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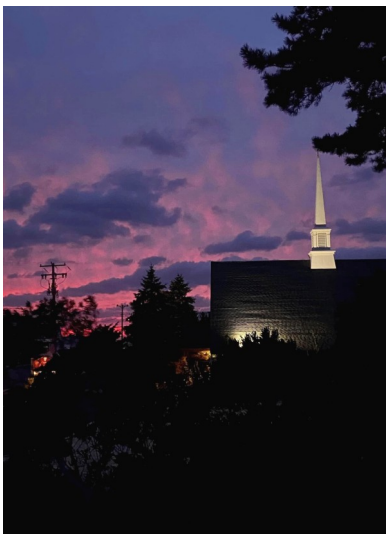
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A Moment with Mother Erin

This month there is a LOT going on at Holy Innocents'!

One of my FAVORITE Sundays of the year - Blessing of the Animals - is coming up at 1pm on October 4. We are so excited to meet your pets! Please let family, neighbors, and friends know, too! We will be gathering at the grassy area on the corner of Beach and Marine Streets.

Also, our annual benefit auction is Thursday, October 8. You can purchase your tickets at the office, or after this Sunday's service. This event is a great opportunity to spend time together as a community, and enjoy the delicious food and great hospitality of the Sea Shell Resort. We hope you can join us for this very special evening.

You may also know that our annual stewardship campaign, "In My Father's House," is going on right now. I thank you for your support of Holy Innocents' ministry to our community. We hope you can join us for the Blessing of the Pledges and a special brunch at coffee hour on Sunday, October 25. In a few weeks, we will also have an opportunity to share your time by helping with small tasks at Holy Innocents'. Keep an eye on your email for more information about opportunities to volunteer.

We will also be celebrating All Saints' Day on October 25. At our 9:30 service that day, we will remember those who have died this year. Please join us for this very meaningful commemoration.

Finally, I hope you will join us for our Celebration of New Ministry on October 17 with Bishop Sally French at 1:30pm. This will celebrate my being called as rector of the parish, and the work we are called to do together. There will be a dessert reception following the service, and I hope you are able to participate!

I know that our September concluded with extreme weather. If you haven't heard, our building and the rectory did not experience flooding. I am grateful for our safety, and our ability to serve the community. We were in touch with the municipality and first responders about the possibility of assisting evacuees, and we were able to bring drinks and snacks that we had on hand to the Fire Company. I hope you were not seriously affected by the conditions - but if you were and are in need of help, please reach out to me and let me know how we can support you.

I hope you have a wonderful month!





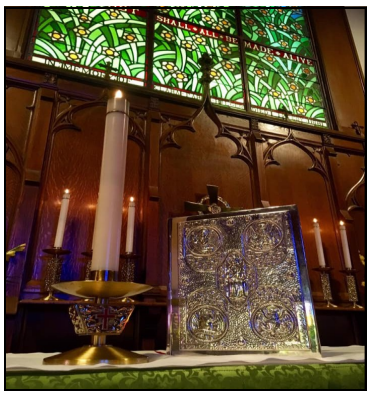
HIEC Annual Giving Campaign 2027

- **A call to share our resources and nurture our relationships.**
- **An invitation to claim your place on God's household, to make room for others, and to live in God's abundance.**

Campaign materials and pledge forms sent to your email and available in the Narthex.

Celebration of New Ministry: Saturday, October 17 at 1:30pm

Mark your calendar for Bishop Sally French's visit recognizing Mother Erin's ministry as Rector of Holy Innocents'!



Minister of Music



Save the date and spread the word for these annual events!

ALL are welcome ~ free will offering ~ reception after

Friday, December 11 at 7pm Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 20th at 4pm Messiah Sing

Ellen Dondero, Minister of Music
ejdondero@comcast.net

Annual Silent Bid Auction Dinner



It is time once again 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. Funds raised from last year's event were utilized for new air conditioning in the sanctuary, church offices and most recently Martin Hall. This year's funds will be used for the replacement of our church heating system. In addition to the Silent Bid Auction, this year's event will again include a Chance Auction.

Please join us on **Thursday, October 8, 2026, at the Sea Shell in Beach Haven at the new time of 5:30 p.m.** Our host is the ever-gracious Hughes family, who annually treat us as royal guests at this event.

