

# HOLY INNOCENT'S PARISH

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**12/24—Vigil Mass**

4:00 Intentions of Celebrant

6:00 Intentions of Celebrant

10:00 Intentions of Celebrant

**12/25—THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

7:30 Intentions of Celebrant

9:00 Intentions of Celebrant

10:00 (OLP) Intentions of Celebrant

11:00 Intentions of Celebrant

5:15 (Quiet Mass) Intentions of Celebrant

**12/26—Monday—ST. STEPHEN**

8:00 Rose Makosky

**12/27—Tuesday—ST. JOHN**

7:00 Christina Casey

5:30 (OLP) Nicola Somma

**12/28—Wednesday—THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

7:00 Scott Frey

12:15 For Friars Past/Present serve(d) @ Holy Innocents Parish

**12/29—Thursday—FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

7:00 Elizabeth Flanagan

5:30 (OLP) Mary & James Harris

**12/30—Friday—THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

7:00 Rocco Surace

12:15 Francis Trotta

**12/31—Saturday—SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

7:00 Intention of Connie Villani

**12/31—Vigil Mass**

5:15 Danelle Golan

**1/1—SOLIMENITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

7:30 Parishioners of Holy Innocents

9:00 Rocco Surace

10:00 Salvatore Canzano

11:00 Margaret Bruno

5:15 Marcello Arianna

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Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P.

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**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday Mass**

5:15PM Saturday Vigil *at Holy Innocents*

7:30AM, 9:00AM (Family Mass),

11:00AM, 5:15PM

*at Holy Innocents*

10:00AM *at Our Lady of Pompeii*

**Daily Mass**

7:00AM Monday - Saturday

12:15PM Monday, Wednesday & Friday

*at Holy Innocents*

5:30PM Tuesday & Thursday

*at Our Lady of Pompeii*

**Confessions**

7:00PM - 8:00PM Tuesday

4:30PM - 5:00PM Saturday

4:30PM - 5:00PM Sunday

4:30PM - 5:30PM First Friday

*at Holy Innocents*

**Holy Hour**

7:00PM - 8:00PM Tuesday

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*at Holy Innocents*

Please note the 12/26 12:15 mass has been cancelled. If you had a Mass intention scheduled for that date and time, kindly call the office to reschedule. Thank you.



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



*In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he spoke to us through a Son (Hebrews 1:1-2).*

The Gospels are full of the words and deeds of Jesus – all the things he said and did during the three years of his active ministry. But in the story of his birth, he says and does nothing. He is simply born of Mary, wrapped in blankets, and laid in a manger. Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds look upon him, love him, speak about him – but Jesus simply lies there, perhaps asleep. Nor are there any words from God the Father. He sends an angel to announce the birth to the shepherds, and a star to lead the magi to Bethlehem, but unlike other pivotal moments in Jesus' earthly life, there are no pronouncements from the Heavenly Father. God is silent.

But the silence is not an empty silence. Rather, it is the kind of silence that follows a perfect speech or a completed task. In giving us his Son, He has spoken the Eternal Word which includes all words – and there is nothing more that could be said. Christmas night is a silent night because in the arrival of Jesus, God has said everything.

For some of us, this holiday weekend will be a busy weekend, full of people, presents, and parties. For others, it will be a working weekend, of attending to the duties of one's station in life. For others, it will be a quiet weekend, a solitary home with PBS Christmas specials playing in the background. But for all of us, it is Christmas. Christ Jesus is given to us; God's Infinite Word is spoken to us. Let us listen to the Silent Night.

Merry Christmas,  
Fr. Luke

### Liturgy Notes for December 25, 2022

#### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

*“O Child, who willed to have for your crib a manger; O Creator of the universe, who stripped yourself of divine glory; O Redeemer, who offered your vulnerable body in sacrifice for the salvation of humanity! May the radiance of your birth light up the night of the world.... You, Mary, who keep watch over your all-powerful Son, grant us your eyes to contemplate him with faith; grant us your heart to worship him with love.... O Holy Night, so long awaited, which has united God and man for ever! You rekindle our hope. You fill us with ecstatic wonder. You assure us of the triumph of love over hatred, of life over death. For this reason we remain absorbed in prayer. In the luminous silence of your Nativity, you, Emmanuel, continue to speak to us. And we are ready to listen to you.” (Saint John Paul II).*

#### Entrance Antiphon

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

#### Collect (Opening Prayer)

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

#### Communion Antiphon

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.



