

thisWEEK @ Holy Innocents'

Sunday, December 9

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.
Lessons and Carols	Church	4:00 p.m.

Angel Tree & Adopt a Family Gifts Due

Monday, December 10

Plant City Chorale	Church	6:00 p.m.
Cub Scouts Den 7	Conference	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.
Men's Bible Study	Prayer Room	7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 11

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.
Vestry Meeting	Conference Room	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 12

Last Gathering for 2018

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 – Christmas	Parish Hall	6 p.m.

Thursday, December 13

KidsPACK, Loading & Delivery	Parish Hall	8:30 a.m.
Centering Prayer	Chapel	2:00 p.m.
GFWC Brandon Service League	Parish Hall	5:30 p.m.
Youth Meeting	Youth Room	6:30 p.m.
Handbell Choir	Sanctuary	7:00 p.m.
Parish Choir rehearsal	Choir room	7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 14

A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.
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Saturday, December 15

Altar Guild	Church	9:00 a.m.
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Sunday, December 16

Loose Plate Benefits: Nets For Life

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News for the Pews † Sunday, December 9, 2018



Pledge & Transforming Generosity Update

Total pledges received to date: 122 pledges for a total of \$410,086.

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 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 Continues Today

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.

Lessons and Carols Service Today at 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 and Adopt A Family Gifts Due Today

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 also accepts 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.

Christmas Gathering on Wednesday, 12/12

Join us for an evening of fellowship, music, and an informal Eucharist. Dinner provided by La Septima begins at 6:00 p.m. with the Bible study on The Book of Acts at 7:00 p.m. This is the last Gathering for 2018.



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.



A child dies every minute from malaria. **Next Sunday's, 12/16 loose plate offering will go to Nets for Life.** Your donation can truly make a life-or-death difference for people in need.

"Nets for Life" is a ministry that seeks to stop the spread of malaria by providing people in infested areas in Africa with insecticide-treated nets. One net only costs \$12 and has the potential to protect three children.

Consider giving the gift of life this Christmas, and make a donation to this important ministry. You can place your gift in the offering plate **next Sunday.** If you would like to write a check, please make it out to Holy Innocents' and note "Nets for Life" in the memo.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Dec. 9

Jennifer Notel

Dec. 11

Butch Hill

Rachel Stone

Dec. 12

Rebecca McAnallen

Dec. 14

Ray Bilinski

Dec. 15

Audrey Cull

Sebastian Rivera



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@hiepiscopal.org



Offering Envelopes for 2019

If you ordered offering envelopes for 2019, they will be available in the Narthex starting next Sunday, December 16.



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 for a family member. Cost is \$20. Please note "Christmas Flowers" in your check's memo line. Flowers can be picked up on Sunday, December 30, after the services. People who donated and attend the 8:00 a.m. service will be able to pick their flowers up in the Narthex after the 8:00 service.

THORN Ministries Accepting Donations for Homeless



Help the homeless thru THORN Ministries by donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, bug repellent wipes, empty medicine bottles, plastic bags, and new men's underwear. We'll have a bin in the narthex.

FINISHING 2018 & BEGINNING 2019

Christmas Cards for the Clergy

There is a basket in the Narthex to receive any Christmas cards or messages you would like to give to our clergy. Please clearly note the name of the clergy member whom the card is for on the front of the envelope.

Church Office Closed for the Week After Christmas

The office will be closed from December 25, through January 1. Should you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please call the church office at 813-689-3130 and leave a message on the emergency voice mail.

Contribution Deadline for 2018

All contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31 in order to qualify for the 2018 tax year. *The church office will be closed December 25 through January 1.* If you have any questions about this, please contact Betty Shaw in the church office.

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