



HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH

431 Bedford Road

Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel, Saratoga Avenue

Pleasantville, New York 10570

Sunday, December 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*

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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Saturday

(Vigil) Michele Tognari

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The People of the Parish

Pietro, Julia & Bambina Forchetti

(OLPI) Pauline Antaki

Thomas Tropea

Roger Buglione

Monday Advent Weekday

Mr. & Mrs. Philip Bochichio

Danny Stangarone

Tuesday Advent Weekday

Intentions of the Frey Family

(OLP) Theresa Foils

Wednesday Advent Weekday

Ann Bednarz

Fr. Bill Holt, OP

Thursday Advent Weekday

Renato Vellutino

(OLP) Robert Kafarski

Friday Advent Weekday

Daniel Glauber

Giuseppe & Assunta Mattina

Saturday Advent Weekday

Anthony Bochichio

(Vigil) Piccorelli & Livita Family

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The People of the Parish

(OLP) Rosaria Bartoletta

Intentions of Melissa & Melanie

(Vigil) Intentions Of The Celebrant

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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):
December 3 \$9752.00

Second Collection –Sunday 12/24
December 25—Christmas
Propagation of the Faith



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, 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

PASTOR'S GREETING—Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P.



“My soul rejoices in my God”

On this third Sunday of Advent, we are invited to rejoice.

A natural response might be to ask, *but how is it possible to rejoice when there are so many problems in the world, in our country, in my life?*

But the answer to this question is that yes, we can rejoice. We can rejoice because God is here.

Today we get to hear some of Mary's *“Magnificat”* – her song of praise that she sings shortly after she has conceived the Son of God. Each of us is in her place by virtue of our Christian lives and especially each Advent. Although Jesus often seems hidden, he is indeed alive within us, in that quietest place in our hearts; and if we are attentive to him, we can discover his presence – his infinite joy and peace. His quiet joy is the only true joy – and it will have the last word in this world.

A few notes to share with you:

- I invite you to come to Confession this Monday, Dec. 18th. We will have confessors available at Holy Innocents from 2-4pm and 6-8pm. There are also confessions at these times in every other parish in the Archdiocese. There is no better way to open our hearts to the gift of his presence than Confession.
- Next weekend, the Fourth Sunday of Advent is on the morning of the 24th, followed by the Christmas Eve Masses that evening, and the Christmas Day Masses on Monday the 25th. See the guide in the bulletin for how our Sunday Mass obligation corresponds to the Christmas Mass obligation. (And yes, as good Catholics, we like to have answers for these technical questions! :)

A continued blessed Advent,
Fr. Luke

Liturgy Notes— December 17, 2023

“Rejoice in the Lord,” for as miserable as life can seem at times, the reality is that God has clothed us “with a robe of salvation” that heals our poverty, our broken hearts, our bondage. “He has mercy on those who fear him,” that is, those who look to him with awe and love. Therefore, “be preserved blameless for the coming of Jesus.” Even though in the troubles of life you may not recognize him, “the one who calls you is faithful.”

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Collect

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.



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**

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)

Fulfilling Mass Requirements for Sunday Mass and Christmas Day

What's a good Catholic to do??

To fulfill my Sunday Mass obligation, I may attend...

a vigil Mass on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 23rd

or

any Mass being offered on Sunday, Dec. 24th (regardless of whether it is a Sunday morning Mass or a Christmas Eve Vigil Mass)

To fulfill my Christmas Mass obligation, I may attend...

a Christmas Vigil Mass on the evening of Sunday, Dec. 24th

or

a Christmas Day Mass on Monday, Dec. 25th

The bottom line: we should attend two Masses for the two obligations! :)



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

Camillo DiFalco



Thank you !

Support for our 2023 Giving Tree Christmas Outreach to the South Bronx shelter system has been overwhelming and most humbling. Your generous donations will allow us to provide gifts to almost 200 children in crisis, well over our original goal. Our local partners send their gratitude and prayers to our entire Holy Innocents Parish community.

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

FORMED

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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.



DAUGHTERS OF MARY

5th-8th Grade Girls

"For He who is mighty has don great things for me, and holy is His name."
Luke 1:49

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.

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!



Holy Innocents is offering a Bereavement Support Group for anyone laden by grief.

Our next meeting will be December 21, 2023. Subsequent meetings will be announced in the bulletin.

There is no commitment, so please consider attending the first meeting 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.