Tickets are **$75.00** 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, or at our website www.hiecbh.com to donate online. The deadline for gift donations is **Sunday, October 4, 2026.**

On **Wednesday, October 7th**, 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 8th at the Sea Shell at 5:30pm**

Holy Innocents' Happenings



Sunday, October 4 at 1pm



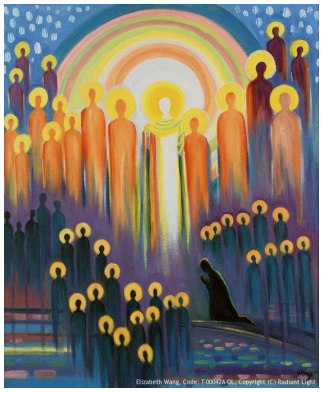
Bring your beloved animal companion for a special blessing, celebrating the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. We will meet at the grassy area at the corner of Marine Street and South Beach Avenue.

*Also - please know that if your pet is **ever** in need of a blessing at the end of their life, or in a time of life-threatening health issues, please reach out to Mother Erin to arrange a private blessing in your home.*



Labyrinth Walk: Monday, October 5th at 10:30am

Join Mother Erin for a time of meditation at Holy Innocents' outdoor labyrinth! Labyrinths are an ancient form of quiet walking meditation, suitable for all ability levels. Prayer beads and hand labyrinths will also be provided for those who prefer seated meditation. **In the event of inclement weather, we will gather in the chapel and use prayer beads.*



All Saints' Day: Sunday, October 25, at the 9:30am Service

Each year, the Church celebrates a special feast to remember the lives of the all saints who have gone before us. ***If you wish to memorialize loved ones with a donation to support our Altar Guild, please complete a All Saints' donation form and place it in the offering plate or in the lockbox outside the church office by October 20th.***

Please join us for worship on this special day, when we will commemorate the memory of those we love who have died this year. **We will also be blessing the annual stewardship pledges during the service with a celebration brunch to follow.**



Christmas Shoe Box collection and the Giving Tree Donations start on November 5th! Look for more information in your upcoming weekly E-pistle, Sunday bulletins and monthly Parish Post!



9 Simple Things you can do to Help protect the earth

1. **Put on a sweater.** Remember, when you turn up the heat in wintertime, your furnace is probably burning fossil fuels. A sweater or a nice warm robe will keep you even warmer and will help conserve resources and reduce climate change.
2. **Put one foot in front of the other.** One hundred years ago, 99.9% of people got by without cars. They took the train, they lived near their workplaces ... and they walked. Using fuel-efficient cars is important, but we can save even more fuel by simply driving less.
3. **Go for seconds.** Recycling doesn't only mean separating your cans and bottles. It can also mean using things a second (or a third) time. That nice padded envelope you got in the mail, for example? Instead of throwing it away, scratch out the address, tear off the stamps, and use it again.
4. **Watch your waste.** Items you may be throwing away can contaminate the soil and water for thousands or millions of years. Your community probably has special disposal procedures for things like used oil and batteries. Ink cartridges can probably be recycled where you bought them. And many of the new superefficient lightbulbs contain mercury, so proper disposal is crucial. Check with the store where you buy them.
5. **Paper nor plastic.** Bring your bags with you! By taking reusable bags to the grocery store, you can cut down on the 350 bags the average American uses each year and reduce the needless deaths of marine life caused by plastic bags that end up in streams, rivers, and oceans.
6. **BYOB.** Last year, Americans went through about 50 billion plastic water bottles. Fill up a reusable water bottle at home and bring it with you. Don't like the taste of your tap water? Buy a filter! (Remember, much of the bottled water sold today is filtered tap water anyway.)
7. **Flip 'em off.** In much of America we can't even see the stars anymore, due in part to all the electric lights. Keep the light on in the room you're in, but keep the rest of your house dark. You'll find the dark is soothing.
8. **Get in touch with your roots. Plant a tree!** It's good for the soil, good for the birds, good for reducing climate change—and good for the air you breathe!
9. **Get off.** Catalogs are great when they're from companies whose products you buy. But if you're getting catalogs from companies you don't buy from, call them and tell them to get you off their list—and that's an order.

Parish Prayer List October

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

Lara	Connie	Dennis	Debbie	Joe
Pat	Joe	Warren	Ann	Judy
Meg	Rich	Charles	Doug	Ellis
Judy	Jeannine	Nellie	Will	Devin
Rick	Scotty	Becka	Karen	Roy
Shirley	Ben	Tim	Karen	Walter
Kathy	Johnny	Matthew	Jack	Dixie
Mary	Amy	Ellen	Oliver	Jacob
Rachel	Sherry	Cynthia	Jo-Anne	Susie
Connor	Philip	Sean	Ellen	Eileen
Charles	Kitty	Greg	John	Alan
Bruce	Allie	Rich	Jennie	Bill
Ken	Bill	Dan	Sherry	Don

Deaths: Marjorie V. Wilson

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:
Paul Bailey, Justin A. Dumhart, Joseph Alexander, Danny Melega, Andrew Wall, Brandan White

Helping Parishioners In Need

HELPING PARISHIONERS IN NEED ~ We know that a *few* can't help all the time, but *you* could help every once in a while *if we have many!*

DRIVERS Take a Parishioner to a doctor's appointment or shopping: Manahawkin, Cherry Hill, University of Penn, Medford, etc.

