



# HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH

431 Bedford Road

Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel, Saratoga Avenue

Pleasantville, New York 10570

Sunday, December 31, 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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**Director** Joe DeSanctis, (914) 514-8731

**Youth Group Minister** Julia Edelson



<b>12/30</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
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
<b>1/1</b>	<b>Monday SOLEMNITY OF MARY</b>
8:00am	Departed Of Boccasini Family
12:15pm	Sr. Danielle Marie, CRO
<b>1/2</b>	<b>Tuesday SS. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</b>
7:00am	David Walsh
5:30	(OLP) John Ricciardi
<b>1/3</b>	<b>Wednesday Christmas Weekday</b>
7:00am	Veronica Boccasini
12:15pm	John Cichettie
<b>1/4</b>	<b>Thursday St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</b>
7:00am	Anita Marino
5:30pm	(OLP) Hilda Vannata
<b>1/5</b>	<b>First Friday St. John Neumann</b>
7:00am	Carmen DeJesus
12:15pm	Alexander Praslick
6:00pm	
<b>1/6</b>	<b>Saturday Christmas Weekday</b>
7:00am	Alexander Shepetuk
5:15pm	(Vigil) Maria Savo
<b>1/7</b>	<b>Sunday THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>
7:30am	The People of the Parish
9:00am	Stephen Fabrico
10:00am	(OLP) Walter Hauck
11:00am	Colleen Wilson
5:15pm	Wieslaw Stanislaw Panek

**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.



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



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.



**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.

**FINANCE CORNER**  
**(Sunday Collection + WeShare):**  
**December 17 \$8,661.00**



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

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



What a joy to be with you for the Christmas liturgies this past week. I'm so grateful to our parish staff, the decorators, musicians, lectors, EMHC's, ushers, my fellow friars, and each of you who participated.

Whether you were one of the volunteers assisting with a liturgical task, or a busy parent making the journey from home to church, or anything in between, all of our efforts were for the sake of one purpose: to receive the Christ Child into our lives. He is what makes it all "worth it" and the end towards which all of our actions are directed as a parish.

And now, having received the gift of his presence, we get to have the joy of living with him; of being a part of his home, his household, his family. Our celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family this weekend is an acknowledgement of this mystery: that the Holy Family is with us, that they have opened their doors to us, and that each of us has the privilege of letting our homes be a sharing in the home of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Next week we will have our Epiphany door blessing at the beginning of the 11am Mass at Holy Innocents and the 10am Mass at Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel. At these two Masses we will make available (as in years past) packets of blessed chalk and a prayer card which you are invited to take home with you so you can bless your own doors – so that you can remember that whenever you enter your home, you are entering a holy place, a place where the Holy Family has been welcomed.

Many blessings to you all as we begin a New Year,

Fr. Luke

## **Liturgy Notes— December 31, 2023**

**“The family is the privileged setting where every person learns to give and receive love.... The family is an intermediate institution between individuals and society, and nothing can completely take its place.... The family is a necessary good for peoples, an indispensable foundation for society, and a great and lifelong treasure for couples. It is a unique good for children, who are meant to be the fruit of the love, of the total and generous self-giving of their parents.... The family is also a school that enables men and women to grow to the full measure of their humanity.... O God, who in the Holy Family left us a perfect model of family life lived in faith and obedience to your will, help us to be examples of faith and love for your commandments” (Pope Benedict XVI)**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

**The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.**

### **Collect**

**O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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**

**Our God has appeared on earth, and lived among us.**



*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*



*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**





# The Reason for the Season!

*O Come Let us Adore Him*

Thank you to all our students and volunteers who contributed their roles at this blest event.







### 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.

### Youth Group News

### 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>.

### BIBLE STUDY



**Men's Group**  
Saturdays 9am-10am

**Women's Group**  
Saturdays 9am-10am

Sign up through FlockNote

914-769-0025 . [office@hiparish.org](mailto:office@hiparish.org)



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



Food Pantry

### Food Pantry

Our parish continues to contribute to the Interfaith Food Pantry of Pleasantville. They provide food for those living in the area that are in need.

Food can be brought to the Parish Office during office hours. Please do not leave donations in the entrances to the Church. Please remember to check expiration dates on all donations or they cannot be accepted. For more information you can visit their site at [pleasantvillefoodpantry.org](http://pleasantvillefoodpantry.org)



Happy New Year!!

The Music Ministry of Holy Innocents, extends to all of you our warmest wishes for a Happy and healthy 2024! We look

forward to a year filled with wonderful things and the opportunity to continue to share the blessings of our faith with all of you!

We appreciate your participation as we continue to sing the beautiful songs of the Christmas season that will be used over the next few weeks during our parish liturgies.

The Children's and Adult Choirs of Holy Innocents, as well as all of our parish musicians wish you a very Happy New Year!



### 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.



We hope you are enjoying the parish subscription.

