



# HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH

431 Bedford Road

Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel, Saratoga Avenue

Pleasantville, New York 10570

Sunday, December 24, 2023



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<b>12/23</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
5:15pm	(Vigil) Piccorelli & Civita Family
<b>12/24</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
7:30am	The People of the Parish
9:00am	DeSanctis, LaFranco, Rattenni Families
10:00am	(OLP) Rosaria Bartoletta
11:00am	Intentions of Melissa & Melanie
4:00pm	(Vigil) Intentions Of The Celebrant
6:00pm	(Vigil) Intentions Of The Celebrant
10:00pm	(Vigil) Intentions Of The Celebrant
<b>12/25</b>	<b>Monday THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>
7:30am	Intentions Of The Celebrant
9:00am	Intentions Of The Celebrant
10:00am	(OLP) Intentions Of The Celebrant
11:00am	Intentions Of The Celebrant
5:15pm	Quiet Mass
<b>12/26</b>	<b>Tuesday St. Stephen</b>
8:00am	Rose Makosky
<b>12/27</b>	<b>Wednesday St. John</b>
7:00am	Christine Kane
12:15pm	Deceased of the Spenak Family
<b>12/28</b>	<b>Thursday The Holy Innocents</b>
7:00am	Scott Frey
5:30pm	(OLP) Marc Verite Snyder
<b>12/29</b>	<b>Friday Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b>
7:00am	Mary Ellen & Bill Wolff
12:15pm	Elizabeth Flanagan
<b>12/30</b>	<b>Saturday Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b>
7:00am	Eileen Byrnes
5:15pm	(Vigil) Christina Casey
<b>12/31</b>	<b>Sunday The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>
7:30am	The People of the Parish
9:00am	James & Elizabeth Donovan
10:00am	(OLP) Walter Haecker
11:00am	Rosalie Camasto
5:15pm	Marfe Sangalang

**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**

**(914) 769-0025**

**www.hiparish.org**

**office@hiparish.org**

**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](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.



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



A parishioner recently shared with me that they found it difficult to say “Merry Christmas” this year. With so many international conflicts and domestic challenges, they felt awkward inviting fellow Christians to be “merry.” After some reflection, instead of omitting the greeting entirely, they simply tweaked it a bit. They began to say, “Have a Blessed Christmas.”

While there is surely cause to be merry each Christmas, there are also certainly times when merriment seems distant.

Whether this is a happy time for you or a challenging time, we must always remember that the Christ Child does not reserve his coming only for those who are “merry.” He comes to whomever is willing to receive him. On that first Christmas night, there was perhaps some merriment being had in the “no-vacancy” Bethlehem inns. But that was not where the Christ Child was received. He was welcomed instead by two weary travelers from Galilee and a few shepherds working the “night shift.”

The same is true for us today. He comes first and foremost to those whose hands and hearts are empty enough to be open to the blessing of his presence.

And when we say yes to receiving the blessing of Christmas from him, the path that is always there for each of us becomes visible again – the path that leads to true and everlasting joy.

A blessed Christmas to you from all the Friars,  
Fr. Luke

**Liturgy Notes— December 24, 2023**

**I** When “the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages” is manifested to Mary, the Virgin believes it because she has perfect faith, completely unclouded by sin. And since Mary was betrothed to Joseph, who was “of the house of David,” she knew that what God had long ago promised King David would come true through her Yes—“I will raise up your heir after you.” We, too, believe God will continue to be with us wherever we go, as Jesus remains present to us through the Church

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.**

**Collect**

**Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.**

**Communion Antiphon**

**Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

# "FEAST OF THE SEVEN FISHES"

## *Festa dei sette pesci*

A big thank you to Alexis Carra-Tracey who hosted our 2nd Feast of the Seven Fishes in Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel! Also, thank you to our parishioners who came out and supported this event.

A wonderful evening of prayer and feast!





