

# thisWEEK @ Holy Innocents'

## Sunday, December 16

Holy Eucharist, Rite II (no music)	Church	8:00 a.m.
Advent Class with Fr. Bryan	Parish Hall	9:15 a.m.
Newcomers Coffee	Kiser Hall	9:15 a.m.
Mission and Outreach Meeting	Conference Room	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.

## Loose Plate Benefits: Nets For Life

## Monday, December 17

Cub Scouts Den 7	Conference	6:30 p.m.
Cubs Scouts Den 3	Youth Room	6:30 p.m.
Wolves Den 2	Kiser Hall #2	6:30 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop 109	Parish Hall	7:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, December 18

Stitch Group	Kiser Hall	10:30 a.m.
Girl Scouts Troop #3212	Parish Hall	5:00 p.m.
Brotherhood of St. Andrew	Parish Hall	7:00 p.m.
Life Lessons from Acts, Women's Bible Study	Kiser Hall #3	7:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, December 19

Bread Ministry Pickup	Parish Hall	6:30 a.m.
Meals on Wheels	Parish Hall	10:00 a.m.
Noon Holy Eucharist	Chapel	Noon

## Thursday, December 20

KidsPACK, Loading & Delivery	Parish Hall	8:30 a.m.
Handbell Choir	Sanctuary	7:00 p.m.
Parish Choir rehearsal	Choir room	7:00 p.m.

## Friday, December 21

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

## Saturday, December 22

Altar Guild	Church	9:00 a.m.
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## 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 & 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.



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## News for the Pews † Sunday, December 16, 2018



### Pledge & Transforming Generosity Update

Total pledges received to date: 131 pledges for a total of \$437,746.

Considering all sources of revenue (i.e., Building use, loose plate, non-pledge donations), we are still short of our revenue goals (which includes a full-time Youth Minister) for 2019. We are still requesting a pledge from all members who have not submitted a pledge card. *If you have not turned in your pledge for 2019, please prayerfully consider submitting your pledge today.*

### 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 Wednesday, 12/19–1/2

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

### Christmas Flower Order Forms Due Today

Order forms are located on the table in the Narthex. Flowers can be ordered in memory of or in thanksgiving for a family member. Cost is \$20. Please note "Christmas Flowers" in your check's memo line. Flowers can be picked up on Sunday, December 30, after the services. People who attend the 8:00 a.m. service will be able to pick their flowers up in the Narthex after the 8:00 service.

### Today's Loose plate Offering Benefits Nets for Life

Consider giving the gift of life this Christmas, and donate to this important ministry. If you would like to write a check, please make it out to Holy Innocents' and note "Nets for Life" in the memo.

### Newcomers Coffee Today

New to Holy Innocents'? Join us for Newcomers Coffee in the Rectors office at 9:15. Bring your questions and meet a few of our members.



### 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.



### Offering Envelopes for 2019

If you ordered offering envelopes for 2019, they will be available in the Narthex starting next Sunday, December 16. If you would like to order offering envelopes, please contact Betty in the office.



### THORN Ministries Accepting Donations for Homeless

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



### Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for keeping us in your thoughts and especially your prayers.

On Wednesday, Dec 5, Lea had her 90 day PET/CAT scan at Moffitt and on Thursday, Dec 6, her Doctor gave us the GREAT news that our Father and his Son along with the Holy Spirit has put this disease in total remission!! Lea will be monitored for at least another couple of years. *Lea and Vince Gallagher.*



### Thank you from the Meals On Wheels Team

For your generous donations of boxes and "box stuffers." We packed and wrapped 50 boxes for our Meals on Wheels clients who will receive them next week, Monday, 12/17.

## THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

<b>December 16</b>	<b>December 18</b>
Paulette Wong	Don Bresett
Patricia Tyson	Gary Teske
<b>December 17</b>	<b>December 19</b>
Courtney Bailey	Jen Notel
Melissa Bailey	<b>December 20</b>
	Kathy Vona

### Anniversaries

<b>December 17</b>
Tracy & Rob Stone
<b>December 22</b>
Mary Jo & Kent Gallamore

*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@hiepiscopal.org](mailto:office@hiepiscopal.org)*

### Dover Elementary School Needs Our Support

Donations needed of Rice Krispie Treats for the attendance awards; or gently used hoodies and coats for students who have come from warm countries where winter clothes aren't needed. Your generosity directly impacts the lives of children continuing God's work in the world! Thank You! Collection box is in the Narthex.

## FINISHING 2018

### 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.



## 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.
- February 3, Youth Group Cuban Subs for Super Bowl
- February 16, Vestry Retreat
- April 6, Holy Innocents' Annual Golf Tournament

*Submissions for the "News for the Pews" or "The Shield" must be emailed to [office@hiepiscopal.org](mailto:office@hiepiscopal.org) by 4:00 p.m. on Monday for the following Sunday publications.*