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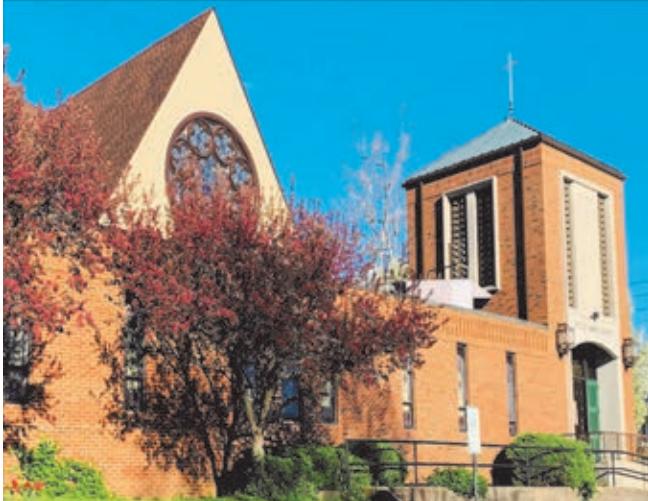
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MASS SCHEDULE

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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**11/21—Evening Vigil**

5:15 Debbie Larezzo

11/22—OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:30 Holy Innocents Parishioners
9:00 The Kaylor & Antaki Families
10:00 (OLP) Marco & Rick D'Ambrosio
11:00 Lorne Scott Zwaresh
5:15 Thomas Ambrosio

11/23—Monday, Weekday

7:00 Michele & Assunta Vignogna

11/24—Tuesday, Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac

7:00 Jadwiga Graj
5:30 (OLP) Anthony Chirico

11/25—Wednesday, Weekday

7:00 All Deceased and Forgotten Souls

11/26—Thursday, Thanksgiving Day

9:30 Mass of Thanksgiving

11/27—Friday, Weekday

7:00 Robert Kafarski

11/28—Saturday, Weekday

7:00 Cesar Preclaro

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



*The Sanctuary Lamp at Holy Innocents burns
In Memory of
Rita & Joseph Meenan*

**The Parish Office will be closed
November 26th & 27th for the
Thanksgiving holiday**



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. He is happy to be in touch with you about coordinating regular visits.



**Mass of Thanksgiving will be
celebrated at 9:30am on
Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 26th.**

*There will not be a Blessing of the Food
this year.*

ADVENT VIGILS

Starting December 2nd 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>

2021 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for 2021 is open for Intentions. At this time you may choose 2 weekend Masses and 1 weekday Mass.

Please stop by the Parish Office between the hours of 9am-Noon, Monday-Friday.



In our **Finding God** curriculum, every Grade level's unit starts with the same theme. For example, Unit 1 was titled God our Creator and Father. The sessions (chapters) within that Unit develop the ideas in age appropriate ways and provide thought provoking questions and activities to do and ideas to discuss as a family.

Within Unit 1 there was an opportunity to look at ways that Jesus is a part of our life and how we are part of one family. The various activities and ideas centered around seeing Jesus in all that they do, and to pray to Him.

Our Eighth Graders were asked to draw a picture of a path, and the challenges they faced, asking who was there to help. The Seventh Grade learned about Jesus' genealogy and how we all belong. For the Sixth Grade, they were asked to consider God's trust and how they can build that trust in their family and community.

The Fifth Grade's activity was to draw a picture of God's love and care for them and their families. In the Fourth Grade, they learned about free will, and how Jesus can help them mend relationships in their family. The Third Grade also discussed trust in God, and they were asked to draw a picture of resting in God's hands.

The Second graders learned about praising God, and to draw a picture of how they and their family used prayer to praise, and the First grade was asked to draw a picture of themselves with Jesus.

In Mrs. Finck's First Grade class, they talked about praying and how Jesus gave all of us a special prayer, and that we can consider Him part of our family. The following drawing by Owen Santiamo was submitted and we are proud to share with all of you!



Thank you Owen!!

We praise God and thank Him for the many blessing He has bestowed on us.
Happy Thanksgiving to all of the parishioners of Holy Innocents from Religious Education!



This weekend we celebrate the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** which marks the end of the liturgical year. In honor of this solemnity, we have chosen **To Jesus Christ our Sovereign King** as our recessional hymn. This hymn was written by Monsignor Martin B. Hellriegel in 1941 as a direct response to the pretensions of the Third Reich. His intention was to convey the majestic conception of Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations. It was meant to be a reminder of who actually reigns eternally.

Today, **Sunday, November 22nd**, is also the feast of St. Cecilia, the patron saint of musicians, composers, instrument makers and poets. Her feast has been celebrated since 545 AD. According to legend, Cecilia was a noble Roman who had vowed her virginity to God as a child. When she was married against her will to the future St. Valerian, then a pagan, she told him that an angel of God wished her to keep her vow. Cecilia has also become a symbol of the Church's conviction that good music is an integral part of the liturgy, of greater value to the Church than any other art.

On **Thursday, November 26th**, people in the United States will celebrate Thanksgiving. It was on this exact day in 1789 that George Washington proclaimed the first nation-wide thanksgiving celebration in America. Prayers of thanks and special thanksgiving ceremonies are common among almost all religions after harvests and at other times. The Thanksgiving holiday's history in North America is rooted in English traditions dating from the Protestant Reformation.

The Music Ministry of Holy Innocents wishes all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving. We hope you will take time to give thanks to God for the gifts you have been given, for the special people around you, and for the wonderful parish we all belong to and lovingly serve.

St. Cecilia Pray for us!!



Meetings:

The Youth Group meets every 2nd and 4th 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 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 1st Sunday of the month
@ the 5:15pm Sunday Mass



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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 21st. Simply go to HIPParishGivingTree@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





We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives you 24/7 access to over 300 quality Catholic online programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, & 98+ E-Books. Today is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Study: Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Sessions 2: *Divine Revelation*, 4, *The Story of Salvation* or 5, *Who is Jesus?* Watch *Keys of the Kingdom* or listen to: *Say Yes to Christ, Who Do You Say That I Am?, I'm Not Being Fed, Jesus, the Bridegroom, Beyond Belief, or Jesus Is.* You can also listen to the Audio Drama: *Ode to Saint Cecilia.*



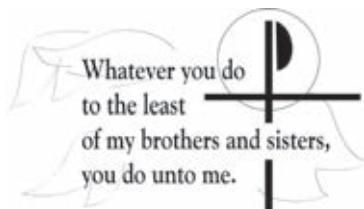
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Christmas "Knights" Toy Drive

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 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 off 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



First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

This passage beautifully describes how the Lord God, as shepherd, will tend his flock. He will rescue those who are lost, bring back those who stray, heal the sick, and “pasture” all.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Paul once again stresses the significance of Christ's resurrection in the total divine plan, emphasizing that Christ's rising means that those who believe in him will also rise after death. Christianity, he argues, is meaningless if it concerns only this life on earth. In the end, even death will be destroyed, and “God will be all in all.”

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

With words both poetic and vivid, Jesus tells the disciples that since he is present in all people, whatever they do to “one of my least brothers” they do to him; and whatever they fail to do to his “least,” they fail to do to him.



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