



Annual 8:00 am Pro-Life Mass on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28th, is traditionally followed by a Rosary Procession



Traditional Latin Mass is celebrated at Holy Innocents every day of the week: Mon-Fri 6 pm, Saturday 1 pm, Sunday 10:30 am



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Originally placed in St. Patrick's Cathedral, this beautiful painting was brought to Holy Innocents in 1935

2000 Hail Marys Devotion is held on the 2nd Saturday of every month



MASS SCHEDULE

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Weekdays (Monday-Friday):

7:30 am, 8:00 (Latin – only during Lent)
12:15 pm, 1:15, 6:00 (Latin)

Saturday: 12 Noon (only on 2nd Saturdays),
1:00 pm (Latin), 4:00 pm (Vigil for Sunday)

Sunday: 10:30 am (Latin), 12:30 pm,
1:35 pm (Español – primer domingo de mes)

The Liturgy of the Hours (Mid-day Prayer):

Monday & Friday at 12 Noon

Vespers: Sunday at 2:30 pm

Holy Rosary: Tue., Wed. & Thu. at 12 Noon,
Mon-Fri 5:20 pm, Sat 12:40 pm, Sun 2:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Weekdays, following the 1:15 pm Mass
concluded with *Benediction* at 5:45 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Weekdays at 3:00 pm

Confession (Reconciliation):

Fridays 12 Noon - 2:00 pm, 5:30 - 6:00 pm
Sat. & Sun. 1/2 hr before every Mass

Mass in Honor of Unborn Children:

First Monday of every month at 12:15 pm

Mass for the Sick:

First Friday of every month at 12:15 pm

First-Friday All-Night Prayer Vigil :

Begins 7pm – ends with a 5 am Mass Saturday

** See weekly Bulletin & web for the current schedule
esp. on Holy-days of Obligation and Public holidays*

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HOLY INNOCENTS

~ The Church of Life & Devotion ~

The Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Innocents is located in *Crossroads of the World* in New York's historic Garment & Fashion District in midtown Manhattan, between Times Square and Herald Square. Founded 150 years ago, in 1866, the parish is in one of the busiest commercial centers in the world. The Table of Christ inspires faith, and brings together workers and artisans, locals and tourists, the old and the young, and the rich and the poor. The Pro-Life ministry of Holy Innocents reaches out to the four corners of the world.

HISTORIC & TRADITIONAL!

Holy Innocents is a diverse, historic and traditional community which is celebrating the 150th Anniversary of its founding

The Parish of the Holy Innocents was founded in November 1866, just as the Civil War ended. Then Archbishop McCloskey of New York decided that new churches were needed to serve the large numbers of immigrants that were entering the City from Europe. He asked an Irish-born priest, Fr. John Larkin, to found this church in what was still a semi-rural area of Manhattan.

Father Larkin bought a piece of property owned by the *Episcopal Chapel of the Holy Innocents*. And the new Catholic parish retained the name. A new church building, which stands to this date, was constructed during the period 1869-70.

By the early 1900's, the area was known for newspaper publishing (*The Herald*) and theaters. The Holy Innocents was then called the "Actors' Chapel". Eugene O'Neill, the playwright, was baptized in the church in 1888. Entertainer Jimmy Durante was married here in 1921.

By World War I, sweeping commercial changes had replaced the tenements and rooming houses by imposing office buildings and factories. Holy Innocents had become a spiritual oasis for a vast number of workers in the *Garment Center*. When America entered World War II, the area had become an international fashion center.



Called the Return Crucifix because a soldier, seeking a return to faith, stopped here to say a prayer before going off to World War I. After the war, he entered a monastery in France.

This Crucifix is arguably the most adored Crucifix in the New York city; before it, many have found salvation.

THE SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

is dedicated in memory of the children who have died unborn, and consoles their families



Often children who have died before birth have no grave or headstone, and sometimes not even a name. The Church of the Holy Innocents invites you to name your child(ren) and to have the opportunity to have your baby's name inscribed in our *Book of Life*. Here, a candle is always lit in their memory. All day long people stop by to pray. On the first Monday of every month, our 12:15 pm Mass is celebrated in honor of these children and for the consolation of their families. You will find peace in knowing that your child(ren) will be remembered at this Shrine and honored by all who pray here. The Shrine was dedicated by John Cardinal O'Connor in 1993 on the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

CLERGY

Fr. Leonard F. Villa, *Pastor*
Fr. Louis M. Van Thanh, *Parochial Vicar*

In Residence:

Fr. Oliver Chanama

Visiting Clergy:

Fr. Jim Goode, O.F.M.

Fr. Bob Brisson

CHALLENGE!

The Church of the Holy Innocents is youthful and enthusiastic in meeting the challenges of a changing environment of committed parishioners



*One of the major inspirational and artistic features of the church is a monumental mural, **The Crucifixion**, done in the 1870's by Constantino Brumidi, who later also decorated the Great Rotunda in the U. S. Capitol Building in Washington, DC.*

This mural was fully restored to original historical condition in 2012 at a cost of nearly \$ 300,000

PARISH LIFE

- Holy Innocents Hall, located underneath the church, is open Monday to Friday, from 12 Noon to 6 pm, and features a Religious Article shop and a Thrift Store.
- Diverse activity groups such as the Legion of Mary, the Knights of Columbus, and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas,
- *Vox in Rama* Volunteer Choir/Schola
- Monthly Book Club and the Movie Knight
- A lively social gathering after the 10:30am Mass every Sunday
- Join us on FlockNote™ to receive alerts, by e-mail, visit: flocknote.com/innocents by text-messaging (SMS): Text *innocents* to 84576 Keep abreast of the happenings at Holy Innocents!



Jesus in the Sepulchre