

SATURDAY, January 26, 2012

9:00 A.M. MARY BUTLER r/b Peter Lavelle
4:00 P.M. PATRICIA O'DONNELL r/b Susan Hawkins
AL ROCHETTE r/b Family
5:30 P.M. CHRISTINE KUBIAK r/b Carol Kelly
WILLIAM KING r/b Anne Gorman

SUNDAY, January 27, 2012

8:00 A.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
10:00 A.M. MATTHEW BAUER r/b Family
JOHN J. FORKER r/b Pat Christopher
12:00 P.M. JACK & JOAN MOLLOY r/b Family
ROBERT & STASIA WOLAK r/b Rapka family
5:30 P.M. GERARD DISTEFANO r/b MaryAnn Distefano
PHYLISS MARTINO r/b Ferrelli family

MONDAY, January 28, 2012

9:00 A.M. CHRISTINE KUBIAK r/b M/M C. L'Heureux

TUESDAY, January 29, 2012

9:00 A.M. JOANNE FABIANO r/b Kelly family
ERIK MOURE r/b Nicolette Palagonia &
Karen LaBar

WEDNESDAY, January 30, 2012

9:00 A.M. JOANNE FABIANO r/b L'Heureux family

THURSDAY, January 31, 2012

9:00 A.M. INTENTIONS OF MARYANN O'NEILL r/b a
friend

FRIDAY, February 1, 2012

9:00 A.M. JEAN MAGRO r/b Illiano's Cafe

SATURDAY, February 2, 2012

9:00 A.M. JOHN REALI r/b DelBene family
4:00 P.M. JOHN CORSO & FRANK DELAPINA r/b M/M
Vincent DeSimone
5:30 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, February 3, 2012

8:00 A.M. ANNA ELIZABETH DONATE r/b Purgatorio
Family
LOUISE LeVICCHI r/b Gesior family
10:00 A.M. JOHN J. FORKER r/b Ceil & Bill Maguire
LAWRENCE HUGGINS r/b Pat Christopher
12:00 P.M. SUZANNE SEEMANN r/b Lou & MaryAnne
Berardi
STEPHEN SHERMAN r/b Family
CEFERINO COSTALES r/b Family
5:30 P.M. GERARD COFFEY r/b Jackie K
LILLIAN PEREZ-GEBHARDT r/b Paula
Rohde

Blessing of Throats
will take place at all Masses
the weekend of February 2nd & 3rd



PLEASE PRAY FOR John & Grace Killeen,
Dani Sestito, Justin Scarle, Jason Fazio, Fr.
Lawrence, Tom Fanning, Fr. Evarist's parents:
Stella & Augustine, Gemma Riley, Nadine
Anderson, Debra Nellis, David Sibole

ALTAR SERVERS for February 2nd & 3rd

Sat., 4 pm: Nate, Sam & Jack Houston
5:30 pm: Alex Rodriguez & Nicole Navarette
Sun., 8 am: Madelyn Youngberg, Michael Zarro & Taryn
Pelletier
10 am: Samantha Ventola, Grace Peterson & Arthur
Gallera
12 Noon: Eric Libang, Edmund Whisnant & Paul Navarro
5:30 pm: Rufus Gomez, Brianna & Amanda Cummings

Adult Confirmation Class is now being formed for any-
one age 16 or older who has received Baptism, Penance
and Eucharist, but has not been Confirmed. Class con-
sists of 7 sessions, beginning Wed. January 23rd from 7-
8 pm. Please contact Sr. Bernadette 732 922-4242 x32
to register or for more information.

First Friday Adoration Holy Innocents has adoration
every First Friday from 9:30 am—2 pm. We are in need
of additional people to sign up for an hour. Please call
Lydia at 732 922-2092.

Craft Ministry meets every Monday afternoon during the
school year at 1:15 pm in the school building. The ladies
of our craft ministry are in need of yarn. If you have any,
they gladly accept donations. Please bring it to the Parish
Office. Thank you!

Altar Rosary Society Meets the 2nd Monday of the
month. Please call Maria 848 702-1811. There will be no
meetings January or February. Our next meeting will be
March 11th. We are a group with diversified interests and
talents whose basic concerns are the betterment of our-
selves, our families and our parish community.

