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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 5:15pm

**Sunday:** 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:15pm

**Daily:** 7:00am Monday-Friday, 7:00am Saturday

**Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel, Saratoga Avenue**

Tuesday, 5:30pm



### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Please call the Parish Office

### **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:**

By appointment at least 6 months in advance.

A pre-Cana program is required.

### **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:**

As scheduled, or anytime a priest is called. Please notify us when a family member enters the hospital.

### **NEW PARISHIONERS:**

You are cordially invited to join our parish community.

Please stop in at the Parish Office.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

**Saturdays:** 4:30-5:00pm in the church; all other times by request. Please call the office for an appointment.

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**11/28—Evening Vigil**

5:15 Jenny Paci

**11/29—FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30 Bernadette Harris  
9:00 Anna, Nick & Joe Pesacreta  
10:00 (OLP) Marietta & Costanzo Spedaliere  
11:00 Holy Innocents Parishioners  
5:15 Richard Pettus

**11/30—Monday, Saint Andrew, Apostle**

7:00 Antonino Cipriano

**12/1—Tuesday, Advent Weekday**

7:00 William Cotter  
5:30 (OLP) Joy Kuriakose Aravindath

**12/2—Wednesday, Advent Weekday**

7:00 Honoré Sato

**12/3—Thursday, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**

7:00 Dennis Vaccaro (4th Anniversary)

**12/4—First Friday, Advent Weekday**

7:00 George Davis

**12/5—First Saturday, Advent Weekday**

7:00 Joseph Borges

**12/5—Evening Vigil**

5:15 The Liu Family

**12/6—SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30 Wally Davis  
9:00 Theresa Sena  
10:00 (OLP) Alpert Antaki  
11:00 Holy Innocents Parishioners  
5:15 Dolores Lombardi



**The Sanctuary Lamp at Holy Innocents burns  
In Memory of  
Barbara and Dennis Vaccaro**



*Please pray for the sick, police officers, firefighters, all first responders and all health care workers, and for the safety of our men and women in the military, especially those who are serving overseas.*

**Communion Calls**

If you would like to receive Holy Communion in your home, please let us know. Send an email to Fr. Leo Camurati at [leocamurati@hiparish.org](mailto:leocamurati@hiparish.org). He is happy to be in touch with you about coordinating regular visits.



**ADVENT VIGILS**

Starting December 2<sup>nd</sup> and continuing each Wednesday of Advent at 7pm, we will have an hour of music, preaching, and prayer at Holy Innocents Church. All are welcome. Each "Advent Vigil" will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Innocents-Church-115556668474480>

**Happy Birthday, Lil DiCarlo**

*We extend our prayers, good wishes and congratulations to Lil DiCarlo who will celebrate her  
"100th Birthday"  
on Saturday, December 5th!*



We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) which gives you 24/7 access to over 300 quality Catholic on line programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, & 98+ E-Books. Today is the First Sunday of Advent. Watch: *Advent, Opening the Word- First Sunday in Advent, Formed Daily-Advent, or Prepare the Way with Bob Rice*. Listen to: *Prepare the Way of the King, Holiness is Always in Season, or Advent: Rethinking the Season*. Children can watch *Brother Francis-The Days of Advent*.



The Holy Innocents Eight Grade Religious Education students are currently preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. A part of their preparation for the sacrament is learning about and performing service. Service is based on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and, most of all, on the examples of Christ who came to serve. They will be looking for opportunities to serve their families, in their community and for our church.

Mrs. Moran's Eighth Graders have decided to participate in the annual Toy Drive for the Open Door Medical Center in Mount Kisco. The students worked with local retailers and asked permission to place a collection box in their spaces. Each student will monitor a box, wrap the gifts collected and then drop them to Open Door.

If you are able to donate a new, unwrapped toy, book, games or dolls (newborn to 13 years), please drop off at the following locations:

*The Black Cow*  
*Key Food*  
*Lucio's Pizza*  
*Pleasantville High School*  
*Pleasantville Middle School*  
*Pleasantville Pharmacy*  
*The Village Bookstore*

For those of you who are not comfortable going to a public place, the following residences are also drop off locations:

31 Leland Avenue  
87 Bedford Road

The deadline is **December 11, 2020** and we thank you for your generosity!