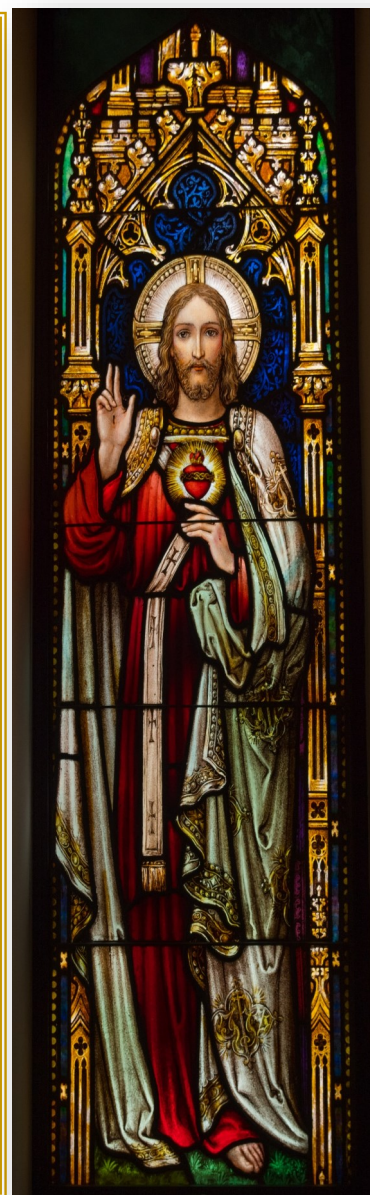
***First Friday
January 5***

*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 Altar Servers

We invite children 3rd grade and older to consider becoming altar servers!
For more information, call the parish office.

**Holy Innocents Parish Ride
Give the gift of a ride**



Volunteers needed!

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.



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 

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Join us to
DECORATE THE CHURCH
FOR CHRISTMAS

December 24 starting at 12noon



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

Confessions Available

****Note—There will not be a Holy Hour
on
Tuesday, 12/26.***

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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!

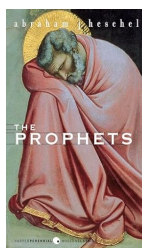
Please see Flocknote for updates. For more information, please contact Julia Edelson at jedelson@hiparish.org or check <https://hiparish.flocknote.com/YouthGroup>.



Thursday
12/28

*Feast of the
Holy Innocents*

Mass 7am & 5:30pm
(OLP) & Special Holy
Hour & Blessing 7pm



Fr. Leo's Book Club All are welcome!

Next book is "The Prophets (Perennial Classics)" Paperback – October 16, 2001 We will be reading the second part of the book . **Next Meeting January 3 @ 5:15PM in the Social Hall**

Please bring a copy of the book.



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



This weekend we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent. The third candle on the Advent wreath will be lit and it is known as the candle of joy. Instead of the previous two weeks of purple or violet, this week the color of the candle will be different: it is pink or traditionally called rose. You may be curious about the color changing - it stems from the original name of this Sunday which is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means rejoice, and it is part of the tradition of the mass beginning with the Latin phrase "*Gaudete in Domino semper iterum. dico Gaudete*" meaning "*Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say rejoice*". Our second reading chosen for today from Thessalonians reflects that sentiment and begins

"Rejoice Always, pray without ceasing."

The Third Sunday has traditionally been a respite from the penitential themes of Advent and emphasizes the joy of the coming of the Lord. During a time where depression can be high and people may feel loneliness or despair, this pink candle offers a bright light during a dark time. The joy that comes from God alone cannot be deterred by present circumstances. The candle is also sometimes referred to as the Shepherd Candle to highlight the joy the shepherds experienced when they received the good news about Christ's birth during the middle of the night, the darkest time, the shepherds encountered angels!

In addition to the color of the candle, our priests will also wear vestments that are rose colored to reflect the joy of this week. Look at the beauty of the Advent wreath and all the candles, but this week focus on the meaning of the pink candle and vestments and know that joy comes through Jesus' arrival and the salvation he has gifted us. This third week we experience an eager anticipation of wonderful things to come!



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 Snowcrew



Volunteers requested!

When snow arrives on our church, we welcome and ask for volunteers to help us shovel.

If you are available to help out please email us your contact information at hiparish.org.

Thank you!



The Music Ministry sends its warmest thanks to all of you who joined us for our presentation of Advent Lessons and Carols this past weekend. It was a truly wonderful evening of song and reflection for the Advent season.

We especially extend our thanks to the lectors who joined us, Margaret Brusic, Raleigh D'Adamo, Carol Fiorile, Joann and Ed Frey, Roseann Graj, and Kathy Titterton, who made the "Lessons" part of the evening inspiring and meaningful.

The Music Ministry is also most grateful to our Pastoral Team – Fr. Luke Hoyt, and Fr. Philip Nolan who not only made the evening possible by their participation, but also for their help, support and encouragement as we planned and prepared for the evening.

Thanks to Angie Bonzon-Adelson for providing the home baked goodies for our reception, and her helpers for preparing, hosting and cleaning up our event reception. It was a lovely end to our special evening.

Last, but not least, we also thank the parish staff Eileen Bruehl, Jim Keane, Barbara Mackin, and Joanna O'Connor for their support and assistance.

Thank you all!



PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR CHRISTMAS

RECONCILIATION *Monday*

Monday,
December 18,
2023

2 PM - 4 PM

6 PM - 8 PM



May the birth of *Christ* renew you and your families in God's love



Christmas Blessings!

Share one picture of your family at Christmas, by 12/27. Family photo can be sent to office@hiparish.org.

Photos will be shared in our 1/7 parish bulletin.