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The Parson's Place

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I am really looking forward to all the things this Fall has to bring. Last year at this time, we were looking forward to the morale boost of our Annual Picnic and this year I feel like we need just that again! We have still been together, yet separate for another long period of time as we remain cautious about the Delta variant, our safety, and the busy high season of summer on LBI. Moving the picnic to the end of September (the 26th) allows us to prepare well, stay vigilant, and to be super ready to have a grand time outside at the beginning of the Fall. I hope you will invite your friends and family. We will also be inviting the neighbors on the church block and we hope they will come!

At the time of writing this Parish Post, I will soon be away for seven days of vacation in the Adirondacks. I'm very much looking forward to being in nature and cooler temps even though it may rain a good bit. I enjoy hiking very much in spite of the fact that I don't do "up" too well. I simply tackle it at my own pace. While my daily average of walking is 13-15,000 steps per day, it's definitely in the flatness of Beach Haven! I enjoy thinking and praying while I walk. It calms me to focus my attention on others and to be at peace with myself and life even though the world holds much turbulence. I enjoy pondering with the Holy Spirit. For me, it's also

about practicing gratitude and noticing things around me. This is also one of the reasons I enjoy photography – because I get to focus on the magnificent and the minute details of tiny and precious things. This reminds me once again of Mary Oliver's poetry so I'll share this poem with you, hoping you will also enjoy it. Fall is my favorite season.

Fall
the black oaks fling
their bronze fruit
into all the pockets of the earth
pock pock
they knock against the thresholds
the roof the sidewalk
fill the eaves
the bottom line
of the old gold song
of the almost finished year
what is spring all that tender
green stuff
compared to this
falling of tiny oak trees
out of the oak trees
then the clouds
gathering thick along the west
then advancing
then closing over
breaking open
the silence
then the rain
dashing its silver seeds
against the house
~ Mary Oliver (1935 – 2019)
Blessings! Caroline+



The Parson's Place continued...

Join Mtr. Caroline+ at the parsonage (the rectory) for these congregational dinners. Sign-up required. Please look for sign-up sheets in the narthex or call the church office and get it on your calendar! Following these dinners, the SAINTS & SINNERS dinner program will resume! You'll want to talk with Kay DeCicco and Tom Jacobsen about those!

DATES offered by in-person sign-up only

1. - Thurs., SEPT. 2 at 6:30 PM
2. - Fri., SEPT. 17 at 6:30 PM
3. - Thurs., SEPT. 23 at 6:30
- 4.- TBD



THANK YOU!! To all who donated to our backpack drive. We collected 62 backpacks filled with an array of school supplies. Our Family Promise ministry received some of the backpacks as well as a school in Camden, NJ. Thank you all for your generous donations and thank you Maggie Aftanis and Rob Meyer for taking on this ministry!



Dishing With The Deacon

June and August are the two most popular months for weddings. My son and his fiancé are marrying September 6th, just over the border from August. Their wedding has had a number of effects on me as I contemplate their vows. I have been asking myself what does it mean to marry someone. For Carin and Ben's wedding a primary reading will be from I Corinthians 13. Most of us will recognize this....

The Gift of Love

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

As I read this over, I thought maybe this would be a good idea for a couple to read this every anniversary and ask themselves whether these are guiding principles in their marriage. In fact, wouldn't it be a good idea if I read it at least once a year and asked myself if this reading guided my behavior? Maybe we should all read it and ask ourselves....

AMEN

Love from your Deacon ~ Judy

From Our Minister of Music



Rehearsals will resume Wednesday September 15th. We are happy to have new members, so if you would like to join us, please do!

We rehearse every Wednesday evening 7pm-8:30 and sing for Sunday services, as well as Holy Week and other special services. You don't need to read music, or have a great voice, but it is helpful to have a great sense of humor, and a strong desire to make music to the Glory of God. That is NOT very complicated or challenging, is it?

If you'd like to join us, or have any questions about joining, please contact me at the email address below.