HOME HELP Check on a Parishioner to make sure that they have enough food, take trash out or simply be good company with a visit!

PHONE CALLS Call a Parishioner to make sure they are ok, especially if we haven't seen them recently in Church. **Call Judy Contreras to add your name to the list: 856-906-6725-Email: judyc3956@gmail.com**

2027 Stewardship Campaign-In My Father's House

"In my father's house are many mansions
If it were not true he would have told me so
He has gone away to live in that bright city
He's preparing me a mansion there I know

Jesus died upon the cross to bear my sorrow
Freely died that souls like you might have new life
But I know that soon there'll come a bright tomorrow
When the world will all be free from sin and strife

(do not shun the saviors love, from up in glory)
(or you wont be there to sing the gospel story)
In my father's house are many mansions
If you're true then to this land you'll surely go."

Written and composed by Aileene Hanks in 1953; Arranged and performed by Elvis Presley

In My Father's House

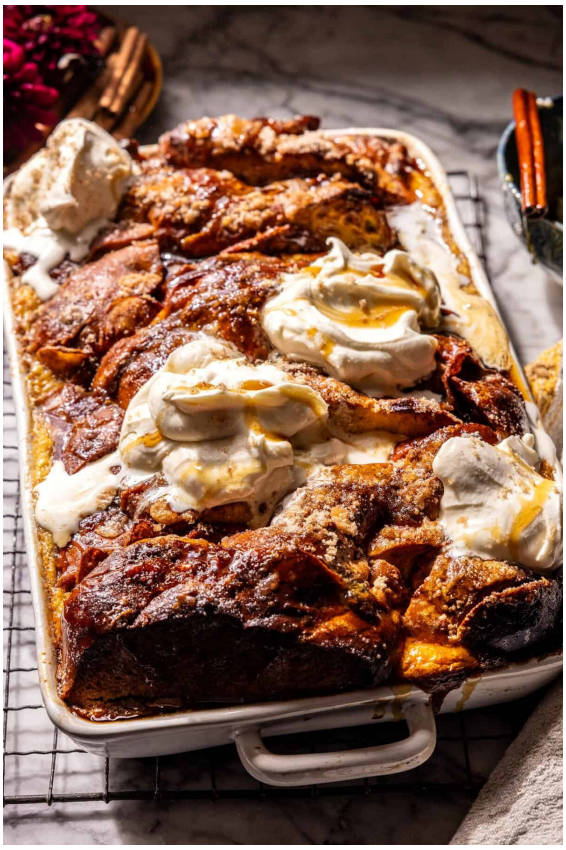
Use the convenient QR Code to the right to complete the online 2027 Stewardship Campaign Pledge form.

Baked Cinnamon Apple Butter French Toast

Fall mornings are made for this cozy French toast!

Ingredients *(Recipe from www.halfbakedharvest.com–Prep Time 30 min-Cook Time 40 min-Total Time 1 hr 15 minutes)*

- ☐ ▢1 loaf brioche or challah bread or *sliced into 1 1/2 inch thick slices*
- ☐ ▢1 cup apple butter
- ☐ ▢6 large eggs
- ☐ ▢2 cups whole milk
- ☐ ▢1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- ☐ ▢6 tablespoons salted butter, melted and browned
- ☐ ▢2 honeycrisp apples, thinly sliced
- ☐ ▢1/2 cup brown sugar
- ☐ ▢2 teaspoons cinnamon



MAPLE WHIPPED CREAM

- ☐ ▢1/2 cup maple syrup
- ☐ ▢2 cinnamon sticks
- ☐ ▢2 tablespoons bourbon *(or 1 tablespoon vanilla)*
- ☐ ▢1 cup heavy whipping cream
- ☐ ▢sea salt

Instructions

1. Butter a 9×13-inch baking dish.

2. Slice each piece of bread in half, cutting almost all the way through, but leaving a 1/4 inch at the bottom. Spread the inside of the bread with apple butter

3. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk, vanilla, cooled butter, and salt. Submerge each piece of bread into the egg mix, allowing the bread to sit for at least a minute to soak up the eggs. Arrange the bread in the baking dish.

4. Toss the apples with brown sugar and cinnamon. Stuff the apples in between each piece of bread. Pour the remaining egg mix over the dish. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes or overnight.

5. When ready to bake, preheat the oven to 375° F. Cover with foil and bake for 25 minutes. Remove the foil and bake another 20-25 minutes, until golden.

