

HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH

"WE GATHER TO PRAISE, TO BLESS AND TO PROCLAIM."

431 BEDFORD ROAD, PLEASANTVILLE, NY



Parish Office : (914)769-0025

Fax (914) 747-2476

Monday-Friday: 9am-3pm

Sunday: 9am-1pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:15pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am Children's Choir, 11am, 5:15pm

Daily: 7:00am Monday-Friday, 8:30am Saturday

Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel, Saratoga Avenue

Sunday: 10:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for our Baptismal Preparation Program, several weeks in advance of the baby's birth.

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.

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Bernard M. Timothy, OP, Pastor,

Fr. Joseph Scordo, OP, Parochial Vicar

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Music Director
Sacristan
Parish Coordinator
Youth Minister
Bulletin Editor



2/16—Evening Vigil

5:15 Dennis Collins

2/17—SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 Our Parishioners
 9:00 Mary Dolan
 10:00 (OLP) Mary Downey
 11:00 Bradamante Coletti
 5:15 Peggy Napoleon

2/18—Monday, Weekday

7:00 Ramiro Valderrama

2/19—Tuesday, Weekday

7:00 John McCarthy

2/20—Wednesday, Weekday

7:00 Carl Voeltz (54th Birthday)

2/21—Thursday, Weekday

7:00 Jack Crowe

2/22—Friday, The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

7:00 Fr. Dan Davies, O.P.

2/23—Saturday, St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

8:30

2/23—Evening Vigil

5:15 Anita Marino

2/24—SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 Our Parishioners
 9:00 Larry Kwiat, Sr.
 10:00 (OLP) Marietta & Costanzo Spedaliere
 11:00 John Fogarty
 5:15 Antonia Masucci



The Sanctuary Lamp
 at Holy Innocents Church burns
In Memory of the Hanley & Felleman Families

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Family members of those for whom a Mass is offered are welcome to present the Offertory Gifts to the celebrant at the Altar. Please identify yourself to one of the Ushers or the Celebrant before Mass begins.

BAPTISM BAPTISM

We recently welcomed into the family of God and our Parish family

Austin Carter Celentano

Congratulations to the family and sponsors!



Jimmy Fleming, Joyce Scholz, Deborah Migliorini, Antonio Soto, Betty Burns, Mary Renna, Barbara Walters, Juan Portillo, Jacques Padawer, Kathy FioRito, Bonnie Proudian, Jeanne Cibirka, Lucia Carlucci, Jennifer Schneider, Elsie Vernon, Richard and Maryann Colucci, Maria Provenzano, Gabrielle Sanchez, Olivia Bendus, Linda Iorizzo, Judy Chriss, Jane Chitty, Jean Balzone, Bernadette Harris, Angela Lynch, Beth Frankoviac, Robert Sarro, Irene Ramirez, Nate Smith, Matthew Ryan Taylor, Nicholas Torres, Cathy Policastro, Mary Bachmann, Stephen Mercatili, Ray Aldes, Cissy Patane, Arthur Woods, Hernan Rebagliati, Bridget Tidd, Helen Burton, Sean Murphy, Kathleen Shortall, Baby George Driscoll, Michael Garris, Kevin Keane, Barbara Brady, Gavin Brady, Tara Morstatt, Emma Murphy, Gina Linss, Jackie Mastrolillo, Brendan Lennon, Claudia Brooks, Lil DeCarlo, Gidget Jimenez, Nicholas Kocheck, Brian Egitto, Walter Morris, Anna Hutchinson, Kathy McCann, Mary Sheehan, Joseph DeSanctis (father of Joe DeSanctis), Bobby Murphy, Kevin Lange, Rebecca Conroy, Marie Silviotti, Chris Grammas, Timothy Stanton, Hailee Kalle, Matthew Mancuso, Jim O'Connell, Herb Holzer, Suzanne Bartlett, Karen Fleming, Bill Schmitz



CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy and promise of prayers
 To the family and friends of

Alfred A. Forte
 (husband of Angelina)

2018 TAX LETTERS

The **2018** Tax Letters will be mailed **upon request**. If you would like a copy of your 2018 donations please call the parish office **Monday-Friday at 914-769-0025** or email: **office@hiparish.org** and we will be happy to provide one for you.

2019 FINANCE CORNER

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Maintenance</u>
Feb. 10	\$10,743.77	\$132.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 1,834.00	

FAITH & HAPPINESS

In the Gospel reading this Sunday (Luke 6: 17-26), Jesus spoke to the crowd about the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are a series of blessings given by Jesus. Its paradoxes are striking - what Jesus says will bring us blessedness is not what we might expect. Poverty, hunger, mourning, being hated, excluded, insulted and denounced do not seem like blessings. Yet, Jesus tells us to rejoice and leap for joy when we experience them. Even more perplexing is the fact that the beatitudes are Jesus' definitive answer to the question of happiness that we all ask.