Holy Innocents Seniors Club meets the 1st & 3rd Fri-
days of the month (except holidays) at 1:30 pm in the
school cafeteria. For more information call Don Bartlett
732 922-9069. ***Atlantic City bus trip the 4th Thursday
of the month (except Nov.). For more info, please call
Dora 732 776-8344.***

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, 7-8 pm ~ St. Rose, Belmar
Wednesday, 8:30 am-4 pm ~ St. Catharine, Spring Lake
Thursday, 8:30-9:30 am ~ St. Elizabeth, Avon
Thursday, 9:30 am-9 pm ~ Holy Innocents, Neptune
Friday, 11:30 am-4 pm ~ St. Mark, Sea Girt
First Friday, 9:30 am-2 pm ~ Holy Innocents, Neptune

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

First impressions are very important. As you walk into Holy Innocents Church you see the words, "God is Love"; this is a very profound greeting and sets the tone for what we can expect to encounter as we enter to worship in God's house. It is my prayer for us as a parish that all who enter our doors will continue to find that statement true and experience the love of God as we welcome them to worship along with us. I am very pleased to report that I have experienced the love of God by the welcome extended to me by all of you. In his encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*, (God is Love) Pope Benedict explains what St. John meant by this statement. "God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him" (*1 Jn 4:16*). These words from the *First Letter of John* express with remarkable clarity the heart of the Christian faith: the Christian image of God and the resulting image of mankind and its destiny. In the same verse, St. John also offers a kind of summary of the Christian life: "We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us".

It is this love that calls us day after day and week after week to experience the liturgy as an encounter with Jesus. We need this encounter in order to live as followers of Christ and to be effective witnesses to the Gospel in the world. If we are to testify to the love of God in the world we need to know and experience it ourselves. When we do experience it together as a parish, we grow in unity and begin to walk this pilgrimage of faith and life together. During this week we remember that 40 years ago abortion was legalized and the nation stands divided and even some of our own families too. Most of the time the answer is proposed that we should hear fire and brimstone from the pulpit. Some even go so far as to say that the Priests and Deacons have caused this because of fear of preaching on life issues. What if we addressed it from a position of love? Rather than kicking someone when they are down, what if we picked them up and welcomed them to experience God's love? Would not our testimony be better heard and received if we preached with our actions? If we extend a hand to those suffering from or contemplating abortion wouldn't that testify louder and yield better results? Let us then do our part by growing in unity and prayer for the defense of life by growing in personal holiness and try to evangelize by creating and maintaining a welcoming parish environment which is built on the very love of God.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

Adopt A Student Give the gift of Catholic Education to a student at Holy Innocents School. This is a gift that lasts a lifetime, and will be granted to a student who ordinarily wouldn't be able to afford a Catholic school education. Your donation of tuition dollars will allow you to 'adopt' a student in need of financial assistance. For information, please contact the School Office at 732 922-3141 x13. Thank you, and may God bless you!

Coastal Habitat For Humanity We are gearing up for the rebuilding, renewal and rebirth of the Jersey Shore! We have willing hands, building know-how and a desire to act swiftly. What we need are the necessary financial resources to begin the many projects. Please support our Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative with a tax deductible donation to Coastal Habitat For Humanity, 200 Hwy 71, Suite 3, Spring Lake Hts, NJ 07762.

Charismatic Healing Mass at Holy Cross Church, Rumson, presented by The Healing Shepherd Prayer Group Monday, January 28th at 8 pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Holy Innocents Parish has a very active St. Vincent dePaul Society. We provide food & financial assistance to Neptune residents in need. We collect non-perishable food the 2nd Sunday of each month. If you need assistance, please call 732 922-4242 x24. We meet at 7:30 pm the 2nd Wednesday of the month. If you're interested in this ministry, please join us.

Holy Innocents Music Ministry We always welcome new voices to join in the song. The Choir sings at 10 am Mass, Folk Group at 12 Noon, and the Teen Choir 5:30 pm the 1st Sunday of the month. We rehearse every Tuesday night in the church.

