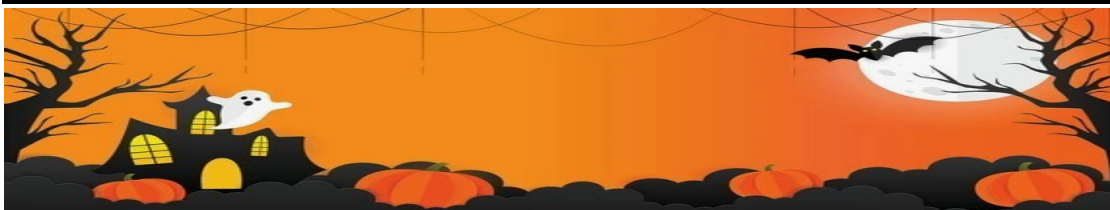


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Photographs by Mtr. Caroline

Dear Beloved Holy Innocents' Family & Friends,

I LOVE YOU! I will always love you! I write to you to express this and to say that my heart is SO FULL of gratitude for you and your trust in me as a priest. As clergy, we are ordained to imitate Christ as pastor, preacher, and teacher. You have allowed me to do this and to flourish, and done so in love and support. You've also been courageous to take on all the wacky new things and ideas I've had AND you've endured my puns. I appreciate you and how we came through COVID together. I will hold and treasure many memories: Each and every funeral/ memorial service, all the baptisms, when you gloriously sing the hymns, the smiles during coffee hours, the hugs and listening I see going on in corners of the church, the friendly rivalry between y'all's Eagles love and my Saints love, the atmosphere of welcome you've shown, seeing you grow and blossom into a community hub again, your love of worship and ministry, our excellent vestry and their humor, working with Ellen and Lisa, laughing along the way in spite of all the random issues that arise, seeing it snow on the beach for the first time, our Memorial Garden beauty, all of the surprises left on my desk, whether it be cremains, a

cat hat, chocolate, candles, a plastic eyeball, or a cool rock. There are too many things to write here, but I love you. I hope you'll stay in touch too. My email will remain the same (and I'll also have a new one at the diocese.)

My new address is:

**45 Elizabeth St.
Pemberton, NJ 08068**

Same cell phone and I welcome your calls/messages.

Facebook will remain active.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!
You are a blessing and you are blessed.
God is with you, always.

Know that you'll see me again and in the meantime, share the beauty around you in photos, in stories, in meals, in coffee, in tears or in laughter, and in each other. Live well in the Holy Spirit,

Mtr. Caroline+



Words From Your Wardens

As we begin our transition, we want to assure you that we are doing everything we can to make sure church runs smoothly after Mother Caroline's departure. We are working closely with our Parish Administrator, Lisa, to make sure as Wardens we can support her and understand what she does and where we need coverage of tasks Mother Caroline handled.

Pastoral care is of great concern to us and we are reaching out to Deacon Judy and our neighboring clergy for help in this area. This is a time when we will need to support each other and, maybe, take an extra moment to think about who might love to hear from one of us as he/she is recuperating, grieving or unable to come to church. Please help us by letting us know if a parishioner needs help, prayers or a visit. Lisa is in the office Monday-Thursday to take your calls as well.

By the time you read this, we hope to have an in-person visit from Bishop French confirmed for the first week of October. Our Zoom call with the Bishop on September 17th was very positive and she outlined the different paths for Vestry to consider in our search. Bishop French plans to bring Steve Connor, Canon to the Ordinary and Joan Mason, Canon for Transitions, with her to further explain how the search process has changed and help us to discern which path to consider. We will be working closely with both of these Canons in the coming months.

We look forward to working with you as we see what God has planned for Holy Innocents'. Please reach out if you have any questions, concerns or see or know of something that needs attention.

God Bless and Peace to All,

Dave White, Sr. Warden 609-477-8709

Pat Peacock, Jr. Warden 609-709-1240

An Article Addressing Change During Transition

Reflection on Change During Transition

From "Uncommon Gratitude," by Joan Chittister and Rowan Williams

Future is many things at once. It is the vessel into which we pour all our hopes and all our fears. "When all else is lost," Christian Bovee says, "the future still remains." The problem is that future is a panacea for some and a threat to others. It is at the edge of the future that we walk off the side of a cliff into the arms of God.

