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The Parson's Place

On May 26th, we'll resume our 7:30 AM Rite I services and the summer season will soon be in full swing. Eastertide (50-days) continues with Ascension Day on May 9th and will end with a festival Day of Pentecost on May 19th and is a representative day of "The Birthday of the Church"! Pentecost is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter. It marks the prophesied outpouring (Joel 2:28-29) of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' disciples, mother, and family with the sound of rushing wind and tongues of fire as they were gathered together praying 10 days after Jesus' ascension into heaven. The disciples were suddenly empowered to proclaim the gospel of the risen Christ. They went out into the streets of Jerusalem and began preaching to the crowds gathered for the festival. Not only did the disciples preach with boldness and vigor, but by a miracle of the Holy Spirit they spoke in the native languages of the people present, many who had come from all corners of the Roman Empire. This created a sensation. The apostle Peter seized the moment and addressed the crowd, preaching to them about Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. The result was that about three thousand converts were baptized that day. See Acts 2:1-41. Pentecost marks our entry into "Ordinary Time" and is the longest season of the church year. It's a time that ends up in our secular lives being traffic-filled and busy, but we have a chance to break out of our

spiritual boundaries by participating in a few things generated to stretch us and incorporate missional engagement into our lives during this period. First, our Grill Out & Beach Day with the congregation of Cristo Rey (Hispanic congregation from Trenton area.) This fabulous June 1st event needs some volunteers for helping with foods preparation and sharing a meal, but ALSO folks to spend time with our friends, to show them the church, to walk them to the beach and sit with them for a bit or show folks Veterans Memorial Park in Beach Haven. It needs folks to be willing to attend and participate in our bi-lingual service after our meal. What I'm asking is your time. Time itself is a gift and using it can be ministry!

Looking ahead to summer, I'd like to plan some group watching of various services. For example, I'd love for a small group to watch a couple of worship services with me and tell me what you like, dislike, and wonder about. It's also a terrific time for me to remind you to share with your upcoming summer visitors all those things that we have going (which is quite a LOT!) Don't just tell them about Sunday morning, but show them our Facebook page and website, invite them to Evening Prayer, ask them if they'd like to join our book study, or ask if they've seen our church and to come by and have a tour!



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Parson's Place Continued

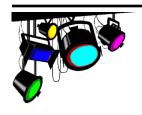
May Day ~ by Sara Teasdale

A delicate fabric of bird song Floats in the air. The smell of wet wild earth Is everywhere. Red small leaves of the maple Are clenched like a hand, Like girls at their first communion The pear trees stand. Oh I must pass nothing by Without loving it much, The raindrop try with my lips, The grass with my touch;

For how can I be sure I shall see again The world on the first of May Shining after the rain?

Caroline+





CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR SURFLIGHT THEATER'S 75TH FANTASTIC SEASON!



Surflight Theatre is looking for volunteers for the 2024 show season!

There are 10 Main Stage shows running from May 30 – December 15 and 13 concerts/events from April 27 – December 31. They need ushers at each show, as well as staff for the concession stand, Joe's Place.

Each would require your assistance for 10-15 minutes prior to each show, after each show and during intermission, if there is one. Both ushers and Joe's Place volunteers are welcome to stay and watch the show you are working, either standing at the back or sitting in a seat near the door, if one is available - Ushers need to be able & ready to assist if a patron gets up or comes in during the show.

Volunteer applications are available on the bulletin board by the church office and in Martin Hall. These will need to be completed and sent to Joan Pujol, the volunteer coordinator. Volunteers will then be able to sign up for shows at SignUp.com, or through the theater's website Surflight.org under the volunteer tab, where more information will be provided to you. The shows should be up by the end of April, beginning of May.

They ask that you please be reliable, responsible and personable. Remember, if you sign up, they are counting on you to show up. They appreciate each and every volunteer and the donation of your time!



