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A New Rector Has Been Called!!

A community of faith, sharing the love of the Holy Spirit, seeking and serving Christ in his creation.

Dear People of Holy Innocents':

I am writing to share the exciting news that I have been called to serve as the next Rector of Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church in Beach Haven, New Jersey. I will begin serving in this role on Sunday, February 1. I admire Holy Innocents' focus on connecting to the communities of Beach Haven, Long Beach Island, and beyond, and I eagerly anticipate participating in this ongoing work. I am very much looking forward to getting to know all of you!

I currently serve as Assistant Rector at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania. In addition to my liturgical and pastoral duties at St. Paul's, I am the clergy support to St. Paul's Outreach and Pastoral Care commissions. While I have lived in the Pittsburgh area for some time, I grew up in northern New Jersey, with close relatives that lived (and still live) in Ocean County. I am delighted to be returning to a place where I have made fond memories, and have already established roots.

Prior to my ordination, I worked for a local domestic violence shelter. I am also an attorney, and currently serve as a legal volunteer with Neighborhood Legal Services. My son, Max, currently lives in Chicago, where he is attending Loyola University, with the goal of becoming a high school history teacher.

Please know that you will be in my prayers, and I hope that you will pray for me.

Thank you,
The Reverend Erin Morey

Dear Parishioners,

It is with great joy and gratitude that we share the wonderful news that **The Reverend Erin Morey** has accepted the call to serve as the next **Rector of Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church**, beginning her ministry with us on **Sunday, February 1**.

In her letter, Mother Erin expressed her excitement about joining the Holy Innocents' community and her admiration for our parish's dedication to the community and our ongoing work of faith and service. We were drawn to Mother Erin as her pastoral care and kindness for humanity was clear to the Vestry in our discussions. She loves music, the history of religions, as well as the outdoors and hiking. Mother Erin biked to Holgate, climbed the lighthouse and attended a Surfflight show during her visit. She is eager to get to know each of us and to share in our ongoing work of faith and service. We are equally excited to welcome her into our parish family and to begin this new chapter together. Her strong family ties in Ocean County make this both a homecoming and a new beginning.

We give thanks to God for guiding both Mother Erin and Holy Innocents' through this journey of discernment. We are confident that her gifts, compassion, and leadership will enrich our parish and strengthen our mission as a community of faith. Please keep Mother Erin in your prayers as she prepares for this transition. Join us in extending her a warm and joyful welcome when she arrives.

With Gratitude and Blessings,
Pat Peacock, Senior Warden
Dave White, Junior Warden



A Word From Fr. Peter

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

One of the challenges of an Interim Priest lies in balancing what new projects to undertake and which ministries and activities to continue. As many of you already know, I have tried to keep as many of the programs, liturgies and activities which are a familiar part of life at Holy Innocents'. I have introduced some additions to the liturgy, so the new Rector would have more liturgical options which were not previously used at Holy Innocents' Church.

There will be another change which I would like to make related to the shoebox gift ministry initiated by Ruth McLaughlin. This ministry comes out of Samaritan's Purse, a ministry of Franklin Graham. If you go to the webpage of Samaritan's Purse and read their statement of faith, you will discover that many of their articles of faith are not in accord with the teaching of the Episcopal Church. While I think it is important to build bridges with other faith communities, I find it problematic to give support to an organization which engages in work which the Episcopal Church would not endorse. After conversations with Ruth, we agreed to identify another group for whom we could prepare similar shoe boxes for Christmas.

Many of you donated material and money to the backpack collection we organized at the start of the school year. Deacon Ted brought those backpacks to Christ Church in Toms River and All Saints in Lakewood. We received most gracious thank you notes from the children at All Saints Church and from Mother Nicole Kurkowski, their Priest-in-Charge. Both churches include large Latino congregations with many children. While most of the children are American citizens, many of their parents are undocumented and work in the underground economy. The Latino communities at both Christ Church and All Saints are experiencing such a great fear of being arrested and deported that many have stopped coming to church. I thought that we could make an impact on the lives of these children by giving the Christmas shoe boxes to them, who are our neighbors and share our Episcopal faith.

I want to assure you that in making this decision I am motivated by fidelity to the teaching of the Episcopal Church and helping geographic neighbors close at hand. While we understand that there is a broader political context for this decision, I think that we can engage in a nonpartisan outreach to people in need who share our Episcopal faith. If anyone would like to speak with me about this change, I gladly welcome those conversations.

Ruth has purchased 30 plastic shoeboxes and we shall provide you with a list of suggested materials to include in these shoeboxes. Since Carl and I live close to All Saints we would deliver the shoeboxes to All Saints Church. I would ask that you return the shoeboxes by December 7th. We can make a real difference in the lives of children who are in need this Christmas season.