The spiritual challenge of the future resides in being able to accept it before we know it. But accepting the future before we know what it is becomes one of the central problems of life. Rather than embrace the unknown, we stumble along from one fear to another. From day to day, intent on going tenderly into the future we want for ourselves, we are inclined to do one of two things: escape the present or cast it in stone.

So we cling and claw our way from day to day, trying to preserve this, to avoid that, intent on our need to control tomorrow and awash in our uncertainties along the way. Then we begin to see what the future really demands of us. We come to realize that it is not the particulars, the details of time and place and position to which the future finally takes us that really matter much. No, it isn't so much what happens to us in the future that counts. It is the attitudes we take to it that make all the difference between a future that's full and a future that's frustrating.

Blessing Of The Animals

ANNUAL PET BLESSING & Observance of the Feast of St. Francis
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3rd from 5:00-6:00 PM



Annual Church Picnic

THANK YOU SO MUCH to Alexa & Mike Fahner for planning and organizing this year's Annual Parish Picnic! **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED!!!** We had about 60 people and had a great time! **THANK YOU** to all who set-up, brought delicious foods, helped serve food, grilled, Lisa & Dennis & Eric and Joan & Mike for bringing the grills, for everyone who helped clean up, and for all who came! WHAT PERFECT WEATHER TOO! Photo collages below:



Holy Innocents' Annual Auction Dinner Tickets On Sale!!



It is almost time for our **Annual Silent Bid Auction Dinner!!** If you have been part of this event in the past, you know how much we accomplish during this great evening of fun and fellowship. The money raised from last year's event was utilized for the beautiful renovations of our kitchen and Martin Hall. In addition to the Silent Bid Auction, this year's event will again include a Chance Auction. Please join us on **Thursday, October 17, 2024, at the Sea Shell in Beach Haven at 6:00 p.m.** Our host is the ever-gracious Hughes family, who annually treats us as royal guests at this event.

Tickets are \$70.00 per person and include endless hot and cold appetizers, as well as salad, a gourmet buffet dinner, coffee, and homemade desserts. A cash bar is also available. Please respond by calling or visiting the church office or mailing your response card back.

Each year we also solicit gift donations from our parishioners and our business community. Your creativity is welcomed!! Of course, cash donations are always appreciated! If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church with a notation that it's for the Silent Auction, utilize the QR code in our weekly bulletins or our website www.hiec bh.com to donate online. The deadline for gift donations *only* is **Sunday, October 13, 2024.**

On **Wednesday, October 16th**, Martin Hall will be open from 2:00 pm-6:00pm to give everyone the opportunity to preview the auction items, and buy tickets for the chance auction and the restaurant raffle.

We hope to see you **Thursday, October 17th at the Sea Shell at 6:00pm.**



MONDAY YOGA CLASS

Yoga Bohemia is offering to the Beach Haven (and whole island) community a yoga class for those who feel that they have some level of mobility impairment. The class is led by a professional instructor so there will be a fee. The class is on **MONDAYS, from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.** and is weekly in Martin Hall. **Please contact CHRISTINE LITTLE at (908) 642-6096 for questions, etc.**

ECW NEWS



Ladies, **OCTOBER 1st** is our meeting date this month.

I hope you have looked at your calendar in advance. **YES OCTOBER 1st !!!**

We'll be finalizing details for the Antique Appraisal fund-raiser we're hosting on November 9. Other projects for discussion are our Christmas luncheon, World Day of Prayer, and the Spring Art/Craft show.

If you haven't been able to attend one of our meetings we'd love to have you. All ladies are welcome. Everyone's ideas, input and help are welcomed, valued and needed. Please join us **OCTOBER 1st.** We'll begin at 11:30 in the chapel for morning prayer followed by brown bag lunch and meeting in Martin Hall.