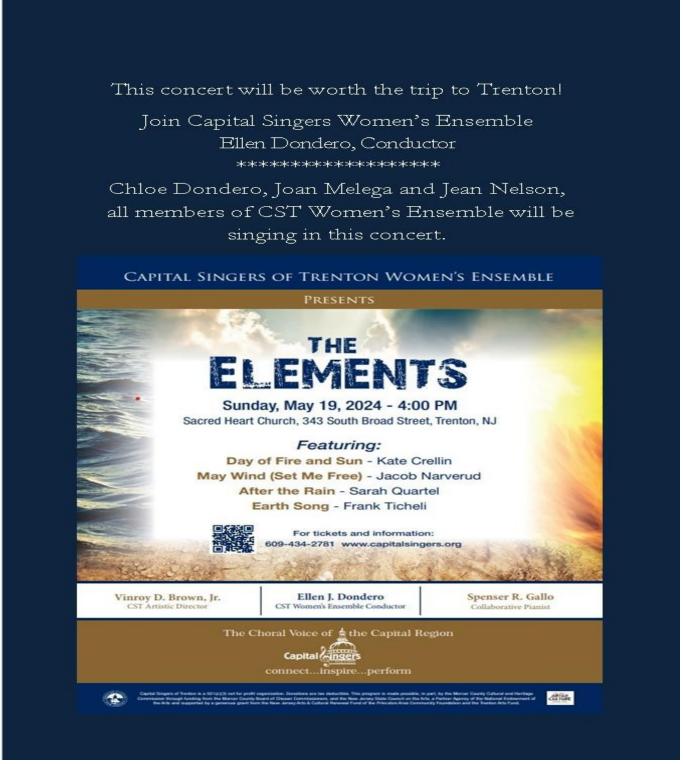
From Our Minister of Music

Save the Date!

June 9th at 4pm

Capital Singers of Trenton and Capital Singers of Trenton Women's Ensemble in Concert at Holy Innocents' ~ All are welcome ~ free will offering ~ a light reception will follow

CONCERT OPPORTUNITY ~ from Ellen Dondero, our Minister of Music SUNDAY, MAY 19th at 4:00 p.m.





The Wellness Portion of the Psychic Fair

put on by our local LBI Historical Museum will be held at Holy Innocents' on **SATURDAY**, **MAY 11th from 12:00 noon until 4:00** p.m. **Contact Ellen Kehr for more information!**

A weekly Open Alcoholics Anonymous Women's Meeting began on January 16th at Holy Innocents'.

DAYS - Wednesdays TIME - 6:00 p.m. LOCATION - Kitchen area at HI FREQUENCY - Weekly ENTRANCE - Kitchen glass door WHO - Anyone who thinks they may have a problem with alcohol is welcome. Open meetings are available to anyone interested in the Alcoholics Anonymous program of recovery from alcoholism. Non-alcoholics may also attend open meetings as observers. The AA chairperson may request that participants concern themselves to matters pertaining to alcoholism.

LNK - https://www.aa.org/

RETURNING AA Group, the "Clam-Diggers"

Weekly on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Beginning May 2nd. WELCOME BACK!!



ECW Craft Show Update

We did it! The ECW hosted a very successful arts and crafts show, with about 20 vendors participating. The ladies of the ECW sold baked goods, beverages, a hot dog lunch, and 50/50 tickets. One of our own parishioners won the 50/50 drawing...Sherry Johnson!

There was a nice flow of shoppers throughout the day. We were able to open the doors to the sanctuary after a funeral and allow visitors a chance to enjoy our gorgeous worship space. That was one of my favorite times of the day, visiting the sanctuary myself and hearing the sweet compliments about our stained glass window, the flowers (arranged by Sherry Johnson), the beauty of it all!

We were able to add a bit over \$1,600 to the ECW treasury in support of our Outreach Programs. While the ECW "sponsored" the show, it was indeed a parish supported event! Thank you to our bakers, set-up and break -down crew, donors from our "Wish List", planners, kitchen help, all that helped throughout the day! It indeed took a parish to pull off the event!

I have heard from several vendors that they very much enjoyed our space and hope we are able to host more shows...a real testament to our success!

