

**THE SHRINE AND PARISH CHURCH
OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS**
“THE LITTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH AROUND THE CORNER”
AT THE CROSSROADS OF THE WORLD
128 WEST 37TH ST. (JUST WEST OF BROADWAY)



SCHEDULE

Rev. Fr. James L. P. Miara, M. Div., Pastor
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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

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.

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, 7:30-8:30 a.m.; 12 noon-1:30 p.m. and 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

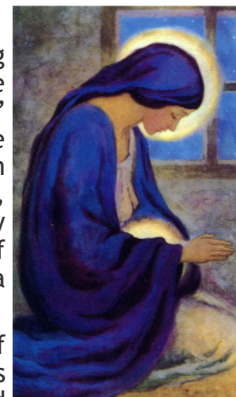
12 noon - 1:00 p.m. & 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2017 - New Years Day

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

THE EXPECTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

DECEMBER 18



Today is one of the most inspiring days preceding Christmas! It is the feast of "Our Lady of Expectation," mostly unknown to many in these modern times but still kept alive in many countries like Spain, Portugal, Italy and Poland as well as in a few religious orders. In older editions of missals, this feast is still listed as a votive Mass.

The feast is celebrated on the 18th of December, a week before Christmas Day. Our Blessed Lady, well advanced in pregnancy, is portrayed in the highest dignity of her Divine Motherhood. Dressed in royal apparel as daughter of David the King, she awaits with joy the arrival of her Divine Son, Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Her whole posture suggests how she remains wholly consumed in contemplation of her Son under her heart. Her immaculate womb has become a living portable sanctuary of divinity. There are special prayers and novenas to "Our Lady of Expectation" available for women who cannot conceive or bear a child.

The votive Mass of "Our Lady of Expectation" is theologically enlightening and spiritually enriching for the time of Advent and Christmas. With the entrance antiphon, the Church prays with the prophet for the coming of the Just One from heaven that the earth may be ready to welcome the Savior: "Send victory a dew, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the just. Let the earth open for salvation to spring up" (Is 45:8). In the opening prayer, the Church offers the prayers to God through Mary's intercessions: "O God who wished that your Word would take flesh from the womb of the Virgin as announced by the Angel and whom we confess to be the true Mother of God, may we be helped by her intercession."

This wonderful feast also reminds us that it has been almost nine months since the Annunciation/Incarnation (March 25) and that Jesus developed in Mary's womb just like we did in our mother's womb. Think of all the millions of babies who never make it through the nine months because their mothers have aborted them. May God, through the intercession of the Expectant Mother Mary, take their souls into his Kingdom.

Our Lady of Expectation: Pray for us!

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

"I know you will be glad to have this prayer to the Holy Guardian Angels of our Tabernacles: Oh Angelic Spirits who guard our Tabernacles, wherein lies the adorable treasure of the Holy Eucharist, defend it from profanation and preserve it for our love."

--St. Josemaría Escrivá, The Way #569

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

- Sunday, December 18 at 11:45 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

The Best of Questions & Answers from The Angelus

The BEST questions and the BEST answers of 30 years of *The Angelus* are printed in this hardback edition. This will be a family's heirloom reference book for everyday Catholic living to match the Catholic Faith it believes and the Latin Mass it attends. Over 300 answers classified under 30 subtitles, authored by Fathers Pulvermacher, Cooper, Doran, Boyle, and Scott, SSPX on Marriage, Parenting, Family Life and Child Rearing, Lives after Death, Catholic Citizenship, Catholic Vocabulary, Church Practices and Customs. Hardcover.

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.

PATRICIAN'S DISCUSSION

Join the Patrician's discussion on: "Full of Grace, Conceiving of the Immaculate" on Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Innocents Parish Hall (Lower Church).

REST IN PEACE

In your charity please pray for the eternal repose of the soul of Rev. Fr. William J. Delaney who served here at Holy Innocents during the pastorates of Msgr. Sakano and Fr. Kallumady. Fr. Delaney was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood in 1954 and entered into Eternal Life on Saturday, December 10, 2016. He is buried in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Valhalla. Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen!

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGEL

For those who are interested in beginning the one year formation period for the Consecration to the Holy Guardian Angel it is not too late to apply. Fr. Wolfgang Seitz has left application forms and formation books at the rectory. Please stop by the Parish Office to register and to receive the information you need to begin.

"Confide in your Guardian Angel. -Treat him as a very dear friend, that's what he is, and he will render you a thousand services in the ordinary affairs of each day."