Melissa Wall

Parish Prayer List October

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

Judy Contreras	Lara Sparks Deitz	Joan Connolly
Mary Ann Crewdson	Dennis	Connie Anderson
Christian Balint	Bob Hendricks	Christine Hendricks
Kathy & Walter	Ron & Kenny	Jeannine
Judy & Al	Joan & Linda Kelly	Chris C.
David D'Ambrosia	Barry Longenbach	Warren Lamon
Louise Muth	Teri Keller	Gia
Cora	Frank M.	Ray M.
Joey	Sue P.	Ann White
George & Linda Huggler	Cindy Wood	Pierro Family
Lovas Family	Debbie & Joe Reising	Connie
Joe	Peg Appleget	Dcn. Judy
Jim Hanley	Fran	Lynne Weidmann
Alicia Magarelli	Jennifer	Keith Moore
Alycia Mullin	Diane	Florence Welharticky
Maxine Edland	Kevin Catrano	Meg Neff
Keith & Jean Aclin	Rob Meyer	Chuck Hall
Leila Sullivan	Enos/Kleber/Romanowksi Families	
Rob Greer	Tino	Phil Boulden
Florence Lamon	Debbie Lamon	Family & Friends of Omer Demir
Jane Goddard	Michelle Mahan	Cynthia Clarke
Family & Friends of Timothy August		Shirley
Family & Friends of Fr. John Frambes		Tim Hillyer
Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi, LBI		

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Investiture of Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe



NOVEMBER 2nd, 2024 the investiture of Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe

The planning committee for the investiture of Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe has released a batch of resources to aid Episcopalians in hosting local watch parties during the churchwide virtual event at 11 a.m. ET on Nov. 2.

The service will be livestreamed on the event webpage as well as The Episcopal Church's Facebook page.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry issues a churchwide invitation to the Nov. 2 investiture service of Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe

INFO HERE

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/investiture/>

Become A Chalice Bearer Or Eucharistic Visitor

Are you seeking a deeper connection with our worship and community? Have you felt the call to serve in a meaningful way? We invite you to consider becoming a Chalice Bearer and/or a Eucharistic Visitor.

Why Serve?

Spiritual Enrichment: As a Chalice Bearer or Eucharistic Minister, you'll play a vital role in our communal worship services and the distribution of the blessed sacrament to those who cannot be with us on Sunday mornings. You'll help to create a sacred and reverent atmosphere on Sundays and remind folks away from church that they can also experience the holy. These ministries offer profound ways to experience God's presence and grace.

Community Connection: Serving in these roles strengthens your bond with fellow parishioners and enhances your sense of belonging within our Holy Innocents' church family.

Personal Growth: Engaging in these ministries allow you to grow in faith, humility, and service. It's an opportunity to develop leadership skills and deepen your understanding of our liturgical traditions. It's also nice to know you're helping out!

Chalice Bearers assist in the conduct of our worship services by helping at the altar, serving wine or sometimes bread, and other things.

Eucharistic Visitors assist by distributing the Holy Communion, sharing the body and blood of Christ with our congregational members who are either shut-in at home, experiencing difficult times with their health and mobility and cannot get to church, or in a residential living community.

No prior experience is needed—just a heart willing to serve and a commitment to our church's mission. Training will be provided to ensure you feel confident and supported in your new role. On Sundays during the worship services, we will be super grateful and the people you may visit at home, will definitely be happy to see you!

How to Get Involved

If you are interested in joining this fulfilling ministry, please contact Mtr. Caroline+, Kay DeCicco, (chalice) or Susan Hughes (Eucharistic Visitor).. You can also talk to any chalice bearer after the service or at Coffee Hour!

We are excited to welcome new members to the liturgy team and to witness the many ways you will enrich our worship and community life. Together, let us continue to serve God and one another with joy and devotion.

Mtr. Caroline+



Save the date!

- Oct. 3 – St. Francis Day Annual Blessing of the Animals 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Oct. 4 – Celebration of Ministry & Farewell Dinner for Mtr. Caroline 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 16 – Auction Preview in Martin Hall 2:00-6:00 pm
- Oct. 17 – Annual Silent Bid Auction at Sea Shell at 6:00 p.m. (ticket)
- Nov. 9 – Antiques Appraisal Day, hosted by the ECW (ticket)
- Nov. 16 – Diocese of NJ Annual Convention (delegates attend)
- Dec. 1st – Messiah Sing at 4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 13 – Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
- Dec. 17 – “Blue Christmas” service at 5:00 p.m.
- Dec. 20 – Winter Solstice Holy Hike 3:15 – 4:37 p.m.



