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

BAPTISMS

3rd & 4th Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.; Sundays at 1:30 p.m.

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.
LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS CORNER

Calendar

**March 24 - Third Sunday of Lent**
- **1st Class** - Chant Mass

**March 25 - Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- **1st Class** - High Mass

**March 26 - Feria of Lent**
- **3rd Class** - Low Mass

**March 27 - Feria of Lent**
- **3rd Class** - Low Mass

**March 28 - Feria of Lent**
- **3rd Class** - Low Mass

**March 29 - Feria of Lent**
- **3rd Class** - Low Mass

**March 30 - Feria of Lent**
- **3rd Class** - Low Mass

**March 31 - Fourth (Laetare) Sunday of Lent**
- **1st Class** - Polyphonic Mass

**EASTER NOVENA OF MASSES**

A nine day novena of Holy Masses in honor of Our Risen Lord will take place at Holy Innocents beginning on Easter Sunday and ending on the day after Divine Mercy Sunday. Cards and envelopes for this purpose are located throughout the church. Please return the envelope with the names of all those you wish to remember in this special series of Masses to the rectory, collection basket, or any of the offering boxes in the church by Holy Week so they can be placed on the altar for Easter. And present the Easter card to those you are enrolling in the Masses.

**Bus Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Canada**

- St. Anne-de-Beaupre; St. Joseph’s Oratory;
- Our Lady of the Cape
- Sacred Heart; St. Kateri Tekakwitha & more!

**June 24 - 29**

$995 includes the bus, hotels, tip, and 9 meals

Leaving from Holy Innocents at 7:00 a.m. and St. Lucy’s in the Bronx (833 Mace Ave.) at 8:00 a.m.

For more information and reservations: (212) 279-5861

**WAY OF THE CROSS**

The devotion of the Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday of Lent here at Holy Innocents beginning at 12:45 p.m. (in between the 12:15 and 1:15 p.m. Masses) and also following the 6:00 p.m. Latin Mass.
Solemnity of the Annunciation

Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end.” (Luke 1:30-33)

Happy Solemnity! We celebrate today one of the most glorious feast days of the year. Today is nine months before Christmas and is the day we celebrate the fact that God the Son took on our human nature in the womb of the Blessed Virgin. It’s the celebration of the Incarnation of our Lord.

There are many things to celebrate today and many things for which we should be eternally grateful. First and foremost, we celebrate the profound fact that God loves us so much that He became one of us. The fact that God took on our human nature is worthy of unlimited rejoicing and celebration! If we only understood what this meant. If we could only understand the effects of this incredible event in history. The fact that God became a human being in the womb of the Blessed Virgin is a gift beyond our comprehension. It’s a gift that elevates humanity to the realm of the divine. God and man are united in this glorious event and we should be forever grateful.

We also see in this event the glorious act of perfect submission to the will of God. We see this in the Blessed Mother herself. It’s interesting to note that our Blessed Mother was told that “you will conceive in your womb and bear a son....” She wasn’t asked by the angel if she was willing, rather, she was told what was to happen. Why is that the case?

It happened this way because the Blessed Virgin said yes to God throughout her life. Never was there a moment that she said no to God. Therefore, her perpetual yes to God enabled the angel Gabriel to tell her that she “will conceive.” In other words, the angel was able to tell her what she had already said yes to in her life.

What a glorious example this is. Our Blessed Mother’s “Yes” is an incredible witness to us. We are called to daily say yes to God. And we are called to say yes to Him even before we know what He asks of us. This solemnity affords us the opportunity to once again say “Yes” to the will of God. No matter what He is asking of you, the right answer is “Yes.”

Reflect, today, upon your own invitation from God to say “Yes” to Him in all things. You, like our Blessed Mother, are invited to bring our Lord into the world. Not in the literal way she did, but you are called to be an instrument of His continual Incarnation in our world. Reflect upon how fully you answer this call and get on your knees today and say “Yes” to the plan our Lord has for your life.

Lord, the answer is “Yes!” Yes, I choose your divine will. Yes, You may do with me whatever You will. May my “Yes” be as pure and holy as our Blessed Mother’s. Let it be done to me according to Your will. Jesus, I trust in You.

Taken from Catholic Daily Reflections

Open to Me the Doors of Repentance

An Eastern Lenten Hymn

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Open to me the doors of repentance, O Life-Giver, for my spirit rises early to pray toward Thy holy temple, bearing the temple of my body all defiled. * But in Thy compassion, purify me by the loving kindness of Thy mercy. Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lead me on the paths of salvation, O Mother of God, for I have profaned my soul with shameful sins and have wasted my life in laziness. But by your intercessions, deliver me from all impurity.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy, and according to the multitude of Thy compassions, blot out my transgressions. When I think of the many evil things I have done, wretch that I am, I tremble at the fearful day of judgment, but trusting in Thy loving kindness, like David, I cry to thee:

Have mercy on me, O God.
Have mercy on me, O God.
Have mercy on me, O God.
According to Thy great mercy.