# 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)



**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.



**The Sanctuary Lamp burns**  
**In Memory of**  
**David & Jane Murden and Brian Perry**

Baptism



We celebrate with the parents and  
godparents of the newly baptized:

**Jack Dominic Thurston**  
**& Sophia Callan**



### CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy and promise  
of prayers to the family and friends of:  
**Catherine L. Daniele**

### FINANCE CORNER

(Sunday Collection + WeShare):

**December 10 \$13,402.00**



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

## 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. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
or
- any Mass being offered on Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> (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. 24<sup>th</sup>  
or
- a Christmas Day Mass on Monday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>

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

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](mailto:office@hiparish.org).

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

## FORMED

We hope you are enjoying the parish subscription.

To access: go to [www.formed.org](http://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 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.



### DAUGHTERS OF MARY

5th-8th Grade Girls

**And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7**

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](mailto:rosemarie@marysbeautybook.com).



**Eucharistic  
Adoration  
Tuesdays  
7-8pm  
Confessions  
Available**



**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 January 4. 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.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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 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

The parish office will be closed for Christmas from Monday, December 25 through Wednesday, December 27. The office will reopen on Thursday, December 28.



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

After Christmas break, join the Youth Group for a Youth Mass on Sunday, January 7th at 5:15pm.

Mass will be followed by a meeting in the parish hall. We hope to see you there!

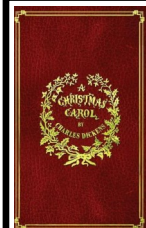
Please see Flocknote for updates. For more information, please contact Julia Edelson at [jedelson@hiparish.org](mailto:jedelson@hiparish.org) or check <https://hiparish.flocknote.com/YouthGroup>.



Thursday  
 12/28

*Feast of the  
 Holy Innocents*

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



### Fr. Leo's Book Club All are welcome!

Next book is "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. **Next Meeting January 3 @ 5:15PM in the Social Hall**

Please bring a copy of the book.



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



*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](mailto: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





## Senior Lunch

Thank you to our volunteers and all who participated in our Christmas Senior Luncheon on Wednesday, December 14.

Our next luncheon will be March 20th.



## *Religious Education*



This year the calendar gives us a unique situation. Christmas falls on a Monday, so the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent is the shortest it can possibly be – one day! For today, Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup>, you will see all four of the candles on the Advent wreath lit! Today is also Christmas Eve.

As Catholics our obligation for mass attendance includes Sunday and Christmas. This means this year we are going twice in some combination over three days. Maybe the Saturday vigil for Sunday, and then Monday morning for

Christmas or Sunday morning, and again Sunday night for a Christmas vigil mass etc., whichever combination you choose, we hope you will make the time to attend mass and we look forward to seeing you and celebrating with you!

The Religious Education Program wishes all of our catechists, volunteers, parents and students a very Merry Christmas! This is a wonderful time to spend with families and friends and it is our wish that you enjoy this special season! We hope you keep Jesus close to your heart and celebrate His birth.

Thank you to all who donated towards  
the purchase of Christmas Flowers in  
Memory of your loved ones.

A full list of names can be found in  
the Narthex of the Church.

*Merry Christmas  
and God Bless all our  
parishioners and their families!*



The Music Ministry of Holy Innocents extends our warmest wishes for a very Merry Christmas to all of you! We look forward to your participation in the

beautiful songs of the Christmas season that will be used to fill our parish liturgies with the joy of this special time of year. Each of these special, musical treasures has a unique way of portraying the poignant details of the birth of our Savior. We welcome and encourage you to join in singing them with the love and spirit that Christmas inspires in all of us!!

We thank you for your support all year, and wish you a very Merry Christmas!



### **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](http://hiparish.org).

**Thank you!**



### **Volunteer Appreciation Brunch**

All members of the parish who have volunteered their time and services to Holy Innocents throughout the past year are invited join us for brunch on  
**Sunday, January 7 following the 11:00am Mass.**

Let us thank you for helping us!



### **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!