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.

**Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony and of the Sick:** *Please call the Parish Office*

**New Parishioners**

*Your are cordially invited to join our parish community. Please stop in at the Parish Office.*



If you would like to receive Holy Communion in your home, please let us know by email to: [office@hiparish.org](mailto:office@hiparish.org).

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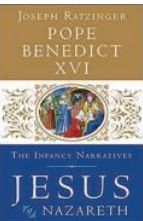
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**COFFEE & DONUTS**

**Holy Innocents-** 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-** Every 1st Sunday of the month following the 10:00 am Mass.



**Fr. Leo's Book Club**

**All are welcome**

**January 4, 2023 @ 5:15PM in the Social Hall.**

Copies of *Pope Benedict XVI's "The Infancy Narratives"* are available in the Parish Office.



**January 8th  
Following  
the 11am Mass**

**We invite all who donate their time to the parish as a volunteer to join us for a special brunch following the 11am Mass on Sunday, January 8th.**

**We are grateful for your help and want to say thank you!**



**Pope Francis' December Intentions**

**Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations**

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



**CONDOLENCES**

We extend our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of:  
Jean Ray & Angela Pareti



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

Come knit with us!



Food Pantry Donations Needed

Our parish continues to provide food items to those who are in need. **All food donations must be delivered** to the Parish Office during office hours of 9am to 3:30pm. Thank you.



*Please Pray for the Sides of the Parish*  
*Rose DeSanctis (mother of Joe DeSanctis), Mary Coughlin, Buddy Coughlin, Jimmy Fleming, Robert Sarro, Louis Sarro, Joann Keddy, Laura Cabrera, Desi Callanan, Walter Kastner, Joel Walker, Pamela Pena, Maria Annunziata, Debbie Flocks, Janet Moy, Teresa Angarola, Mary Birmingham, Linda Callari, Isidro LaSalle, Steven Pettus, Ed Mann, Ada Juarbe, Meredith Davis, Mary Krulis, Vincent Tichy, Vinny M., Matt & Heather Vestal, Maryann, Anthony Coluccci*



Thank you to all who donated towards the purchase for Christmas Flowers in Memory of your loved ones.

A full list of names can be found in Narthex of the Church.

*Merry Christmas and God Bless you and your families!*

## Religious Education

The Religious Education Program wishes all of our catechists, volunteers, parents and students a very Merry Christmas! This is a wonderful time to spend with families and friends and it is our wish that you enjoy this special season!

We hope you keep Jesus close to your heart and celebrate His birth. With Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Sundays, the mass schedule is the same and provides a great way to celebrate the holidays and start the New Year with our Lord. We hope you will make the time to attend Mass.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Remember no classes until Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>!**



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**Dec 25:** Today is The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. Watch: Symbolon, Knowing the Faith, session 4: *The Story of Salvation; The Story of the Nativity, or Christmas in Rome*. You can also listen to: *The True Meaning of Christmas, God Made Man, or The King is Born*. Children can watch: *Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa, Brother Francis- O Holy Night, or Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree*. Friday is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Watch: *Beloved: Mystery and Meaning of Marriage or Living Marriage; Footprints of God- Jesus, the Word Became Flesh; Formed Now!: The Holy Family; Joseph of Nazareth; Mary of Nazareth; or Marriage- God's Design for Life & Love*. Listen to: *Marriage and Family, Three to Get Married, Counting Your Blessings, or Love Conquers All*.



The Music Ministry of Holy Innocents extends our warmest wishes for a very Merry Christmas!

