

*this*WEEK @ Holy Innocents'

Sunday, December 23

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.

Monday, December 24

Family Service	Church	5:00 p.m.
AA Meeting	Parish Hall	6:45 p.m.
Seasonal Music before service	Church	10:00 p.m.
Festive Eucharist with Incense	Church	10:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day Eucharist	Parish Office Closed	
	Church	9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 26

Bread Ministry Pickup	Parish Office Closed	
Meals on Wheels	Parish Hall	6:30 a.m.
No Noon Eucharist	Parish Hall	10:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 27

	Parish Office Closed	
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Friday, December 28

A.A. Meeting	Parish Office Closed	
	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 29

Altar Guild	Church	9:00 a.m.
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Sunday, December 30

Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)	Church	8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist & Baptism, 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.

2019 Events Coming Up

January 9, Gathering Resumes

January 12, Church Work Day

January 13, Blood Drive

January 13, Children's Choir resumes

January 20-27, Family Promise Week

January 20, Loose Plate Benefits A Kids Place

January 23, Gathering Meal and Confirmation Service.

The Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith will be presiding over the service.

January 27, Combined Service 9:30 a.m., Annual Meeting 11:00

a.m. and a light lunch with potluck sides and desserts.

February 3, Youth Group Cuban Subs for Super Bowl

February 16, Vestry Retreat

April 6, Holy Innocents' Annual Golf Tournament



Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church

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News for the Pews † Sunday, December 23, 2018

Parish Development and Growth Committee Pledge Update



The Parish Development and Growth Committee (previously known as Stewardship) has reported substantial increases in the amount of pledging and the number of pledging units. This is great news for our coming year of ministry together. God has called us to even greater things here at Holy Innocents', and it is our joy to celebrate how God's generosity is working through his people so far, and we continue to pray for His complete provision for the work He has called us to in 2019.

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.

No Gathering on Wednesday, 12/12-1/2

The Gathering will resume on January 9th with a potluck dinner. Join us for an evening of fellowship, music, and worship.

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 card 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 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.



Offering Envelopes for 2019

If you ordered offering envelopes for 2019, they will be available in the Narthex. If you would like to order offering envelopes, please contact Betty in the office.



THORN Ministries Accepting Donations for Homeless

Help the homeless thru THORN Ministries. Donate travel size deodorant, toothpaste, bug repellent wipes, empty medicine bottles, plastic bags, and new men's underwear. Collection box in Narthex.



Dover Elementary School Needs Our Support

Donations needed of coats and gently used hoodies for students who have come from warm countries where winter clothes aren't needed, and Rice Krispies Treats for the attendance awards. Your generosity directly impacts the lives of children continuing God's work in the world!



Family Promise Volunteers

We will be hosting Family Promise in January. Save the dates 1/20-1/27 and watch for a volunteer sign up sheet in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

December 24

Aria Gonzalez

December 25

Naysa Robinson

December 26

Michele Wolf

December 27

Karen Godfrey

December 28

Judy Johnson

December 29

Myrna Younglove

James Sweat



Anniversaries

December 23

Ann & Dean Berger

December 28

Jim & Jan Cary

Marion & Eugene Lenihan

Ruth & Steve Nowland

Robert & Ashley 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@hiepiscope.org



Children and Youth Choir

Following their Christmas Eve pageant, the Children and Youth Choir will break from rehearsals. Rehearsals will resume January 13. 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 the Choir Director, Matthew Swickey, for more information at Music@hiepiscope.org.



Cursillo Reunion and Potluck Dinner

Saturday, January 12th beginning at 4 p.m. at 3604 Grand Magnolia Place, Valrico, FL 33596. A night of fellowship and discussion of ideas and plans for 2019. For questions contact, Kelle or Richard Schnabel 813-727-9770 or 813-410-1950



Church Repair Waterproofing Update

The company doing the sealing and caulking has completed sealing the brick with two coats of sealant, and the caulking of the windows continues. The roofing repairs have started and will take several weeks to finish.

2018 IRA Charitable Rollover

Have you taken your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for 2018?



If you are 70 1/2 yrs. or older, you can contribute to Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church directly from your traditional IRA simply by instructing the plan administrator to transfer directly to Holy Innocents' as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). You can transfer up to \$100,000 a year to the charities of your choice.

Your gift will be transferred directly to Holy Innocents', will not be reported as taxable income and will count toward your minimum distribution requirements for 2018.

Most importantly, your generous support will help further the work of Jesus Christ at Holy Innocents', transforming lives and transforming the world!

Contact your plan administrator for more information.

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.