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'!
October Parishioner Spotlight ~ Sherry Johnson*

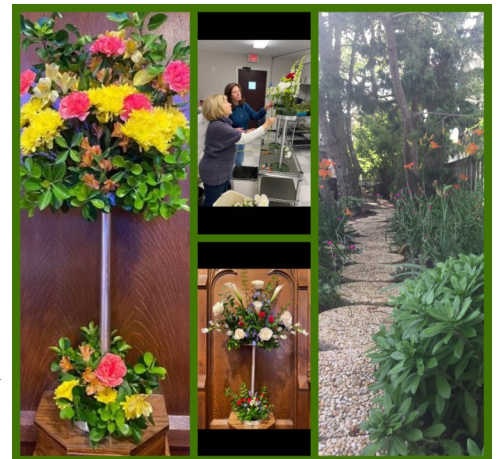
I attended Beach Haven Elementary School, then Southern Regional High School. I went to college at Essex Community College in Maryland.

I attended Kynett Methodist Church as a child, but as a teen, I started going to Holy Innocents', when it was located on Engleside Ave. I married and raised my two boys in Maryland, summering on LBI. We moved back to LBI year-round in 1999.



We have two sons. Ted is a volunteer firefighter and also works at Southern Ocean Medical Center as a security guard. In addition, he works as a forest firefighter for Ocean County. Johnny lives in Northern California and was an acolyte at Holy Innocents'. Several pictures, one of son Johnny as an acolyte; one (for the church directory) of our family from approximately 2000; and one of my husband and me with Bishop Stokes) are from Holy Innocents'; while one is from the Church Without Walls in Rincon, Puerto Rico.

I joined the Holy Innocents' flower committee and was taught to make flower arrangements by the very talented women of that group. I always felt welcome and loved by everyone at Holy Innocents'. Three of the pictures are from my flower arranging, while one is from my own garden.



My husband and I spend two months in Puerto Rico in the winter. We attend Church Without Walls in Rincon, a nondenominational church. Last winter, we renewed our baptismal covenant in the Caribbean Ocean.



I'm also a pottery maker and have a studio residency at The Foundation of Arts and Sciences in Love ladies. The picture shows some examples of my pottery.

I love everything about Holy Innocents'—the music, the people, and the peace I find there.

Environmental Education & Advocacy Committee



Ecological changes are finding their way into cruise ship operations. This past month Gail and I had the opportunity to take an expeditionary cruise of the western Great Lakes. Viking, a leader in the cruise industry and operating 80 vessels throughout the world, has taken a number of steps to minimize the use of paper and plastic. On our prior cruises with Viking there were always plastic water bottles available as you left the ship. This trip there were none to be found. In speaking with Viking personnel aboard ship, they emphasized that Viking was doing their part in reducing the use of plastics. On our ship alone (350 passengers) over 400 plastic bottles were used each day. This means that for a seven day voyage 2800 bottles were used! Considering that several of Viking's ships carry almost 925 passengers the number of plastic not used throughout the year number in the millions. We carried our own reusable hard bottles and our stateroom always had a glass carafe of water on hand. On board Gail and I attended a galley tour lead by the head chef of the ship. He emphasized that they use of much of their prepared food each day and reformat food that goes uneaten the very next day For example, prepared steak can be grounded for steak burgers. Any prepared food that is not consumed is drained and compacted for use as fertilizer for farming use.

Now we did not spend all of, our seven days in the galley of the ship, we did go to a number of excursions off ship and staff presentations aboard ship. One particular presentation stands out it was called "Magic Migration" lead by a professional ornithologist and though traversing the Great Lakes there were bird sightings and landings aboard ship. One particular bird that landed aboard ship was identified as a Cape May Warbler named for New Jersey's Cape May where it was first identified in 1811. The male warbler about 4.75 inches since not a paying passenger was asked to leave. The specialist stated that although this warbler is not a migratory bird over 70% of all birds are and of that number almost 80% migrate at night.

