

**THE SHRINE AND PARISH CHURCH
OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS**
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AT THE CROSSROADS OF THE WORLD
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SCHEDULE

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Weekdays: 7:00 & 7:30 a.m.;
8:00 a.m. (Tridentine Latin only during Lent)
12:15 & 1:15 p.m.
and 6:00 p.m. (Tridentine Latin)

Saturday: 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. (Tridentine Latin)
and 4:00 p.m. Vigil/Shopper's Mass

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (Tridentine Low Mass),
10:30 a.m. (Tridentine High Mass),
12:30 p.m.
and 1:30 p.m. (Spanish only on the first
Sunday of the month)

Holy Days of Obligation:
Vigil at 5:15 p.m.
7:00 & 7:30 a.m.;
8:00 a.m. (Tridentine Latin); 11:15 a.m.;
12:15, 1:15 & 5:15 p.m.;
6:00 p.m. (Tridentine Latin High Mass)

CONFESSIONS

Weekdays: 7:30-8:30 a.m.; 12 noon-1:30 p.m.;
5:15-5:35 p.m.

Saturday: 12 noon-1:00 p.m. and 3:15-3:45 p.m.

Sunday: 9:45-10:30 a.m. and 12 noon-12:30 p.m.

And anytime upon request or by appointment

EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Weekdays from 2:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Benediction

PERPETUAL NOVENAS

Weekdays following the 7:30 a.m. and 12:15 & 1:15 p.m.
Masses and at 5:50 p.m. and on Saturday following the 12
noon and 1:00 p.m. Masses.

Monday: Miraculous Medal
Tuesday: St. Anthony and St. Anne
Wednesday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Joseph
Thursday: Infant of Prague, St. Rita and St. Therese
Friday: "The Return Crucifix" and the Passion
Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Fatima
Sunday: Holy Innocents (at Vespers)

DEVOTIONS

Vespers and Benediction:
Sunday at 2:30 p.m. (Tridentine Latin)

Holy Rosary: Weekdays at 11:55 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.
Saturday at 12:35 p.m.
Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Weekdays at 3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross (during Lent):
Fridays at 12:45 p.m.
and after 6:00 p.m. Mass

All-Night Vigil:
First Friday of the month from 7:00 p.m.-
Saturday 5:00 a.m. Mass
(Tridentine Latin)

2000 Hail Marys:
Second Saturday of the month
from 6:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Fatima:
13 of the month from May to October
following the Evening Mass

CHURCH HOURS

Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE/GIFT SHOP HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE MOST BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

National Patroness of the United States of America

Holy Day of Obligation



“O God, who prepared a fit dwelling place for the Holy Spirit in the Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, graciously grant that through her intercession we may be worthy temples of your glory.”

[Collect for the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary]

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 7

5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass

Thursday, December 8

7:00 a.m.

7:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. (Latin Tridentine Low Mass)

11:15 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

1:15 p.m.

5:15 p.m.

6:00 p.m. (Latin Tridentine High Mass)



**SPENDING ADVENT
WITH THE SAINTS OF THE SEASON**

Father Peter Stravinskis, internationally known theologian and writer - and longtime friend of Holy Innocents - will guide us

through the Season of Advent with the help of the biblical texts, chants and hymns, and saints associated with this time of preparation for the Solemnity of the Lord's Nativity. Special consideration will be given to St. John the Baptist, Our Lady and St. Joseph. Sessions will take place following the 12:15 and 6:00 p.m. Masses on Friday, December 2nd, December 9th, and December 16th. All are welcome.

Rorate Holy Mass

The Rorate Caeli Mass is a traditional Advent devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Advent is offered just before dawn. The interplay of light and darkness speak to the meaning of Advent and the coming of the Light of the world.

The Mass takes its title, Rorate Caeli, from the first words of the Introit, which are from Isaiah 45:8:

“Rorate, caeli, ...Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour.”

The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. Because it is a votive Mass in Mary's honor, white vestments are worn instead of Advent violet. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honor the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ.

The readings and prayers of the Mass foretell the prophecy of the Virgin who would bear a Son called Emmanuel.

The Rorate Caeli Holy Mass according to the Tridentine Rite in Latin will be celebrated in our church at **6:00 a.m.** on the following days:

Monday, December 5

Tuesday, December 6

Wednesday, December 7

Saturday, December 10

Tuesday, December 13

Thursday, December 15

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

“A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.”