We look forward to your participation in the beautiful songs of the Christmas season that will be used to fill our parish liturgies with the joy of this special time of year. Each of these special, musical treasures has a unique way of portraying the poignant details of the birth of our Savior. We welcome and encourage you to join in singing them with the love and spirit that Christmas inspires in all of us!!

## Giving Tree 2022

### Thank You!



Holy Innocents Parish Community has once again made our Christmas Outreach a wonderful success. Your generous donations enabled this year's partnership with Hearts & Homes for Refugees to benefit 30 families rebuilding their lives in America. Our Ukrainian families escaped their war-torn country and our Afghan families evacuated since the fall of the Afghan government to the Taliban as allies under Special Immigration Visas granted asylum here in the U.S.

While our new neighbors may not all celebrate Christmas, or celebrate entirely different holiday traditions, the benefit of acts of kindness are universal to all faiths and circumstances. Their stories are most humbling. Our service to them makes an incredible difference in their lives and embodies the true spirit of Christmas.

Special thanks from The Giving Tree Committee to Father Luke, Father Ken, Father Frank, Father Leo, Joanna O'Connor, Eileen Bruehl, Barbara Mackin, and Jim Keane for their support and assistance with everything from our initial email to wrap up. We also want to thank our donors, super shoppers, wrappers, crafters, gift drop elves and delivery volunteers for the gifts of their generosity, time, and talents towards Holy Innocents 2022 Giving Tree! You all make our outreach, Christmas Corner in the Social Hall, signup genius, the drive thru gift drop, and all the gift deliveries possible.

The team at Hearts & Homes for Refugees wish to express their gratitude to us as the first Catholic church partner. They would love to meet new volunteers interested in joining their community network to welcome, mentor, advocate for, educate, or assist new refugees with key life skills and practical needs that empower new neighbors to rebuild their lives in America with hope and dignity. Anyone interested can check out [www.heartsandhomesforrefugees.org](http://www.heartsandhomesforrefugees.org).



Wishing every member of our Holy Innocents Parish Community hearts and homes full of the abundant blessings of Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace this Christmas and always!



**First Friday  
January 6**

*Renew your life with  
Christ  
every First  
Friday  
of the month.*

**Adoration**  
1pm—6pm

**Confession**  
4:30pm—5:30pm

**Mass**  
7am, 12:15, 6pm



**HI (Holy Innocents) Moms Group**

Our focus is supporting mothers and babies both within our Parish, and the wider community.

We are busy planning for the year ahead. Stay tuned for updates and our next meeting,

For more information or if you'd like to get involved contact Adriana Umlawski at [asel4451@gmail.com](mailto:asel4451@gmail.com).



**All Students Welcome  
Grades 9-12**

- Sunday, January 8th: Youth Mass from 5:15-6:15pm; Youth Group meeting from 6:15-7:15pm in the parish hall Sunday;
- Sunday, January 22nd: Youth Group meeting from 6:15-7:45pm in the parish hall
- Saturday, January 28th: Youth Group recreation: Ice skating at Brewster Ice Arena. More details to follow.

Please see the bulletin and Flocknote for updates. For more information, please contact Julia Dal Ceredo at [jdalceredo@hiparish.org](mailto:jdalceredo@hiparish.org) or check <https://hiparish.flocknote.com/YouthGroup>.



**First Friday Adoration**  
**“O’Come Let Us Adore Him!  
Christ The Lord!”**

Please consider giving an hour of your time to sit and pray in the Presence of Our Lord.

**Sign-up forms are in the Narthex and at Our Lady of Pompeii. A link will be sent out via Flocknotes and [www.hiparish.org](http://www.hiparish.org)!**



**Daughters of Mary  
(5th-8th Grade Girls)  
January 7  
4:45-7:15pm**

Next month, the girls will learn about the Joyful Mysteries and how the first Christmas was one of the seven joys of Our Lady. The virtue of the month will be Gratitude.

- Session Includes: a meal, fellowship, a lesson, and arts and crafts.

For information about registration and fees, email [rosemarie@marysbeautybook.com](mailto:rosemarie@marysbeautybook.com)

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