

thisWEEK @ Holy Innocents'

Sunday, December 10

Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)	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.
Crown Do Well Study	Kiser Hall	5:00 p.m.

Monday, December 11

Plant City Community Choir Meeting	Nursery	5:45 p.m.
Plant City Community Choir Rehearsal	Church	6:30 p.m.
Cub Scouts	Conf. Room	6:30 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.
Boy Scouts	Parish Hall	7:00 p.m.
Men's Bible Study	Youth Room	7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12

Stitch Group	Kiser Hall	10:30 a.m.
Vestry Meeting	Conf. Room	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13

Bread Ministry Pickup	Parish Hall	6:45 a.m.
Meals on Wheels	Parish Hall	10:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist	Chapel	12:00 noon
Christmas Gathering	Parish Hall	6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 14

KidsPACK Loading & Delivery	Parish Hall	8:30 a.m.
Centering Prayer	Chapel	2:00 p.m.
Daisy Troop	Kiser Hall	5:45 p.m.
Parish Choir	Choir Room	7:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir	Church	7:00 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Conf. Room	8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 15

Rachel's Guild	Parish Hall	9:30 a.m.
A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 16

Altar Guild	Church	9:00 a.m.
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News for the Pews † Sunday, December 10, 2017

Angel Tree & Adopt-a-Family Wrapped Gifts Due Today

All wrapped gifts are due this morning!

Adopt-a-Family: If you forgot your wrapped gift, contact George Sledge (813-689-6997) or Beth Seifert (813-689-0619) immediately.

Angel Tree: If you forgot your wrapped gift, please contact Cheryl Massaro (813-634-0701) to make arrangements to turn it in.

Gifts for both outreach opportunities are being delivered soon, so if you took an ornament but did not turn in your gift, please make arrangements with the coordinators to do so ASAP.

Newcomers' Coffee Is This Morning

New at Holy Innocents'? Been around for a while but have questions about the church? You are welcome to the Newcomers' Coffee today at 9:15 a.m. in the Rector's Office. If you missed the coffee or if you have any questions about Holy Innocents', contact Pat Magnant at patm@myitperson.com.

Annual Christmas Gathering is This Wednesday, December 13



Join your Holy Innocents' family for the final Gathering of 2017. We will enjoy a dinner of pizza and festive strawberry walnut salad. Make this special evening part of your Advent journey!

Christmas Flowers and Decorations Orders Due Next Sunday



If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Flowers and Decorations, please fill out a form on the narthex table. Suggested donation is \$20. Please note "Christmas Flowers" in the memo if you write a check. You must have your form in by next Sunday, December 17, to have your contribution noted in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

Offering Envelopes for 2018

If you ordered offering envelopes for 2018, they will be available in the narthex starting next Sunday, December 17.

Submissions for the "News for the Pews" or "The Shield" must be emailed to communications@hiepiscopal.org by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

looking ahead

TO ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Join us for the Christmas Gathering at 6:00 p.m.! Our youth will do a Christmas pageant called "A Home of Their Own" that they wrote. (This is what we need the fast food containers for!) EVERYONE is invited to be a part of it! If you want to participate, rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:45 in the youth room. If you can't come to rehearsals, parts will be available on the day of the pageant so you can still participate. All young people are encouraged to dress up as a shepherd, angel, or animal and be part of the cast even if they can't come to rehearsal. Contact Kelle Schnabel (813-727-9770) with questions.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

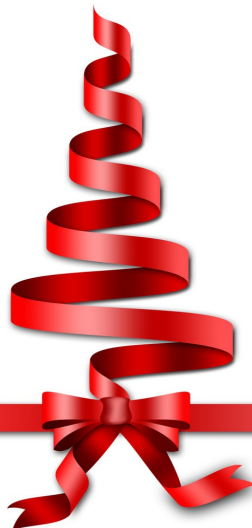
We will have one combined service of worship on Christmas Eve morning at 10:00 a.m. This service will have music and will feature Rite I liturgy. There will be two services of worship on Christmas Eve. The first is a family-oriented Holy Eucharist at 5:00 p.m. The second is a traditional service of Holy Eucharist beginning at 10:30 p.m. (with incense). That service is preceded by a carol prelude beginning at 10:00 p.m. All services are in the church. Childcare will only be available for the 5:00 service that evening.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

We will have our annual service of worship on Christmas at 10:00 a.m. There will not be childcare offered during this service, but children are welcome to be in worship!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

We will resume our regular worship services at their normal times on the last Sunday of the year. Join us for worship at 8:00 or 10:30 a.m.



FINISHING 2017 & BEGINNING 2018

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 envelope.

Church Office Closed for the Week after Christmas

The church office will be closed from Saturday, December 23, through Monday, January 1. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, at 8:00 a.m. Should you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please call the church office at 813-689-3130 and leave a message on the emergency voice mail.

Contribution Deadline for 2017

All contributions must be received or post marked by December 30 in order to qualify for the 2017 tax year. (December 31 is the normal deadline but as this is a Sunday, there will be no mail that day.) *The church office will be closed December 23 through January 1 and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2.* Any contributions received at the church office through the end of the month, including in the offering plate on Sunday, December 31, will be counted in the 2017 giving records. If you have any questions about this, please contact Betty Shaw in the church office.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

December 11

Butch Hill
Rachel Stone

December 12

Becky McAnallen

December 14

Henry Folkersen

December 15

Audrey Cull
Sebastian Rivera

December 16

Patricia Tyson
Paulette Wong

*We apologize if your birthday or anniversary is not listed.
Please call the office to update your information.*

FINANCIALS

How are we doing financially? Prior Week Actual Revenue: **\$11,444**. Prior Week Budgeted Expenses: **\$8,474**. YTD Actual Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$381,714**. YTD Budgeted Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$366,324**. Thank you for keeping your financial commitments up to date.