret of the growth of Christ, of Divine Love growing in silence.... For nine months Christ grew in His Mother's body. By His own will she formed Him from herself, from the simplicity of her daily life. She had nothing to give Him but herself. He asked for nothing else. She gave Him herself. Working, eating, sleeping, she was forming His body from hers. His flesh and blood. From her humanity she gave Him His humanity.

This time of Advent is absolutely essential to our contemplation too. If we have truly given our humanity to be changed into Christ, it is essential to us that we do not disturb this time of growth. It is a time of darkness, of faith. We shall not see Christ's radiance in our lives yet; it is still hidden in our darkness; nevertheless, we must believe that He is growing in our lives; we must believe it so firmly that we cannot help relating everything, literally everything, to this almost incredible reality. This attitude it is which makes every moment of every day and night a prayer... We ought to let everything grow in us, as Christ grew in Mary.

Peace,
Fr. Luke

Liturgy Notes— December 10, 2023

“The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ” is not just the beginning of a story from long ago. The Good News of Jesus Christ is as current as it ever was. It promises a new beginning for those longing to hear someone “speak tenderly.” Comfort will come; life that never decays will “spring out of the earth”—out of our very humanity. “Repentance” means turning away from all that is contrary to our own good and embracing the infinitely worthy One who gives us a share in his Spirit.

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart. The Gloria is not said.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.



Advent

At Holy Innocents

**December 1
First Friday**

**Adoration 12:45pm-5:45pm
Candlelit Mass 6pm
Confessions 4:30pm-5:30pm**

**December
5, 12 & 19
Tuesdays**

**Advent Holy Hour 7pm-8pm
Adoration, Reflection,
Confessions and Night Prayer**

**December 8
Friday**

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Thursday Vigil: 5:30pm (OLP)
7am, 12:15pm & 5:15pm**

**December 10
Sunday**

Advent Lessons & Carols 7pm

**December 18
Monday**

**Reconciliation Monday
Confessions 2pm - 4pm & 6pm - 8pm**

**Please join us for
Advent Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 10, 2023 7:00 PM**



**Holy Innocents Music Ministry
Under the Direction of
Joseph DeSanctis
Joined by our
Parish Lectors and Pastoral Team**



A friendly reminder that the 2023 Holy Innocents Parish Community Drive-Thru Gift Collection will be held on Sunday, December 10 in the Holy Innocents Tompkins Avenue parking lot between 11 am and 4:30 pm.

This year, we prefer for the gifts to come unwrapped to allow everything to be easily organized for vulnerable pregnant women and their families based on specific priorities and needs.

Join us as new volunteers are always welcome.

Wishing everyone the abundant blessings of Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace this season and always!

Senior Lunch



**Wednesday, December 13
Following 12:15 -Mass 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.

FORMED We hope you are enjoying the parish subscription.

To access: go to www.formed.org

1. click "Sign Up"
2. click "Sign Up as a Parishioner"
3. Create a New Account
4. enter "Holy Innocents, Pleasantville, NY" enter "Name and Email"

Catholic Television



Every 2nd and 4th 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.



**Please Join St. Dominic Council
for a Christmas Dinner on
Friday, December 15th @ 7:00 pm
at our Council,
874 Franklin Ave Thornwood.**

Menu Provided by Casa Rina will include Calamari Bianco, Chicken Sorrentino, Veal Francese, Penne with Spinach, Saute Broccoli w/ Oil & Garlic, Rice Pilaf, Mesclun Salad, Bread & Butter, Coffee, and Dessert, plus Beer, Wine, and Soda. All for \$30.00 person!!

We will also be drawing our 300 Club raffle that night.