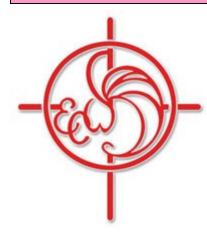
Gratefully, *Jeanne Cashel*

In spite of the incredibly windy day last Saturday the ECW hosted a very successful arts and crafts show, 20 vendors participated and the ladies of the ECW sold baked goods, hot dogs, soda, and raffle tickets. Martin Hall was overflowing with shoppers from the island and the mainland. For many, it was their first time at Holy Innocents'. Special thanks for Jeanne Cashel for heading up this inaugural event and to all who helped make this event an amazing success! ~ Melissa Wall





ECW Info & Upcoming Events



ABOUT ECW

Honoring Our Legacy, Building Our Community, Moving Towards Our Future in Christ.

If you're a woman and you're a member of an Episcopal Church...

Well, then, you're automatically a member of Episcopal Church Women!

Spanning all ages, ethnic origins and socioeconomic backgrounds — and every variety of theological, liturgical and political view — the common denominator of members is love of God and the wish to do His work.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) is centered in congregations and empowers women to do Christ's ministry throughout the world. Our vision is to be a vibrant blend of all ages, who come together as a peacemaking, healing part of the Church. We aspire to be a 'Godspark,' shining and sharing the love of Christ. NEXT MEETING AT HOLY INNOCENTS' will be TUESDAY, JUNE 4th at 11:30 a.m.



ECW Ladies will be making corsages for the ladies at the Manahawkin Nursing Home. Those able to help, please meet in the kitchen at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 10th. We are very happy to be able to return to this activity which was a tradition of ours prior to COVID. Call Carol Hammond or Melissa Wall if you have questions.

Ladies Exercise Group



WELCOME BACK to our Ladies Exercise Group! (LEGS)

Eileen Jacobs is back on **Tuesdays & Thursday 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM** in Martin Hall, starting May 7th!

Pictures from our Baldwin Garden Blessing and clean-up day!





Parish Prayer List May

If you need to add or delete a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator

Judy ContrerasLara Sparks DeitzJoan ConnollyMary Ann CrewdsonDennisGerry M.Connie AndersonChristian BalintBarney H.Susan F.CherylDayton

JasonBob HendricksChristine HendricksAndyKathy & WalterRon & KennyJeanninePriscillaJudy & AlJoan & Linda KellyChris C.Pierro Family

David D'Ambrosia Barry Longenbach Robert Mike Tony Aleen

JanElliottDennis HickeyRosanne & BobLauraLovas Family

Debbie & Joe ReisingRebeccaFionaGrahamBobSueMelanieSophiaJoseph

Paris Jim Darling Charles Sullivan
Warren Lamon Rachel Louise Muth
Tori Vollor

Teri Keller Gia Cora
Vic Hughes Rick & Becky Johnson Frank M.
Ray M. Kate White Joey

Diane Dreby Patty August Canon Don Muller Sue P. Rich Cashel Ed & Fran Kurocka

The Flagler Family

Steve & Dawn Swarter

Bishop Michael Curry

TJ Patton

Jason Bond

Fr. Frank Crumbaugh

Ann White

Beth Camarote

Taylor & Tracy

Anne H. Omer Demir Bunny

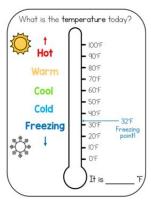
Carol Roberts Cindy Wood Judy Hamilton

Mike DeCicco Dcn. Judy Fran

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

Paul Bailey, Justin A. Dumhart, Joseph Alexander, Danny Melega, Andrew Wall, Brandan White

Environmental Education & Advocacy



This past winter was cold and windy (brrr) and yet the month of February was the warmest on record. How can that be? To help us understand this phenomena a chart displayed in Martin Hall (on the bulletin board near the exit) shows by month and year all average temps since 1850. Find the year of your birth and then your birthday for this past year. Did you notice any difference? When did the highest monthly temperatures occur? Scientists tell us that warmer temperatures lead to melting snow caps and glaciers, rising seas and more frequent storms. There are steps being taken to minimize rising temps and we can do our part. The most important step is to become more aware and informed. If you need any help reading the chart check with a member of this committee. (Rob Meyer, Chair, Mary Jane Mannherz, Pat Peacock, Gail or Tom Jacobsen).

