

Happenings at Holy Innocents' this week

Sunday December 8 ANGEL TREE & ADOPT A FAMILY GIFTS DUE

Holy Eucharist & Rite I (Said Service)*	Church	8:00 a.m.
Children's Sunday School	Kiser Hal	9:30 a.m.
Adult Education Class*	Kiser Hal	9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	Youth Room	9:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II (With Music)*	Church	10:30 a.m.
Children & Youth Choir Practice	Choir Room	Noon
Youth Group	Youth Room	5:00 p.m.

Monday December 9

Cub Scouts Den 2, 3 & 7 Pack 690	Conference Room	6:30 p.m.
Scout Troops 109 & 901	Parish Hall & Youth Room	7:00 p.m.
Men's Christ Revealed Group	Prayer Room	7:30 p.m.

Tuesday December 10

Kids Pack Packing	Parish Hall	9:00 a.m.
Stitch Group	Kiser Hall	10:30 a.m.
Dover Elementary Mentoring Visit	Dover	11:00 a.m.
Ongoing Grief Support Group	Prayer Room	12:30 p.m.
Daisy Troop 3217	Kiser Hall #2	4:45 a.m.
Brownie Troop 3212	Parish Hall	6:00 p.m.
Vestry Meeting	Conference Room	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday December 11

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

Thursday December 12

KidsPACK delivery	Parish Hall	8:30 a.m.
Centering Prayer	Chapel	2:00 p.m.
Handbell & Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	7:00 p.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	7:00 p.m.

Friday December 13

Grief in the Holidays Hospice	Parish Hall	6:00 p.m.
Girl Scout Troop 33000	Kiser Hall	7:30 p.m.

Saturday December 14

Angel Tree Party	Parish Hall	11:00 a.m.
Altar Guild	Church	9:00 a.m.

Sunday December 15

Holy Eucharist & Rite I (Said Service)*	Church	8:00 a.m.
Children's Sunday School	Kiser Hall	9:30 a.m.
Adult Education Class*	Kiser Hall	9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	Youth Room	9:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II (With Music)*	Church	10:30 a.m.
Children & Youth Choir Practice	Choir Room	Noon
Lessons & Carols	Church	4:00 p.m.
Youth Group Christmas Party	Elder Family Home	5:00 p.m.

*Childcare Available



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Sunday Morning
Adult Study

An Advent Study, The Introduction to the Kingdom of God Adult Education Classes Today 12/8 at 9:30 a.m.

What is the "Kingdom of God" that has come near? We will look at God's presence with his people from the time of the Exodus until after Jesus' resurrection and beyond.



SUNDAY SCHOOL
with a touch of
excitement!

Children's Sunday School – every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Kiser Hall Classroom One

Godly Play wonderfully presents Baptism, Communion, the Liturgical Year, and the rich stories of the Bible in such a way that a foundation is laid to enrich children's faith not only now but through the years ahead. The Godly Play culture creates an atmosphere in which stillness, readiness, storytelling, and wonder become the holy ground wherein an encounter with God takes place.

The Gathering Wednesday, 12/11

The Gathering is an intergenerational evening of dinner, fellowship, worship, and study that invites anyone to attend and feel included. Childcare is available. Dinner is La Septima please bring your favorite dessert to share. We then transition to a lesson of intergenerational study. All ages are welcome to join us.

Grief in the Holidays Workshop Friday, 12/13

Friday, 12/13 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Grief Counselor Teresa Crock MSW from LifePath Hospice provides some gentle guidance and suggestions for helping you better cope with your grief during the Holiday Season.

Angel Tree Gift Giving Party Saturday, 12/14

Join us for the Angel Tree Party, where we will be giving the families their gifts! Saturday, December 14, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Volunteers are needed to help with the tree decorating, serving the meal, arts, and crafts for the kids. For more information, contact Cheryl Massaro or Deb Middleton.

Christmas Flowers and Decorations Order Forms Available Now

Flowers can be ordered in memory of or in thanksgiving of a family member. The cost is \$25. Please note "Christmas Flowers" in your check's memo line. Orders are due by 12/15.



Lessons and Carols Service 12/15 at 4 p.m.

Join our Organist, Matt Swickey, and the Holy Innocents' Choir at 4:00 p.m. as we move from the season of Advent into Christmastide. Experience the joy and mystery of Jesus' birth in the retelling of the story interwoven with carols.



Youth Group Christmas Party, 12/15

The Youth Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, December 15th at the Elder's home from 5-7 PM. There will be an Ugly Sweater contest (not mandatory) and a White Elephant gift exchange (bring a wrapped gift \$10 or under). Please bring a festive side or dessert to share. See Mrs. Morgan for an invitation with the Elder's address and more information.



Thank You to our Holy Innocents family for your generosity during our annual Shoeboxes for Shut-Ins Christmas gift drive. With your donations, we were able to fill and wrap 64 shoeboxes for Meals On Wheels clients at our pack and wrap event on November 23. Special thanks to all who packed and wrapped. Together we are making a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need. Thank you, Donna Marrin

Vestry Position Openings: Are You the Missing Piece of the Puzzle?



Please consider representing your fellow parishioners on the Vestry. This opportunity is open to all men and women age 18 and older who have been active members in good standing for at least one year. For more information, please contact Fr. Bryan O'Carroll at rector@hiepiscopal.org or speak to Jeff Engerski.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

December 8

Mary Jo Gallamore

December 11

Quentin Hill

Rachel Stone

December 12

Rebecca McAnallen

December 14

Henry Folkersen

Ray Bilinski



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



Narrative Budget/ Pledge Drive Update 12/8/19

As of this week, we have received 130 pledges totaling \$446,179. That is an increase over last week's total of \$407,246. The Narrative budget, our 2020 expenses, will total \$663,785.

Consider that in 2019, we established our youth and family ministry under Morgan Brownlee, expanded our mission and outreach programs, and made upgrades and improvements to our facilities. Many people in our community visited Holy Innocents', eight new families have joined the parish, most with young children. Participation in worship is increasing on Sunday as well as in the Wednesday Gathering.

We recognize the challenge in continuing our commitment to shine the light of Christ through our worship, welcoming, pastoral care, and ministry to the broader community.

If you have not already pledged, please prayerfully consider your financial participation in answering the call God has placed on our community.

Faithfully,
Jim White,
Parish Development Commission

Local Mission Project, 12/15 at 1:00

All interested parties are invited to attend a planning meeting for our new feeding ministry. We will meet on Sunday, December 15, at 1:00p.m. in Kiser Hall, Room 3.



Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24

5:00 PM* - Family Service *Childcare Available*

10:00 PM - Seasonal Music Before Service

10:30 PM - Festive Eucharist with Incense

Two beautiful Christmas Eve services to honor the birth of Jesus. The choir will be accompanied by a brass quartet at both services.

Wednesday, December 25 **Christmas Day**

9:00 AM - Holy Eucharist

No Noon Eucharist

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