

thisWEEK @ Holy Innocents'

Sunday, December 11

Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)	Church	8:00 a.m.
Children's Christian Education	Kiser Hall	9:15 a.m.
Youth Christian Education	Youth Room	9:15 a.m.
Coffee with the Clergy	Fr. Doug's office	9:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music)	Church	10:30 a.m.

Monday, December 12

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, December 13

KidsPACK Packing	Parish Hall	9:00 a.m.
Stitch Group	Kiser Hall	10:30 a.m.
St. Lawrence Guild	Kitchen	10:00 a.m.
Small Group Bible Study	Conf. Room	2:00 p.m.
Gathering setup	Parish Hall	4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14

Bread Ministry Pickup	Parish Hall	6:45 a.m.
Staff Meeting	Kiser Hall	9:00 a.m.
Meals on Wheels	Parish Hall	10:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist	Chapel	12:00 noon
Christmas Gathering	Parish Hall	6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 15

KidsPACK Delivery	Parish Hall	8:30 a.m.
Adventures in Faith & Science	Chapel	2:00 p.m.
Daisy Troop	Youth Room	5:45 p.m.
Parish Choir	Choir Room	7:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir	Church	7:00 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Conf. Room	8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 16

Rachel's Guild	Parish Hall	9:30 a.m.
A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.
Staff/Vestry/Clergy Christmas Party	Parish Hall	6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 17

Altar Guild	Church	9:00 a.m.
Interment of Gill Boissoneault	Garden	11:00 a.m.



HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VALRICO, FLORIDA

TRANSFORMING LIVES, TRANSFORMING THE WORLD

News for the Pews † Sunday, December 11, 2016

Angel Tree & Adopt-a-Family Wrapped Gifts Due Today

All wrapped gifts are due this morning!

Adopt-a-Family: If you forgot your wrapped gift, contact George Sledge (813-689-6997) or Beth Seifert (813-689-0619) immediately. Gifts are being delivered on Tuesday, so we need to make arrangements today.

Angel Tree: If you forgot your wrapped gift, please turn it in to the church office by this Friday. Gifts are being delivered next Sunday. We still need a couple of drivers. Please contact Cheryl Massaro (813-634-0701) to help.

Annual Christmas Gathering is This Wednesday

Join your Holy Innocents' family for the final Gathering of 2016. We will enjoy a dinner of delicious soup and grilled cheese sandwiches before we go caroling in an area around the church. After caroling, we will return to the church for fellowship and hot chocolate. Make this special evening part of your Advent journey!

Interment for Gill Boissoneault

Gill was a longtime church member who passed away in April. Her interment in our memorial garden is scheduled for this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. A small reception will take place immediately following the service.

Christmas Flowers and Decorations Orders Due Next Sunday

If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Flowers and Decorations, please fill out a form on the table in the narthex. Cost is \$20. Please note "Christmas Flowers" in your check's memo. You must have your form in by Sunday, December 18, to have your contribution noted in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

Farewell Celebration for Fr. Doug is Next Sunday

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'. *Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share. The main dish for lunch will be provided by Parish Life.*

Helping Local People in Need this Holiday Season

In 2016, we helped ten families with shelter, five families with electricity (including turning it back on for some), two families with water bills (including turning it back on for some), and 20+ families with food. Your gift to the Parish Discretionary Fund makes a real difference. Please consider giving to it again this season.

STARTING IN JANUARY 2017

Remember to Use the AmazonSmile Program this Christmas Season!

Holy Innocents' is eligible to receive a percentage of your Amazon purchases through the AmazonSmile program. To date, we have received thousands of dollars just by parishioners purchasing items on Amazon this way! Go to www.hiepiscopeal.org and click on the Amazon link on our homepage.

Volunteers Needed for Children's Christian Education

Additional volunteers are needed to continue our Children's Sunday School program beginning in January. Please consider helping out a couple of times each month with this important ministry. Contact Joe Hardin at 813-298-4356 or jchardin.fl@gmail.com for information.

Attention 1st-6th Grade Scouts!

If you are in Boy or Girl Scouts, Trail Life, or American Heritage Girls and want to earn the Protestant religious medallion for your level, please contact Beth Latshaw-Foti (elatshaw@earthlink.net). Holy Innocents' will be offering several programs beginning in January, and registrations are due January 5. Cost is \$16.50. For more information, please email Beth.

Class on Book of Revelation to Begin on January 5

Join Deacon Gary at this fascinating class in January! It focus on understanding the Book of Revelation, and will meet on the first and third Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Class concludes on April 6. This is the same curriculum that was taught on a Sunday morning this fall, so if you missed part of it or weren't able to participate then, you are welcome to be part of this class.

The Gathering Resumes on Wednesday, January 11

Mark your calendars for the first Gathering of 2017! Beautiful music and a new series on Epiphany will follow a great dinner. Children's choir and youth group will start up again that night as well.

Family Promise Event

Family Promise needs to raise \$25,000 by December 31. In order to try and meet that need, they have two upcoming fundraisers. Please consider attending to support his wonderful ministry that helps local homeless families.

Evening Out at "Painting with a Twist"

@ *Painting with a Twist* studio, 1993 Lumsden Road in Brandon
December 15 from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Paint a beautiful winter scene to hang in your home and fellowship with your friends while you do it! Go to www.paintingwithatwist.com/brandon and search for the event based on the date above. Cost is \$35.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Gathering - Wednesday, Dec. 14

Fill your body with warm soup and grilled cheese sandwiches, then share your voice when we carol in areas near the church! Afterwards, we will return to church for hot chocolate and fellowship.

Combined Service* & Farewell to Fr. Doug - Sunday, Dec. 18

We will worship at one combined service at 10:00 AM, then gather as a church family to say good-bye to Fr. Doug, Shannon, and their sons. Lunch will be potluck in the Parish Hall beginning at 11:30.

Longest Night Service - Wednesday, Dec. 21

This beautiful service starts at 7:00 PM and honors the struggles of anyone who has lost a loved one or experienced grief of any kind this year.

Christmas Eve - Saturday, Dec. 24

5:00 PM - Family Eucharist* 10:00 PM - Choral Prelude
10:30 PM - Festive Eucharist

Christmas Day - Sunday, Dec. 25

We will celebrate the birth of Christ at one 10:00 AM service.

New Year's Day - Sunday, Jan. 1*

We are back to the regular service times of 8:00 and 10:30 AM.

**Childcare provided*

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

December 11 Butch Hill Rachel Stone	<u>Birthdays</u> December 14 Henry Folkersen	December 16 Patricia Tyson Paulette Wong	<u>Anniversaries</u> December 17 Tracy & Rob Stone
December 12 Becky McAnallen	December 15 Audrey Cull Sebastian Rivera	December 17 Courtney Bailey Melissa Bailey	

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: **\$8,498**. Prior Week Budgeted Expenses: **\$9,560**. YTD Actual Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$398,269**. YTD Budgeted Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$423,948**. Thank you for keeping your financial commitments up to date.