

Happenings at Holy Innocents' this week

Sunday December 22

Holy Eucharist & Rite I (Said Service)*	Church	8:00 a.m.
Newcomers Coffee	Rector's Office	9:15 a.m.
Children's Sunday School	Kiser Hall	9:30 a.m.
Adult Education Class*	Kiser Hall	9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	Youth Room	9:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II (With Music)*	Church	10:30 a.m.
Children & Youth Choir Practice	Choir Room	Noon
Children's Ministry Feedback Meeting	Prayer Room	1:00 p.m.
Youth Group Caroling	Youth Room	4:00 p.m.

Monday December 23

Tuesday December 24

PARISH OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON

Family Service*	Church	5:00 p.m.
Seasonal Music Before Service	Church	10:00 p.m.
Festive Eucharist with Incense	Church	10:30 p.m.

Wednesday December 25

Parish Office Closed

Christmas Day Eucharist	Church	9:00 a.m.
Meals on Wheels	Parish Hall	10:00 a.m.
Church of South India	Parish Hall	10:30 a.m.
No Noon Eucharist		

Thursday December 26

Parish Office Closed

Friday December 27

Parish Office Closed

Saturday December 28

Altar Guild	Church	9:00 a.m.
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Sunday December 29

Holy Eucharist & Rite I (Said Service)*	Church	8:00 a.m.
Newcomers Coffee	Rector's Office	9:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II (With Music)*	Church	10:30 a.m.
Youth Group Caroling	Youth Room	4:00 p.m.

*Childcare Available



Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church

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Sunday Morning
Adult Study

Adult Education Class Today at 9:30 a.m.

What is the "Kingdom of God" that has come near? Last class of the series presented by Deacon Gary Cartwright.



Sunday School
Excitement

Children's Sunday School – every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Godly Play wonderfully presents the rich stories of the Bible in such a way that a foundation is laid to enrich children's faith.

New Children's Ministry Feedback Meeting Today

We Want Your Feedback! A brief meeting at 1 p.m. in the prayer room to discuss the changes that have been implemented on Sunday mornings for our children. If you have young children or have feedback, please join us!

Youth Group Caroling is Tonight

The Youth will be caroling tonight at 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Pageant is for All Ages! Volunteers Needed

Helpers are needed at the Christmas Eve Family Service at 5:00 p.m. to prepare, gather participants, and clean up. Volunteers for readers and non-speaking parts are also needed. See Susan O'Carroll for more information. ocarrolls3@gmail.com or 941.232.6267.



Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24

5:00 PM - Family Service & Pageant (*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 the services.

Christmas Day


Wednesday, December 25

9:00 AM - Holy Eucharist


No Noon Eucharist




Church Office Closed for the Week After Christmas
 The office will be closed from Noon on December 24 through January 1. Should you have a pastoral emergency call the church office at 813-689-3130 and leave a message on the emergency voice mail.



Contribution Deadline for 2019
 All contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31 to qualify for the 2019 tax year. The church office will be closed December 25 through January 1. If you have any questions please contact Betty Shaw in the church office or email her at bookkeeper@hiepiscopal.org.



No Gathering on Wednesday 12/25-1/8
 The Gathering will resume on January 15th. The Gathering is an intergenerational evening of dinner, fellowship, worship, and study that invites anyone to attend and feel included. Childcare is available. *Dinner on January 15th is potluck. Please bring your favorite dish to share.*



Offering Envelopes for 2020
 If you ordered offering envelopes for 2020, they are available in the Narthex. If you would like to order offering envelopes, please contact Betty in the office.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES


Birthdays

- December 23**
Charlotte Snead
- December 25**
Naysa Robinson
- December 27**
Karen Godfrey
- December 24**
Ethan Snead
- December 26**
Katie Cappel
- December 28**
Judy Johnson


Anniversaries

- December 22**
Mary Jo & Kent Gallamore
- December 23**
Ann & Dean Berger
- December 28**
Jan & Jim Cary
Kathlene & Earl Hughes
Marion & Eugene Lenihan
Ruth & Steve Nowland
Ashley & Robert Routh


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




Vestry Position Openings
 Please consider representing your fellow parishioners on the Vestry. This opportunity is open to all men and women age 18 and older who have been active members in good standing for at least one year. For more information, please contact Fr. Bryan O'Carroll at rector@hiepiscopal.org or speak to Jeff Engerski.




A Thank you from Adopt A Family
 Thanks to your generosity, the Adopt A Family ministry was able to provide three gifts each to 21 children from 4 families, one a recently widowed mom of 4 boys, another, grandparents raising five children. We were also able to give each family \$175 in Publix gift cards. These families have transportation issues, and Publix is their only nearby source of fresh produce. Thank you for sharing Christ's love with them.
 Beth Siefert



Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed
 Do you enjoy fresh coffee and snacks on Sunday? We are in need of volunteers for the coffee hours. Please visit the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for available dates. Contact Georgia Macdonald at geomacd1@gmail.com or Amelie Barry at amelie.k.barry@gmail.com



The Feeding Ministry 1/11
 Join us as we start with our first Feeding Ministry outreach on January 11 at the Bread of Refuge in Brandon. The Feeding Ministry has room for many helping hands with setup, break down, cooking, service, transportation of food and equipment, cleaning, etc. Watch for additional information to follow. Please see Bill Cox at bcox1953@gmail.com or Amelie Barry at amelie.k.barry@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Choir Schedule Changes for December/January
 The Adult Choir and the Children and Youth Choir will break from rehearsals at the end of December. Rehearsals will resume January 9 for the adult Choir and January 12 for the Children's Choir. The Children and Youth Choir is open to all children grades 3 through 8. Rehearsals are on Sundays, 12:00-12:45 p.m. Contact Matt Swickey, Choir Director, if interested in joining the choir.

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.