## **June 2025**

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## THE PARISH POST



### A Word from Father Peter

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

The month of June brings a major shift to all of us living on LBI or coming to worship at Holy Innocents'. The traffic lights have been turned on. Traffic on Saturdays will become almost impossible to navigate. The Island which knows such tranquility during the Winter months will become abuzz with people drawn to the natural beauty of the ocean and the bay.

On top of this activity around us, we shall witness a less dramatic event happening in our liturgy. June 1 marks the last Sunday in the Easter Season which comes to a close on June 8 with the celebration of Pentecost. After Trinity Sunday on June 15, we return to green vestments and our reading of the Gospel according to Luke, along with the cycle of readings from the prophets as the first reading from the Hebrew Scriptures. The Gospel of Luke places an emphasis on Jesus as a prophet so we will hear the coming together of both the prophetic texts from the Hebrew and Christian scriptures.

For many of us, prophets are people who foretell the future. From this perspective, we hear the message of the Hebrew prophets as predicting the future coming of Jesus as the Messiah. Rabbi Abraham Heschel wrote a groundbreaking study of the Prophets. For Rabbi Heschel, prophets were persons with a profound experience of God's pathos, of God's feeling of rejection by God's people and God's yearning for his people to return to God. While Rabbi Heschel did not study Jesus as a prophet, his understanding of the classic Hebrew prophets gives us an insight into understanding Jesus as one deeply attuned to the heartbeat of God and speaking and acting as a mirror of that divine energy.

If we see the prophets as persons who are deeply connected to God's broken heart, what would it mean for us who inherit this prophetic tradition? Perhaps we can look at the persons whom the Episcopal Church calls contemporary prophets and see how they live their lives. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is listed as a prophet in Lesser Feasts and Fasts, the list of liturgical celebrations in the Episcopal Church. In Dr. King, we see a person who understands and feels the pain and anguish of a people deprived of liberty and freedom and who worked, even unto death, to secure those inherent human rights. In some ways, we continue to sense that heartbeat of humanity when we gather once a month to prepare sandwiches for the hungry. We are attuned to the pain of the hungry among us and provide for their need.

As we enjoy the beauty of nature during these summer months, perhaps we can also train our hearts to see and respond to the needs of the least among us. Perhaps we can notice the persons who wait on and clear tables, who prepare food, who come to LBI on Saturdays to clean homes, who cut our lawns and attend to our gardens. Perhaps we can cultivate a prophetic awareness of their presence among us and even feel the heartbeat of God in their chests. Perhaps we can find in ourselves the presence of a broken-hearted God who yearns for freedom for the least among us.

So let us enjoy the beauty of the summer months even as we hear the prophets of old and ask how that prophetic spirit stirs itself among us today.

Peace. Fr. Peter



## **Rector Search Update**

#### What's happening with our Rector Search?

Since forming our Search Committee in November, lots has happened behind the scenes with parishioner input, Parish Profile and advertising prep, interview question prep and then the wait for applicants. Many parishioners want to know more about what is currently happening. Here is an update!

The Search Committee has been very diligent in following the Diocesan directives in carrying out our search. We have been advertising in Episcopal News Service for several weeks and have now begun to receive applications. We have interviewed one candidate and have another potentially in queue. The Committee meets every Tuesday, with occasional missed meetings when there is nothing new to discuss.

Calling a new priest is a process of discernment on both sides, for the parish and the candidate. Discernment is defined as "the ability to recognize small details, accurately tell the difference between similar things, and make intelligent judgements by using such observations." So, for us, it means asking God to help us look for the small details that will point to the right person to lead us into the future.

We ask for your ongoing prayers and patience as we move forward. Feel free to ask myself or co-chair Mike Fahner how things are going. We must maintain confidentiality but will be happy to answer your queries in general terms. And please pray for the Search Committee members: Maggie Aftanis, Howie Dumhart, Mike Fahner, Judith Hamilton, Bill Kehr, Rich Vaughan and Kim Sparks.

Thank you, Diane Carter

## **Words From Your Wardens**

Happy Summer to all! We know that for some of you, we are welcoming you as you join us for the warm months on LBI and for others, we are saying "See you in September" as the traffic becomes tricky or you have travel plans. Know that we invite you all to be with us online or in person, anytime! We are happy to have you worship with us. Please join us for Coffee Hour and fellowship so we can have a longer conversation!

The final piece of the Rectory renovation is done as the garage had the shower removed, laundry rearranged and the floors, which were in desperate need of attention, have been epoxy coated for a long-lasting finish. We are looking for a gas dryer for the laundry room, should you have one in good working order. Next up for June will be the painting of the Rector's Office and a new desk. Sprucing up for a new Rector!

The Vestry has been working on a 90 Day Review of our working relationship with Father Peter. This is a document that becomes part of Fr. Peter's contract agreement with us. There is goal setting for both Priest and Vestry. This has been done with Fr. Peter and a sub-committee of Vestry members and will be reviewed at our June Vestry meeting. It was a positive experience and gave us insight into where we can best focus our energy. The Discernment Process has multiple tasks for the Vestry including this review. We have already completed a church and rectory safety check and a questionnaire about our expectations for the Search Process. On June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Search Committee and Vestry will be taking a 2 hour Antiracism Course.

Please know that your Wardens are always available to answer any questions or hear your thoughts.

