

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

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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.

NEW YEARS DAY - January 1, 2017
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Octave Day of the Nativity
Circumcision of the Lord

HOLY MASSES

Saturday, December 31, 2016

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass in English

Following the 4:00 p.m. Mass 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

11:30 p.m. Mass of Reparation (Latin Tridentine High Mass)

Sunday, January 1, 2017

9:00 a.m. Latin Tridentine Low Mass

10:30 a.m. Latin Tridentine High Mass

12:30 p.m. English Mass

5:30 p.m. English Mass

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 31, 2016

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

Sunday, January 1, 2017

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

LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS CORNER

Calendar

- December 25 - The Nativity of Our Lord
1st Class
- December 26 - St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr
2nd Class - Sung Mass
- December 27 - St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
2nd Class - Sung Mass
- December 28 - Holy Innocents, *Feast of Title*
1st Class - Sung Mass
- December 29 - 5th Day in the Octave of Christmas
Commemoration of St. Thomas Becket
2nd Class - Sung Mass
- December 30 - 6th Day in the Octave of Christmas
2nd Class - Sung Mass
- December 31 - 7th Day in the Octave of Christmas
Commemoration of St. Sylvester I
2nd Class - Sung Mass

Next Sunday

January 1 - Octave Day of Christmas
1st Class

THE HOLY INNOCENTS - December 28

Herod "the Great," king of Judea, was unpopular with his people because of his connections with the Romans and his religious indifference. Hence he was insecure and fearful of any threat to his throne. He was a master politician and a tyrant capable of extreme brutality. He killed his wife, his brother and his sister's two husbands, to name only a few.

Matthew 2:1-18 tells this story: Herod was "greatly troubled" when astrologers from the east came asking the whereabouts of "the newborn king of the Jews," whose star they had seen. They were told that the Jewish Scriptures named Bethlehem as the place where the Messiah would be born. Herod cunningly told them to report back to him so that he could also "do him homage." They found Jesus, offered him their gifts and, warned by an angel, avoided Herod on their way home. Jesus escaped to Egypt.

Herod became furious and "ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under." The horror of the massacre and the devastation of the mothers and fathers led Matthew to quote Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children..." (Matthew 2:18).

The Holy Innocents are the Patron Saints of babies.

SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Feast of Title

Wednesday, December 28

HOLY MASSES

7:00 a.m.

7:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

1:15 p.m.

5:15 p.m.

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

Plenary Indulgence

A plenary indulgence is granted to all those who visit a Parish Church on its Feast Day, recite the Creed and the Our Father, go to confession, receive Holy Communion and pray for the intention of the Holy Father.

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.

A MERRY & BLESSED CHRISTMAS!



All of the priests and staff of the Shrine and Parish Church of the Holy Innocents wish you and yours a very Happy and Blessed Christmas.

May the Infant Jesus, together with His Most Holy Mother and Good St. Joseph bless you with good health, happiness and holiness and keep you in the coming New Year.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

Please note well that Holy Innocents will have its regular schedule of Masses, Confessions, Devotions, and Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament on the day after Christmas.

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.

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 #562

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!

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!

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.

CALENDAR MAGNETS

Please take a magnet with a 2017 calendar and schedule at Holy Innocents on it and share them with co-workers and friends. Promote the Shrine and Parish Church of the Holy Innocents!

HOLY INNOCENTS BOOKSHELF

Vespers

Vespers, the traditional evening prayer of the Church, has spiritually sustained the faithful for nearly two millennia. Although painfully absent from parish life since the liturgical reforms of the last century, this newly typeset and edited volume provides everything a parish or individual needs to recite the evening office for Sundays and major feast days according to the rubrics of the 1962 *Breviarium Romanum*.

In addition to being printed with a dual-column Latin/English text, the book includes the Gregorian melodies necessary for singing Vespers in common; prayers to be said before and after the office; and an extensive introduction on the history of the breviary. Rubrics printed in red. 336 p. Hardcover with gold foil stamping and rounded corners. Sewn binding. 2 Ribbons. 6" x 8.25". \$39.95 per copy.

Available in the Gift Shop in the Parish Office

BENEFACTORS NEEDED!