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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"

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### Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesdays**  
7-8pm

**Confessions Available**



## Religious Education



Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> is New Year's Day but it is also a special day when we celebrate the motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The feast is called

the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This day is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Monday, but celebrating Mary helps us ring in the New Year in a special way.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a special time to celebrate the motherhood of Mary and the special grace she had in being the Mother of God! The title "Mother of God" comes from the word "Theotokos" which means "God-bearer." *Mary Mother of God is our first saint of the new year!*

Mary played a very special part in the plan of salvation. Jesus came into the world to save us. On Christmas, we honor the birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. On New Year's Day we honor His most holy Mother, the Queen of Peace. Pope Paul VI instituted New Year's Day as the "World Day of Peace." Mary has a special place in our world and in our hearts and she is forever striving to bring about peace through her Son.

This New Year's Day, remember that Our Blessed Lady is here with us, to guide us, and to help us face whatever life has to offer. May she wrap you in her mantle and keep you safe in her loving protection! Happy New Year to all of our students, catechists, assistants and volunteers! Looking forward to seeing you all in 2024! Classes resume on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## DAUGHTERS OF MARY

5th-8th Grade Girls -

At morn, at noon, at twilight dim,  
Maria, thou hast heard my hymn:  
In joy and woe, in good and ill,  
Mother of God, be with me still.  
When the hours flew brightly by,  
And not a cloud obscured the sky,  
My soul, lest it should truant be,  
Thy grace did guide to thine and thee.  
Now, when storms of fate o'ercast  
Darkly my present and my past,  
Let my future radiant shine  
With sweet hopes of thee and thine.  
- Edgar Allen Poe

The next meeting is on Jan. 6, 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).



## 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!**



*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



## Save the Date !



### At Holy Innocents

Join us each evening for a time of reflection and renewal

**Monday, February 26  
through  
Wednesday, February 28**

Mon., Tues. & Wed. 7pm conferences, Mon. & Tues. confessions available & Wed. reception.

More details will follow!



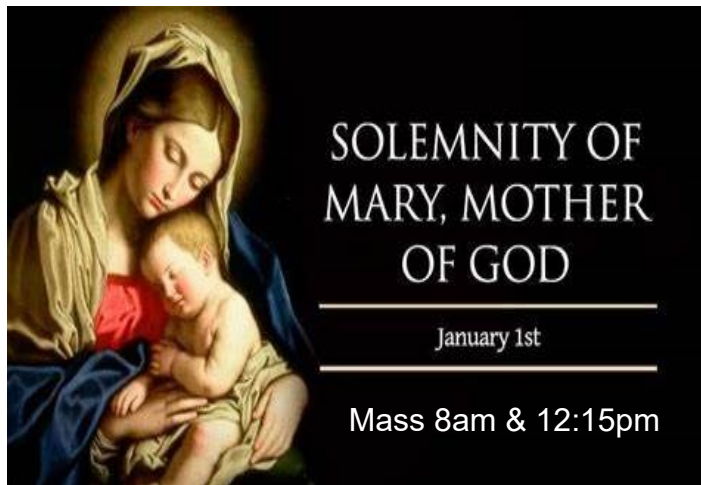
Holy Innocents is offering a Bereavement Support Group for anyone laden by grief.

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.



### 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!



### 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



information at [office@hiparish.org](mailto:office@hiparish.org).

### 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



OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL  
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December 31, 2023  
Octave of Christmas

Dear friends in the Lord:

January is the time of year within our archdiocese when we ask our people to donate to a special, joint offering to show our support of both *The Catholic University of America* and the *Catholic Communications Campaign*.

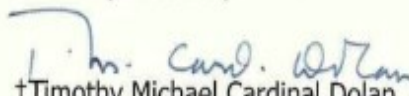
*The Catholic University*, in the heart of our nation's capital, is a truly unique institution of higher learning, founded by the United States bishops back in 1887, and chartered by the Holy See. In every way, the university belongs to each of us no matter where we live. And so, it is incumbent upon us to help with the education of future leaders of our Church and nation. Just within the past year, several thousand students, including those from our archdiocese, who otherwise would not have been able to attend CUA, were given an opportunity to do so, thanks in large part to your generosity. I, myself, am a grateful alumnus.

Also, through the *Catholic Communications Campaign*, the conference of bishops can serve all the dioceses of our nation by providing educational and spiritual programs for radio and television. You should know that one half of your giving remains here in the archdiocese to assist with the ongoing and planned efforts of our communications and technology office such as with broadcasting, social media, public relations, marketing, and *The Good Newsroom*.

This combined collection will be taken in our parishes next Sunday, January 7, the Solemnity of the *Epiphany of the Lord*. To learn more, visit these two web sites <https://engage.catholic.edu/giving/how-give/national-collection> and <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-communication-campaign/catholic-communication-campaign-resources>

My gratitude to you for your contribution to these two important collections, and for your past generosity of \$266,826 last year; and my prayerful best wishes for a holy, healthy, and happy new year.

Faithfully in Christ,

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† Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York

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