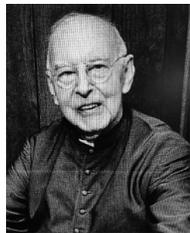


90 Years and Counting.....



As we celebrate 90 years as a parish I am happy to say that as pastor number 5 (13 years and counting) our numbers are looking good. At the close of our school year we had already registered 275 students for next year, which is 25 more than last year at the same time. We are more optimistic than ever about reaching our goal of 300 students. The renovations on our soon to be named, The Monsignor Lynch Parish Hall, are progressing quite well. New roof, new windows, new sound system, new lights, and new doors have been installed. Painting is in

progress and the new floor will be installed following summer camp. And the BIG news is that we have already raised 78% of the needed funds for completing the project. As of mid-June we have raised \$250,000. And we are again very optimistic that we will even exceed our goal of \$320,000 as we look to Phase II of the renovation.



Perhaps the number I am most proud of these days is 16. Yes, that is the number of Immaculate Heart of Mary sisters that we have in the convent. It was two years after Monsignor Lynch founded the parish that the IHM sisters began their legacy at Holy Innocents. Thousands of boys and girls have been schooled in the Catholic faith through the selfless efforts of our sisters. And those contributions grew greatly in the Fall of 2006 when we welcomed St. Lucy Day School for the



Visually Impaired and three years later Archbishop Ryan School for the Hearing Impaired to become part of our parish family.

Two of our IHM sisters are highlighted in this summer's newsletter. Sister Regina, our very fine principal for the past ten years, gives a very thorough summary of the school year in review. After reading it, I said to myself, Wow, Sister Regina and her very caring staff, had another busy year. And then I said, What else is new!

Sister Pat Hughes arrived at Holy Innocents six years ago as our Bereavement Minister, caring for the sick and shut-ins, as well as assisting families who had lost loved ones. Before arriving at the parish Sister Pat had spent the majority of her religious life as a grade school and high school teacher. Once here, she embraced her ministry to those in need with care, compassion, and love. And now I am sorry to say that we have to say good-bye to this angel of mercy as she is on to her new mission. Thanks for everything Sister Pat! You will be greatly missed.

I hope October 22nd is on your calendar. Join Archbishop Chaput and all of us at Holy Innocents as we celebrate our 90th Anniversary with Mass (in three languages) at 11:00 A.M. Following Mass, the Parish Hall will be dedicated to our founding pastor. Come & celebrate!

Blessings & prayers,
 Fr. Tom Higgins



*Rendering of the new Monsignor
 Martin J. Lynch Parish Hall & Gym*

"I Will Never Forget You" Isaiah 49

Dear Friends, Amigos, Ban Bé,

As we journey through life we understand that because Jesus walks with us we are at home even while we are still on the journey. I realized this again when receiving an assignment to Holy Innocents Tri-Lingual Parish in January of 2011. I was warmly welcomed by the sisters, the rectory staff and indeed the parishioners. Father Higgins proudly explained the Pastoral Care Ministry Program and what my participation in it would entail. The program was well begun and easy for me to step right in and to carry on joyfully. However, before I knew it Holy Innocents Parish stretched her boundaries as Father Higgins, his dedicated team and all our faithful parishioners offered heart-filled welcomes to our neighboring parishioners from Ascension, St. Joan of Arc, St. Joachim and Mater Dolorosa, all of whom were part of the Archdiocesan merger.



As time went on, I met and got to know and love so many more wonderful people. Our relationships grew through my Communion Call visits to the home-bound, my assistance and that of our bereavement team to families who have experienced the death of a loved one, and by my prayerful support and visits when possible to those in hospitals and nursing homes. I've also been blessed to witness the dedication of our IHM Sisters and lay faculties of Holy Innocents School Pre-K 3 to Grade 8, St. Lucy School for the Visually Impaired Students and Archbishop Ryan School for the Deaf Students. All located right here on our campus.

As we approach and support in every way possible the celebration of the 90th Anniversary of Holy Innocents Parish we remember to pray: "for all that has been thanks and for all that will be YES!" As of this August, I will move from Holy Innocents and continue my Pastoral Care Ministry at St. John Neumann Parish, New Jersey which is a merger of St. Raymond's in Wildwood, Villas and St. John of God in North Cape May. We must always remember that our "joy on the journey" comes from keeping Jesus first, Others next and then You (Us)! I will pray for each of you and your families daily at Eucharist which is the celebration of our unity. Please pray for me, too. Thank you!