--St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

The Most Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration in Holy Innocents Church Monday through Friday from 2:00 - 5:45 p.m. Please make every effort to spend some time in prayer before Jesus truly present in the Holy Eucharist as your schedule permits.

2000 HAIL MARYS

The next devotion of the 2000 Hail Marys will take place this Saturday, December 10, beginning after the 6:00 a.m. Rorate Mass and concluding at 4:00 p.m.

3 Day Advent Parish Mission

Our Lady and the Angels in Advent
December 5-7

Preached by Fr. Wolfgang Seitz
of the Order of Canons Regular of the Holy Cross



Schedule

12:50 - 1:10 p.m. Short lunchtime conference
5:30 p.m. Rosary and Confessions
6:00 p.m. Holy Mass
6:45 p.m. Conference

Topics

Monday: *The Trial of the Angels and
the Mystery of the Incarnation*

Tuesday: *Take Mary into your Heart and Mind*

Wednesday: *The Angels—Ministers of Divine Mercy*

HOLY INNOCENTS BOOKSHELF

Pray for the Sanctification of Priests
By Fr. Titus Kieninger, ORC

New prayer booklet with beautiful prayers and devotions on behalf of priests for the day of “Sanctification of Priests” on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and throughout the whole year. Contains prayers and stories for a *Holy Hour*, a *Way of the Cross*, *Rosary meditations* and *Novena meditations*. (52 pages). \$3.00 per copy.

HOLY INNOCENTS GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop in the Parish Office features articles particular to Holy Innocents Parish:

- Christmas Cards depicting the Nativity and Adoration of the Magi windows in our church
- 2017 Parish Calendars
- Two styles of note cards depicting the Brumidi *Crucifixion* mural located over the High Altar
- Print of a detail of the *Crucifixion* by Constantino Brumidi
- Two styles of coffee mugs with Holy Innocents symbol and drinking glasses with etching of the Church of the Holy Innocents

*Stop buy and do your Christmas shopping!
Keep Christ in CHRISTmas!*

2017 HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH CALENDARS

The 2017 Holy Innocents Parish calendars are now available from the Gift Shop in the Parish Office or from one of the sacristans. The cost of the calendar is \$10.00. This is a special calendar featuring pictures of the church and from the various celebrations held in our parish. The Feast Days from the Old, New, and devotional calendars of the Church are listed daily as well our new and complete parish schedule and the rules for fasting and abstinence. You will want to have one for your home and office. These calendars will make beautiful Christmas gifts. Share the beauty that is Holy Innocents Church with your family and friends!

HOLY INNOCENTS CHRISTMAS CARDS

Our own Holy Innocents Christmas Cards are now available for purchase in the Gift Shop in the Parish Office. Scenes depict the Nativity Stained-glass window and the Adoration of the Magi window. Cards may be purchased for \$18.50 for a box of 20 or \$1.00 per card.

CENTENNIAL PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady’s apparitions in Fatima, Fr. James Miara will be leading a pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain and Lourdes, France from August 15-24, 2017. Mark your calendars. More information is forthcoming.

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

*Uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
with the Feast of St. Juan Diego*

Thursday, December 8 at 9:00 p.m.

It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (then celebrated on December 9th) that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the Unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these two feasts. This year we also look forward to the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima who appeared to the three children in 1917. The Fatima message continues to be most relevant today! All nations of the world are invited to participate, as we ask Our Blessed Mother to protect all Life, especially our Unborn brothers and sisters, defend the Church and its faithful, restore Religious Freedom and protect the Family. During the HOUR OF UNITY, 12 Midnight to 1AM EST., we will be united in churches across the country and the world in prayer to end abortion, and to restore God’s blessings. The National Night of Prayer for Life includes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the holy Rosary, prayer to St. Michael, silent prayer and hymns.