To understand the paradoxes of the Beatitudes we have to stop looking from a human perspective, and instead use God's perspective – Wisdom. Through the Holy Spirit's gift of Wisdom, the apparent contradiction disappears. We are freed from the prison of our self-centeredness and selfishness which blind us into thinking that we are the center of creation. For God the creator is the source and center by which all creation comes from him and returns to him. The fulfillment of all creation, including us, can be found when it returns to the creator. This is our nature, this is who we are. True happiness can *only* be found when we live in accord with our nature. There is no other way around it.

Perhaps the Beatitudes are extreme in their examples to make a point. Poverty, hunger, mourning, being excluded, etc. are the opposite of what our self-centered inclination seeks. Jesus tells us that we cannot find our true happiness only in wealth, food, pleasure, honor, or even human love. These beautiful and good things might bring certain temporal happiness but only when they are oriented toward the source of all good, God, can they contribute to our true eternal happiness. God himself is our happiness, and it is by love that we are united to him. St. John says that *"Whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him. Whoever claims to abide in him ought to live [just] as he lived."* In this way we can see that happiness is not limited to the perfect, the powerful, and the talented but is possible for all, because *everyone* is capable of loving God.

The journey from and to God is lived out on a weekly basis in the lives of faithful Catholics. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives. At the end of Mass (which means "sent"), we are sent out to the world, and at the beginning of Mass we return to God asking him to heal the "wounds" of our soul. Rejoicing that we have returned to him we then erupt in praise to glorify God who is our happiness.

Fr. Bernard Timothy, OP

Reading for Week of February 18-24

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

**The Parish Office will be closed President's Day
Monday, February 18th**

Tuesday, February 17th:

11:00am—Lectio Divina

Sunday, February 24th:

12:30pm—Baptisms

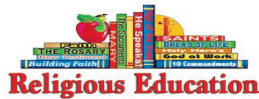


YOUTH MINISTRY

Holy Innocents Youth Ministry is directed by Youth Minister, Tom Conaty. Youth Ministry consists of our Youth Group and the CYO Basketball program. To join Youth Group, teens should just show up at any meeting and sign in with the youth leaders. **ALL** 9th-12th graders are welcome. The YG's main focus is on **service** and **social justice**. We meet most Sundays @ 6:15pm. We have Youth Masses the first Sunday of each month (Starting in Oct). The CYO Basketball Program consists of K-2 Clinics as well as teams from 3rd-12th grades. When we have enough **adult** volunteers we will also run a CYO track and field program. If you have any questions please email: **Tomconaty@hiparish.org**

YOUTH GROUP

- **Feb. 17th**—Breakfast Run at 6:45am
- **Feb. 24th**—Youth Group Meeting at 6:15pm
- **Mar. 3rd**—Youth Mass at 5:15pm, followed by Youth Group Meeting at 6:15pm.
- **Mar. 17th**—Youth Group Meeting at 6:15pm
- **Mar. 24th**—Cottage School visit at 2:30pm



"If Jesus Came"

Would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in? or hide some magazines, and put the bible where they'd been? Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out? Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?

And I wonder. If the Savior spent a day or two with you, would you go right on doing the things you always do? Would you go right on saying the things you always say? Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you go? Or would you maybe change your plans for just a day or so? Would you be glad to have Him meet your closest friends? Or would you hope they stay away until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on? Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone? It might be interesting to know, the things that you would do, if Jesus came in person, to spend some time with you.

Author Unknown

Looking ahead: Mid-Winter Recess begins February 18th and runs through February 23rd.
Classes will resume on Monday, February 25th.

Holy Communion Parent Meeting

Thursday, February 28th: 11am **OR** 7pm in the Church

Maria Lamorgese, Director of Religious Education
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mlamorgese@hiparish.org



The Music Ministry wishes to congratulate all the children of the parish who received the sacrament of First Reconciliation last week. This sacrament is one of the Catholic Church's greatest offerings, but also the least understood. We are reconciled with God, through the intercession of the priest. Receiving this sacrament is a great source of grace, the grace that helps us live a Christian life. All Catholics should embrace this sacrament as a gift from a loving God.

We especially thank their catechists and assistants, **Gina DiFabio, Alice Fortino, Michele Hulea, Daneen Mancuso, Giovanna Minda, Nancy O'Connor, Kathleen Trudo, and Deana White**, under the guidance of Ms. Maria, who share their time and faith to prepare them so beautifully to receive God's mercy, and be welcomed in His love.

This first penance is an important step in your readiness toward receiving First Holy Communion. Hopefully your first reconciliation will inspire those around you, including us, to once again take part in this sacrament. Congratulations to all, we are very proud of you!

