

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 6

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (<i>no music</i>)	Church	8:00 a.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	9:50 a.m.
Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (<i>with music</i>)	Church	10:30 a.m.
St. Nicholas Celebration	Parish Hall	12:00 noon
Pray Program	Kiser Hall	2:00 p.m.

Monday, December 7

Healing Prayer Team	Chapel	7:00 p.m.
Scouting Groups	Parish/Kiser Halls	7:00 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8

KidsPack	Parish Hall	8:30 a.m.
Stitch Group	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.
Vestry Meeting	Conf. Room	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9

Bread Ministry Pickup	Parish Hall	7:00 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.
Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	7:00 p.m.
Youth Group	Youth Room	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 10

KidsPACK Loading & Delivering	Parish Hall	8:30 a.m.
Centering Prayer	Chapel	2:00 p.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	7:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Church	7:00 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Kiser Hall	8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 11

A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.
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Saturday, December 12

Floor Waxing	Parish Hall	All Day
Altar Guild	Church	9:00 a.m.

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 6, 2015

Feast of St. Nicholas is Today!

Come to the Parish Hall at noon today to learn all about the history of St. Nicholas. You can shop, snack, and celebrate the season all at the same time!

Congratulations to Deacon Daniel Lemley

Daniel Lemley was ordained as a Deacon yesterday at the Cathedral in St. Pete. He is a member of Holy Innocents', and previously served as our Youth Ministry Coordinator. We congratulate him, and welcome him to the pulpit this morning!

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 20, to have your contribution noted in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

Tickets for Plant City Community Chorale Concert On Sale This Morning

Let the PCCC sing you into the Christmas spirit at their concert on Saturday! It will be held in the church beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale this morning for the cost of \$12/adult and \$10/senior or child. Tickets will cost more at the door so get them now!

Mission Planning Meeting Scheduled For December 17

Anyone wanting to find out more about summer mission trips should attend this meeting at 7 p.m. on December 17 in the conference room. Options and dates will be discussed. Please call Pat Magnant at 727-365-2300 with questions.

"Gathering" Schedule for December

This Wednesday's Gathering is a potluck feast! Join us not just for the wonderful comfort food, but for the beautiful music and great discussion. Email Sherry Roithmayr at sherylyn21@aol.com to let her know what dish you will contribute. Youth will hold their Christmas party at 7:00 on Wednesday in the youth room, and are asked to bring a new and wrapped baby present to contribute to a Tampa women's shelter.

Wednesday, December 16, is our annual Christmas Gathering, featuring our children doing the "Very Best Christmas Pageant Ever". Don't miss it!



ALTERNATIVE GIVING FOR CHRISTMAS

The following are ministries that you can support this Christmas through your alternative giving. Monetary donations can also be made to each of these ministries by placing a check made out to Holy Innocents' in the offering plate and noting the ministry you wish to support in the memo.



Adopt-a-Family: Provides Christmas presents to local children in need. Take a tag from the Adopt-a-Family tree in the narthex, and bring back the wrapped present next Sunday, December 13. Contact Beth Seifert (689-0619) or George Sledge (689-6997) with questions.



Angel Tree: Provides Christmas present to local children who have at least one parent incarcerated. Take a tag from the Angel Tree tree in the narthex, and bring back the wrapped present next Sunday, December 13. Contact Cheryl Massaro (634-0701) with questions.



A Kid's Place: Provides yearlong housing to abused, abandoned, and neglected children. Consider making a donation of much-needed supplies for this facility. They currently need paper towels, paper plates, 13-gallon trash bags, toilet paper, and laundry detergent pods. Place all donations in "A Kid's Place" box in narthex. Contact Beth Seifert (689-0619) with questions.

CHRISTMAS GIVING THAT SUPPORTS HOLY INNOCENTS'



Memorial Pavers: A unique way to honor your loved one is to purchase a paver for our memorial garden. To order a memorial paver, fill out one of the forms in the narthex and return it with your check to the church office. You may also buy a paver on our website at www.hiepiscopal.org. Contact Bill Cox (391-6292) with questions.



AmazonSmile Program: Holy Innocents' is eligible to receive a percentage of your Amazon purchases through the AmazonSmile program. To date, we have received over \$2000 just by parishioners purchasing items this way! Go to www.hiepiscopal.org and click on the Amazon link on our homepage. Once you have followed these instructions just one time, you will always be set up to give to Holy Innocents' as long as you access Amazon using smile.amazon.com.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Next Sunday, December 13
9:15 a.m. ♦ Parish Hall

Come and be part of our Year-End Congregational Meeting. At our Annual Meeting last January, Fr. Doug spoke of this year as a "transitional year," a year of redevelopment and reflection. This year-end meeting will be a time to review this past year, but also look ahead at the goals for 2016 and beyond. Topics for the meeting include:

- ♦ Will our budget be able to support these goals?
- ♦ What are the plans for the completion of Kiser Hall?
- ♦ What are the next steps for Youth and Family Ministries?

Please join us and hear about the exciting future ahead for Holy Innocents'!

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

December 6
Katie Pope

December 7
Matthew Elder
William Maloney
Kathy Woodard

December 8
Mary Jo Gallamore
John Matheny

December 9
Jennifer Notel

December 11
Butch Hill
Becky McAnallen
Rachel Stone

Anniversaries

December 7
Barbara & Noel Ritch

We apologize if your birthday or anniversary is this week and it is not listed. Please contact the church office at 813.689.3130 to update your information in our system.

FINANCIALS

How are we doing financially? Prior Week Actual Revenue: **\$8,410**. Prior Week Budgeted Expenses: **\$9,426**. YTD Actual Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$402,206**. YTD Budgeted Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$399,547**. Thank you for keeping your financial commitments up to date.