Each evening a four page glossy is issued to each cabin describing events and landings for the next day. By using each cabin's screen it is available for viewing instead. If industry is leading the way, we too, in our own way can begin to consciously minimize our dependence on plastic and paper. We have been for sometime receiving our Parish Post online!

Submitted by: Tom Jacobsen

Vestry Clerk Still Needed!

VESTRY MEETINGS are the 2nd Thurs. of each month from 7 pm until 8:30 or 9:00. The Vestry Clerk records the minutes at meetings and prepares them for review and approval.



Please see Wardens or any Vestry member for more information!

VESTRY & WARDENS

Dave White, Senior Warden

Pat Peacock, Junior Warden

Vestry Class of 2024

Diane Carter

Vince Contreras

Matt Starr

Vestry Class of 2025

Judy Contreras

Bruce Hillyer

Bill Kehr

Vestry Class of 2026

Larry Peacock

Barbara Wheeler

Leila Sullivan

OCTOBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:15am-10:15am (LEG) 11:30 AM ECW Mass/Meeting & Lunch in Martin Hall	2 	3 9:15am-10:15am (LEG) 5:00-6:00pm Pet Blessing 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	4 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 5:00pm in Martin Hall Celebration of Ministry & Farewell Mtr. Caroline	5
6 <i>The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite II <i>Mtr. Caroline's last service @ HI</i>	7 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Yoga 	8 9:15am-10:15am (LEG) MTR. CAROLINE MOVING DAY	9 9:30am-11:00am Sandwich Min.	10 9:15am-10:15am (LEG) 4:30pm CAP Mtg. (MH) 7:00pm Vestry 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	11 <i>Parish Office Closed</i>	12 11:30am Stow-Bebon Committal
13 <i>The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite II Baptism	14 <i>Indigenous Peoples Day</i> <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 9:00am MP 9:00am Lodge Committal 9:15-10:15am YOGA IN CHURCH!  <i>MH Reserved</i>	15 NO LEG 	16 2:00pm-6:00pm Auction Preview Martin Hall	17 NO LEG 6pm Annual Silent Auction at the Sea Shell 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	18 <i>Parish Office Closed</i>	19
20 <i>The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite II	21 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Yoga 	22 9:15am-10:15am (LEG)	23 11:00am-1:30pm Choir Rehearsal/ Lunch	24 9:15am-10:15am (LEG) 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	25 <i>Parish Office Closed</i>	26
27 <i>The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite II	28 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Yoga 	29 9:15am-10:15am (LEG)	30	31  Happy Halloween 9:15am-10:15am (LEG) 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)		

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October Birthdays

Jane Enos	06	Katherine A. Wymbs	20
Robert Romanowski	07	Joseph Culley	20
Sherry Hughes	15	Michael J. Wymbs	21
Danelle Dumhart	20	Mike Melega	27



October Anniversaries

Larry & Patricia Peacock	08	David & Karin Mitchell	20
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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 October.

OCTOBER ALTAR DONATIONS

- 6th -
- 13th -
- 20th -
- 27th -



OCTOBER FLOWER GUILD

- 6th - Carol Hammond
- 13th - Kim Sparks
- 20th - Sherry Johnson
- 27th - Carol Hammond



OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD

- 6th - Chris Burlaga, Melissa Wall
- 13th - Melissa Wall, Diane Entrikin
- 20th - Jackie Sparks, Carol Hammond
- 27th - Jeanne Cashel, Diane Entrikin

OCTOBER USHERS & GREETERS

- 6th - Mike Fahner, Bob Weidman
- 13th - Melissa Wall, Sue Hughes
- 20th - Leila Sullivan, Kay DeCicco
- 27th - Dave White, Bill Kehr



OCTOBER COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

- 6th - TBD
- 13th - Vince Contreras
- 20th - TBD
- 27th - TBD



The Coffee Hour schedule is located on the bulletin board outside Martin Hall. There are several slots open for October-December. Please sign up to bring a snack to go with our coffee and tea. We appreciate your participation! Thank you! ~ Ellen Kehr



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Rite I Worship Service
(May 26th through Labor Day)
Sunday Morning ~ 9:30 a.m.
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