Confessions at Holy Innocents are heard every Saturday from 4:30 to 5 PM. Other times can be arranged by request to the office and priest availability.



The Pantry is in need of canned vegetables (regular and unsalted), canned fruit and canned soup.

MESSAGE FROM OUR NEIGHBORS AT MORNINGSIDE

Morningside Adult Day Health Care Program in nearby Hawthorne serves persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, the frail elderly, those with intellectual disabilities and those with chronic mental health issues. We have a full range of recreational activities including art and music while also providing nursing oversight and medication management. We are open six days a week from 8:30am-3:30pm.

We have been working in Westchester Country for 29 years and our goal has always been to keep people safely in the community for as long as possible by providing nursing services, socialization, and structure for our clients, as well as respite time for our families.

Please call Co-director Lisa Goldman at 914-239-8264 to learn about our program or to schedule a visit. We look forward to speaking with you.

MISSION TRIP TO JAMAICA

Our Parishioner, Rachel Chow, will be joining the Missionaries of the Poor from Feb. 26 to March 4 in Jamaica helping people who are in need. The Missionaries rely on donations for their work. Can you help by making a donation? Rachel will be at the 11am Mass or you can go on line to www.missionariesofthepoor.org and hit the "donate now" button or call Jim Collins at 260-2370 for more information.



MASS FOR HEALING

Monday, March 11th

A Mass for Healing will be celebrated at
Holy Rosary Church
170 Bradhurst Avenue, Hawthorne

Fr. Luke Leighton CFR will be the celebrant.
Praise & Worship at 7:15pm, Mass at 7:30pm

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS FROM THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE ATONEMENT

Lenten Young Adult Retreat: "What Is God's Plan for My Life?"

Get away from the stress of information overload and get clarity on God's purpose and plan for your life during our Lenten Young Adult Retreat Weekend, March 15-17, at Graymoor Spiritual Life Center in Garrison, NY. Situated along the Appalachian Trail atop a mountain overlooking the Hudson River Valley, you'd be hard-pressed to find a more peaceful place to get re-focused and re-energized. Single, Catholic men and women, 18-40, are welcome. For more information please visit:

www.atonementfriars.org/young-adult-retreat-weekends/,
or contact Paul Krenzelok at 845-424-2122,
pkrenzelok@atonementfriars.org.

Franciscan for the Summer: "Is God Calling You to Religious Life?"

Franciscan for the Summer is an 8 week summer immersion for young men age 19-30 to explore ministry and religious life with the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, Graymoor. Do you feel a call to religious life? This is your chance to explore it for a summer! For more information please visit:

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 17, 2019

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Jeremiah compares a man who seeks strength in flesh but abandons God to a bush in the desert, bereft of nourishment and unable to grow. Yet a man who trusts in God is like a tree beside a river, fed & strengthened by it even during times of drought.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Paul addresses those who believe in Christ's teachings, but are not convinced that he rose from the dead. He calls their faith worthless, because they have not been freed from their sins. Paul then emphatically declares that Jesus did rise up again, as will all those who truly believe in him.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus tells his followers that those who are insulted in this life because of him will be rewarded richly in heaven. Yet those well received by all will despair in heaven, since people had often respected false prophets and mistreated true prophets. Those who hunger, perhaps for spiritual knowledge, shall be filled. Yet those who are full in this life will be hungry.

2019
ALL SOULS CEMETERY
Marble Avenue
Pleasantville, New York

The following is list of permitted and prohibited grave plantings at All Souls Cemetery

- Flowers may be planted in a space equal to the length of the grave marker and extending outward 12 inches. If there is no marker, the length of the planting may not exceed two thirds the width of the grave and must stay within a 12 inch depth.
- Ornamental shrubs and trees may not be planted at the gravesite. Memorials in the form of trees and shrubs will be made available by the cemetery board. The cemetery board will decide plant type, size and location.
 - All unauthorized plantings will be removed.
 - The use of artificial materials is prohibited.
 - Grave borders of any kind are prohibited and will be removed. The application of crushed stone is also prohibited.
 - Artificial plants, flowers, wreaths and designs; as well as all other decorative and devotional objects are not allowed.
 - Potted plants in pots are permitted to be placed directly in front and center of the grave marker 7 DAYS PRIOR TO, BUT WILL BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EIGHTH DAY, on the following list of days:

Easter Sunday
Father's Day, All Saints Day
Mother's Day, All Souls Day
Memorial Day, Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day, Anniversary Day

- Christmas wreaths must be hung from the grave marker and not placed on the ground.
- **Palm crosses must be removed by Wednesday of Holy Week.**
- Deteriorating flags may be disposed of in the American Legion "flag mailbox" on Garrigan Avenue for proper disposal ceremonies.

WE CANNOT GUARANTEE DECORATIONS FROM DAMAGE OR DISAPPEARANCE.