Gratefully,
Sister Patricia Hughes, IHM, "Sister Pat"

Get Involved! We are in need of eager Alumni volunteers to help with our Annual Appeal Campaign and Events. Please consider being a **Class Representative** (help collect and update contact information and with events), **Committee Member** (annual golf outing, 90th Anniversary, enrollment committee, or development committee), or **Volunteer** (input data, help with mailings, phone-a-thon, other specialized skills you may have). Please fill out the form below and you will be contacted soon. Thank you!

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**

Our goal this year is \$320,000. Please consider 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

As I am completing my tenth year as the Principal of Holy Innocents School, I wish to thank our Teachers, Sisters, Priests, and Administrators who have worked each day to bring our students closer to Jesus. Through their example and teaching, they helped our students to become leaders in our world. We saw the fruition of this hard work in our wonderful graduating class of 21 students who earned over \$63,000.00 in scholarships and grant money for their high school education. Two of our eighth grade students were named a 2017 St. John Vianney Scholar! James Newbern and Derek Nguyen were two of only 15 students in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia receiving this prestigious academic scholarship.



Thank you to the members of the Connelly Foundation for their very generous support of Holy Innocents School. Through the (CAP) Connelly Access Program, our children in grades four through eight had the opportunity to attend wonderful cultural events, shows, and museums. Bus transportation was also provided free of charge for our students. In addition, two free assemblies for the whole student body were provided for them.

This year, during Catholic Schools Week, our seventh and eighth grade students participated in a Religion Bowl. Two teams competed with each team answering religion questions based on the religion curriculum. The seventh grade won by only a few points!



In addition to International Day, which helped the whole school familiarize themselves with various countries through students' research and parents' contributions of delicious samplings from their native countries, our school and parish enjoyed the Valentine Dance and Family Bingo as well as a delicious Pancake Breakfast. Thank you to all who participated and gave so generously of your time and talents.

Our stage was alive as the students had great fun in our Spring Show singing and dancing to the Motown Tunes.

Technology is of great importance in our school as our children continue to learn using iPads. Our teachers continue to work with our technology teacher in developing projects which integrate technology across the curriculum. We were able to purchase ten new DELL laptops and ten DELL external DVD drives.



We thank our students who show their care for the needy and those less fortunate than themselves by contributing to our parish pantry, Catholic Charities, and Rice Bowl.



Finally, the most important reason for our school is the religious formation of our students. Besides learning about faith and doctrine, our students participate in the Mission Fair, Masses, Sacraments, Live Nativity, Living Stations, and the May Procession.

I am delighted to be a part of this wonderful Holy Innocents Catholic School working to "equip saints for life!"

Sr. Regina Mullen, I.H.M.
Principal



Holy Innocents School Bob Ritchie Memorial Golf Outing 2017

Saturday, September 30, 2017

Juniata Golf Club, Philadelphia, PA

Registration: 8:00 am ~ Shotgun Start: 9:00 am

We will reserve spots on a first come, first served basis. Register early as we expect to fill up this year! Proceeds directly benefit the students of Holy Innocents!

Register:

Complete the registration form below and mail with payment (checks payable to "Holy Innocents School") by **August 30th** to: Bob Ritchie Memorial Golf Outing, c/o Holy Innocents Church, 1337 E. Hunting Park Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19124.

Or visit BobRitchie.HolyInnocentsSchool.org to register online

Questions?

Contact Linda at (215) 743-2600 or development@holyinnocentsrc.org

Visit BobRitchie.HolyInnocentsSchool.org for more details.

All golf sponsorships include greens fee and cart. We welcome all participants to join us for the reception and awards ceremony at Holy Innocents Parish Hall.

Registration Form

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
- \$90 Individual Golfer
- \$350 Food/Beverage Cart Sponsor (Non-Golfer)
- \$100 Holy Inn Sponsor (Non-Golfer)
- \$30 Holy Inn Enthusiast (Non-Golfer)

Name: _____

Address: _____

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My desired foursome grouping is as follows:

#1 Name: _____

#2 Name: _____

#3 Name: _____

#4 Name: _____