Ellen Dondero, Minister of Music
ejdondero@comcast.net

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual Messiah Sing is scheduled for Sunday December 5th at 4pm with our Guests the New Jersey Chambers Singers. Please join us!



Church Picnic

5:00 PM until sunset (and beyond if you stay because there will be a FIREPIT and S'mores!!!)

Celebrate our 139th anniversary

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

Bring your pets!

Grilling out and picnicking on our grounds

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED in participating by volunteering for any of the following, please let Mtr. Caroline+, Kay DeCicco, Alexa Fahner, or Sydney Stevens know via the Church Office or Mtr. Caroline's email.

Helping serve at our food stations

Set up seating areas around the grounds

Cleaning up afterwards (taking down tables and chairs)

Fruit Kebab prep

DONATIONS SOUGHT

(Please notify us before purchasing items so we can make sure who is doing what and not duplicate!)

Paper products - plates, napkins, sticks for fruit kebabs and S'mores

Drinks - bottled small waters, bottled tea, diet soda, soda

Chips

Condiments - mayo, mustard, ketchup, relish

Bags for clean-up

Buns - but not until a few days before!!

RSVP

Last year, we hosted 55 people. This year, we hope you'll invite friends and family! Last year, we had to take an RSVP for COVID-19 restrictions, but this year we will ask that you RSVP so we can get the number right! We expect EVERYONE to come if you can! We will have some games, a firepit, S'mores, stories, music, and more!

CHILDREN and PETS VERY, VERY WELCOMED!!!

Parish Prayer List September

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

Jean & Keith Aclin
Beverlee
Jackson Brackett
Judy Contreras
Davis Family
Meg Dougher
Carol Frake
Shirley Hickey
Joyce Hillyer
Jeannine
John Johnson, Jr.
Robin Koch
Diane Lee
Lorraine & Drew
Kurt Martin
Butch McCaffrey
Maryanne O.
Patty
Carol Ann Renzland
Matt Starr
Robert Thomas
Ann White
Sherri

Matt Adams
Eddie Boll
Marie Bregler
Lynn Cowper
Dennis
Ella
Frank
Hillary
Kara Hughes
Joan, Susan & Bob
Karen G.
Cyndi Lamon
Lauren & Ed
Melody Long
Mary Ann
Scott Mitchell
Sharon Osborn
Lucien Picard
Kathy Rice
Marie Stasik
Colin Walker
Rebecca Whitley

Beth C.
Borrone Family
Joan Connolly
Mary Ann Crewdson
Carol Dobbins
Faye
Fran Harris
Harold & Cheryl Hawkes
Janet
Claire Johns
Karen & DJ
Alan Lee
Lindsey
Cecily Lovas
Mary Jane
Virginia Nicholas
TJ Patton
Pinky
Lara Sparks Deitz
Bill Todd
Wendy
Rits

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Recovery Sunday ~ September 26th



Recovery Sunday is a movement within the church to celebrate those in recovery, educate all of us about addiction and the recovery movement and provide hope and to pray for those in need of recovery and their families and friends.

Recovery is part of the healing ministry of Jesus and The Church. [Recovery Ministries](#), a nationwide network of Episcopal laity and clergy does a good job of explaining the role of the church in this work.

On this day at Holy Innocents', someone, active in the Recovery Movement here in the Diocese of New Jersey, will lead an Adult Forum following the 9:30 worship service. The sermon will reflect on recovery and we will follow our usual pattern of worship.

Recovery Sunday is for all of us because we live in a society of addictions. Substance abuse and addiction are at epidemic levels. The loss of life and financial costs to alcoholism and binge drinking is staggering. [Here are some facts](#). Add [addictions to prescription medication and illegal drugs](#) and we realize addiction is even more devastating to those who are struggling with addiction, their families and our communities.

For more information, please contact The Rev. Deacon Judy Krom at jsk13@comcast.net.