~ Tom Jacobson

Environmental Education & Advocacy Upcoming Events

Bowman's Hill Field Trip

Wildflower Preserve, New Hope, PA



Join Holy Innocents'
Wednesday, May 15th
for a Field Trip organized
by the HI Environmental
Education & Advocacy
Committee

We will carpool to Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve & Botanical Gardens where we can explore the wildflower gardens, mile walking trail & native plant collection. Best of all, we will have the opportunity to purchase plants that are native to LBI and beneficial to our surrounding habitats!



Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve

Email: Pat Peacock 609-709-1240

to sign-up or get more info.

Entry fee: \$9.00 age 65+, \$12 others.

Cash or check only

Lunch: Bring snack & water. We can gather

for lunch at restaurant after.

If you can't join us, we will have limited space to bring you native plants that you might like to purchase.





Parishioner Spotlight is a regular feature in The Post. The purpose is to provide insights into the background and personalities of our fabulous parishioners!

We hope you enjoy getting to know the people of Holy Innocents'!

May Parishioner Spotlight ~ Melissa Wall

[Above is Melissa when she received the ECW Women of Honor award in 2017]

I was born and grew up in rural Ohio. We lived in a very wooded area and didn't have a telephone until I was in eighth grade. My school district was very small; the same 24 kids were in my class until high school. Four districts were consolidated for my high school; my graduating class numbered 62.

My only sibling, Posie, is 9 years older. (We were and still are very close.)

I went to Otterbine College, in Ohio, where I met Charles Wall, who had transferred in his junior year. I majored in health and PE. I graduated in 1967. Charles and I were married a week later.

We moved to Long Island, NY, because we both found teaching jobs there. Our two positions together paid \$14,000 a year, far more than we had been earning in previous teaching jobs. Charles was drafted and went to Vietnam. I stayed home (on Long Island) and taught. Charles came home from Vietnam, and we taught for one more year. He then went to Penn State on the GI Bill. He got his master's degree and teaching certification (in special education and administration).

I was pregnant with Matt, who was born on May 7, 1973 – also Charlie's birthday. We had become acquainted with John through Charles' work. John was 6½ when he came to live with us (in September, 1972). John turned 7 on May 7, the day Matt was born – so three Wall males had the same birthday, May 7. Charles and I adopted John on October 29, 1973, which we now celebrate as John Wall Day.















Charles worked as an administrator, and we lived in various places in PA. During these years, I did some teaching, primarily in special education. And I was raising our four sons – John (oldest), Matthew (Matt), Joshua (Josh) (born 1976), and Andrew (Drew) (born 1980). Matt and his wife Jennifer live in PA. Josh works as a life guard on LBI in our summer and in Australia in their summer. He recently married Jacinta Worland in Australia – and I was happy to travel there for the wedding. Andrew is in the Coast Guard. He is married to Leah, and they currently live in Hawaii – so I have also been able to go there to visit family. (Family pictures, from top left moving clockwise: "Boys" and spouses, plus Sammy, our dog, at our 50th wedding anniversary in 2017 (before Jacinta); boys and spouses after Josh had met Jacinta and after Charles had passed away; Matt and Jenn; Josh and Jacinta; Charles and Melissa; Andrew and Leah; John and Melissa)

Charlie was from NJ and always planned to retire on LBI. Charles and I bought a summer house on LBI in 1994. We wanted a place where our kids could come. Our children and their spouses *do* come every summer -- and they love it. We renovated the house and moved here full-time in 2000. Charles continued to work (at VisionQuest on Rte. 72) until 2004, when he retired. Charles and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in 2017. Sadly, he passed away in 2021.