SCHEDULE

- 9:00 p.m. - Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
- 10:00 p.m. - Luminous Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary
- 11:00 p.m. - Sorrowful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary
- 12 midnight - Holy Hour of Unity with Glorious Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary



Mass Intentions Week of December 4, 2016

The Tridentine Latin Mass is depicted in italics

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 - Gino Ferrara (D)
10:30 - For the People of the Parish
12:30 - Frank Young (D)
1:35 - John Long (D)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

- 6:00 - Eileen Kealty (D)
7:00 - Kathryn Witchner (D)
7:30 - Seman Fernandez (D)
12:15 - Mary Nuzzo (D)
1:15 - Edward A Strauss (D)
6:00 - Ingrid Gerber (D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 - *St. Nicholas*

- 6:00 - Jose & Obdulia Hizon (D)
7:00 - Eileen Marie White (D)
7:30 - Carline Nugent (D)
12:15 - Jose Rolando Arzaga (D)
1:15 - Gerald Miller (D)
6:00 - *Members of the Cobos & Izquierdo Families (L&D)*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 - *St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor*

- 6:00 - Bayani Leano (D)
7:00 - Deborah Jemegbe (L)
7:30 - Wen Duan Lz (Blessings)
12:15 - Members of the Salerno Family (L&D)
1:15 - Paulina Cacioopo (D)
5:15 - John Prindle (D)
6:00 - *Jaime and Arnold Nella and poor souls in Purgatory*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 - *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- 7:00 - Giuseppe Di Leonardo (D) and Nunzia Licciardi (D)
7:30 - Pauline D'Antonio (death anniversary)
8:00 - *Josephine Cavallaro (D)*
11:15 - David Morales (L)
12:15 - Daniel, Delia & Mary O'Connor
1:15 - Catherine O'Connor, Mary McGinley and Clare Cullinan
5:15 - For the People of the Parish
6:00 - *Brigid Flanagan (D)*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 - *St. Juan Diego*

- 7:00 - Rose Jimenez (D)
7:30 - Thomas Brazicki (D)
12:15 - Paul & Wife Florence Salerno (D)
1:15 - Carlos Parker (B-day blessings)
6:00 - *Concepcion De Lara (D)*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

- 6:00 - Purificacion rivera (D)
12:00 - Ilean, Stefano Daniel and Children (L)
1:00 - *Alejandro Delena (D)*
4:00 - Francois Rinaldino (D)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11- SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 - Robert Winnemore (D)
10:30 - For the People of the Parish
12:30 - Firefighter Luis Arena (D)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm – Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading – Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel – Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10;
Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCE

The 5:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, will be offered for all those enrolled in the Christmas Mass Remembrance. Envelopes for this purpose are located throughout the church. Please list the names of all those you wish to remember in this special Mass and return the envelope in the collection basket, to any of the boxes in the church, or to the Rectory Office by Friday, December 23. Remembrance in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the best gift we can give to someone, living or deceased.



Adoration Candles Week of December 4

*Intentions of
Mary Deskovich*

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please join Pope Francis in praying for the following intentions during the month of December:

Universal: End to Child-Soldiers

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Evangelization: Europe

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

Advent Christmas Concert

December 10th at 5:30pm
Holy Innocents Parish Hall
Vox in Rama performs carols from around the world.
Reception follows
Please join us and invite your friends for this popular event.

Collections' Report

Last Year's collection (11/29/15)	\$4,234.00
Candle Shrines	\$ 816.00
Candle Sales	\$1,051.00
This year's collection (11/27/16)	\$4,152.00
Candle Shrines	\$1,284.00
Candle Sales	\$ 641.00

Your generous contribution to your Parish is greatly appreciated!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

The collection for flowers and decorations for the church will take place the weekend of December 17-18. Envelopes for this purpose are located throughout the church. The beauty of our church during this holy season depends upon the generosity of our parishioners and visitors.

2016 CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The 2016 Christmas Collection will be taken up as a second collection the weekend of December 24-25. Envelopes for this year's Christmas Collection are located throughout the church. Holy Innocents relies very much on this annual collection to help us meet our many expenses and to continue to provide for our parishioners, workers and visitors 5 daily Masses, 3 hours of confession per day, 3 hours of daily exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and many novenas and devotions. In thanksgiving for what is offered here, consider making a sacrificial gift to the "Little Catholic Church Around the Corner." If you will not be with us on Christmas, you may leave your Christmas gift in any of the boxes in the church, return it to the Rectory Office, or put it in any of the collections. May the Infant Jesus reward your generosity to YOUR parish!