On this 40th anniversary, we are focusing the Cardinal’s Appeal entirely on keeping parishes healthy and vibrant. This means making sure underfunded parishes can afford to keep their doors open. It means training your future priests at Saint Joseph’s Seminary and caring for your beloved former pastors at the St. John Vianney Center for Retired Priests. It means supporting our Catholic Schools, 128 of which are part of or located at parishes and provide a top-notch, Christ-centered education to almost 36,000 young people. Please join your fellow parishioners in stewardship and make your gift to the Cardinal’s Appeal today. Thank you to all who have already made your commitment - your generosity is truly appreciated!

Goal for Holy Innocents - $55,500
Pledged to date - $5,982.00
Number of donors - 15
Still needed - $49,518

If you have not made your pledge/gift to this year’s Appeal, please do so today! Thank you for your generosity.

FLOWERS DURING LENT

Flowers are NOT permitted to adorn the altar during Lent, except on Laetare Sunday (March 31st), and the 1st Class Feasts of St. Patrick (March 18th, transferred this year), St. Joseph (March 19th) and the Annunciation (March 25th). Please do not bring any flowers to the church during Lent as they will promptly be removed!
RULES OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

From antiquity, Christians have practiced penance on Wednesdays (the day Our Lord was betrayed) and Fridays (when Christ was crucified). Wednesdays and Fridays remain days of penance in most Eastern Catholic Churches (and among the Orthodox), and in some monastic and religious communities of the Roman Church. Catholics observe Fridays as weekly penitential days on which abstinence from meat and other forms are expected as the norm.

**Days of Abstinence (obliges one to abstain from flesh meat. This does not apply to dairy products, eggs, or condiments and shortening made from animal fat. All cold-blooded animals may be eaten (e.g., frogs, clams, turtles, etc.))**

**Current Law:** Obligatory at age 14 until death on Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Fridays including Good Friday. Recommended on Holy Saturday but not required.

**Traditional:** Obligatory at age 7 until death on Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Fridays including Good Friday as well as on Saturdays including Holy Saturday.

**Days of Fasting (One full meal is permitted and two other meals may be taken which, when combined, are less than a full meal; no eating in between meals but liquids are allowed, including milk and fruit juices.)**

**Current Law:** Applies to Catholics aged 18 to 59 inclusive, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday only. Recommended on Holy Saturday but not required.

**Traditional:** All days of Lent including Holy Week except Sundays and Feasts of the 1st Class (Solemnities): Annunciation Monday, March 25.

The more ancient (traditional) practices of fast and abstinence, while not obligatory, are praiseworthy. To be excused from fasting/abstinence for pregnancy, hard labor, hypoglycemia, diabetics, etc., one should request a dispensation form his/her pastor. **The obligation to fast and abstain is a serious one and should not be taken lightly!** Penance serves to rectify our self-centeredness, to make up for sins (our own and those of others), to strengthen our wills and to guide us in the steps of our Savior. It can be a very pure form of love for God, and can be offered up for the conversion of sinners and the relief of the souls in Purgatory.

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**Holy Innocents Bookshelf**

**Holy Thursday**

*The Night that Changed the World*

by François Mauriac

On the night before His death, His betrayer already at work, our Lord lifted a simple chalice in a world covered in darkness. Elevating it, He sealed for eternity a new covenant between God and man, imparting to us the gift of His Body and Blood.

In these sublime meditations on the events of Holy Thursday, Nobel laureate François Mauriac reminds us of the ineffable value of the gift given us that evening in the Upper Room: the Eucharist, present still in the tabernacles of the world... *where Christ waits patiently for us to visit Him, pray with Him, and receive fullness of life from Him.*

To read these stirring pages is to rejoice again in the fact that Christ has not left us orphans. He remains with us at all times in the Eucharist, without which we can never attain true peace. As Mauriac notes, “No man knows himself, if he has not looked at his soul in the light of the Host lifted above the ciborium.”

Come, then, into the heart of this mystery of our Faith. Take your seat at the table beside our Lord. Learn why millions of souls believe that Christ is physically present in their local church and discover the joy they experience when they meet Him there. You, too, can have the strength, the hope, and the consolation Christ gives to all who place themselves beside Him.

Available in the Gift Shop in the Parish Office

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WITH DEEP GRATITUDE

Many thanks to the parishioners/families who have donated **$14,309** toward New Kneelers project. **$12,641** is still needed to cover this expense. 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.
**COLLECTION REPORT**

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Your generous contribution to your Parish is greatly appreciated!

May the Good Lord reward you abundantly!

