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February 19, 2023



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In Residence

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass

5:15PM Saturday Vigil
7:30AM, 9:00AM (Family Mass),
11:00AM, 5:15PM
at Holy Innocents Church

10:00AM *at Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel*

Daily Mass

7:00AM Monday - Saturday
12:15PM Monday, Wednesday & Friday
at Holy Innocents Church

5:30PM Tuesday & Thursday
at Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel

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 Church

Holy Hour

7:00PM - 8:00PM Tuesday
at Holy Innocents Church

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All Students Welcome
Grades 9-12

Sunday, February 19th: Youth Group meeting from 6:15-7:15pm in the parish hall

Sunday, March 5th: Youth Mass from 5:15-6:15pm; Youth Group meeting from 6:15-7:15pm in the parish hall.

Sunday, March 19th: Youth Group meeting from 6:15-7:15pm in the parish hall.

For more information email Julia Edelson at idalceredo@hiparish.org.



2/18—Saturday—Vigil Mass

5:15 John DiBene (60th Anniversary)

2/19—7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Kimberly Ann Oehl

9:00 Joseph Hickey

10:00 (OLP) Parishioners of Holy Innocents

11:00 Margaret Bruno

5:15 Phil Bloeth

2/20—Monday—Weekday

8:00 Ida Sparano

(No 12:15 Mass-Presidents Day)

2/21—Tuesday-Weekday

7:00 Mary & James Sullivan

5:30 (OLP) Patricia Vreeland

2/22—Wednesday—Ash Wednesday

7:00 Luigi Giacomo Lorelli

12:15 Richard Coschigano

7:00 Marcus Panzitta

2/23—Thursday-After Ash Wednesday

7:00 Intentions of the Frey Family

5:30 (OLP) Intentions of Joseph Carrozza

2/24—Friday-After Ash Wednesday

7:00 James & Josephine Connolly

12:15 Lawrence & Enid Whartenby

2/25—Saturday-After Ash Wednesday

7:00 Anette Harney

2/25—Saturday—Vigil Mass

5:15 James Whirt

2/26—1st. Sunday in Lent

7:30 Kimberly Ann Oehl

9:00 Scott Rosenberg

10:00 (OLP) Parishioners of Holy Innocents

11:00 Edward Marino

5:15 Joseph Hickey



Rose Hawthorne Chapter of the Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic

Please join the Lay Dominicans over Zoom for "No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion." Walk step by step with Jesus on His journey from His agony in the garden to His crucifixion on Calvary. Unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with Him today. **It begins on Thurs., Feb. 23 from 7:30pm -9:00pm. The five Thursdays ends on March 23. For Zoom info., contact Jennifer at castle348@gmail.com**



COFFEE & DONUTS

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

FINANCE CORNER
(Sunday Collection + WeShare)

Weekly

February 12 \$10,177.00

Second Collection

February 22—Ash Wednesday

PASTOR'S GREETING—Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P.



Greetings,

Lent is nearly upon us, with Ash Wednesday in just a few days. As we enter Lent, we are called to 1) give something up as a fast; 2) give alms to charity; and 3) make time for prayer. In making these commitments, we allow the Spirit to lead us to the “place” of Lent – which is the desert.

Many centuries ago God called his chosen people into the desert, bringing them out of Egypt, across the Red Sea, and into the wilderness. After Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River, the Spirit drove him into the desert where he fasted, prayed, and was tempted. The early Christians in the first centuries of the Church, felt God pulling them into the desert as well – and they set up hermitages and monasteries in the wildernesses of Egypt and Syria and Israel. This same call to the desert is in turn given to all of us as the People of God every Lent – and in our Lenten observances, we strive to answer this call.

Why does God draw his people into the desert? Perhaps it is because in the silence and austerity of the desert, he can speak to us. He wants to bring us into a space that is removed from the noise and clutter of our usual surroundings and teach us the one perennial lesson that we are always having to learn anew: that He alone is our true bread and true drink, and that honoring his central place in our lives is our deepest obligation.

The train for the desert leaves from Holy Innocents this Wednesday. Look forward to seeing you there,

Fr. Luke

Liturgy Notes

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord says to Moses, “Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.” And Jesus says to his disciples, “Be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” We may at first be cowed by this daunting command. But that is a sign that we are judging by “the wisdom of this world”—thoughts that are “foolishness”. In order to become perfect as the Father, we must first “learn to be a fool before [we] can really be wise”. Only such foolishness makes us realise that we do not have what it takes to be perfect as the Father. That perfection is possible only if it is given to us. Holiness consists in such humble receptivity before God’s grace. We ask with absolute confidence because we “belong to Christ”.