We need benefactors to help pay for the Advent Wreath. Anyone interested in helping please stop by or call the Rectory office.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Mass Intentions
Week of December 25, 2016

The Tridentine Latin Mass is depicted in italics

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - NATIVITY OF THE LORD

- 12:00 (midnight) - Pro Populo
- 2:00 a.m. - Eduardo Jose Villabona
- 9:00 - Robert Winnemore (D)
- 10:30 - Dr. Franklyn J. Militante (D)
- 12:30 - Monique Brady (D)
- 5:30 - Christmas Mass Remembrance

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 - *St. Stephen, the First Martyr*

- 7:00 - Katherine Garcia (D)
- 7:30 - Jose Maria Lazaro (D)
- 12:15 - Anthony John D'Amato (D)
- 1:15 - In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Trinity
- 6:00 - Joshua Toribio (L)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 - *St. John, Apostle & Evangelist*

- 7:00 - Ela Romana Alan-Lopez (D)
- 7:30 - Thomas Maguire (D)
- 12:15 - Jean Arneaud (D)
- 1:15 - Daniel Briglio (D)
- 6:00 - Camilla Toribio (L)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 - *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

- 7:00 - Alejandra Valdez Seen (D)
- 7:30 - Magdalyn Tanedo-Ho (L)
- 8:00 - Rob & Maya Crauderueff (L)
- 12:15 - For all the unborn children
- 1:15 - Audrey Iriberry (L)
- 5:15 - Inga Fahey (L)
- 6:00 - Erick Toribio, JR (L)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29 - FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE
OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

- 7:00 - Marianne T. Bogunovich (D)
- 7:30 - Lolita Mariano (D)
- 12:15 - Catherine, Mary and O'Connor Family
- 1:15 - Barbara Brathwaite (D)
- 6:00 - Living and Deceased members of the Avila Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 - *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

- 7:00 - Marianne T. Bogunovich (D)
- 7:30 - Jean Arneud (D)
- 12:15 - Thomas Bryson (D)
- 1:15 - In Thanksgiving by Maria & Mickey Soohoo
- 6:00 - Deceased members of Shewaye Yohannes Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31- *St. Sylvester I*

- 12:00 - Intentions of the Dolan Family
- 1:00 - Altar Servers of the Parish
- 4:00 - Sam & Josephine Caracciolo (D)
- 11:30 - In Reparation of sins

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 - *Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God*

- 9:00 - Pro Populo
- 10:30 - Anthony Cangiolosi (D)
- 12:30 - Charlotte Doyen (D)
- 1:30 - Saez Cuevas Family (L)
- 5:30 - Helen Ronson (D)

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

“I have come, Lord Jesus, to adore you in the Most Blessed Sacrament. My soul is parched and laden with the burdens of the journey home. I wish to feed my soul with the Living Bread of Life, to adore Your Presence in a small Host, to stand in awe at the wonder of Your love for me. Fill my soul with the gifts and fruits of Your Spirit that I may change and be born again.”

--Mother Mary Angelica, P. C. P. A. (1923-2016)

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.

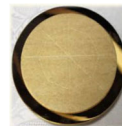
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, "What time is Midnight Mass?" The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of "midnight" predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as "The Shepherds' Mass," and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus' birth to focus on the key to the day's celebration: John the Evangelist's majestic theology of Christ's identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you're officially late!
--James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



The Sanctuary Candle

*In Memory of
Felomina L. Panes*



The Altar Bread

*Intentions of
Bruno D. Panes and Family*



The Altar Wine

*In Memory of
Stephen Kurlak*



Adoration Candles

*Intentions of
Mary Deskovich*

LEARNED AT HOME

The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family. Strength of character may be acquired at work, but beauty of character is learned at home.

--Henry Drummond

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 (12/19/16)	\$4,679.00
Shrines and Candles	\$3,002.00

Last Year's collection (12/20/15)	\$4,956.00
Shrines & Candles	\$2,959.00

Your generous contribution to your Parish is greatly appreciated!

2016 CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Christmas collection will be taken up this weekend. 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!

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!



THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

Psalm -- All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Psalm 98).

Second Reading -- God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

Gospel -- The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

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 # 40

For 40 weeks I have been growing in my mother's womb, and last night I was born! Hello world! It's me!



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

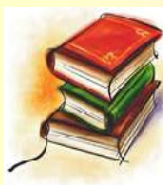


YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR
THURSDAY EVENINGS 7:15pm
Social afterwards
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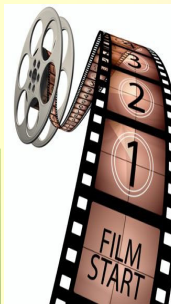
HOLY INNOCENTS' BOOK CLUB

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

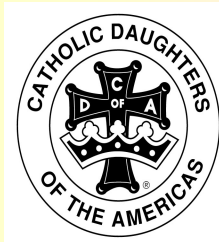
Weekly Meeting of the Legion of Mary will be in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm every Monday, following the 6:00pm Latin Mass



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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