Please RSVP by December 11th to Anthony Catalano tcdog1957@gmail.com or 914-272-8954



DAUGHTERS OF MARY

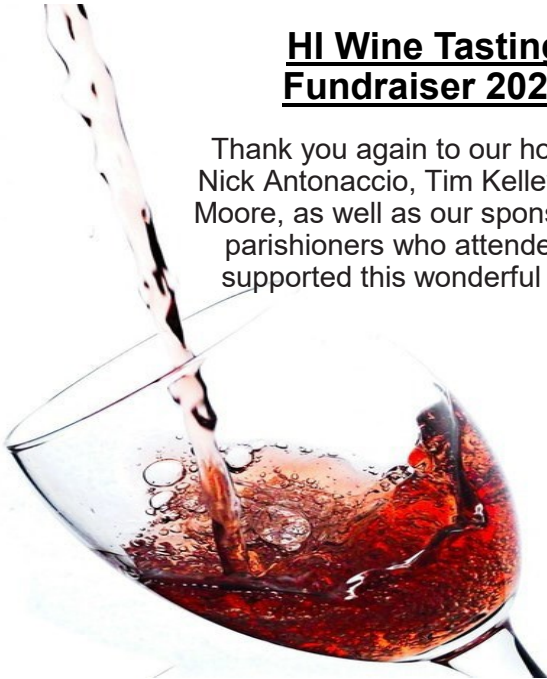
5th-8th Grade Girls

But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus." Luke 1:30-31

The next Daughters of Mary Class is on January 6th, from 4:45-7:15 in the social hall classroom. The girls will enjoy a meal, arts and crafts, learn about the Visitation, and the virtue of the month will be Politeness. If your daughter is interested in joining, please email Rosemarie at: rosemarie@marysbeautybook.com.

HI Wine Tasting Fundraiser 2023

Thank you again to our host(ess)
Nick Antonaccio, Tim Kelley, Laura
Moore, as well as our sponsors and
parishioners who attended and
supported this wonderful event.



The total amount raised was
\$22,000.00. Thank you!

Save the Date !



At Holy Innocents

**Sunday, February 25
through
Wednesday, February 28**

**Join us each evening for a time of
reflection and renewal.**

More details will follow!



Baptism



We celebrate with the parents and
godparents of the newly baptized:
**Mila Magliulo Layla Bucci,
James Dillon**

First Friday January 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*



Holy Innocents is offering a Bereave-
ment Support Group for anyone laden by
grief.

Our next meeting will be December 14,
2023. Subsequent meetings will be an-
nounced in the bulletin.

There is no commitment, so please consider attend-
ing the first meeting and determining whether this is
for you.

It is not limited to parishioners of Holy Inno-
cents, 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 infor-
mation, please contact the parish office.



Holy Innocents Altar Servers

We invite children 3rd grade and older to
consider becoming altar servers! Join
us for our next meeting Dec. 10 at 10:00 am in the
church. For more information, call the parish office.



Pope Francis' December Intentions For the Pope For persons with disabilities


We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

BIBLE STUDY



Men's Group
Saturdays 9am-10am

Women's Group
Saturdays 9am-10am

Sign up through FlockNote 

914-769-0025 . office@hiparish.org



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 session is
Saturday, December 9 @ 9am-11am



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**Join us during Advent for Holy Hour
on Tuesdays 7-8pm
Confessions Available**



Join us to
DECORATE THE CHURCH
FOR CHRISTMAS
December 24 starting at 12noon

Youth Group News

All Students Welcome In Grades 9-12

All high school students are invited to join the youth group on Sunday, December 17th for a White Elephant Christmas party in the parish hall from 6:15-7:15pm. Bring a wrapped present, wear your favorite ugly sweater, and come grab some cookies and hot chocolate!

Please see Flocknote for updates. For more information, please contact Julia Edelson at jedelson@hiparish.org or check <https://hiparish.flocknote.com/YouthGroup>.



Tonight, Sunday, December 10th, the Music Ministry will join with our Parish Lectors and Pastoral team to present Advent Lessons and Carols. The Adult and Children's Choirs and Musicians have

been rehearsing and preparing for this special evening to prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior.

Each year, we look for new and inspiring pieces that will celebrate the season of Advent, and combine them with traditional hymns from our Catholic tradition to allow our participants to join in the singing to embrace the spirit of this season of preparation and waiting.

One of the key tools for the singers, musicians and lectors are the white binders that hold our music, and readings, and we are very grateful to have an eighth grader work with us to prepare these folders. **Julia Puthiyamadam** made time on Saturday morning before her basketball game to perform her Confirmation church service for the Music Ministry. We are very grateful for her efforts!



New Moms Support Group

**Come meet other moms,
get parenting info and
support. Bring your baby!**

- Support Group meets 10am on the first Friday of the month in the Council Room.

