

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.;
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.

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

Holy Hour of Reparation to the Sacred Heart:
First Friday of the month from 7:00 p.m.-
8:00 p.m.

First Saturday Devotions:
Rosary, 15 minute meditation, prayers &
Benediction following 1:00 p.m. Mass

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

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.



Week of December 9, 2018

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 - Pro Populo
- 10:30 - The Pruszymski Family (L)
- 12:30 - Purgatorial Society

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

- 6:00 - Anthony & Maria Ignacio (L)
- 7:00 - Joseph Gavin (d)
- 7:30 - Mrs. Rodriguez (d)
- 12:15 - In Thanksgiving
- 1:15 - Special Thanksgiving Intentions
- 6:00 - The Pruszymski Family (L)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11 - St. Damasus I, Pope

- 6:00 - Adrianna Aguilar (L) Birthday
- 7:00 - Ava Eliza Geo (L)
- 7:30 - St. Anthony
- 12:15 - All Souls in Purgatory
- 1:15 - Angelo Crea (d)
- 6:00 - The Pruszymski Family (L)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 7:00 - Joseph Gavin (d)
- 7:30 - Teresa Connell (d)
- 12:15 - Raymundo Herrera (d)
- 1:15 - Rose Frosina (d)
- 6:00 - The Pruszymski Family (L)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 - St. Lucy Virgin & Martyr

- 6:00 - John Schnur (L)
- 7:00 - Joseph Gavin (d)
- 7:30 - Catalina Garza (d)
- 12:15 - Anthony John d'Amato (d)
- 1:15 - Michael Urem (L)
- 6:00 - The Pruszymski Family (L)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 - St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

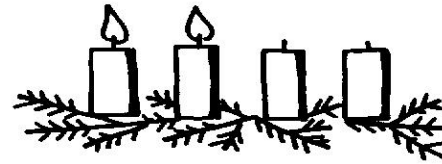
- 6:00 - John Schnur (L)
- 7:00 - Tesia George (L) Birthday
- 7:30 - Neven Pesa (L)
- 12:15 - Paul & Florence Salerno (d)
- 1:15 - Vincent McDonnell (L)
- 6:00 - The Pruszymski Family (L)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

- 6:00 - Margaret Bediones (L)
- 12:00 - Sylvia Boodoo (d)
- 1:00 - The Pruszymski Family (L)
- 4:00 - The O'Donnell Family (d)

NEXT SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 - Margaret Fogarty (d)
- 10:30 - The Pruszymski Family (L)
- 12:30 - People of the Parish



LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS CORNER

Calendar

- December 9 - Second Sunday of Advent
1st Class - Chant Mass
- December 10 - Feria of Advent with Commemoration of St. Melchiades
3rd Class - Low Mass
- December 11 - St. Damasus, Pope & Confessor with Commemoration of Feria
3rd Class - Low Mass
- December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe with Commemoration of Feria
3rd Class - Solemn High Mass
- December 13 - St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr with Commemoration of Feria
3rd Class - Low Mass
- December 14 - Feria of Advent
3rd Class - Low Mass
- December 15 - Feria of Advent
3rd Class - Low Mass

Next Sunday

- December 16 - Third "Gaudete" Sunday of Advent
1st Class - Polyphonic Mass

CHRISTMAS NOVENA OF MASSES

A Novena of Holy Masses will be offered for all those enrolled in the Christmas Mass Remembrance beginning on Thursday, December 20 and ending on the Solemnity of the Holy Innocents on December 28. Envelopes for this purpose are located in the back of the church. Please list the names of all those you wish to remember in these Masses and return the envelope in the collection basket, to any of the boxes in the church, or to the Rectory Office by Monday, December 17.

	<p>Eucharistic Holy Hour of Reparation in honor of the Holy Face of Jesus</p> <p>Every Third Tuesday of the month Following the 6:00 p.m. Mass</p> <p>Next Holy Hour: December 18</p>
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SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection this weekend is for the retired priests and religious men and women of the Archdiocese of New York. Please be generous!

RORATE MASSES

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

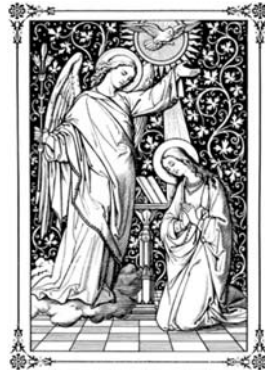
"Rorate, caeli, ... Drop dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour."

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 Mass" (Traditional Latin Mass) will be celebrated at The Shrine and Parish Church of the Holy Innocents on the following days of Advent at 6:00 a.m.:

- ..# Monday, December 10
- ..# Tuesday, December 11
- ..# Thursday, December 13
- ..# Friday, December 14
- ..# Saturday, December 15



ST. FAUSTINA AND THE INFANT JESUS



After Holy Communion one day, St. Faustina experienced the disarming power of the little Christ Child in one of her most touching visions:

...I suddenly saw the Infant Jesus standing by my kneeler and holding on to it with His two little hands. Although He was but a little Child, my soul was filled with awe and fear, for I see in Him my Judge, my Lord, and my Creator, before whose holiness the Angels tremble. At the same time, my soul was flooded with such unspeakable love that I thought I would die under its influence (From *Diary*, 566).

COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection - 12/02/18	\$7,232.00
Shrines and Candles	\$3,194.00
Regular Collection 12/03/17	\$7,550.35
Shrines and Candles	\$3,496.50

Your generous contribution to your Parish is greatly appreciated!

May the Good Lord reward you abundantly!

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Wednesday, December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Empress and Mother of the Americas and Mother of Life. There will be a Solemn High Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by Devotions in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe which will include the recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. These Devotions will take the place of the weekly Novena in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. The abbreviated Perpetual Help novena prayers will be recited at 5:45 p.m. following Reposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament.



FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Pro-Life Mass, Rosary Procession & Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, 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 Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Renewal, the Sisters of Life, and the Helpers of God's Precious Infants.

2019 MARCH FOR LIFE

The Regina Coeli Council of the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a bus to the Right to Life March in Washington, DC leaving from in front of Holy Innocents Church at 8am on Friday, January 18th. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased for cash from Eddy Toribio or Patrick Sullivan and by credit card from the parish office. Deadline to purchase tickets is December 31.

You are invited to join us on a 10-day Pilgrimage to the Shrines of France led by Fr. James Miara!

May 12-21, 2019

*La Salette * Ars * Paray-Le Monial * Chartres
Lisieux * Alencon * Rouen * Paris*

Brochures available at Parish Office

Enrollment Deadline: November 12, 2018

For more information and to make a reservation contact:

Peter's Way Tours

www.petersway.com * 1-800-225-7662

**SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS - December 14 (Ordinary Form Liturgical Calendar);
November 24 (Extraordinary Form Liturgical Calendar)**



Saint John of the Cross was born Juan de Yepes y Alvarez, in Fontiveros, Avila, Spain in 1542. His father was employed by wealthy family members as an accountant, but they disowned him when he married a poor woman from the lower class. As a result of his family's poverty, John's family suffered greatly.

His father died when he was three, and his older brother, Luis died two years after that, likely because of malnutrition. John's mother eventually found work weaving which helped her to feed her family.

As a child, John was sent to a boarding school for poor and orphaned children. He was given a religious education from a young age and chose to follow a religious path, even as a child. He served as an acolyte at an Augustinian monastery. As he grew older, he went to work in a hospital while attending a Jesuit school.

In 1563, he was able to join the Carmelite Order and took the name, "John of St. Matthias." He made vows the following year, and was sent to the university in Salamanca to study theology and philosophy. He became an expert in the Bible and dared to translate the Song of Songs into Spanish, an act which was controversial since the Church forbade the translation of the Bible from Latin -a measure to protect the original meanings in the scripture.

John became a priest in 1567 and considered joining the Carthusian Order where monks lived cloistered in individual cells. He was attracted by the simple and quiet life. However, he encountered Theresa of Avila, a charismatic Carmelite nun. Theresa asked John to follow her.

On Nov. 28, 1568, Theresa founded a new monastery. The same day, John changed his name again to John of the Cross.

In 1572, John traveled to Avila at the invitation of Theresa to become her confessor and spiritual guide. He remained in Avila until 1577. While there, he had a vision of Christ and made a drawing that remains to this day called, "Christ from Above." The little drawing shows Christ on the cross, looking down on him from above. The image has been preserved for centuries.

Around 1575, a rift within the Carmelite order began to grow and create controversy between various monastic houses. There was disagreement between the Discalced Carmelites and the ordinary Carmelites, over reform.

The Discalced Carmelites sought to restore the original, strict routine and regimen that the order had when it was founded. In 1432, the strict rules of the order were "mitigated" relieving the Carmelites of some of their most strict rules. Some Carmelites, such as Theresa of Avila, felt this liberalization of their rule had interfered with their order and practice. Theresa, along with John, sought to restore the original rule.

In late 1577, John was ordered to leave the monastery in Avila and to return to his original house. However, John's work to reform the order had already been approved by the Papal Nuncio, who was a higher authority. Based on that, John chose to ignore the lower order and stay.

On December 2, 1577, a group of Carmelites broke into John's residence and kidnapped him. He was taken by force to the order's main house in Toledo. He was brought before a court and placed on trial for disobedience. He was punished by imprisonment.

A cell was made for him in the monastery that was so small he could barely lie on the floor. He was fed only bread and water, and occasional scraps of salt fish. Each week he was taken into public and lashed, then returned to his cell. His only luxuries were a prayer book and an oil lamp to read it by. To pass the time he wrote poems on paper that was smuggled to him by the friar charged with guarding his cell.

After nine months, John managed to pry his cell door from its hinges and escape.

He joined Teresa's nuns in Toledo, and spent six weeks in the hospital to recover. In 1579, he was sent to the town of Baeza to be rector of a new college and to support the Discalced Carmelites in Andalusia.