-St. Josemaría Escrivá, *The Way*



Mass Intentions Week of December 18, 2016

The Tridentine Latin Mass is depicted in italics

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)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 - Late Advent Weekday

7:00 - Antonio Giannattasio (D)
7:30 - Joseph A. Kelly (D)
12:15 - James Lizzio (D)
1:15 - Giovanna G. Emmanuel Haber (D)
6:00 - *Living & Deceased members of the Beltran Family*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:00 - In honor of St. Jude
7:30 - Liam Hazzard (D)
12:15 - Charles B. Tichenor, Jr. (D)
1:15 - Maria Duc Nguyen (D)
6:00 - *Domenico Nudo (D)*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 - *St. Peter Camisius, Priest & Dr.*

7:00 - Gary Peterson (D)
7:30 - Who Duan Li (L - Blessings)
12:15 - Manuel & Rosa Araujo (D)
1:15 - Jennifer Gamble (B-day Blessings)
6:00 - *Dianne D'Elia (1st Anniv of death)*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:00 - Juanita Hernandez (D)
7:30 - Liam Hazzard (D)
12:15 - Denise Anne Gushue (D)
1:15 - Debbie Nasch (D)
6:00 - *Edelizo De Lara (L)*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 - *St. John of Kanty*

7:00 - In honor of the Divine Child Jesus (L)
7:30 - Deceased members of the Caleca Family
12:15 - George Chummar (B-day Blessings)
1:15 - Tong Q. Soohoo (D)
6:00 - *Alex d'Aquino (L)*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24- LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

12:00 - Christian Pepo (L)
1:00 - *Rosa Bermudez & Carlos Menocal (D)*
4:00 - Helen Roman (D)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

12:00 - For the people of the Parish
2:00 - Eduardo Jose Villabona (D)
9:00 - Robert Winnemore (D)
10:30 - *Dr. Franklin J. Militante (D)*
12:30 - Monique Brady (D)



Adoration Candles Week of December 18

*Intentions of
Mary Deskovich*

SUMMONED BY GOD

As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm – Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading – God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel – The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

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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.

Feast of the Holy Innocents

Pro-Life Mass, Rosary Procession & Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, December 28, 2016

- 8:00 am: Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration.
- 8:45 am: Prayerful Procession reciting the Rosary to abortion clinic.
- 10:45 am: Return to Church for Benediction, followed by Social / Lunch.

Join us in carrying on this traditional Christmas event, which was led by Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR for many years.

Sponsored by the Franciscans Friars and Sisters of the Renewal, the Sisters of Life, and the Helpers of God's Precious Infants.

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 (12/11/16)	\$6,771.00
Shrines and Candles	\$3,432.50
Last Year's collection (12/13/15)	\$8,041.00
Shrines & Candles	\$2,321.00

Your generous contribution to your Parish is greatly appreciated!

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

The second collection today is for the Christmas flowers and decorations for the church. 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

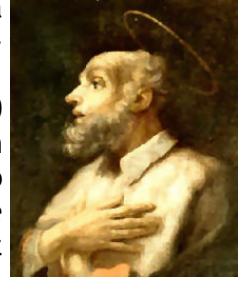
The 2016 Christmas Collection will be taken up as a second collection the weekend of December 24-25. Envelopes for this year's Christmas Collection are located throughout the church. Holy Innocents relies very much on this annual collection to help us meet our many expenses and to continue to provide 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!

SAINT JOHN OF KANTY - December 23

Saint John Cantius (Kanty) was a Polish priest, scholastic philosopher, physicist and theologian. He was born on June 23, 1390 in Kęty, a small town near Oświęcim, Poland, to Stanisław and Anna Kanty. He attended the Kraków Academy at which he attained bachelor, and licentiate. In 1418 he became a Doctor of Philosophy. Upon graduation he spent the next three years conducting philosophy classes at the university, while preparing for the priesthood.



Upon his ordination, he became rector at the school of the Canons Regular of the Most Holy Sepulcher in Miechow. While there, he was offered a professorship of Sacred Scripture back at his alma mater, the Kraków Academy, which would later be named the Jagiellonian University. He attained a doctorate in theology and eventually became director of the theology department. He held the professorship until his death in 1473. John spent many hours copying manuscripts of the Holy Scriptures, theological tracts, and other scholarly works.

In physics, he helped develop Jean Buridan's theory of impetus, which anticipated the work of Galileo and Newton.

During his time in Kraków, John Kanty became well known in the city for his generosity and compassion toward the poor, especially needy students at the university. He subsisted on what was strictly necessary to sustain his life, giving alms regularly to the poor. He made one pilgrimage to Jerusalem and four pilgrimages on foot to Rome.

He died while living in retirement at his alma mater on December 24, 1473, aged 83. His remains were interred in the Collegiate Church of St Anne in Krakow, where his tomb became and remains a popular pilgrimage site. He is the patron of students.

St. John Cantius, pray for us!

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 # 39

I weigh about seven pounds and I am about 21 inches long. Mom is getting ready for me to be born soon, and so am I! When I am ready, my body will release hormones to start my Mom's labor. Both of us can't wait for me to be born, but we have to, just a little while longer!



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

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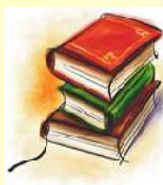


YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR
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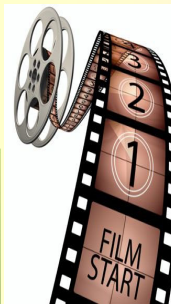
HOLY INNOCENTS' BOOK CLUB

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 for \$8.50.



LEGION OF MARY

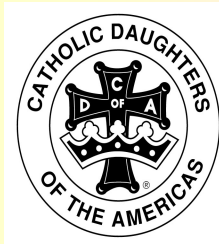
Weekly Meeting of the Legion of Mary will be in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm every Monday, following the 6:00pm Latin Mass



MOVIE KNIGHT

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

Note: There will be no Movie Knight for the month of December.



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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