Entrance Antiphon

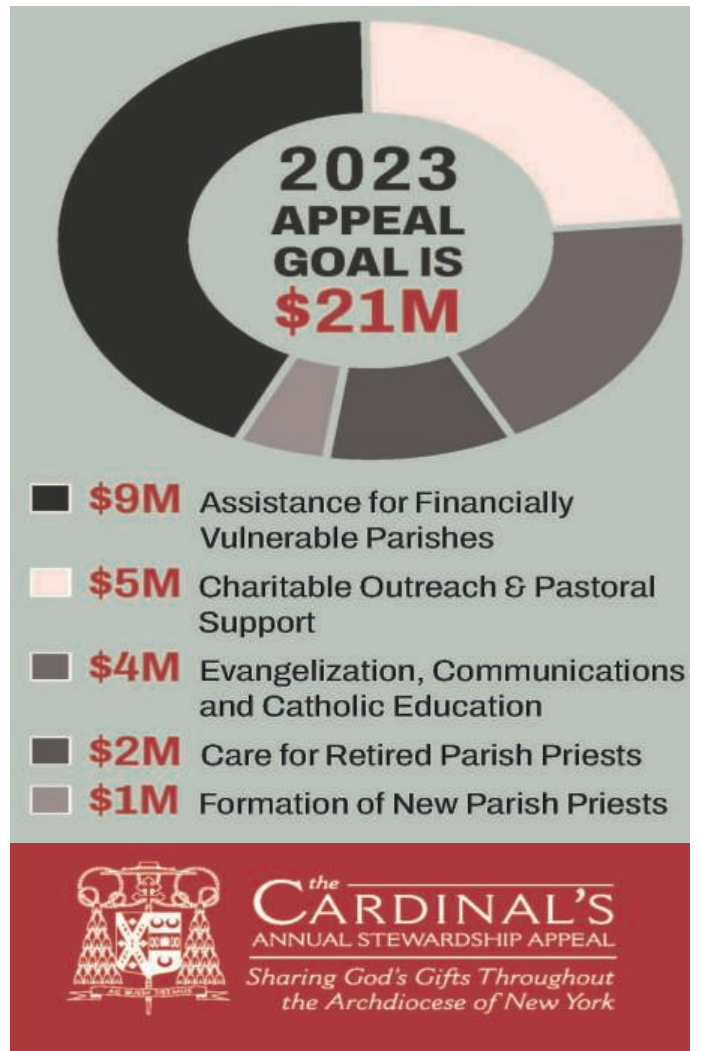
O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Collect (Opening Prayer)

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. 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

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.





Join us in singing the Marian Antiphons at our sung Masses each Sunday.

This season's antiphon is **"Salve Regina."**

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**.

EMERGENCY LINE

If you need a priest after office hours you can call our emergency line: **914.340.4486**



Pope Francis' February Intentions For parishes

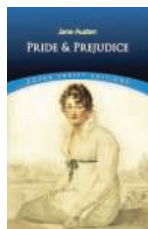
We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Fr. Leo's Book Club

All are welcome

March 1, 2023 @ 5:15PM in the Social Hall

Copies of *Pride & Prejudice* by Jane Austen are available in the Parish Office.



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 Colucci, Anthony Colucci, Thomas Lee, George Stefanou, Karen Carini.

Names of the sick will remain in our bulletin for 12 weeks after that time if needed to be added again, you can email or call parish office.



Are you experiencing grief after the death of a loved one? These dark, dank winter days only add to your feeling of loss. Sometime it is helpful to find comfort and support as you grieve with others who have been through a similar experience.

Holy Innocents is offering a Bereavement Support Group for anyone laden by grief. The group will meet on Thursday evenings at 7 pm beginning on February 23.

It is not limited to parishioners of Holy Innocents, all are welcome. 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.

*Lenten Holy Hour
Tuesdays 7-8PM -
Confession is available.*

*Stations of the Cross
Thursdays 6:00 pm (OLP Chapel)
Fridays 11:30 am (Holy Innocents)*



**Church Care
Saturdays February 25 &
April 1 @ 9am-11am**

The group will meet to care for our beautiful church and it's surrounding property. Whatever amount of time you have to offer is greatly appreciated. We always welcome new volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, call the parish office to be added to our list.



**DAUGHTERS OF MARY
Girls grade 5-8
March 4th—4:45-7:15 pm
Social Hall Classroom**

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did." - *Saint Maximilian Kolbe*

The girls will enjoy a meal, arts and crafts, learn about the Sorrowful Mysteries, and the virtue of the month will be Fortitude.

The Spring/Summer session will start in April. If your daughter is interested in joining, please email Rosemarie at rosemarie@marysbeautybook.com.



First Friday

March 3

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

Adoration

1pm—6pm

Confession

4:30pm—5:30pm

Mass

7am, 12:15, 6pm



**Adoration signup for First Friday
can be found on the
website, weekly email and signup
sheets are located in the
entryways of the Church.**



This weekend Joe is taking a well-deserved break and our music will be led by Mr. Jim Phillips. Jim lives in nearby Ossining, and has been teaching music, directing choirs, and directing musical productions for over thirty years.