- Our focus is supporting mothers and babies both within our parish, and the wider community. See flyer in church entrances for more details.
- If you'd like to get involved group initiatives or attend the monthly meetings, contact Adriana at asel4451@gmail.com or text 917/291-1476.
- Lastly, 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

Religious Education



All of our Eighth grade students are preparing for their Confirmation in May. As part of that preparation, they will be performing acts of service, following Jesus's example of giving of Himself selflessly and lovingly for all of us. We hope that what seems like a requirement today will become a natural part of their lives as Christians.

These students from Mrs. Campagna's, Mrs. Pomilla's, Mrs. Puthiyamadam's, Mrs. Raefski's, and Mrs. Sharp's classes, volunteered for our hymnal project. They came to work on Saturday morning to collect the old hymnals from the pews, unbox the brand new Breaking Bread hymnals, insert them in the protective covers, and place them back in the pews for all of us to use during mass. They also inserted the new Marian antiphon cards into the front, inside covers.

Will Borello, Kara Braunsdorf, Jamie Harris, Makayla Harris. Olivia Johnson, Madison O'Dell, Emily Raefski, Nicholas Tassier, Leah Vaccaro, Mila Valente

Thank you for performing this needed service for your parish!

Holy Innocents Snowcrew

When snow arrives on our church, we welcome and ask for volunteers to help us shovel. If you are available please email us your contact information at hiparish.org.



PHS Varsity Girls & CYO

Toy Drive

Free T-shirts to the first 150 toys donated!

Thursday, 21 December 2023

Please drop off a toy at the PHS gym and then stay to watch the PHS Varsity Girls vs. Croton (Tipoff 4:30)
Our 3/4 CYO teams will play at Halftime.



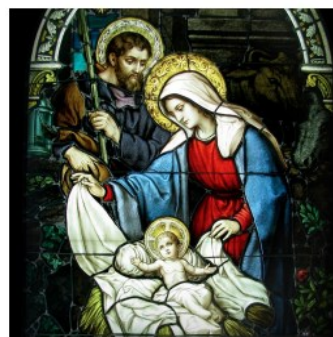
Scan here to see wish list!

Thank you Holy Innocents & PHS Girls basketball for supporting the Mercy Center in the Bronx, NY

Holy Innocents Parish

Served by the Dominican Friars

Christmas Mass Schedule



**Sunday, Dec. 24
Christmas Eve**

4pm, 6pm, & 10pm

**Monday, Dec. 25
Christmas Day**

7:30am, 9am, 10am @ OLP,
11am & 5:15pm (Quiet Mass)

*Ever wonder - What is it?
What happens?*

A Beginner's Guide



Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday 7 – 8 pm
Reconciliation is available

What is Adoration?

Adoration is worship of the Holy Eucharist outside of Mass.

What happens at the Holy Hour?

Exposition - The hour begins when the priest takes the Blessed Sacrament from the tabernacle and places it in the Monstrance on the altar for all to see and pray in the presence of Christ.

O Salutaris is sung and there are prayers.

Silence follows for about 45 minutes. A quiet time with the Lord.

Benediction – closes the Holy Hour when the priest blesses the people and then returns the Blessed Sacrament to the tabernacle.

Tantum Ergo is sung and there are prayers.

Don't know the songs or prayers? There are booklets at the entrance doors.

Don't have an hour? You don't have to stay the entire time. Come for how long you can.

What should I do during the silence? Kneel. Sit. Pray. Go to confession. Read scripture. Pray a rosary. Meditate. Be still with Jesus. Listen.

Be patient with yourself. It may not be easy to sit still and put all else on pause for a while.

Start with a shorter time and work towards increasing it.

Being silent in the presence of Jesus Christ is a gift! *Come, rest in the Lord's presence.*

**"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host."
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**

Holy Innocents Parish Ride Give the gift of a ride



Sometimes our neighbors need a lift to go food shopping, doctor appointment, attend an event at our parish or a ride to Mass.

We are looking for reliable volunteers who can help our elderly or sick parishioners that do not have a ride with occasional travel plans.

If you have the time, car and would like to volunteer please email us your availability and contact information at office@hiparish.org.

Thank you for your time and support.