

NEWS FROM "THE INN"

Summer 2018

Our 91st Year.....

As you know, the parish turned 90 last year and as my Dad would like to say, we are now in our 91st year. We enjoyed a great anniversary year, with a Valentine Dance, Family Bingo, Bob Ritchie Golf Tournament, culminating with the dedication of our newly renovated Msgr. Martin J. Lynch Parish Hall in October, followed by a Spirit filled Anniversary Mass with Archbishop Chaput. It was great having a full church and having so many alumni/ae returning to their alma mater. Many of the former parishioners commented how much they enjoyed the Mass in three languages realizing that the parish is alive and well.

Dedicating our Parish Hall to Msgr. Lynch was a very proud moment for me and the entire parish. Our Business Manager, Joe Paesani, did a fantastic job on coordinating the renovations. The entire building has been renewed from floor to ceiling. It looks great and continues to be a very active center for the parish and school. If you missed our April



Reunion, stop by and check it out. It's beautiful! Besides the renovation itself, I am most proud that we raised over \$300,000 to fund this project., with the balance being taken from our Heritage of Faith Funds. This renovation is a great testimony to the faith of our people, present and past, and their great affection for their parish. Thanks to you for helping us to complete this great project.



Our parish school is doing well. As Sister Regina, our principal, indicates on page 3, we enjoyed a very busy and productive year. I am very grateful to Sister Regina and a very dedicated faculty and staff who work hard every day in passing on the faith, not only in religion class, but in all that happens in our school. As this newsletter is being written we have 275 children registered for the next school year, and I am optimistic in reaching our goal of 300 students.

During these summer months we will be reaching out to those whom we do not see in church on a regular basis. Sad, to say, that that is over 80% of our registered parishioners. I see them on Christmas, Easter, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, weddings and funerals, but not on a weekly basis. We have a team of folks that will be contacting our "lost sheep" inviting them to a more active participation in the parish. Holy Innocents needs them. And I firmly believe that they need Holy Innocents as well.

Enjoy your summer.
Save the Date for our Annual Golf Tournament on September 29th.
And know that you are always welcome at "The Inn."

Blessings & prayers, Fr. Tom Higgins



Dear Friends, Amigos, Ban Be',

"I Will Never Forget You" Isaiah 49

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fathers Tom, Vincent, Angelo and Sister Regina and all the Sisters at Holy Innocents for all the prayers, support, and kindness they have shown to me these past 6 years. Their dedication to the Parish, to Catholic Education, and to our IHM Community are so inspiring to me and greatly appreciated.

I would also like to express my gratitude to our wonderful faculty who are so dedicated to the children and who made me feel so welcome from the moment I arrived at Holy Inn. Parents are so lucky to have such a warm and caring faculty who make the students their priority each and



every day. They are always open to any new ideas that the Diocese has presented to them, and they give the students they best education that they deserve. They will always have a special place in my heart and most especially in my prayers.

I would like to thank the parents for all the kindness and support they have shared with me these past years. It was a privilege to work with your children and I hope and pray that I was able to bring them closer to Our Lord as well as provide them with excellent opportunities to learn and to always do their best.

For the students, my friends at Holy Inn, you will always be remembered in my daily prayers. Stay close to God and do the best you can each and every day in school and at home. I was always so proud of you when I visited your classrooms and had the opportunity to listen to all of your learning experiences. Keep the respect and pride you have for your school, your teachers and your parents and always keep them close to your heart. Boys and girls, you will always hold a special place in my heart and prayers.

I ask you for your prayers as I go forth to my new mission and school, St. Francis DeSales in Southwest Philadelphia on August 8, 2018.

In Mary's Immaculate Heart, Lovingly, Sister Jean Daniel, IHM

SAVE THE DATE!!

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Holy Innocents Msgr. Lynch Parish Hall Holy Innocents & St. Joan of Arc are proud to sponsor an evening with Jerry Blavat.



Support Holy Innocents!

Name:
Address:
City, State & Zip:
Phone:
E-Mail:
Are you an alumni? No Yes Graduation year:
Donation Amount (please circle): \$50 \$75 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other: \$
I would like to be a (please circle): Class Rep Committee Member Volunteer

Please consider making a donation to help our students enjoy a Catholic Education – just like the one you were blessed to receive!

Thank you for believing in the mission of Holy Innocents!

School Year Highlights Sr. Regina Mullen, Principal, I.H.M.

Teamwork is the name of game here at Holy Innocents School! Just as we had the Eagles win the Super Bowl and Villanova win the National Championship, so we had winners here at Holy Innocents School! As principal of Holy Innocents for eleven years, I have had the privilege of seeing eleven classes of eight graders graduate and move forward to high school. One of our eighth grade students was named a 2018 St. John Vianney Scholar. Maxwell Quinones was one of only 15 students receiving this prestigious academic scholarship. Max will attend Roman Catholic High School next year. Derek Nguyen, an



eighth grade student who received this award last year, is number ONE in his freshman class at Roman Catholic. This year our eighth graders were awarded \$84,000.00 in scholarships and grants to attend Catholic high schools.



Our Catholic identity is lived out in our school in many ways. Our Pastor, Father Tom celebrates Mass for the students each month. Students participate in Mass each week during Advent and Lent and have frequent opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Penance. Students receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist and Confirmation. The Live

Nativity and Living Stations were enacted by the seventh and eighth grade students and witnessed by the entire school. Parents were able to witness these beautiful

enactments during evening presentation. Students at Holy Innocents also demonstrated their teamwork and generosity this year by participating in the Mission Fair, Thanksgiving food collection, Mitten Tree, recycling, and assisting at the annual Golf Outing and Lunch with Santa events.



The faculty, staff and I also promote academic and social achievement by providing music, art, physical education, technology, library, First in Math, learning support and tutoring programs for our students. Our students were able to attend many assemblies and go on great class trips. This year we had a person from the Attorney General's Office come to speak to the students about Internet safety. We had the Shalom program and Nutrition for Life for our students.



Together, as a team, our priests, sisters, teachers and staff work to make Holy Innocents a great place to receive a Catholic education.







Holy Innocents School

Bob Ritchie Memorial Golf Outing

Saturday, September 29, 2018

Juniata Golf Club, Philadelphia, PA

Registration Form

Please complete and return with payment by August 29, 2018

Check sponsorship level:

\$2,000 Platinum Event Sponsor – up to 7 Golfers. Golf With Fr. Tom!

___\$1,000 Gold Sponsor – up to 8 Golfers

\$750 Silver Sponsor – up to 4 Golfers

\$500 Bronze Sponsor—up to 4 Golfers

\$250 Hole Sponsor – up to 2 Golfers

_\$100 Individual Golfer (Includes Reception)

\$350 Food/Beverage Cart Sponsor (Non-Golfer) (Includes Reception)

\$100 Holy Inn Sponsor (Non-Golfer) (Includes Reception)

____\$30 Holy Inn Enthusiast (Non-Golfer) (Includes Reception)

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My desir	red foursome grouping is as follows:

4. Name:

Wording for Acknowledgement:

To reserve your spot, please complete the <u>REGISTRATION FORM</u> and return it <u>with payment</u> by **August 29th**. We will reserve spots on a first come, first served basis. Please register early as we expect to fill up this year!

Checks payable to Holy Innocents School.

Registration: 8:00 am ~ Shotgun Start: 9:00 am Awards ~ Skills Contest ~ Raffles ~ Reception

To register please return registration form to: Holy Innocents, 1337 E. Hunting Park Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19124 Or visit <u>BobRitchie.HolyInnocentsSchool.org</u>

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