Jim retired from his position as Chair of the Fine Arts Department at Regis High School, but keeps busy with many hobbies including cooking and traveling. During the pandemic, Jim directed the choir at Maria Regina High School via ZOOM and kept music alive for the high school students there.

We welcome Jim to our parish, and thank him for working with us this weekend in Joe's absence.

Religious Education

The Religious Education Department used the excitement of the football playoffs and last weekend's SuperBowl to showcase players who openly thank God for their talent and success in their lives. The bulletin board in the main hallway displayed many players who are not shy about talking about their faith and the presence of God in their lives. Here are some of the players we found inspiring.

Buffalo Bills, safety, Damar Hamlin spoke after his miraculous recovery, showing unabashed faith in God. He credits his speedy recovery to his faith. *"I feel God is using me as a vessel to share my passion and my love directly from my heart with the entire world, and now I'm able to give it back to those that need it the most."*

Super Bowl MVP, and Kansas City Chiefs Quarterback, Patrick Mahomes, said *"my Christian faith gives me peace on the football field and my goal in life is to glorify God in everything that I do."*

Philadelphia Eagles Quarterback, Jalen Hurts said *"I keep God at the center of everything, I give Him all the praise, I lean on Him all the time, and I know that everything unfolds the way it's supposed to."*

A.J. Brown, Wide-receiver for the Philadelphia Eagles said *"I play for God, I don't play for the expectations of man. I play this game because God has given me the ability to play this game, and doing my best is giving back to Him."*

Kansas City Chiefs winning kicker, Harrison Butker, said *"If I didn't have faith in God, I don't think I'd be the father I am, the husband I am, the kicker I am."* He added, *"I know I'm a child of God."*

These young men are in their early to mid-twenties, talented and famous. We admire their physical ability to play at the professional level and commend them for recognizing their talent as a gift from God and acknowledging God as the center of their lives.

A GUIDE TO CONFESSION

(take this with you ... it's really okay)



BEFORE YOU GO

Examine your conscience, that is, reflect on what sins you've committed. To guide you, just Google "examination of conscience" and you'll find resources to help you. It's even all right to make a list to bring with you if that helps.



INTRODUCTION

When you come before the priest, begin by making the Sign of the Cross (praying the words out loud), and continue by saying, "Bless me, Father, I have sinned. It has been (how long) since my last confession. These are my sins..."



CONFESSION

List the sins you've committed that came to mind during your examination of conscience. Don't be too general ("I haven't been a good person"), but a lot of detail isn't necessary (you don't need to tell the whole story of how a sin came about). If you're not sure if something is a sin, ask the priest. This isn't counseling, so unless you ask, the priest likely won't give you advice. He'll just move on to ...



PENANCE

The priest will suggest something for you to do or pray as a response to God's mercy. You'll have to remember what this is and do it after the confession is over, so pay attention.



ACT OF CONTRITION

The priest will then ask you to pray out loud your "Act of Contrition," to demonstrate your sorrow for your sins: "My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy."



ABSOLUTION

Don't get up to leave after that prayer, because the best part is yet to come: The priest will extend his hands in your direction and he will pray the Prayer of Absolution: "God, the Father of Mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son, has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins. Through the ministry of the Church, may God grant you pardon and peace. And I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." You respond: "Amen."



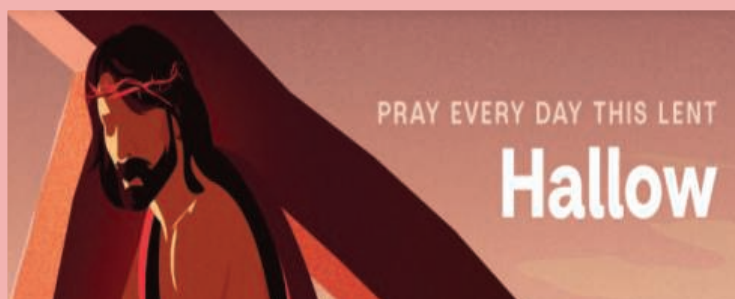
CONCLUSION

The priest will then likely say something like, "God has freed you from your sin. Go in Peace." To which you can respond: "Thanks be to God." Don't forget to do your penance. If it is saying certain prayers, it's best to do it right away in the church before you forget.

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5. enter "Holy Innocents, Pleasantville, NY"
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February 19: Tomorrow we remember Saints Francisco & Jacinta Marto. Watch: *Finding Fatima, The 13th Day*, or for children *The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima*. Listen to: *Our Lady of Fatima* or *Fatima for Today*. Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Watch: Ready Reasons: *What's the Deal with Ashes on Ash Wednesday?* or *Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent*. Read: *Meditations for Lent*. On the 22nd is the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle. Study: *Lectio: Peter* or watch: *Saint Peter*, or *Keys of the Kingdom: Understanding the Papacy*. Listen to: *Simon Called Peter*.



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