6. Top with maple cream and cinnamon syrup. Enjoy!

CINNAMON SYRUP AND MAPLE CREAM

1. In a pot combine the maple and cinnamon. Simmer/boil for 5 minutes. Remove from the heat. Add the bourbon or vanilla.

2. Using an electric mixer, whip the cream and 1-2 tablespoons cinnamon syrup + sea salt until soft peaks form.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				***1*** 9:15-10:15am LEG 1:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline	***2*** *Parish Office Closed*	***3***
4 *The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost* 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Rite II 1:00pm Blessing of the Animals *Birthdays & Anniversaries*	***5*** 9:00am MP (FB) NO Chair Yoga 10:30am Labyrinth Walk *Martin Hall Reserved Auction Prep*	***6*** NO LEG NO Mah Jongg	***7*** NO Tai Chi 2:00pm-6:00pm Auction Preview	***8*** NO LEG 1:30pm Bible Study (Zoom) 5:30pm Annual Auction @ The Seashell 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline	***9*** *Parish Office Closed*	***10***
11 *The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost* 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Rite II	***12*** *Parish Office Closed* 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Chair Yoga 	***13*** 9:15-10:15am LEG 1:00pm Mah Jongg in MH	***14*** 9:30-11:00am Sandwich Min. 9:30-10:30am Tai Chi Class	***15*** 9:15-10:15am LEG 1:30pm Bible Study 4:30pm BHCAP 7:00pm Vestry 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline	***16*** *Parish Office Closed*	***17***  *1:30pm Celebration of Mother Erin's New Ministry with Bishop Sally French*
18 *The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost* 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Rite II	***19*** 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Chair Yoga 10:30am Centering Prayer on the beach	***20*** 9:15-10:15am LEG 1:00pm Mah Jongg in MH	***21***  9:30-10:30am Tai Chi Class 4:00pm Prayer Ministry	***22*** 9:15-10:15am LEG 1:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline	***23*** *Parish Office Closed*	***24***
25 *ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY* 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Rite *Blessing of the Pledges & Brunch Celebration* *Healing Service in Chapel*	***26*** 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Chair Yoga Mother Erin away	***27*** 9:15-10:15am LEG 1:00pm Mah Jongg in MH	***28*** 9:30-10:30am Tai Chi Class	***29*** 9:15-10:15am LEG 1:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline	***30*** *Parish Office Closed*	***31*** 

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Any time

On the Fourth Sunday of the Month, Mother Erin will offer prayers and anointing for healing in the chapel immediately after the Holy Eucharist for anyone who would like this ministry. Persons can come into the chapel and request healing prayer for themselves or for others.

THANK YOU ALL!!!

Please be sure to patronize & thank the businesses that so very generously purchased ads for this Parish Post year!

The Hughes Family
~ The Hillman Family
~ Larry & Pat Peacock
Murphy's Family of Stores
~ The Surflight Theatre

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

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

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

4th -
11th -
18th -
25th -



OCTOBER FLOWER GUILD

4th - Joyce Hillyer
11th - Carol Hammond
18th - Kim Sparks
25th - Sherry Johnson

OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD

4th - Carol Hammond, Chris Burlaga
11th - Jackie Sparks
18th - Melissa Wall
25th - Jeanne Cashel

OCTOBER USHERS & GREETERS

4th - *Thank you to all our*
11th - *Ushers and Greeters for the*
18th - *month of October!!*
25th -



OCTOBER COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

4th -
11th -
18th -
25th - Leila Sullivan
(All Saints'Sunday/Pledge Celebration)



Our Coffee Hour Schedule is posted on the bulletin board outside Martin Hall. Dates are still available in October through December. Please sign up if able! Thank you, *Ellen Kehr*

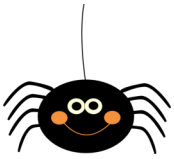






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Sunday Morning ~ 9:30 a.m.
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Holy Innocents'

- **Website** www.hiecbh.com
- **Facebook Page** https://www.facebook.com/HIBeachHavenNJ
- **Monthly Parish Post** Submissions to Lisa due no later than the third week of the month
- **Weekly E-pistle** Submissions to Mother Erin due Thursdays by noon

Diocese of New Jersey

- **Diocese of NJ website** https://dioceseofnj.org/
- **Good News in the Garden State**
  https://dioceseofnj.org/good-news-in-the-garden-state/
- **Lay Leaders Town Hall** https://bit.ly/LayTownHall (Thurs, 7:00 PM)

The Episcopal Church

- **The Episcopal Church** https://www.episcopalchurch.org/
- **Episcopal News Service (ENS)**
  https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/
- **TEC Ministries**
  https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/

The Anglican Communion

- **Anglican Communion** https://www.anglicancommunion.org/
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