~ Holy Innocents School News ~

Annual Gift Auction Holy Innocents School PTA will hold our Annual Gift Auction on Saturday, March 16th. We are currently soliciting donations of new gifts, gift certificates and services, as well as monetary donations which are used to purchase larger gifts. There is also an opportunity to advertise in our Ad Journal. We thank in advance, our parishioners who always respond so generously. Gift donations may be brought to the Parish Office Monday thru Friday, 8 am-4 pm, or to the School Office Monday thru Friday, 8 am-2 pm. For more information, please contact George or Eileen at 732 643-9622 or by e-mail holyinnocentsgiftauction@hotmail.com.

Women's Fellowship Join Holy Innocents' new **Women's Fellowship Group**. This ministry will provide an opportunity to share your faith with other women from the parish. Meetings will be held *every other Wednesday at 7 pm in the day chapel* to pray and share discussion about life's spiritual experiences as a means to strengthen our relationship with the Lord and one another. Our next meeting date is Wednesday, February 9th. For more information, please phone or text Anne Gerard 732 859-3768 or Margee Hill 908 309-7502.

Ruby Tuesday's Community GiveBack *Dine at the 3595 Route 66, Neptune location all day on Thursdays.* You must present the Holy Innocents Fundraiser flyer with the appropriate dates, and Ruby Tuesday's will donate 20% of your purchase to Holy Innocents. This will be an ongoing fundraiser and flyers with valid dates will be made available as needed.. Thanks to all who have supported and continue to support this fundraiser!

Selective Seconds New and gently used, high quality furniture / home décor ~ 911 Main St., Belmar. Each purchase made in our store helps a local family get back on its feet. We've got name brands at prices you won't find anywhere else, and tax free sales. Selective Seconds supports St. Vincent dePaul Society for St. Rose/Belmar area.

Sandals & Beaches Resorts 'Gives Back Program' *Sandals & Beaches Resorts* are pleased to announce a partnership with Rapka Travel to offer up to \$200 to Holy Innocents on every traveled booking made through Rapka Travel to a Sandals or Beaches resort. There are no additional costs to the travelers to participate in this program. Contact Rapka Travel at 732 938-5000 or www.rapkatravel.com for further details and to book your trip. Let's put the fun back in fundraising!

Celebrate **Catholic Schools Week** with us. *Catholic Schools Raise the Standards!* Join us for Open House Sunday, January 27th following the 10 am Mass and running until 1:30 pm. We are accepting applications for enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year, Grades Pre-K 3 through Grade 8. We provide academic excellence that is enriched by daily religious education classes, and an exceptionally caring student-centered family-oriented learning environment. Come and join the Holy Innocents School family and give your children the gift of a Catholic Education that will be an advantage for their lifetime. For more information, please call 732 922-3141 x13.

Visit us on the web at www.holyinnocents.net

Schedule for the Coming Week

Sat., Jan. 26	2:00 pm Caitlin Wuchter + Alexander Daigle 5:00 pm Confessions
Sun., Jan. 27	8:45 am Religious Ed (Gr. K-5) 10:00 am Mass Catholic Schools Week 11:00 am-1:00 pm HIS CSW Open House 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria
Mon., Jan. 28	7:00 pm Religious Ed (Gr. 6 & 7) 7:00 pm Hospitality Committee in conference room
Tue., Jan. 29	9:30 am Rosary making in conference room 4:15 pm Religious Ed (Gr. K-5) 6:00-7:00 pm Teen Praise Band practice in church 7:00 pm RCIA in conference room 7:30-9:00 pm Adult Choir practice in church
Thur., Jan. 31	All Day—Ruby Tuesday GiveBack Program 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria
Fri., Feb. 1	1:30 pm Seniors meet in cafeteria
Sat., Feb. 2	7:00 pm HIS Pep Rally in gym & cafeteria 5:00 pm Confessions
Sun., Feb. 3	8:45 am Religious Ed (Gr. K-5) 1:30 pm Baptisms 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria
Mon., Feb. 4	7:00 pm Religious Ed (Gr. 6 & 7)
Tue., Feb. 5	9:30 am Rosary making in conference room 4:15 pm Religious Ed (Gr. K-5) 6:00-7:00 pm Teen Praise Band practice in church 7:00 pm RCIA in conference room 7:30-9:00 pm Adult Choir practice in church