Envelope System

In order to maintain accurate records of your contributions, we are in the process of creating a new database and, thus, we request all parishioners to fill out a Parish Registration Form located in the vestibule and return to the Rectory Office or the Collection Basket as soon as possible. This will enable us to verify your donations should it be necessary for tax purposes. Thank you for your cooperation!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Did St. Francis of Assisi invent the Christmas crib? Not exactly, but his devotion to the Incarnation and his love for the poverty of the Christ Child certainly popularized this beloved custom. Long before Francis, it was a custom at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome to enshrine a rich image of Mary, gilded and bejeweled, embracing the child Jesus. This church was founded as a kind of home for the feast of Christmas in the fourth century. In 1223, Francis was ready to celebrate this feast in a new way. In the tiny city of Greccio, he asked friends to prepare a place where they could experience the poverty and suffering embraced by Christ in his birth. It was a living scene: an ox from the barn, an ass from the stable, and peasants standing in for shepherds and kings. The night of the celebration was beautiful, the weather was warm, and people came in crowds, bearing candles and singing hymns that echoed through the forest. Francis himself chanted the Gospel and preached. The custom spread quickly, and by the sixteenth century cribs were seasonal features not only in church, but in the home.

On December 17, the liturgy begins to unfold the Lord's birth before us, and it's the right time to follow this beautiful tradition. In Germany, each night throughout Advent children prepare a bedding for the manger. At bedtime prayer, a child places a single straw in the manger for each act of devotion or virtue performed during the day. If the children are good, then the Christ child will have plenty of soft bedding when he is placed in the manger on Christmas.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WORDS OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE TO JUAN DIEGO

"Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."

BENEFACTORS NEEDED!

We need benefactors to help pay for the ombrellino which is carried over the Blessed Sacrament and for the Advent Wreath. Anyone interested in helping please stop by or call the Rectory office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Shrine to the Unborn

Blessed by Cardinal O'Connor on December 28, 1993



*The Shrine is dedicated in Memory of the Children
Who Have Died Unborn
We invite you to name your child(ren)
and provide the opportunity to have
your baby's name inscribed in our "Book of Life".*

Often children who have died before birth have no grave or headstone, and sometimes not even a name. At The Church of The Holy Innocents, we invite you to name your child(ren) and to have the opportunity to have your baby's name inscribed in our "BOOK OF LIFE". Here, a candle is always lit in their memory. All day long people stop to pray. On the first Monday of every month, our 12:15pm Mass is celebrated in honor of these children and for the comfort of their families. We pray that you will find peace in knowing that your child(ren) will be remembered at the Shrine and honored by all who pray here.

We will inscribe the names of babies who have died before and at birth in our Book of Life, and as always, we invite you to visit the Shrine if you are in New York City.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNBORN CHILD Week # 37

(the ninth month) – I'm still growing bigger and adding fat to keep me warm after I'm born. I'm getting heavy for Mom to carry me. I'm pretty much full grown now, that is, full grown for an unborn baby! I'll grow a lot more after I'm born!



To learn about other pro-life activities of the Knights of Columbus please visit:
<https://shar.es/1CIVLv>

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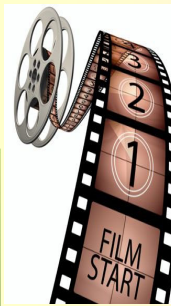
HOLY INNOCENTS' BOOK CLUB

Will meet on Tuesday, December 20, following the 6:00pm Traditional Mass. The book for December is "The Life of St. Thomas Becket" by Father John Dalgairns. Available in the Parish office \$8.50.



LEGION OF MARY

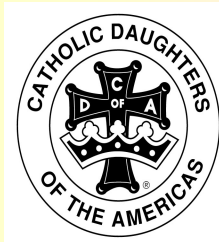
Weekly Meeting of the Legion of Mary will be in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm every Monday, following the 6:00pm Latin Mass



MOVIE KNIGHT

is sponsored by Holy Innocents' Regina Coeli Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Usually on Friday of the week following the Book Club; after the 6pm Mass, at 7:15pm in the Parish Hall.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Regina Angelorum Court

Looking for a way to be of service to God and community? Come check out this group of dynamic, Catholic women! We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, at 7:15pm in the Parish Hall. Bring a friend! More info: 646-740-3829



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