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Parishioner Spotlight Continued

I was a Presbyterian as a child, but neither Charles or I attended church as young adults. When our children were small, I decided it would be good for them to go to church. We lived across the street from an Episcopal church (in PA). Charles chose the Episcopal church because he had gone to an Episcopal church when he was growing up. The whole family continued to participate in church activities as we moved around the state of PA.

When we bought our house on LBI, John and I attended Holy Innocents' in the summer. I went there because it was an Episcopal church and because they welcomed John and me. When we moved to LBI full-time, we started going to coffee hour regularly, and John was truly accepted. At that time, there was not a permanent acolyte, so I asked Father Frank if John could light the candles. He said yes, so John began his ministry of acolyting – and his participation blossomed.









I liked the worship format of the church. I got involved with the Altar Guild. I wanted to be an active participant but not to "jump out." Coffee hour was a good way to get to know people. Gradually, I became involved with more and more church activities. In 2017, I received the ECW Women of Honor award. I have served on the Vestry and other committees. I now co-chair the Altar Guild and have taken on (or been given!) a leadership role in the Episcopal Church Women (ECW). I love ushering and greeting people.

My favorite things about Holy Innocents' are the friendliness – it is like a family – the choir, the music. People are generous with their time, money, and ideas. It is all very fulfilling! *Pictures to the left are of Activities at Holy Innocents' include (clockwise, from top left: ECW World Day of Prayer service that I chaired; helping John with his robe before acolyting; enjoying hors d'oeuvres at a Silent Auction; with Susan Hughes at the 2023 ECW Christmas luncheon; Sammy being blessed by Mother Caroline; helping John light Advent candle.)*

Save the Date!

BEACHY FUN & GRILL OUT with the Congregation of CRISTO REY (Christ the King) from Trenton on SATURDAY, JUNE 1st ~ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ~ ALL WELCOMED

Last August, I began to share ideas about doing something with another parish in our diocese. It turned out that we were invited, as a congregation to celebrate with the phenomenal congregation of Cristo Rey on their name day, Christ the King Sunday. Few were enthusiastic about driving up to Trenton in November, but that's ok... I tried to rent a bus, but it was extremely and prohibitively expensive. Yikes! So, I canceled. I was not sure what to do and then cooked up this idea to host their congregation. Folks got very excited about the possibility of a Beach Day and grilling out together. They want to get to know us.

You might be asking "Why? How do they even know about us?" and you'd be right in wondering this. Well, I've been the chair of the Companion Diocese for a couple of years now and had many interactions with their clergy when I connected them to both Ecuadorian bishops who were visiting for our new bishop's consecration last summer. I am also the Convener of the Missions Commission (formed last year) from all the heads of international mission and ministry groups in our diocese.) So, I have had a lot of connecting with our Hispanic Commission and our sisters and brothers. A few folks have heard about our proposed venture and it has generated some buzz and some excitement. With all that said, we will be invited again to join with this joyful congregation in something that they present, but this gathering will allow us to join together and get to know each other. I hope you will treat it like our Annual Picnic and bring your family, friends, and also help out as you are able! I AM VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS FUN EVENT!! ~ Mtr. Caroline+

MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mtr. C away			6:00pm AA (Open) Women's Mtg.	2:00pm Book Study @ Church 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	3 Parish Office Closed	4
5 The Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite II Rev. Martin Lavengood	6 9:00am MP (FB)	9:15am-10:15am Ladies Exercise Group (LEGS)	9:30am-11:00am Sandwich Ministry 11:00am-2:30pm Choir Rehearsal/Lunch 6:00pm AA (Open) Women's Mtg.	9:15am-10:15am Ladies Exercise Group (LEGS) 2:00pm Book Study @ Church 4:30pm-5:30pm CAP Mtg. 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	Parish Office Closed 10:00am ECW meets to prep corsages TBA LBI Museum sets up for Sat.	12:00pm- 4:00pm Wellness portion of the Psychic Fair in MH Mtr. C return
12 The Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite II	13 9:00am MP (FB)	9:15am-10:15am (LEGS) 6:00pm Evening Prayer (FB)	8:00am-4:00pm Native Plants Field Trip to PA 4:00pm Prayer Ministry 6:00pm AA (Open) Women's Mtg.	9:15am-10:15am (LEGS) 2:00pm Book Study @ Church 7:00pm Vestry Mtg. 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB) (FB)	17 Parish Office Closed	18
19 Day of Pentecost 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite II 4:00pm Concert CST Women's Ensemble @ Sacred Heart Church in Trenton	20 9:00am MP (FB)	9:15am-10:15am (LEGS) 6:00pm Evening Prayer (FB)	6:00pm AA (Open) Women's Mtg.	23 9:15am-10:15am (LEGS) 2:00pm Book Study @ Church 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	24 Parish Office Closed	25 6:00pm Blessing of the Fleet LEHYC
26 Trinity Sunday 7:30am Rite I 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite II	Parish Office Closed MEMORIAL DAY 10:30am Veterans Park Ceremony	28 9:15am-10:15am (LEGS) 6:00pm Evening Prayer (FB)	29 11:00am-2:30pm Choir Rehearsal/Lunch 6:00pm AA (Open) Women's Mtg	9:15am-10:15am (LEGS) 2:00pm Book Study @ Church 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	31	

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These ads greatly help defray our publishing costs and support our ministries and church operations!

Our Prayer Ministry group is growing! This means so much to me. The power of prayer is amazing. God may not answer as quickly as we would like but don't ever give up praying for your needs or the needs of others.

Out next gathering will be on Wednesday May 15, 2024, at 4:00 in the chapel. Please feel free to contact me by phone or email is you would like us to add a name to our list. Any name that you would like for our parish bulletin must be sent directly to Lisa Halpin.

God is always with us! Judy Contreras 856-906-6725 judyc3956@gmail.com



May Birthdays

John Johnson, Jr.	02	Robert Bachman	18
Samuel Mitchell	03	Allison Goddard	20
John Wall	07	Gwynne Hollis	21
Ellen Kehr	08	Zoe Sparks	23
Robert J. Meyer	09	Don Anderson	25
Daniel Ackley	15	Gail South	23 27
Marge Hall	15	Meghan Horleman	29
Angela Partridge-Hala	16	Robert Weidmann	30
Jane Romanowski	16	Geraldine Lutz	31
Jane Komanowski	10	Geraidille Lutz	31



May Anniversaries

Kristen & Marjorie Anderson 16 William & Mary Jo Martin 19

Thomas & Sherry Hughes 22 Kingston & Jacqueline Sparks 23 Clifford Wymbs and Jeannette Bond 28

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

The following parishioners have graciously volunteered to assist with our worship and/or have donated either candles or flowers for the altar for the month of May.

MAY ALTAR DONATIONS

5th - Jeanne Cashel (Flowers) Melissa Wall (Candles)

12th - Gail & Steve Steiner

19th -

26th - Artificial Flowers



MAY FLOWER GUILD

5th - Joyce Hillyer

12th - Sherry Johnson

19th - Kim Sparks

26th - Artificial Flowers

MAY ALTAR GUILD

5th - Diane Entrikin, Melissa Wall

12th - Chris Burlaga, Diane Entrikin

19th - Jackie Sparks, Carol Hammond

26th - Melissa Wall, Chris Burlaga

MAY USHERS & GREETERS

5th - Kay DeCicco, Mike DeCicco

12th - Bob Weidmann, Sue Hughes

19th - Bill Cowper, Leila Sullivan

26th - Melissa Wall, Gail Jacobsen



MAY COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

 5^{th} - N/A

12th - Larry Peacock

19th - N/A

26th - N/A



Our new June-December signup list for Coffee Hour will be available on the bulletin board outside Martin Hall during the month of May.



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Sunday Morning ~7:30 a.m.
Rite I Worship Service
(May 27th through Labor Day)
Sunday Morning ~9:30 a.m.
Rite II Worship Service with music
609-492-7571

