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THE SHRINE AND PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

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Week of December 23, 2018

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 - *Pro Populo*
- 10:30 - *Christmas Novena*
- 12:30 - Serafin Aurelio (d)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

- 7:00 - Ava Eliza Geo (L)
- 7:30 - Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 12:15 - Kathleen Oertli (d)
- 1:15 - *The Pruszynscy and Kuleszow Family (d)*
- 4:00 - Christmas Novena

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

- 12:00 - *Pro Populo*
- 1:30 - The Chang Family (L)
- 9:00 - *St. Anthony*
- 10:30 - *Cecilia Tan and Family (L)*
- 12:30 - Christmas Novena
- 5:00 - Anthony Terrill, Jr. (d)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26 - St. Stephen, the first Martyr

- 7:00 - Christmas Novena (L)
- 7:30 - Alton Goad, Jr. (d)
- 12:15 - Brian Ahern (d)
- 1:15 - Hilaria Marcelo (d)
- 6:00 - *Deceased Family Members of Cecilia Tan*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27 - St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

- 7:00 - All Souls in Purgatory
- 7:30 - Christmas Novena
- 12:15 - In Honor of the Agony of Our Lord
- 1:15 - Anthony John D'Amato
- 6:00 - *Christian Martin & Rachel Aldridge (L) Wedding Anniv.*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

- 7:00 - Milagors Inocencio-Barquin (d)
- 7:30 - John Joseph Ambrose & Family (d)
- 8:00 - All the Unborn Children
- 12:15 - Christmas Novena
- 1:15 - Peter Gaine (d)
- 6:00 - *Aurora Quirico (L)*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29 - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- 12:00 - Mary Elizabeth Yeager (d)
- 1:00 - *Rachel Aldridge (L)*
- 4:00 - Dynes Family (d)

NEXT SUNDAY - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

- 9:00 - *Pro Populo*
- 10:30 - *Sumido Misenas Family (L)*
- 12:30 - Margaret Bediones (L)



LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS CORNER

Calendar

- December 23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
1st Class - Chant Mass
- December 24 - Vigil of Christmas
1st Class - High Mass
- December 25 - The Nativity of Our Lord
1st Class - High Mass
- December 26 - St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr with Commemoration of Day in the Octave of Christmas
2nd Class - High Mass
- December 27 - St. John, Apostle & Evangelist with Commemoration of the Day in the Octave of Christmas
2nd Class - High Mass
- December 28 - Holy Innocents with Commemoration of the Day in the Octave of Christmas
1st Class - Solemn High Mass
- December 29 - 5th Day in the Octave of Christmas with Commemoration of St. Thomas Becket
2nd Class - High Mass

Next Sunday

- December 30 - Sunday within the Octave of Christmas
2nd Class - Chant Mass



Eucharistic Holy Hour of Reparation in honor of the Holy Face of Jesus

Every Third Tuesday of the month Following the 6:00 p.m. Mass

Next Holy Hour: January 15

CHRISTMAS HOURS

In observance of Christmas, the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 25. The office will be open as usual on Wednesday, December 26 from 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. for regular business. On Wednesday, December 26, the Feast of St. Stephen, the regular schedule of Masses, Confessions, Devotions and Eucharistic Adoration will be observed here at Holy Innocents.



CHRISTMAS 2018 SCHEDULE

Monday, December 24

MASSES FOR LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:00 & 7:30 A.M.

12:15 P.M.

1:15 P.M. (Latin High Mass)

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

2:30 P.M.—3:45 P.M.

Confessions

7:30-8:30 A.M.

12 noon-1:30 P.M.

3:15-3:45 P.M.

MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

4:00 P.M. (English)

12 midnight (Solemn High Tridentine Latin Mass)

The Midnight Mass will be preceded by Exposition & Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament beginning at 10:00 P.M. with the singing of Christmas Carols at 11:00 P.M. and Benediction at 11:30 P.M. Midnight Mass will begin with the Procession to the manger and Blessing of the crib at 11:45 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

1:30 A.M. (Low Tridentine Latin Mass at Dawn)

9:00 A.M. (Low Tridentine Latin Mass)

10:30 A.M. (High Tridentine Latin Mass followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament)

12:30 P.M. (English)

5:00 P.M. (English)

Confessions

9:45-10:30 A.M.