Peace.

Fr. Peter

Tai Chi Classes Now Being Offered



Holy Innocents' will be offering Tai Chi classes in Martin Hall on Wednesday at 9:30 am, *(except the 2nd Wednesday of the month, class will be at 11:00 am, as to not interfere with the Sandwich Ministry.* Tai Chi is slow, gentle body movements to enhance mind, body and spirit and it is great for balance. For more information, please contact the church office at 609-492-7571.

Antiques Appraisal

Saturday, November 8

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church
between Pearl & Marine Streets
Beach Haven, LBI



Appraisals by Legacies Old and New, Inc.

\$5 per item ~ 5 item limit

*Appointments suggested by calling the church ~
609 492-7571 (Mon.-Thurs. 9a-2p) or online [here](#)
or by scanning the QR code*

Walk-ins may be limited!



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It's time to go searching through your storage room to look for that family heirloom you've been saving all these years. Mom always said it was worth something, but is it really valuable? This is your chance to find out. Bring it to Martin Hall on Saturday, November 8, and get it professionally appraised by Dan and Marilyn Melega from Legacies Old and New, Inc. If it is too large or heavy to transport, bring photos.

You can bring 5 items (\$5 per item donation) and satisfy your curiosity. Sign up for an appointment through Sign Up Genius (preferred way) or through the church office at 609-492-7571. Walk-ins are welcome, as time permits. This is an ECW fund raising event for our out reach programs so please support this endeavor Spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors. **ALSO, Mark your calendar for December 3rd. Our Christmas luncheon at Buckalew's is open to all the ladies of the church.**

Minister of Music



Save the Dates:

Messiah Sing

Saturday, December 6th at 4pm

Please join us for our Annual Messiah Sing with the NJ Chamber Singers (NJCS). NJCS will present a “mini-concert” before joining the audience to sing the Christmas portion and Halleluiah Chorus, from G.F. Handel’s Messiah.

Have a bite to eat at the light reception before you head over to the museum for caroling and the annual tree lighting which starts at 7PM. A free

will offering will be taken.

Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 12th at 7pm

Join us for this service with readings and lots of beautiful music which includes carol singing, and anthems by our choir, as well as some special guests.

Ellen Dondero, Minister of Music

ejdondero@comcast.net



The Holy Innocent’s Stream Team is asking for volunteers to serve as an occasional back-up for streaming Sunday Services on Facebook Live. When our primary and backup team members are unavailable, we rarely, but occasionally need another Team Member to help us out. Contact Vince Contreras: 856-906-6726.

Helping Parishioners in Times of Need

We'd like to grow this Ministry and need Volunteers to help. 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



Do You Believe in the Power of Prayer? Would You Like to Join the List of People

Who Pray? Thank you to everyone who has helped with prayers when requested. We have seen some amazing results! Recently, I have included some of you who are not officially members of our Prayer Ministry in my request for prayers. Most of you have replied with positive responses! If you don’t want to be included in the future, please let me know. If you are not included and would like to be, please reach out to me. You do not need to come to our monthly gathering to offer prayers when needed. We can all use prayers at one time or another. If you'd like prayers for yourself or someone else, let me know and I will send out the information to the Prayer Ministry and other interested pray-ers. ***Everyone is invited to join us in person! We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month in our Chapel.*** ~ Judy Contreras 856-906-6723

Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church
Marine Street, Beach Haven, NJ
please join us - all are welcome

Messiah Sing

Saturday December 6, 2025 at 4pm

featuring

New Jersey Chamber Singers

come to sing along or listen
bring your own score, or borrow one of ours



Lessons and Carols

Friday December 12, 2025 at 7pm

choral and congregational singing
featuring vocal and instrumental soloists

free will offering will be taken at each event
a reception will follow

for more information please call 609.492.7571

or email ejdondero@comcast.net

Holy Innocents' Annual Auction Dinner!!

Pictures from our Annual Silent Auction. It was a wonderful evening! Members of church & community, friends & family gathered for an evening of fun, fellowship, food, and fundraising. **THANK YOU** to our amazing Auction Committee: Maggie Aftanis, Ellen Dondero, Ellen D. Meyer, Karen Vaughan, and Pat Peacock. Thanks also to all of their helpers. Everyone did a phenomenal job!!! Our gracious, kind, and community-oriented hosts were Tom, Sherry Hughes and family, from The Sea Shell hotel restaurant. Absolutely fantastic food & hospitality! Thanks to all of the local town and island-wide businesses, restaurants, and services that made donations for prizes, as well as all those who contributed individual gifts, prize items, and donations!!!! This year's auction raised a bit over \$21,000!!!!