September Birthdays

Deborah Hunter	03	Brian Hala	14
Erma Green	06	Melissa Wall	20
Richard Neff	06	Kerry Horleman	21
Joanne Sencindiver	07	David White	22
Lynne Cowper	09	Barbara Bachman	24
Taylor Lynn Borys	12	Ben Condon	28
Arthur Curtin, III	12	Natalie Aftanis	29
Rich Southwick	14		

September Anniversaries

Phil & Floss Boulden	08	Bill & Lynne Cowper	09
Richard & Karen Vaughan	09	John & Sherry Johnson	14
Rich & Colette Southwick	20		

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 **September**.

SEPTEMBER ALTAR DONATIONS

5th - Bruce Rosborough
 12th -
 19nd -
 26th - Debbie & David Hunter

SEPTEMBER FLOWER GUILD

5th - Marilyn Thomas
 12th - Kim Sparks
 19nd - Sherry Johnson
 26th - Joyce Hillyer

SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD

5th - See Jackie Sparks or Melissa Wall
 12th - See Jackie Sparks or Melissa Wall
 19nd - See Jackie Sparks or Melissa Wall
 26th - See Jackie Sparks or Melissa Wall

SEPTEMBER USHERS & GREETERS

5th - David White, Kay DeCicco, Mike DeCicco
 12th - Rob Meyer, Mike Fahner
 19nd - Gail Jacobsen, Leila Sullivan
 26th - Bill Cowper, Bob Weidmann



If you are interested in reading a children's book for Kid's Korner, please contact Leila Sullivan at lygs27@gmail.com

If you are able to volunteer as an usher at anytime during the upcoming months please contact Rob Meyer at 609 618-3914 or rmeyer1394@aol.com



In the Spotlight

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'!

I was born in Montclair and lived there or nearby for most of my life, both growing up and after we were married. I went to Stephen's College in Columbia, MO. I majored in theatre and foods and graduated in 1955. Then I returned to Montclair. I wanted to work in New York City, hoping to work in the theatre in NYC. I worked as a hostess at Schraft's. Although I did have an audition once, I never worked in the New York theatre. I later worked for some dentists in Montclair.

Because of my interest in the theatre, I volunteered at the Montclair Operetta Club. Near the end of 1957, I was working on "cues" (I was one of several people who gave cues to the actors when they forgot a line or needed a cue) and was asked to do a bit part in "Kiss Me Kate." Kneeland had been asked to do a part in this show, also, so we played opposite each other.

Around the same time, I had wanted to sing in the choir of the St. James Episcopal Church, which I attended with my family. That church only allowed male singers in the choir at that time. I was allowed to join the choir at Union Congregational Church. Through that connection, I became involved with some people who put together religious shows. They were called the Pilgrim Players and came from a group called the Bishop's Company. They needed someone for a part and both Kneeland and I filled roles with them. Because of these theatre connections, Kneeland and I were together in rehearsals almost every night. We announced our engagement on January 1, 1958, and were married on April 12 of the same year. Our daughter Suzie was born in 1959, and Amy was born in 1962.

I have a fun story to share about an early date with Kneeland, who asked me if I would like to come up and see his grandfather's etchings. His grandfather had done etchings of steamships – tugboats, tows, etc. Someone had put the etchings in a book, categorized by type. Many of these are now framed and hang on the walls of my home. Sadly, the grandfather/artist was on the Titanic and was killed when that ship sank.

I have been coming to LBI since I was born. My mother's sister had a house on 23rd Street. In 1940, my father bought a house on the corner of 21st Street, the street where I now live. He paid \$4000 for that house. He eventually bought four lots, including the lot that this house, which was built in 1963, is on. The house was expanded in 1993.

My parents bought the Holiday Snack Bar in 1958 and opened it in 1959. It was in the family for 36 years. Kneeland and I took it over in 1969 or so.

I moved to LBI full-time in 1993. Kneeland retired from teaching at Middlesex County College in 1994 and moved here also.

I sang in Island Singers. Mary Biddle accompanied Island Singers and was the organist at Holy Innocents'. She asked me if I would like to sing in the Choir, and I was interested. The people at Holy Innocents' made me feel welcome and comfortable. I knew some of the Choir members from Island Singers. St. James Episcopal Church in Montclair, where I had been a member for most of my life, was considered "basement Episcopal," meaning that there was little ceremony and some of the rituals were lacking or rather simple. Holy Innocents' was quite different and included more rituals and ceremony, which was an adjustment. Of course, I did adjust and am quite comfortable with what occurs here now.