In 1580, Pope Gregory formally authorized the split between the Discalced Carmelites and the rest of the order. This ended the rift within the order. At that time, there were about 500 members in the order living in 22 houses.

In 1591, John became ill with a skin condition that resulted in an infection. He died on December 14, 1591.

Saint John of the Cross was beatified by Pope Clement X in 1675, and Canonized by Pope Benedict XIII in 1726.

He is the patron of Contemplatives, mystics and Spanish poets.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS COLLECTION

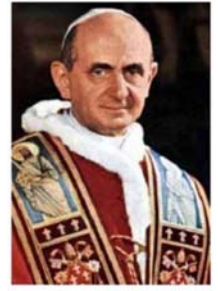
The collection for Christmas flowers for the church will take place the weekend of December 15-16. Envelopes for this purpose have been included in your envelope packets are located throughout the church. The beauty of our church depends upon the generosity of our parishioners and visitors.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

Stop in the Gift Shop in the Rectory Office at the Shrine & Parish Church of the Holy Innocents for your Christmas shopping needs. A wide variety of Catholic books, scapulars, various religious articles, and items particular to Holy Innocents (our own custom Rosary, 2019 Calendar, coffee mugs, pens, drinking glasses, prints and cards of the crucifixion mural by Constantino Brumidi, and our own Christmas Cards).

50 ANNIVERSARY OF POPE ST. PAUL VI'S ENCYCLICAL *HUMANAE VITAE*

Humanae vitae (Latin: Of Human Life) is an encyclical written by Pope Paul VI and dated 25 July 1968 which re-affirmed the traditional moral teaching of the Catholic Church regarding the sanctity of life, married love, responsible parenthood, and the rejection of artificial contraception. It was the last of his seven encyclicals. The following is a prophetic quote from *Humanae Vitae*:



Consequences of Artificial Methods

17. Responsible men can become more deeply convinced of the truth of the doctrine laid down by the Church on this issue if they reflect on the consequences of methods and plans for artificial birth control. Let them first consider how easily this course of action could open wide the way for marital infidelity and a general lowering of moral standards. Not much experience is needed to be fully aware of human weakness and to understand that human beings—and especially the young, who are so exposed to temptation—need incentives to keep the moral law, and it is an evil thing to make it easy for them to break that law. Another effect that gives cause for alarm is that a man who grows accustomed to the use of contraceptive methods may forget the reverence due to a woman, and, disregarding her physical and emotional equilibrium, reduce her to being a mere instrument for the satisfaction of his own desires, no longer considering her as his partner whom he should surround with care and affection.

Finally, careful consideration should be given to the danger of this power passing into the hands of those public authorities who care little for the precepts of the moral law. Who will blame a government which in its attempt to resolve the problems affecting an entire country resorts to the same measures as are regarded as lawful by married people in the solution of a particular family difficulty? Who will prevent public authorities from favoring those contraceptive methods which they consider more effective? Should they regard this as necessary, they may even impose their use on everyone. It could well happen, therefore, that when people, either individually or in family or social life, experience the inherent difficulties of the divine law and are determined to avoid them, they may give into the hands of public authorities the power to intervene in the most personal and intimate responsibility of husband and wife.

The entire Encyclical Letter of Pope St. Paul VI as well as a biography of him is available in the Gift Shop in the Parish Office

Holy Innocents Bookshelf

Father Amorth
My Battle Against Satan
by Fr. Gabriele Amorth

Tall and balding with laughing eyes and a welcoming smile, Father Gabriele Amorth spent decades battling the Devil one-on-one, performing literally tens of thousands of exorcisms.

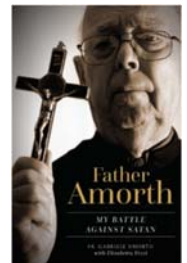
When Father Amorth died in 2016, he was the world's most famous exorcist, a legendary, miraculous chaser of demons. To the many he served, Father was a godsend, freeing them from years of demonic oppression; to others, he was just a crank - an extremist priest who saw the Devil everywhere.

Now, in these never-before-published interviews, Father Amorth takes you into his private world, giving you a harrowing vision of his daily battles with the Devil. Here you won't meet a wizard or a crazy man. Instead, you'll encounter a solid Christian and a humble priest, one who jokes and takes life as God - or the Devil! - hands it to him.

Not only will you learn from Father how he proceeds and why; you'll discover the source of his profound faith and remarkable courage: strengths essential not only to exorcists, but to every person who would truly love and serve God.

Indeed, with the help of these fascinating pages, you, too, can come to have the same strengths as Father Gabriele Amorth, the fearless exorcist who daily fought Satan . . . and won.

Available in Gift Shop in the Parish Office



2018 CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The 2018 Christmas Collection will be taken up on Christmas Day, 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!

A THOUGHT ON THE HOLY ANGELS

The Angel of Our Patron Saint

We should honor, thank and beg the intercession of the Angel Guardian of our Patron, as this blessed Spirit has done so much for his or her sanctification. It is gratifying to them that we show them honor; they will not fail to acknowledge it: Holy Angel of my Patron! I venerate you.