*"Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."*, (Psalm 104:1)

  
**save the date**

**Thursday, December 20, 2020**

**"Women's Advent Night"**

Time: TBD

Speaker: Sr. Charity from Sisters of Life

Please join us for prayer and reflection "Virtually" as we enter the Advent Season.



### Meetings:

The Youth Group meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Depending on factors of weather and pandemic safety, the meetings vary between in-person in the church parking lot (at the corner to Manville and Tompkins) and virtual over zoom. Please email Fr. Luke at [youthgroup@hiparish.org](mailto:youthgroup@hiparish.org) if your high-schooler would like to participate in the youth group and if you would like to receive youth group communications about meetings, service projects, and recreation events.

### Youth Mass:

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month  
@ the 5:15pm Sunday Mass



To welcome the season of Advent we will be making some changes to the musical portion of our liturgies.

The first change will be the mass setting which includes the Sanctus, Mystery of Faith, Amen and Lamb of God. Additionally, the Gloria is omitted. It is neither sung nor recited. This is a way of toning down the liturgy as we prepare for and await the birth of Jesus. This change also helps the words of the Gloria ring out fresh when we sing them on the day for which it was intended, Christmas! Remember the song the angels are singing at Bethlehem?

A sung Kyrie will be added during the opening rites of the liturgy.

We will continue to sing the Alleluia as our Gospel Acclamation, as the Gloria is the song of Christmas, Alleluia is the song of Easter and is omitted in Lent, not Advent. Given the joyful anticipation of the season of Advent, it would be hard to stifle the singing of the acclamation!

Advent from the Latin word, *Adventus*, means “coming” – so these changes, as well as the changing of the church décor, vestments and the presence of the Advent wreath are all meant to focus our attention on the expectant waiting and preparing for the Nativity of Jesus.



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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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- Select the collection you wish to donate to and click to make a donation and enter payment information.

You can return at any time to edit your donation or view your financial records.

**Informational cards are available in the entrances to the church.**



## The Giving Tree is going virtual!

We will gather Christmas gifts for families in need, but like everything else this year, in the interests of ensuring the safety of our parish community, it will be mostly virtual. A COVID Christmas will not dampen our spirit. We will be using sign-up genius to create "tags" for you to choose. The goal is to have the tree up, so to speak, by Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Simply go to [HIParishGivingTree@gmail.com](mailto:HIParishGivingTree@gmail.com) and grab a tag and do your shopping in-store, curbside pickup, or online as suits you. The Holy Innocents Parish Giving Tree has supported families in the Highbridge community for 15+ years. We hope that our Christmas Outreach will continue, even with these different circumstances. We encourage those who want to participate but who cannot or are concerned about shopping to donate gift cards instead. Gift cards will enable a team of super shoppers to acquire needed items. Any remaining gift cards will be donated/distributed to Highbridge families experiencing food insecurity during the Christmas season. In addition to providing gifts, you can volunteer to be a super shopper (mix of in store, curbside pick-up or online); part of a small wrapping party for super shopper gift card purchases; or one of the elves at an early December parking lot drive-by drop off as we pack up the gifts for delivery.

Additional details, dates and sign-up genius links to follow as we finalize details. Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you abundant blessings of Hope, Love, Joy, Peace....and Good Health,

*Holy Innocents Christmas 2020*





## Christmas “Knights” Toy Drive

The Knights of Columbus St. Dominic Council is hosting a Christmas toy drive for children 18 years and younger in the Mount Pleasant Community. Toys be will be sorted and distributed to families in Mount Pleasant. Donations are gratefully accepted and some suggestions are below. Donations should be **NEW ITEMS** .

Legos/Building Blocks, Board Games, Musical toys, Toy cars and trucks,  
Dolls and doll clothes, Doll carriage , Arts and craft kits, Playdough/Clay/Paint Sets  
Dinosaur Figures/Action Figures, Science Kits, Small purses for girls,  
Coloring Books, Books/Puzzles

Toys can be dropped of on  
Thursday, December 3, 5:00pm – 9:00pm or Saturday, December 5, from  
9:00am to 1:00pm at St. Dominic Council 874 Franklin Ave, Thornwood

Any questions please contact: Grand Knight Mike DeFlorio at: Mickd004@verizon.net

***Thank You For Your Generosity  
Merry Christmas***



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### **First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7**

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that “We are all the work of your hands.”

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God’s grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

### **Gospel: Mark 13:33-37**

Just as a servant watching over the master’s house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

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