12 noon-12:30 P.M.

FESTIVE RECEPTIONS/COFFEE HOURS

In Parish Hall following Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve & 10:30 a.m. Mass on Christmas



NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Monday, December 31

MASSES FOR SEVENTH DAY OF THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS/ST. SYLVESTER I

7:00 & 7:30 A.M.

12:15 P.M.

1:15 P.M. (Latin High Mass)

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

2:30 P.M.—3:45 P.M.

Confessions

7:30-8:30 A.M.

12 noon-1:30 P.M.

3:15-3:45 P.M.

MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD/OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS/CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Monday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

4:00 P.M. (English)

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

Eucharistic Vigil of Reparation

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 in order to gain the *plenary indulgence* followed by Benediction.

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 (New Years Day)

9:00 A.M. (Low Tridentine Latin Mass)

10:30 A.M. (High Tridentine Latin Mass)

12:30 p.m. (English)

Confessions

9:45-10:30 a.m.

12 noon-12:30 p.m.



FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS
Patronal Feast Day of the Parish

Friday, December 28

M A S S E S

7:00, 7:30 & 8:00 A.M.

12:15 & 1:15 P.M.

6:00 P.M. (Solemn High Tridentine Mass)

Pro-Life Mass, Rosary Procession & Eucharistic Adoration

..#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.

***PLENARY INDULGENCE
FOR FEAST OF HOLY INNOCENTS***

A PLENARY INDULGENCE is granted to those who devoutly visit the parochial church on its titular feast, which in the case of the Shrine & Parish Church of the Holy Innocents is on Friday, December 28. In visiting the church IT IS REQUIRED that one Our Father and the Creed be recited as well as the usual conditions of Sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, and detachment from all sin.

Holy Innocents, pray & intercede for us!

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).

"Keep Christ in CHRISTmas!"

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.

NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL OF PRAYER

For the New Years Eve night adoration, please commit to a specific time of adoration by signing the sign up sheet located in the vestibule to insure that the Blessed Sacrament will not be left alone during this time.

FEAST OF ST. JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

On Thursday, December 27, wine will be blessed following the 6:00 p.m. Mass. *Wine is traditionally blessed on this day in remembrance of when St. John safely drank poisoned wine offered to him by his enemy after blessing it.*

NEW KNEELERS

All of the broken kneelers in the church have been replaced with new ones. Many were in disrepair and some sections even missing kneelers. With such a highly visited church as Holy Innocents it was embarrassing and inappropriate to have such a beautiful church not up to par with the dignity due to a House of the Lord by neglecting this situation. This was an unanticipated expense and therefore donors are needed to help cover the cost of this project. The total cost of the kneelers including installation is **\$27,000**. Any generous souls who would like to help are asked to place your donation in an envelope marked "New Kneelers" and to return it to the Rectory or in one of the collection boxes. Thanks!

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!

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.



“A Very Merry Christmas to all, and to all a Good Night!...”

**Love,
Toni**

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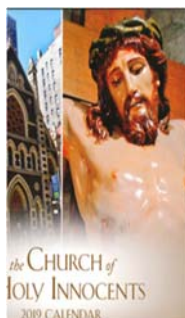


A BLESSED & MERRY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of the priests of the parish I wish you a blessed celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! May the Divine Child Jesus together with His Most Holy Mother, Mary, and Good St. Joseph shower you with many graces during this Season of joy and peace. Thank you for your generosity to the parish throughout the year and for all you do for the Shrine & Parish Church of the Holy Innocents. A special thanks to the Parish Staff, those who decorated the church, the choirs, instrumentalists, Altar Servers, Sacristans, “Our Lord’s Housekeepers” and all who have prepared for the celebration of Christmas here at Holy Innocents.

May the good Lord reward you as only He can! Mary Christ Mass...
Fr. Miara

Holy Innocents custom-made 2019 Calendars



Now available in the Parish Office

\$12.95 per calendar + tax

Contains the Feasts of the Saints in both the Old and New Liturgical Calendars as well as Historic Feasts and beautiful pictures from the Liturgical life of the parish. Get yours today!

MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the living and deceased, the following may also be offered for the week, Sunday to Saturday:

- 1) Sanctuary Candle burning before Our Lord in the tabernacle - \$25.00
- 2) Altar Candles - \$50.00
- 3) Altar Bread - \$40.00
- 4) Altar Wine - \$30.00
- 5) Adoration Candles - \$65.00
- 6) Altar Flowers - \$250.00 for 2 arrangements

Please contact the rectory office if you are interested in offering any of these items.

The intention will be published weekly in the parish bulletin.

HOLY INNOCENTS ROSARY

Holy Innocents is proud to introduce our own custom made Rosary by Ghirelli Rosaries in Italy. The beautiful, high quality Rosary is comprised of red Mother of Pearl lucite beads representing the blood shed by the Holy Innocents, Martyrs. The metal used is in antique silver finish. The crucifix is designed after the highly venerated “Return Crucifix” and is inscribed with “Shrine & Parish Church of the Holy Innocents New York City” on the back. The centerpiece features Our Mother of Perpetual Help and the façade of our beautiful church with the year of establishment. The Our Father medals feature representations of the most beloved devotions here at Holy Innocents and are modeled after the images in the church: the Tridentine Latin Mass, the Infant of Prague, the unborn represented by Our Lady of Guadalupe, and St. Anthony of Padua. On the backs of those medals is an image of a candle representing the many Vigil Lights lit here over the years. Each Rosary comes in a beautiful full color custom gift box and the price per Rosary is \$40.00 plus sales tax. Stop by the Parish Office to see a sample of this one-of-a-kind Rosary exclusive to Holy Innocents.

VOLUNTEER SINGERS NEEDED

“Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, always and for everything giving thanks...”

- Ephesians Ch 5.

The Shrine & Parish Church of Holy Innocents Volunteer choir needs your voice! All ages welcome. We meet on Sundays at 9:30am in the Church Hall. Please email Rachel Aldridge at Aldridge.r.a@gmail.com if you are interested in joining. No prior experience necessary.

Altar Offerings

Sanctuary Candle
Living & Deceased Members of Cecilia Tan’s Family

Altar Wine
Intentions of Joseph & Margit Miraglia

Adoration Candles
Intentions of Dmytro & Maria Onuszkanycz

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.

SUBWAY ROSARY

Our Regina Mundi Praesidium of the Legion of Mary conducts a Subway Rosary on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. All are invited to join in this evangelization effort to spread devotion to Our Lady. Anyone interested in joining is asked to gather at Holy Innocents by 10:00 a.m. The group will then proceed to either Herald Square, Duffy Square, or a subway station for the recitation of the 20 decades of the Holy Rosary and return back to Holy Innocents around 12:30 p.m. Come for all or part of the Subway Rosary!

Upcoming Subway Rosaries

January 12
January 26



Healing after Abortion

To speak to a Sister, or learn about our monthly Days of Prayer and Healing, contact the Sisters of Life:

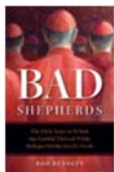
866.575.0075 (toll free)
hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

To register for men:
877.586.4621 (toll free)
Lumina@postabortionhelp.org

Holy Innocents Bookshelf

Bad Shepherds

The Dark Years in Which the Faithful Thrived While Bishops Did the Devil's Work
by Rod Bennett



Shocked to find corruption widespread in the ranks of their shepherds today, too many good Catholics are tempted to leave the Church, unaware that ever since the days when Jesus' own treasurer, Judas Iscariot, had his hand in the till, the Good Shepherd and His faithful followers have regularly been betrayed by bad shepherds.

In these eye-opening pages, Church historian Rod Bennett introduces a number of those bad shepherds, including Bishop Eusebius of Nicomedia, who regularly sold out the Church to the Roman emperor; Pope Stephen VII, who so hated his late predecessor that he had him dug up, put on trial, and flung into the Tiber; Benedict IX, who bought and sold the papacy (twice!); and Pope John XII, whose debauchery rivaled that of the corrupt emperor Caligula.

Those were very bad shepherds indeed, but while they did the Devil's work, good Catholics not only survived — they thrived.

They outlasted their bad shepherds, preserved in their ranks the Faith of our fathers, and served in each instance as the foundation for a cleansing of the House of God and a vigorous renewal of the Faith.

These enlightening pages demonstrate that it can happen again!

Available in the Parish Gift Shop



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

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