

thisWEEK @ Holy Innocents'

Sunday, September 3

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| Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music) | Church | 8:00 a.m. |
| Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music) | Church | 10:30 a.m. |
| Church of South India | Parish Hall | 1:00 p.m. |
| Crown Do Well Study | Kiser Hall | 5:00 p.m. |

Monday, September 4 *Office Closed for Labor Day*

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| Plant City Community Choir Rehearsal | Church | 6:30 p.m. |
| Cub Scouts | Conf. Room | 6:30 p.m. |
| Wolves | Kiser Hall | 6:30 p.m. |
| A.A. Meeting | Choir Room | 6:45 p.m. |
| Boy Scouts | Youth Room | 7:00 p.m. |

Tuesday, September 5

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| St. Lawrence Guild | Kitchen | 10:00 a.m. |
| Stitch Group | Kiser Hall | 10:30 a.m. |
| Parish Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room | 7:00 p.m. |

Wednesday, September 6

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| Bread Ministry Pickup | Parish Hall | 6:45 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, September 7

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| Adventures in Faith and Science | Parish Hall | 2:00 p.m. |
| Daisy Troop | Youth Room | 5:45 p.m. |
| Handbell Choir | Church | 7:00 p.m. |
| A.A. Meeting | Parish Hall | 8:00 p.m. |

Friday, September 8

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| A.A. Meeting | Choir Room | 10:30 a.m. |
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Saturday, September 9

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| Altar Guild | Church | 9:00 a.m. |
| Scrapbooking | Parish Hall | 6:00 p.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, September 3, 2017

Young People's Worship

Any child age three and older is welcome to come to Young People's Worship during the 10:30 service for teaching and activities. It's a great way to help our youngest members learn all about Jesus on their level!

Church Office Closed Tomorrow

In honor of Labor Day, the church office will be closed tomorrow. We will reopen on Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. If you experience a pastoral emergency, call the church office and leave a message in the emergency voice mailbox.

Music Ministry Starts Up This Week

For the latest details on choirs for both children and adults, please see the announcements on page 3.

The Gathering Is Back on Wednesday!

It's finally here! The Gathering returns this Wednesday for a new season of food, fellowship, worship, and teaching. This week will feature food from La Septima, a celebration of Deacon Gary's ministry, and a community Eucharist. *We need volunteers to sign up to help with meals each Wednesday evening. Make it fun and have a ministry or church group that you are a part of host an evening together!* Sign up now in the Parish Hall.

New Faith & Science Study Starts This Thursday

The new study is open to everyone and is all about spiral dynamics. Why do people do what they do? Why do people make decisions in different ways? Why do people respond differently to the same events? Spiral dynamics is a psychological approach that offers insights into people's worldviews, and how these shape values and drive behavior. It's a way of understanding human nature and how to respond to one another. An overview will be held on Thursday, September 7, at 2:00 p.m.

Deadline to Purchase Tickets Fr. Steve's Celebration is September 10

The celebration of 50 years of ministry for Fr. Steve is September 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Dinner is an Italian feast for \$5/person with a cap of \$15/family. Buy your tickets online or in the narthex. *You must buy your ticket in advance; there will be no sales at the door on 9/23. Deadline to purchase tickets is Sept. 10.* There are a limited number of tickets and they are going fast!

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth Webpage Update

We have redone the Youth Ministries webpage to include all sorts of upcoming events, medical forms, PowerPoints from the youth kick off meeting for the year, and even a Matthew West video that is serving as our theme for the year! Check it out at www.hiepiscope.org/youth-ministries.

Acolyte Festival

The annual acolyte festival will be on Saturday, September 16, at the Cathedral in St. Pete. If you want to attend, please contact Mr. or Mrs. Pergola (mvpjimp@yahoo.com) or Deacon Art (ahollows@verizon.net).

Youth Going to Matthew West Concert

All middle and high school students (including rising 6th graders) are invited to attend this concert on October 6 in Lakeland. Tickets are \$12 if you purchase them in advance through the youth group. You must pay for your ticket(s) by September 7 in order to get the discounted rate. We also need several chaperones who are current on their "Safeguarding God's Children" certification. This can be done online. Questions? Contact Melinda Carr (melindaj3@verizon.net) or Kelle Schnabel (kelle.schnabel@gmail.com).

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Relief Efforts Underway to Help Victims of Hurricane Harvey

Please see today's insert for ways that you can donate. If you would prefer to donate through the church, please make your check out to Holy Innocents' and note "Harvey" in the memo.

Dining Out to Support Family Promise

Eat dinner at Applebee's in Brandon on Monday, September 11, and 10% of the proceeds will be donated to Family Promise! Take the flyer that will be distributed next week and give it to your server when you dine any time between 4-9 p.m. Get a great meal and help Family Promise at the same time!

Pictures of Fr. Steve

Do you have any pictures of Fr. Steve from the years when he served as Rector? Please scan and email them to Jeremy Rudacille at jsrudacille@gmail.com.

Submissions Being Accepted for Veterans' Book

At Holy Innocents', we keep a record of all of our congregation members who are military veterans. If you have served in our armed forces and have not yet submitted your information to be included in our book, please contact Pat Magnant at patm@myitperson.com for specifics on what to submit or submit your information through our website. We will be publishing an updated book soon and want to include all veterans!

MUSIC MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Choir Begins Fall Rehearsal Schedule on Tuesday, Sept. 5



We are always looking and listening for new singers. Give us a try! We are a fun-loving group that may love wine and cheese (and music!) just a little bit much. We rehearse Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and warm up on Sunday mornings prior to the 10:30 a.m. service.

St. Nicholas Children's Choir Starts Practices on Wednesday, Sept. 6



The choir is open to children who are able to read, and they usually stay with us until they are of age to join the youth group. We train with the Royal School of Church Music curriculum, encouraging our youngsters to engage in worship and song. We meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 on in the choir room following the dinner and music portion of the Gathering.

Bell Choir Returns to Worship on October 1



This choir meets on Thursdays at 7:00 PM in the church to make beautiful music. Contact Rona Matheny at ronamathey@msn.com to participate.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

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| September 3 Robin DeHate | September 8 Jimmy Pareja |
| September 7 Mary Ellen Hill Alice Newell Luke Pergola Terry Woodard | |

Anniversaries

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| September 3 Lissa & Bill Davenport Nancy & Angelo Ippolito |
| September 4 Diana & Larry Lewandowski |
| September 9 Cindy & Mike Overstreet |

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: **\$4,895**. Prior Week Budgeted Expenses: **\$8,474**. YTD Actual Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$262,985**. YTD Budgeted Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$254,184**. Thank you for keeping your financial commitments up to date.