HIEC Auction Dinner October 9, 2025



Parish Prayer List November

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

Lara Sparks Deitz	Mary Ann Crewdson	Dennis
Christian Balint	Christine Hendricks	Warren Lamon
Ann White	Pierro Family	Lovas Family
Debbie & Joe Reising	Connie	Joe
Peg Appleget	Dcn. Judy	Lynne Weidmann
Meg Neff	Rob Meyer	Tino
Melanie Harman	Pat	Kathy Rice
Jessie	Rich Cashel	Charles Sullivan
Doug Hunter	JoAnn King	Ellis Barbieri
Judy Hamilton	Cindy Wood	Diane
Ray M.	Gia	Jeannine
Phil	Frank	Fran Iozzi
Johnny Johnson, Jr.	Bill Bentley	Dr. John
Scott	Nellie Riley	Mike Phillips
Adam Baulderstone	Chris Mercer	Katie Gillis
Frank, III	Will Locovare	Ollie
Milten Giannico	Mary Jane Mannherz	Bill O'Connell
Glenn Servetah	Mary K.	Pat Strocchia
George Balch	Barbara Wheeler	Devin Hone
Barbara	Rick Rosenbaum	Flood Family
Kay DeCicco	Family & Friends of TJ Patton	

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Christmas Shoe Boxes



CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

The church will organize a Christmas Shoe Box event for the children of All Saints Episcopal Church in Lakewood. Ruth McLaughlin purchased 30 plastic shoe boxes which will be available in the Parish Hall starting November 9, along with a list of possible little gifts. Ages of children range from toddlers to 18 with more boys than girls. Boxes will be collected on December 7. See Fr. Peter's letter on Page 2 of this Parish Post for more information on this program.



Environmental Education & Advocacy Committee



A Prayer for Oceans by Michelle Torigian

Swirling God, who at the dawn of creation swept over the face of the waters,
hover over our oceans and all waterways with your blessed presence.

May each droplet of mist and sea be clean and fresh for all life who come in
contact with these holy streams.

Bless each cell and molecule of life below the surface of the waters who trust in
you and us to create a prosperous world.

Continually nudge us to nurture creation, joining together with humans all over
this planet to covenant with one another and celebrate the gifts of water, air, fire,
and land that you have given us.



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!

November Parishioner Spotlight ~ Jeannette Bond

I grew up in the Episcopal Church, attending the Church of the Good Samaritan in Paoli, PA. My earliest memory is going to church with my grandmother. At age 5, I realized while singing the hymn, All Things Bright and Beautiful, that I could read the words. I was so excited. That launched me into the world of books and music.

I left PA for Douglass College in New Brunswick, NJ, which was at the time the women's college of Rutgers University, in 1971. I ended up with a degree in Studio Art and Math. Cliff and I met at the end of my senior year and got married at the end of my second year of law school. We spent the first couple months of our marriage apart, when I took a summer job with the legal department of the IRS in NYC and he worked for Hershey Foods in Hershey, PA. We subsequently moved to North Jersey when he took a job with AT&T.

We bought our Beach Haven house in 1984, and, with its proximity to Holy Innocents', we regularly attended when we were here, while we lived in North Jersey. Both of our children were baptized at Holy Innocents'. I practiced law full-time until 1998, when we decided to up-end our lives by changing jobs and moving full time to Beach Haven. Cliff had completed his PhD and became a professor at City University of New York. I became Special Counsel for a Newark law firm under what was one of the earliest telecommuter arrangements, pre-email.

My new remote work allowed me to become much more active at Holy Innocents'. I sang in the choir, was a member of the Flower Guild, served as a member of the Vestry, a Warden, and as Treasurer. Early on I volunteered to work at the ECW rummage sale. I came home one day and told Cliff that I thought I had joined Suzette Whiting's army. I was assigned to oversee the toy section of the rummage sale since, with little kids at home, I had plenty of experience straightening up toys all day.

Also in 1998, Cliff gave me a set of watercolor paints for Christmas and I embarked on my return to art with watercolor classes at Jane Law's Studio. I met Jane at Church and she subsequently hired me to teach basic drawing and watercolor at her Studio. For many years, I did art shows at various venues on the Island.



My favorite thing about Holy Innocents' is the choir, both singing in it and, now that my voice is not good, listening to it from the pews. Ellen Dondero is a wonderful director and makes even shy newcomers feel welcome. It was also just a lot of fun.

I enjoy all kinds of music. My favorite thing about Beach Haven is enjoying sea breezes on the porch on a hot summer afternoon and visiting with neighbors as they pass by.

After over 45 years I retired from law practice at the end of 2024. Cliff and I are now snow birds, spending winters in Arizona, where I now do watercolors of rocks and cactus and try to grow things in the high desert. We attend an Episcopal church there, but we still view Holy Innocents' as our home parish.