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Parishioner Spotlight Continued

I cannot drink hard liquor but enjoy wine. I enjoy food, especially making new things and experimenting. I enjoy putting things together and seeing what comes out.

I enjoy every season as it comes around, but probably not summer so much.

As far as music, anything that doesn't blast my ears. I like some country, show tunes, some opera, classical. My favorite musicals are "Les Miserables," "The Wiz," and "Me and My Girl," especially since the Broadway production starred Jimmy Brennan, who started out at the SurfFlight Theatre.

I don't know that I have a favorite line of scripture, but the 23rd Psalm is my favorite psalm.

I was asked once in an interview what annoys me most. I am annoyed when I call someone on the phone and they act as though it is an imposition to get the call.

Parishioner Spotlight ~ Suzette Whiting

Holy Innocents' Annual Auction



TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!!

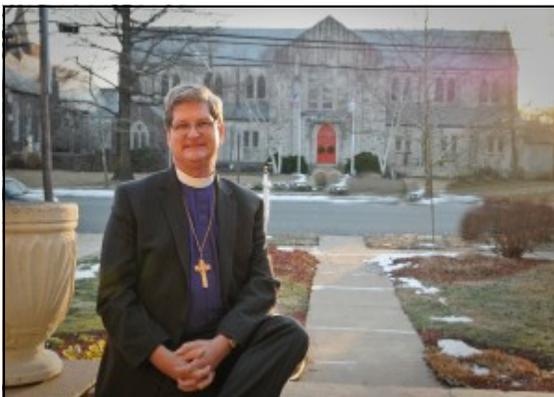
Our Annual Auction date has been set for
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14th and we will return to the Shell!!
Thank you Tom & Sherry Hughes and the Shell for hosting us!

Tickets are on sale now from Maggie Aftanis on Sunday or
from Lisa Halpin in the Parish Office

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Maggie Aftanis at 609-492-5271 for more info.

Bishop Visitation ~ September 19th



Our bishop, The Rt. Rev. William "Chip" Stokes will be visiting us on Sunday, September 19th.

If you are interested in reaffirming your vows (Baptism), being confirmed, or being received into The Episcopal Church from another denomination officially, then please contact Mtr. Caroline ASAP.

An Episcopal 101 course is being offered for this group.

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 9pm Compline (FB Live)	3 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kids Korner (online)	4 9am Baptism Logan Gregorek (Beach) 7pm Praying the Psalms
5 <i>Proper 18</i> 7:30am Rite I 9:30am Rite II <i>Last Sunday for 7:30 Service</i>	6 LABOR DAY <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 9am MP	7 6pm Evening Prayer (FB Live)	8	9 2pm Bible Study 7pm Vestry Mtg (church) 9pm Compline	10 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kids Korner (online)	11 7pm Praying the Psalms
12 <i>Proper 19</i> 9:30am Rite II	13 9am MP	14 6pm Taizè Service (Church)	15 7:30-8:30 Choir Rehearsal	16 2pm Bible Study 9pm Compline	17 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 6:30pm Congregational Dinner (Rectory) 7pm Kids Korner (online)	18 10am Converso Interment 7pm Praying the Psalms
19 <i>Proper 20</i> 9:30am Rite II Bishop Visitation <i>Confirmation Reception Reaffirmation</i>	20 9am MP	21 6pm Evening Prayer (FB Live)	22 7:30-8:30 Choir Rehearsal	23 11am Bentley Interment 2pm Bible Study 6:30pm Congregational Dinner (Rectory)	24 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kids Korner (online)	25 7pm Praying the Psalms
26 <i>Proper 21</i> Recovery Sunday 9:30am Rite II 5pm Annual Church Picnic	27 9am MP	28 6pm Taizè Service (Church)	29 7:30-8:30 Choir Rehearsal	30 2pm Bible Study 9pm Compline		

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