

thisWEEK @ Holy Innocents'

Sunday, December 18

Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music)	Church	10:00 a.m.
Farewell Reception for Fr. Doug	Parish Hall	11:30 a.m.
Church of South India	Parish Hall	3:30 p.m.

Monday, December 19

Cub Scouts	Conf. Room	6:30 p.m.
Tiger Scouts	Kiser Hall	6:30 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.
Boy Scouts	Chapel	7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 20

Stitch Group	Kiser Hall	10:30 a.m.
Vestry Meeting	Conf. Room	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 21

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
Longest Night Service	Chapel	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 22

Centering Prayer	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 23

A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.
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Saturday, December 24 *Christmas Eve*

Altar Guild	Church	9:00 a.m.
Family Eucharist	Church	5:00 p.m.
Musical Prelude	Church	10:00 p.m.
Festive Eucharist	Church	10:30 p.m.

Due to the Christmas holiday, all submissions for the "News for the Pews" or "The Shield" for both Sunday, December 25, and Sunday, January 1, must be emailed to communications@hiepiscopal.org by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 21.



HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VALRICO, FLORIDA

TRANSFORMING LIVES, TRANSFORMING THE WORLD

News for the Pews † Sunday, December 18, 2016

This Morning's Loose Plate Offering Benefits Nets for Life

Today's loose plate offering goes to Nets for Life, a ministry in Africa that works to prevent the spread of malaria through the use of nets.

Christmas Flowers and Decorations Orders Due Today

If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Flowers and Decorations, please fill out a form on the table in the narthex and turn your check in today. Cost is \$20. Please note "Christmas Flowers" in your check's memo.

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

The church office will be closed from Saturday, December 24, through Sunday, January 1. We will reopen on Monday, January 2, at 8:00 a.m. 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 2016

All contributions must be received or post marked by December 31 in order to qualify for the 2016 tax year. *The church office will be closed December 24 through January 1* and will reopen on Monday, January 2, so please make sure you give yourself time to get your contributions delivered or post marked by December 31.

Offering Envelopes for 2017

If you ordered offering envelopes for 2017, they are available in the narthex today.

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.

STARTING IN JANUARY 2017

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.

Men's Bible Study Time Change

Beginning on Jan. 9, 2017, the Men's Bible Study will change the start time of their bible study to 7:30 p.m. They meet in the youth room on the second and fourth Mondays . All men are welcome to learn about God's word! Contact Rick Barfield at 813-741-9504 or rick811bar@aol.com with questions.

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.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

December 18

Don Bresett
Gary Teske

December 22

Logan Hacker
Parker Scharf

December 24

Aria Gonzales
Carl Thomas
Dorna Tracy

December 20

Kathy Vona

Anniversaries

December 22

Mary Jo & Kent
Gallamore

December 23

Ann & Dean Berger

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: **\$13,910**. Prior Week Budgeted Expenses: **\$9,560**. YTD Actual Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$411,714**. YTD Budgeted Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$442,600**. Thank you for keeping your financial commitments up to date.

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES



5:00 PM

Family Worship

Holy Eucharist with special music by our children's choir.

10:00 PM

Musical Prelude

Inspiring music offered by our Parish Choir, and Bell Choir.

10:30 PM

Festive Eucharist

Traditional Choral Eucharist with incense. Music led by our Parish Choir & Brass Ensemble.



10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist

Celebrate Christmas with your Holy Innocents' family

Feast of the Holy Innocents'

December 28

Noon
Holy Eucharist

All are invited to this feast day service.



Regular Worship Service Times

8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist (*No Music*)

10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist (*With Music*)