

thisWEEK @ Holy Innocents'

Sunday, December 2

Holy Eucharist, Rite II (no music)	Church	8:00 a.m.
Advent Class with Fr. Bryan	Parish Hall	9:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)	Church	10:30 a.m.
Children & Youth Choir	Choir Room	Noon
Church of South India	Parish Hall	1:30 p.m.
God and Family Pray Program	Kiser Hall	1:30 p.m.
Youth Christmas Party/Baby Jesus Party	Parish Hall	5:00 p.m.

Monday, December 3

Plant City Chorale	Church	6:00 p.m.
Cub Scouts Den 7	Conference	6:30 p.m.
Wolves Den 2	Kiser Hall #2	6:30 p.m.
Cubs Scouts Den 3	Youth Room	6:30 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop 109	Parish Hall	7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 4

KidsPACK packing	Parish Hall	9:00 a.m.
Stitch Group	Kiser Hall	10:30 a.m.
Treasurer Seeker Home Group	Conference room	2:00 p.m.
Girl Scouts Troop #3212	Parish Hall	5:00 p.m.
Life Lessons from Acts, Women's Bible Study	Kiser Hall #3	7:00 p.m.
Cleaning Service	Church Wide	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 5

Bread Ministry Pickup	Parish Hall	6:30 a.m.
Meals on Wheels	Parish Hall	10:00 a.m.
Noon Holy Eucharist	Chapel	Noon
The Gathering	Parish Hall	6 p.m.

Thursday, December 6

KidsPACK loading & delivery	Parish Hall	8:30 a.m.
Adventures in Faith & Science	Parish Hall	2:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir	Sanctuary	7:00 p.m.
Parish Choir rehearsal	Choir room	7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 7

Rachel's Guild	Parish Hall	9:30 a.m.
A.A. meeting	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.
Cleaning Service	Church Wide	7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 8

Altar Guild	Church	9:00 a.m.
Eagle Scout Court of Honor	Church/Parish Hall	1:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 9

Angel Tree gifts due		
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)	Church	10:30 a.m.
Children & Youth Choir	Choir Room	Noon
Church of South India	Parish Hall	1:30 p.m.
Lessons and Carols	Church	4:00 p.m.



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Pledge & Transforming Generosity Update

Total pledges received to date: 113 pledges for a total of \$393,886.

We are still requesting a pledge from all members who have not submitted a pledge card.

Considering all sources of revenue (i.e. Building use, loose plate, non-pledge donations) we are still approximately \$50,000 short of our revenue goals (Which includes a full-time Youth Minister) for 2019.

If you have not turned in your pledge for 2019, please prayerfully consider submitting your pledge today.

Advent Class With Fr. Bryan Starts Today 12/2

Fr. Bryan and Deacon Art will be teaching a class on The Book of Common Prayer each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Come enjoy the class and learn about our tool for spiritual growth.

Youth Christmas Party/Baby Jesus Party Today 12/2

All youth and families with children are invited to the annual Youth Christmas Party on Sunday, December 2 at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please bring a wrapped baby gift for the Alpha House

Wednesday, Noon Eucharist Service 12/5

Join us for a Eucharist Service each Wednesday at Noon in the Chapel. All are invited to attend.

Gathering with Potluck on Wednesday, 12/5

Bring your favorite meal to share, and join us for an evening of fellowship, music and study. The meal begins at 6:00 p.m. with the Bible study on The Book of Acts at 7:00 p.m.

Angel Tree and Adopt A Family Gifts Due by 12/9

After you have purchased the items, attach the tag on the wrapping of the gift, and then return it to the church by Dec 9. See inside for additional information. Gift Tags are still available.



Lessons and Carols Service 12/9 @ 4 p.m.

The service tells the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah and the birth of Christ in nine short readings from the Bible. Each reading is accompanied by a Christmas carol, hymn or anthem sung by the choir.

Please join us for seasonal music and lessons. The service will last about an hour and should be a welcome respite from the rush and bustle that often accompanies the weeks before Christmas.

Angel Tree & Adopt A Family Tags



After you have purchased the items, attach the tag on the wrapping of the gift, and then return it to the church by Dec 9. **Angel Tree** is still in need of volunteer drivers to help deliver the presents. Please contact Cheryl Massaro if you can help at 813-523-9424. **Adopt A Family** has several tags left on the tree and they also accept cash donations which are used to purchase food gift cards for the families. For questions, see George Sledge 813-689-6997 or Beth Seifert 813-689-0619.



A Kid's Place Needs Snacks and Juice Boxes

A Kid's Place is in need of individually wrapped snacks – crackers, potato chips, juice boxes for example. Donation basket is located in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

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| Dec. 2 | Dec. 6 |
| Beth Seifert | Katie Pope |
| Dec. 4 | Bill Maloney |
| Ann Katschka | Dec. 7 |
| Michael Marrin | Kathy Woodard |
| Dec. 5 | Matthew Elder |
| Natasha Rush | Dec. 8 |
| | Mary Jo Gallamore |



Anniversaries

- December 3**
Tom & Gail Palmer
- December 4**
Denny & Liz Kuba
- December 7**
Noel & Barbara Ritch



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

Volunteers Needed for Workday at Dover Elementary, 12/8



Join us for a workday at Dover Elementary School, Saturday, December 8th, from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. We will be pressure washing the 4th/5th-grade building's entryways, assembling new shelving for the lunchroom storeroom, and prepping and planting/replanting their herb garden, working with their team. If you are interested, please contact Bill Cox, bcox1953@gmail.com, or (813) 391-6292.



Mission and Outreach Funds Available, Deadline 12/14

Holy Innocents' Mission and Outreach Committee is collecting requests from local mission and outreach organizations for distribution of funds for their needs. If your organization would like to request funds to support your mission and ministry, please complete the form found in the Narthex and return it to the office by December 14.



Christmas Flowers and Decorations Order Forms Deadline to submit an order is Sunday, December 16

If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Flowers and Decorations, fill out a form on the table in the Narthex. Flowers can be ordered in memory of or in thanksgiving of a family member. Cost is \$20. Please note "Christmas Flowers" in your check's memo line.

Save the Date!

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services

- 5:00 PM* - Family Service *Childcare Available*
 - 10:00 PM - Seasonal Music Before Service
 - 10:30 PM - Festive Eucharist with Incense
- Two beautiful Christmas Eve services to honor the birth of Jesus. The choir will be accompanied by a brass quartet at both services.

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day

- 9:00 AM - Holy Eucharist

Submissions for the "News for the Pews" or "The Shield" must be emailed to office@hiepiscope.org by 4:00 p.m. on Monday for the following Sunday publications.