

**THE SHRINE AND PARISH CHURCH
OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS**
 “THE LITTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH AROUND THE CORNER”
 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.

CHRISTMAS 2016 at HOLY INNOCENTS

HOLY MASSES

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass of Christmas (English)

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

12 midnight - (Latin Tridentine High Mass)
2:00 a.m. - Mass at Dawn (Low Tridentine Latin)
9:00 a.m. - (Low Tridentine Latin)
10:30 a.m. - (Latin Tridentine High Mass)
12:30 p.m. - (English)
5:30 p.m. - (English)

Vespers: 2:30 p.m. (Latin Tridentine) preceded by Rosary

Saturday, December 31 - New Years Eve

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass of Mary, Mother of God
11:30 p.m. - Mass of Reparation
(Latin Tridentine High Mass)

Sunday, January 1, 2017 - New Years Day

9:00 a.m. - (Low Tridentine Latin)
10:30 a.m. - (Latin Tridentine High Mass)
12:30 p.m. - (English)
5:30 p.m. - (English)

Vespers: 2:30 p.m. (Latin Tridentine) preceded by Rosary

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday: Regular weekday schedule, see front of bulletin

Advent Reconciliation Monday

Monday, December 19, 2016, 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

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

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

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

Saturday, December 31 - New Years Eve

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

Sunday, January 1, 2017 - New Years Day

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



SPENDING ADVENT WITH THE SAINTS OF THE SEASON

Father Peter Stravinskas, 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:

Tuesday, December 13

Thursday, December 15 - Last Rorate Mass

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

"Behold the Heart which has loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming Itself, in order to testify Its love; and in return, I receive from the greater part only ingratitude, by their irreverence and sacrilege, and by the coldness and contempt they have for Me in this Sacrament of Love. I feel this more than all that I suffered during My Passion. If only they would make Me some return for My Love..."

--Jesus' words to St. Margaret Mary

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.

NEW YEARS EVE VIGIL OF PRAYER

Following the 4:00 p.m. Mass on New Years Eve, Saturday, December 31, the Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration until 11:00 p.m. at which time the Te Deum will be sung followed by Benediction and a Mass of Reparation for the sins committed in 2016. As Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament is never to be left alone, please commit to a specific time of adoration by signing the sign-up sheets located on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church. Please plan on spending the last hours of this year with our dear Lord.



Advent-Christmas Caroling by
Vox Jordanis Group
of Shrine and Parish Church of Holy Innocents

- Friday December 16 at 4:30 pm in front of Holy Innocents Church
- Saturday, December 17 at 3:00 pm in the Church before the Vigil Mass
- Sunday, December 18 at 1:45 am in the Church after the Sunday Latin Mass (before English Sunday Mass)
- All are welcomed to pray and sing with us, bringing Jesus' peace and joy to our people.

HOLY INNOCENTS BOOKSHELF

MARY is the Co-Redemptrix
By Prof. Courtenay Bartholomew, MD, FRCP

This book gives us a deep insight into the interventions of Mary and the special place she has in God's plan of salvation. Our Lady stated directly that only when her roles as Co-redemptrix, Mediatrix of all graces and Advocate have been solemnly defined by the Pope as "*dogma*" that she will be able to intercede for the era of peace promised at Fatima. This inspired work by Dr. Bartholomew is not only a profound bouquet of Marian truth and love, it is an instrument which can contribute dynamically for the peace in the world that is so desperately needed, and for which we all so desperately long.

Available in the Gift Shop in the Parish Office

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. Brochures with a detailed itinerary are located in the vestibule.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

The second collection today is for the retired priests and religious men and women of the Archdiocese of New York. Please be generous!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
- Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
- Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday: St. Lucy
Wednesday: St. John of the Cross
Friday: *Las Posadas* begins



Mass Intentions Week of December 11, 2016

The Tridentine Latin Mass is depicted in italics

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 - *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

7:00 - Ernest Williams (D)
7:30 - Christian Labelle (D)
12:15 - Anthony John D'Amato (D)
1:15 - Howard Williams (B-day Blessings)
6:00 - *Living & Deceased members of the Solano Family*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 - *St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*

6:00 - *Alejandro and Reynaldo Hizon*
7:00 - Michael Karas (D)
7:30 - Catalina Carza (D)
12:15 - Araceli Militar (D)
1:15 - In Thanksgiving to St. Lucy
6:00 - *In honor of St. Pio of Pietrelcina*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 - *St. John of the Cross, Priest*