*Create a clean heart in me, O God and renew a right spirit within me. (Ps 51:10)*

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**40 Days for Life: March 6 - April 14, 2019**

With the passage of the Reproductive Health Act, so many are asking what can be done in response. 40 Days for Life is a life-saving prayer campaign that will be held March 6th - April 14th. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. Over 15,256 children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days for Life campaigns. To learn more, visit: www.40daysforlife.com

Vigil sites in the Archdiocese

**Manhattan**

**Location:** Planned Parenthood  
26 Bleecker Street, NY, NY (Public right-of-way across the street)  
**Contact:** Ingrid (917) 771-2367; prolife@frassati.nyc

**Bronx**

**Location:** Bronx Abortion  
2070 Eastchester Road, Bronx, NY (Public right-of-way outside)  
**Contact:** Thomas (347) 316-3728; dataarchitect1@outlook.com

For information about participating in the 40 Days for Life campaigns in the Archdiocese, please contact the above leaders.

*Lord Jesus, in your Holy Name, we ask for the conversion of hearts among the abortion supporters, workers, doctors and staff at the Planned Parenthood abortion center on Bleecker St. in Manhattan. We pray for the closure of that facility and for your blessing upon the efforts of Vigil for Life witnesses for LIFE who pray for and counsel women and men contemplating abortion. May those considering abortion choose life for their children.*  
*We ask that all be accomplished according to Your Holy Will for Your greater glory. Amen.*

**GOLDEN COUNSELS of Saint Francis de Sales**

**On Peace**

Do not look forward to the mishaps of this life with anxiety, but await them with perfect confidence so that when they do occur, God, to whom you belong, will deliver you from them. He has kept you up to the present; remain securely in the hand of His providence, and He will help you in all situations. When you cannot walk, He will carry you. Do not think about what will happen tomorrow, for the same eternal Father who takes care of you today will look out for you tomorrow and always. Either He will keep you from evil or He will give you invincible courage to endure it. Remain in peace; rid your imagination of whatever troubles you.

Belong totally to God. Think of Him and He will think of you. He has drawn you to himself so that you may be His; He will take care of you. Do not be afraid; for if little chicks feel perfectly safe when they are under their mother’s wings, how secure should the children of God feel under His paternal protection! So be at peace, since you are one of these children; and let your weary, listless heart rest against the sacred, loving breast of this Savior, who by His providence is a father to His children, and by His gentle, tender love is a mother to them.

First thing in the morning, prepare your heart to be at peace; then take great care throughout the day to call it back to that peace frequently, and, as it were, to again take your heart in your hand. If you happen to do something that you regret, be neither astonished nor upset, but having acknowledged your failing, humble yourself quietly before God and try to regain your gentle composure. Say to yourself: “There, we have made a mistake, but let’s go on now and be more careful.” Every time you fall, do the same.

When you are inwardly peaceful, don’t miss the opportunity to perform as many acts of gentleness as you can—and as frequently as you can—no matter how small these acts may seem; for, as our Lord says: “To the person who is faithful in little things, greater ones will be given.”

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**Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem**

O Lord, Master of my life, grant that I may not be infected with the spirit of slothfulness and faintheartedness, with the spirit of ambition and vain talking.

Grant instead to me, your servant, the spirit of purity and humility, the spirit of patience and love.

O Lord and King, bestow on me the grace of being aware of my sins and not judging my brother. For you are blessed and ever. Amen.

O God, purify me a sinner and have mercy on me.  
Yes, O Lord and King bestow upon me the grace of being aware of my sins and of not judging my brother.
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”.

Parish Bus Pilgrimage
On Saturday, April 27 there will be a bus trip to historic Stockbridge, Massachusetts and the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy. The bus will leave from in front of Holy Innocents at 9:00 a.m. and return around 8:00 p.m. Please bring a bag lunch with you and any food you will need for the day. Cost: $45.00 per person. Please make your reservation at the Parish Office.

“For nothing, healed them, but thy word, o Lord, which healeth all things”
-Wisdom 16:12

School of the Word of God
Every Thursday, following the 6:00 pm Latin Mass

In a recollection atmosphere, focusing on the Word of God and through live preaching, the listener is introduced to the faith and the love of God which leads to a personal-living encounter with the Lord. As quoted by St. Teresa of Avila “Prayer means being alone, frequently, with Him who we know loves us”.

For information: call/email 212.279.5861 | rectory@shrineofholyinnocents.org

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 10:00am. The group will then proceed to 42nd and Broadway Time Square subway station. We will be located by the Time Square Shuttle downstairs. We recite 20 decades of the Holy Rosary and return back to Holy Innocents around 12:15. Come for all or part of the Subway Rosary.

Upcoming Subway Rosaries
April 13
April 27

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.

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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