



HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH

431 Bedford Road

Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel, Saratoga Avenue

Pleasantville, New York 10570

Sunday, December 3, 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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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.



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Saturday

(Vigil) Joseph DeSanctis, Jr.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The People of the Parish

Michael Antonaccio

(OLPI) Louise Coleman

Thomas Casey

Joseph Marcella

Monday Advent Weekday

Gloria Flores

Roger Buglione

Tuesday Advent Weekday

Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Sullivan

(OLP) Renato Vellutino

Wednesday Advent Weekday

Sarah Ferraro

Victor Nicoletti

Thursday St. Ambrose

Angelo Vignogna

Vigil (OLP) Letterio Vita

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Scott Frey

Samantha Berkman

Mary & James Harris

Saturday Advent Weekday

James P. Sullivan

(Vigil) Rudy Flavio & Nino Forchetti

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The People of the Parish

Josephine DeSanctis, Sr.

(OLPI) Albert Antaki

Rosalie Comasto

Lisa D'Agostino

FINANCE CORNER

(Sunday Collection + WeShare):

November 19 \$19,048



**The Sanctuary Lamp burns
In Memory Of Mary Jack (OLP)**



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

PASTOR'S GREETING—Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P.



"What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

Welcome to Advent.

The keyword of this season is indeed *watch*: listen, pray, attend. This is something we have to be reminded to do every year because it is so easy for us to neglect this most basic foundation of our Christian lives. Not only do we become drowsy by our own worries and the schedules we try to maintain, but the world also is continually saying to us "Watch *me*!"

Here's a quote from the Catholic author Catherine Doherty about being a prayerful "watcher":

Stand still, and allow the deadly restlessness of our tragic age to fall away like the worn-out, dusty cloak that it is. That restlessness was once considered the magic carpet to tomorrow, but now we see it for what it really is: a running away from oneself, a turning from the journey inward that all men must undertake to meet God dwelling within the depths of their souls.

Stand still, and look deep into the motivations of life. Are they such that true foundations of sanctity can be built on them?...

Stand still, and lifting your hearts and hands to God, pray that the mighty wind of his Holy Spirit may clear all the cobwebs of fears, selfishness, greed, and narrow-heartedness away from your soul. Pray that his tongues of flame may descend to give you courage to begin again.

All this standing still can be done in the midst of the outward noise of daily living and the duties of state in life. For it will bring order into the soul, God's order, and God's order will bring tranquility, his own tranquility. And it will bring silence.

...and out of the silence of that Advent of the soul, Christ himself will be born.

Peace,
Fr. Luke

Liturgy Notes— December 3, 2023

"Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down." The deepest cry of the human heart is for union with God, that all the distance and separation from him would be overcome. In Advent, the Church recognizes that God answers that prayer: first, in the Incarnation of his Son, and second at the end of time when he returns in majesty. Both comings of Christ reveal that "God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord." We spend our lives "watching," therefore, because we desire to be found irreproachable, and to spend our days in ardent hope for the full revelation of our Lord, when we will see his face and be saved.

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Collect

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. 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

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.







The 2023 Holy Innocents Parish Community Giving Tree Sign-Up Genius Link is live and posted on www.hiparish.org. Interested donors can select a virtual gift tag for specific items requested that we will collect at our **Drive-Thru Gift Drop Off on Sunday, December 10.**

You can read more about this year's Giving Tree beneficiaries by our Advent - Jesse tree display in the corner of the Social Hall.

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.

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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, 2023 @ 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/914-272-8954



DAUGHTERS OF MARY
5th-8th Grade Girls

"The Son of God became man for our salvation but only in Mary and through Mary."- Saint Louis Marie de Montfort

The next class is on December 2nd from 4:45 -7:15 in the social hall classroom. The girls will enjoy a meal, arts and crafts, learn about Who Jesus is for Mary, and the virtue of the month will be Faith. If your daughter is interested in joining, please email Rosemarie at: rosemarie@marysbeautybook.com.



Dominican Friar Speaker Series:
Windows into the Faith

Join us! Thursday at 7 pm



December 7

Fr. Luke Hoyt, OP

What are We Going to When We Go to Mass?

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*

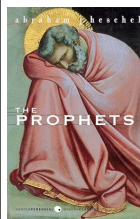


*Advent Tea
With Sister of Life Speaker*

\$10.00 Donation per person

Monday, December 4 @ 7pm

*To host a table or
for individual seats email Laura
Moore @ ljspin13@gmail.com
or call the parish office.*



Fr. Leo's Book Club All are welcome!

Next book is "The Prophets (Perennial Classics)" Paperback – October 16, 2001 We'll only be reading part one for next month, which is the first half.

**Next Meeting December 6 @ 5:15PM
in the Social Hall Please bring a**

copy of the book.



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

Next meeting will be December 14, 2023. Subsequent meetings will be announced at the first meeting. 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.



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 

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As Advent begins this weekend, the Music Ministry is happy to announce our second annual Advent Lessons and Carols for our parish. The event will be held on Sunday evening, December 10th at 7:00 PM

The event will bring together our Children's and Adult Choirs, and our parish musicians. We will also once again be joined by our Parish lectors to proclaim the "lessons" portion of our program.

We hope you will mark your calendars and join us for this special event.



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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

Youth Group News

All Students Welcome In Grades 9-12

Our next Youth Mass will be on Sunday, December 3rd at 5:15pm. Mass will be followed by a meeting in the parish hall. We

hope to see you there!

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>.

Religious Education



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CONDOLENCES We extend our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of: **Yonia Staffetti & Richard "Desi" Callanan**



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



OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL
1011 FIRST AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10022

December 3, 2023
Season of Advent

Dear friends in the Lord:

As we approach the annual collection for the *Retirement Fund for Religious* – an appeal that benefits nearly 25,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests – I reflect on the ministry of women and men religious – past and present – and I am grateful for the ways they have shaped my own faith. I also value the tremendous service they have offered our archdiocese.

In their younger years, they laid the foundation for Catholic schools, parish religious education programs, hospitals, and works of mercy with very little compensation, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Today, many serve in volunteer ministry. Others are frail and need assistance. Yet all remain committed to their vocations, accepting the limitations of aging and embracing the opportunity to spend more time praying for our Church and world.

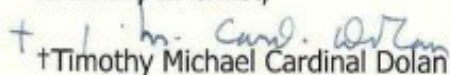
Your gift, which will be collected on December 10, offers support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders. Rising health care costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs for medications, nursing assistance, and other necessities. Over 20 congregations in the archdiocese received more than \$2,000,000 in grants from this national collection.

As I write to you today and express my thanks for last year's contribution of \$433,483, I am also grateful to you for your support of the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* which, in addition to other worthy causes, helps our retired archdiocesan priests at the St. John Vianney Clergy Residence in Riverdale.

Pray with me for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured; they are praying for us. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit <https://retiredreligious.org/>.

With gratitude and prayerful best wishes to all for a blessed Advent season, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

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†Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York



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