And for my birthday Cliff gave me a set of water soluble oil paints to use in Beach Haven, something new to try. Here is a Prescott sunrise done with the new paints.



NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 <i>ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY</i> 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite II <i>Daylight Savings Ends</i>	3 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Chair Yoga	4 9:15-10:15am LEG 	5 9:30am Tai Chi Classes in MH 11:00am-2:30pm Choir Rehearsal w/lunch break	6 9:15-10:15am LEG 2:00pm Book/Bible Study 4:00pm BHCAP Mtg. 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	7 <i>Parish Office Closed</i>	8 <i>10:00am-2:00pm ECW Antiques Appraisal in MH</i> Sparks Wedding Rehearsal
9 <i>The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite II 2:00pm Sparks Wedding	10 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Chair Yoga	11 9:15-10:15am LEG  HONORING ALL WHO SERVED	12 9:30-11:00am Sandwich Ministry 11:00am Tai Chi Classes in MH 	13 9:15-10:15am LEG 2:00pm Book/Bible Study 7:00 Vestry Meeting 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	14 <i>Parish Office Closed</i>	15 <i>9:30am-6:00pm Surflight Theatre Rehearsal for Elf</i>
16 <i>The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite II	17 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Chair Yoga	18 9:15-10:15am LEG (Last Class for the season!)	19 9:30am Tai Chi Classes in MH 11:00am-2:30pm Choir Rehearsal w/lunch break 4:00pm Prayer Ministry-Chapel	20 2:00pm Book/Bible Study 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	21 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 	22 <i>9:00am 242nd Diocesan Convention @ Christ Church in TR (delegates attend)</i>
23 <i>The Last Sunday after Pentecost Christ The King</i> 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite II <i>*Healing service in Chapel</i>	24 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Chair Yoga	25 	26 9:30am Tai Chi Classes in MH	27  <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	28 <i>Parish Office Closed</i>	29 
30 <i>The First Sunday Of Advent</i> 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite II 						

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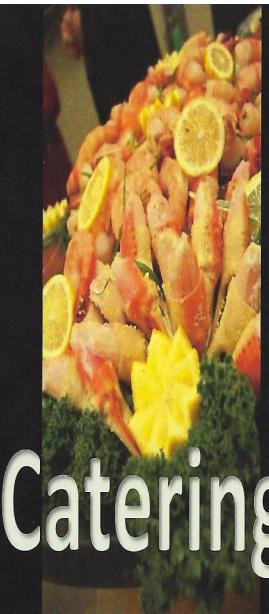
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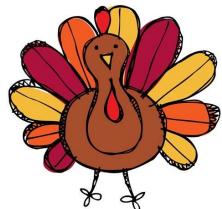
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*Please reach out for pastoral needs or
other questions.*

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our publishing costs!

November Birthdays

Britton Carrigan	01	Johnny Dondero	18
Karen D. Vaughan	07	Richie Southwick	20
Gail Anderson Steiner	10	Carol Boll	26
Michael DeCicco	11	Carl Sheppard	27
Lisa Halpin	16	Jeffrey Hollis	30
Clifford Wymbs	17	Steve Steiner	30



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 November.

NOVEMBER ALTAR DONATIONS

- 2nd - Donna Evleth
- 9th - Artificial Flowers
- 16th -
- 23rd - Ruth McLaughlin
- 30th -

NOVEMBER FLOWER GUILD

- 2nd - Kim Sparks
- 9th - Artificial Flowers
- 16th - Sherry Johnson
- 23rd - Carol Hammond
- 30th - Joyce Hillyer

NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD

- 2nd - Jackie Sparks
- 9th - Carol Hammond, Chris Burlaga
- 16th - Jeanne Cashel
- 23rd - Melissa Wall
- 30th - Jackie Sparks, Melissa Wall

NOVEMBER USHERS & GREETERS

- 2nd - Mike Fahner, Pat Peacock
- 9th - Mike DeCicco, Melissa Wall
- 16th - Sue Hughes, Melissa Wall
- 23rd - Bob Weidmann, Kay DeCicco
- 30th - TBD, Dave White



NOVEMBER COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

- 2nd - Deb Hunter
- 9th - Vestry (Judy Contreras)
- 16th - Leila Sullivan
- 23rd - TBD
- 30th - TBD



Thank you to all who have provided refreshments so far this year! Our Coffee Hour Sign-up Schedule for November through the end of the year will be posted outside is posted on the bulletin board outside Martin Hall. Your participation is greatly appreciated!! ~ Ellen Kehr



**ALL MINISTRY REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT WILL BE DUE
TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH**



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**Sunday Morning ~ 9:30 a.m.
Rite II Worship Service with music
609-492-7571**



Blessing of the Animals with Fr. Peter De Franco ~ October 4, 2025

