

*this*WEEK @ Holy Innocents'

Sunday, December 4

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.
Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music)	Church	10:30 a.m.
Church of South India	Parish Hall	1:00 p.m.

Monday, December 5

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 6

Stitch Group	Kiser Hall	10:30 a.m.
St. Lawrence Guild	Kitchen	10:00 a.m.
Bereavement Ministry	Prayer Room	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7

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
The Gathering	Parish Hall	6:00 p.m.
St. Nicholas Children's Choir	Choir Room	7:00 p.m.
Youth Group	Youth Room	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 8

KidsPACK Delivery	Parish Hall	8:30 a.m.
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.
Women's Bible Study	Kiser Hall	7:00 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Conf. Room	8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 9

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

Altar Guild	Church	9:00 a.m.
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Submissions for the "News for the Pews" or "The Shield" must be emailed to communications@hiepiscope.org by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday.



HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VALRICO, FLORIDA

TRANSFORMING LIVES, TRANSFORMING THE WORLD

News for the Pews † Sunday, December 4, 2016

Community Eucharist at Wednesday's Gathering

Make our community Eucharist a part of your Advent journey. Be there for "Breakfast for Dinner," prepared by our Men's Ministry. Our St. Nicholas children's choir will go caroling after dinner, and our youth group will have their annual Christmas party. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m.

Annual Youth Christmas Party This Wednesday

The youth will hold their fun and fabulous annual Christmas party this Wednesday in the youth room during the Gathering at 7:00 p.m. Youth are asked to bring a wrapped gift for a baby or child up to one year of age. Gifts will be donated to Alpha House, a home for pregnant women and their children in need. This will be our last youth group event of 2016.

Angel Tree & Adopt-a-Family Wrapped Gifts are Due December 11

If you took an ornament from either of the trees in the narthex, please remember that your wrapped gift is due next Sunday. Please turn them in to the narthex. If you would like to help deliver the presents for the Angel Tree ministry, please contact Cheryl Massaro at 813-634-0701.

Christmas Flowers and Decorations

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 on Sunday, December 18

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

Helping Local People in Need this Holiday Season

Our church typically receives many requests for assistance during the weeks leading up to Christmas. If you have a desire to help those in need in our community, please consider making a donation to the pastor's discretionary fund. Checks can be made out to the church with "discretionary fund" in the memo.

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

If the Book of Revelation has always interested you but you don't know how to start interpreting it, join Deacon Gary at his class in January! It 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.

Family Promise Events

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.

Christmas Cookie Sale & Silent Auction

@ Boys & Girls Club, 213 Knights Avenue in Brandon
TODAY from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Let other local bakers make your holiday cookies this year! Come and shop from many different varieties. Buy your favorites and try some new ones! There will also be a silent auction with great Christmas gifts.

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.



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.hiepiscopal.org and click on the Amazon link on our homepage.

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 p.m. 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

<u>Birthdays</u>		<u>Anniversaries</u>	
December 4	December 7	December 8	December 4
Ann Katschka	Matthew Elder	Mary Jo Gallamore	Liz & Denny Kuba
Michael Marrin	William Maloney	John Matheny	December 7
December 6	Kathy Woodard	December 9	Barbara & Noel Ritch
Katie Pope		Jennifer Notel	

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: **\$5,720**. Prior Week Budgeted Expenses: **\$9,560**. YTD Actual Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$390,832**. YTD Budgeted Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$415,296**. Thank you for keeping your financial commitments up to date.