

thisWEEK @ Holy Innocents'

Sunday, November 20

Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)	Church	8:00 a.m.
Thanksgiving Pie Auction	Parish Hall	9:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music)	Church	10:30 a.m.
Chalice-Bearer Training	Church	12:00 noon

Monday, November 21

Cub Scouts	Conf. Room	6:30 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.
Men's Bible Study	Youth Room	7:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts	Chapel	7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 22

Stitch Group	Kiser Hall	10:30 a.m.
St. Lawrence Guild	Kitchen	10:00 a.m.
Small Group Study	Conf. Room	2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 23

Office closed at noon

Bread Ministry Pickup	Parish Hall	6:45 a.m.
Meals on Wheels	Parish Hall	10:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 24

Happy Thanksgiving - Office closed

A.A. Meeting	Conf. Room	8:00 p.m.
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Friday, November 25

Office closed

A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.
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Saturday, November 26

Altar Guild	Church	9:00 a.m.
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HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VALRICO, FLORIDA

TRANSFORMING LIVES, TRANSFORMING THE WORLD

News for the Pews † Sunday, November 20, 2016

Today's Loose Plate Offering

The loose plate offering collected today goes to Adopt-a-Family, a ministry that helps low-income families, seniors and Veterans celebrate the holiday season by connecting them with local businesses, organization and individuals who "adopt" them and personally deliver Christmas gifts. We are working with several local families this year. Please give generously as you are able.

Chalice-Bearer Training This Morning

Chalice-bearers are an invaluable part of our Sunday services. They read the second lesson, Prayers of the People, and administer wine at communion. If you want to be trained as a chalice-bearer, come to the sanctuary today after the 10:30 service.

No Holy Eucharist or Gathering on Wednesday

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no noon Eucharist on Wednesday or Gathering, youth group, or children's choir on Wednesday night. All of these activities will resume next Wednesday, November 30.

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

The church office will be closed this week beginning at noon on Wednesday. If you have an emergency during that time, please call the church office and leave a message on our emergency voice mail. There will be no noon Eucharist. **Deadline for all submissions to News for the Pews this week is 4:00 PM on Monday.**

Q&A with Missionary Rachel Schnabel at an Upcoming Gathering

The Gathering on Wednesday, November 30, will be a Q&A with Rachel Schnabel, our former youth director who just completed a year-long stint as a missionary in Brazil. Submit your questions on our website at www.hiepiscopal.org.

Farewell Celebration for Fr. Doug

Please join us for one worship service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 18, followed by a farewell celebration to honor Fr. Doug, and thank him and his family for their many years of service to Holy Innocents'. More details to come!

Helping Local People in Need this Holiday Season

Our church typically receives many requests for assistance during the weeks leading up to Christmas. If you have a desire to help those in need in our community, please consider making a donation to the pastor's discretionary fund. Checks can be made out to the church with "discretionary fund" in the memo.

Submissions for the "News for the Pews" or "The Shield" must be emailed to communications@hiepiscopal.org by 4:00 PM on MONDAY of this week due to the office closing for the Thanksgiving holiday.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR NEXT SUNDAY

November 27 is the first Sunday in Advent and we will celebrate with a special hour of activities to get us in the holiday spirit. The following will all take place in the Parish Hall at 9:15 a.m., and these activities will take the place of all other classes.

- **Making Advent Wreaths:** You can either build your own wreath from fresh greenery and candles or just buy a candle set to replace on old one. *Suggested donation is \$10.*
- **Putting Shoeboxes Together:** We will assemble the Shoeboxes for Shut-ins. You can help box gifts for Meals on Wheels clients.
- **Doing Advent Crafts:** There will be a variety of crafts for children to work on throughout the hour.



When you buy gifts for kids in the Angel Tree program, you help prisoners' kids know they're not forgotten, and you serve as an example of Christ's love to the incarcerated parents. Take a child's name and gift request from the Angel Tree, wrap the gift, attach the tag on the wrapping of the gift, and then return it to the church.



The Adopt-a-Family program matches local families in need with people who provide them gifts at Christmas. We have "adopted" several local families that have been screened by a social worker. Please take an ornament from the Adopt-a-Family tree and give someone in need a brighter Christmas.

Dates for Both Programs

November 20: Trees are put up in the narthex; will hold ornaments with names and gift requests of people from the Angel Tree and Adopt-a-Family program

December 11: All presents for both programs due in to the church
Presents must be wrapped with tag ornaments attached to the outside of each package.

December 18: Presents are delivered to families.

Drivers are needed to deliver presents to recipients of Angel Tree gifts. Please contact Cheryl Massaro at 634-0701 to help with delivery.



Shoeboxes for Shut-Ins



Our goal is to create and deliver 25 shoeboxes filled with small Christmas gifts to give to our Meals on Wheels recipients. All contributions for the shoeboxes are due *next Sunday, November 27*. We will put the boxes together during the Christian Education hour at 9:15 a.m.

We are looking for the following items. These items have to fit in shoeboxes so please donate small sizes of each.

- Pocket tissues
- Hand wipes
- Hair brushes
- Toothpaste
- Pens/pencils
- Body lotion
- Postage stamps
- Bath sponges
- Shampoo
- Note pads
- Snack bars
- Disposable razors
- Socks
- Puzzle books
- Toothbrushes
- Mouthwash
- Baby powder
- Combs
- Deodorants
- Package crackers
- Plastic shoeboxes

Please do NOT donate: medicine of any kind, homemade baked goods, perishable food.

*If you have any questions, please contact
Donna Marrin (914-388-2658) or Jan Marriner (813-965-1553).*

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

November 20
Orten Baxter
Sarah Ewers
Joe Pergola
Jim White
Cathie Williams

November 21
Melinda Carr

November 22
Andi Edwards
Tessa Myers

November 23
Darryl Jennus

November 24
Alexandra
Stallings

November 25
Ben Johnson
Kieran Rosario

November 26
Clayton
Davenport
Judy Tabb

Anniversaries

November 20
Shannon & Doug
Scharf

November 25
Yvonne & Tim
Bridge

We apologize if your birthday or anniversary is this week and it is not listed. Please call the office to update your information in our system.

FINANCIALS

How are we doing financially? Prior Week Actual Revenue: **\$6,710**. Prior Week Budgeted Expenses: **\$9,560**. YTD Actual Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$376,189**. YTD Budgeted Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$397,992**. Thank you for keeping your financial commitments up to date.