7:00 - In honor of St. Jude
7:30 - Tesia George (B-day blessings)
12:15 - Roberta Ananian (D)
1:15 - Edward Thibodeau (D)
6:00 - *In Thanksgiving by Mary Deskovich*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:00 - *In Thanksgiving by Josefina Leano*
7:00 - Rafael Guzman (D)
7:30 - Loraine Borgen (D)
12:15 - Margaret Fogarty (D)
1:15 - Richard Dwyer (D)
6:00 - *Francis Rothenhoefer (D)*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:00 - Mr. & Mrs Edward Drummond and Family (L)
7:30 - Bill Coogan (D)
12:15 - Anthony and Andrew Salerno (D)
1:15 - Mark Costello (D)
6:00 - *Harry A. Mirro (D-05/04/11)*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 - Late ADVENT WEEKDAY

12:00 - Rosa Champa (D)
1:00 - *Jose Toribio*
4:00 - Servant of God, Mary Grace Bellotti

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 - Robert Winnemore (D)
10:30 - For the People of the Parish
12:30 - Fr. William Shelly (D - death anniversary)



*Sanctuary Candle
Week of December 11*

*In memory of
Ramon D. Mendoza*

December 11, 2016 Third Sunday of Advent

A SEASON OF HOPE

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, Interna-

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 11

*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.

Mass for the Sick

The Mass intentions on each 1st Friday of the month at 12:15pm is for all the sick who have been enrolled. Slips for this purpose are located throughout the church and in the Parish office. Please deposit the slips in the box so marked in the Church. This box containing the names of the sick will be placed at the altar for the monthly Mass.

Collections' Report

This year's collection (12/04/16)	\$4,731.00
Shrines and Candles	\$2,881.50
Last Year's collection (12/06/15)	\$5,939.00
Shrines & Candles	\$1,291.00

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

When the ties of affection and authority that bound Europe's Catholics unraveled in the sixteenth century, many cultures lost time-honored customs of faith. Some customs proved to be especially difficult for the reformers to wrest away from the people, especially those celebrated in the home. This week in Sweden, a country where the Catholic Church was disestablished four hundred years ago, a Catholic martyr from Sicily is the most beloved figure. St. Lucia, Lucy, is celebrated on December 13. The long-story-short is that Lucy was a Christian whose father wanted to marry her off to a pagan fellow, and she rejected her father's authority. To make an example of her, her father had her killed. In the course of the brutal martyrdom, Lucy lost her beautiful eyes, but her vision was miraculously restored. The candles worn today by the eldest daughter of the family are tokens of the fire that refused to harm the saint. So this patroness of light and clear vision is revered on the shortest, darkest days of the Nordic winter. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the sixteenth century, December 13 was the winter solstice.

Today, young girls appear in the morning wearing lighted candles on their crowned heads (battery-operated now after many mishaps), and serve sweet rolls and coffee to everyone in the house. For the Swedes, who are not churchgoers, the "Lucias" are the official heralds of the holiday season and a sign of everyone's yearning for more light in this world. Europe once abounded with customs like this; the survival of this custom in Scandinavia is a sign of God's grace, and how fertile the soil is to receive the true message of Advent.

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

THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like?

It has feet to go to the poor and needy.

It has eyes to see misery and want.

It has ears to hear

the sighs and sorrows of others.

—St. Augustine

JUSTICE AND OBEDIENCE

Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and obedience is the premium we pay for it.

—William Penn

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 # 38

I've turned upside down in my Mom's womb and I am standing on my head! My knees are pressed up against my chest and there's not much room to stretch anymore!



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

Regina Coeli Council #423 at
The Church of the Holy Innocents, NY, NY

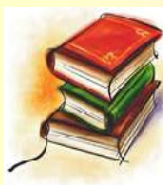


YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR
THURSDAY EVENINGS 7:15pm
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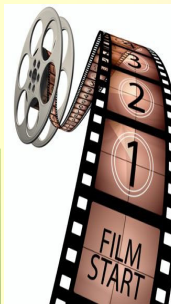
HOLY INNOCENTS' BOOK CLUB

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

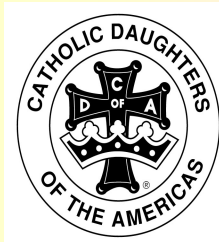
Weekly Meeting of the Legion of Mary will be in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm every Monday, following the 6:00pm Latin Mass



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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