Peace, Pat & Dave



## **Minister of Music**

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Saturday, May 31st, 2025 at 4pm St. David's Episcopal Church 90 S Main St. | Cranbury, NJ 08512 609.655.4731 Free will offering Sunday, June 1st, 2025 at 4pm Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church Marine St. | Beach Haven, NJ 08008 609.492.7571 Free will offering ~ reception follows

This program is made possible, in part, by the Mercer County Cultural And Heritage Commission through funding from the Mercer County Board of Chosen Commissioners and the NJ State Council on the Arts, a Partner Agency of National Endowment of the Arts and supported by a generous grant from NJ Arts and Cultural Renewal Fund of Princeton Area Community Foundation and the Trenton Arts Fund.

Please join us ~ ALL are welcome! Ellen Dondero, minister of music ejdondero@comcast.net

## **Parish Prayer List June**

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

Lara Sparks Deitz Joan Connolly Mary Ann Crewdson Dennis Connie Anderson Christian Balint Christine Hendricks Warren Lamon Ann White

Pierro Family Lovas Family Debbie & Joe Reising

Connie Joe Peg Appleget Den. Judy Lynne Weidmann Alycia Mullin

Tino Meg Neff Rob Meyer Florence Lamon Melanie Harman Pat Kathy Rice Jessie Rich

Marie Kleber Charles Sullivan Doug Hunter Ellis Barbieri Judy Hamilton JoAnn King Cindy Wood Diane Linda K. Linda M. Ray M. Gia Jeannine Phil Frank Fran Iozzi Johnny Johnson, Jr.

Dr. John Cris Grapa

Family & Friends of Barry Longenbach Family & Friends of Fr. John Powell

Family & Friends of Ed McDaniels

#### Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

## **ECW Mother's Day Corsage Making**



On May 9th, the ECW ladies gathered in the Martin Hall kitchen to make Mother's Day corsages for the ladies at the Manahawkin Nursing Home. Thanks to Carol and Jackie for gathering the materials and delivering our handiwork. We assembled 56 corsages and sent them off with a smile and a prayer.

Bill Bentley





From the bottom of my heart, my family and I would like to thank the Holy Innocents' parish for the warm reception and love shown to us at Barry's service. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated and have helped us during this difficult time.

Fondly, Cindy Longenbach

## **ECW Upcoming Events**

Spring is finally here and summer is close behind. Most of our Snow Bunnies have returned to the island and we're happy to see them again at Sunday services. This is a reminder and an invitation to the ladies that our next ECW meeting is June 17 in the chapel at 11:30. We'll begin with communion with Fr Peter then brown bag lunch in Martin Hall. After a brief business meeting, Tom Jacobson will share with us some history and information about our church as he takes us into the sanctuary and other rooms. We're looking forward to his presentation so come on the 17th.

On Friday the 13th we will meet in the kitchen at 10:00 to make boutonnières for the men in the Manahawkin nursing home. This is a very rewarding activity and a great time for fellowship. See you on the 13th.

The ECW is an organization open to all women of the Episcopal Church by virtue of their baptism. Our mission includes worship, study, service, fellowship, and gifts. Please consider joining us. ~ Melissa Wall

## A New Ministry At Holy Innocents'



#### TOGETHER HELPING OUR PARISHIONERS IN NEED

Would you like to help one of our parishioners get to a doctor's appointment?

Go grocery shopping for them? Or take them shopping?

Take out their garbage/recycling cans?

Take a meal to someone?

Visit someone who is lonely?

I just need your name and phone number. Tell me what you are willing to do for our parishioners.

Are you someone who needs help, but you don't want to bother anyone?

I totally understand how hard it is to ask for help, but I do feel like we have people in our parish who are more than willing to reach out. Let me know your needs. I will do my best to find someone to help you.

I am willing to be the contact person to coordinate this.

Judy Contreras

judyc3956@gmail.com Cell phone: 856-906-6725

#### PRAYER MINISTRY

Are you in need of a prayer? Do you need us to pray for a friend or family member?

Just give Judy Contreras a call, 856-906-6725.

All are welcome to attend our monthly gatherings.



WHEN: WEDNESDAY – June 18, 2025

WHERE: IN THE CHAPEL

**TIME: 4:00 PM** 





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'!

June Parishioner Spotlight ~ Ann White

I came to Beach Haven in 1978, with my mother and my two sons, Peter (goes by Keil pronounced *Kyle*) and David. I was nearly 40 at the time. We had been living in Syracuse, but it was very cold there. We knew Beach Haven because we used to rent here for a month in the summers. Peter, the oldest, was a freshman in college, and Dave was a student at Southern.

I started working at the Bank in Beach Haven, then in 1980 was asked to come to the Borough of Beach

Haven. I later became the tax collector for Beach Haven. I had been told that the hardest thing about moving would be finding a job, but this proved to be the easiest.

We lived on South Bay Avenue in the 900 block, the same as now – although I am currently living in a residential facility in Manahawkin. The picture at the top of this Parishioner Spotlight is of me before the door to my room. My sister made the wreath that is hanging there.

I enjoyed living in Beach Haven. I love the beaches. I would go to the beach to read, my "quiet time." I like the people who live in Beach Haven full time and also the store owners. I played Mah Jongg at different people's homes. As the tax collector for the Borough, though, my position was a bit difficult since I knew a lot about people's finances. The picture collage is of me with friends from Beach Haven and with a special baby.





I have always been Episcopalian. I went to Holy Innocents' with my mother and liked it. My mother told me to "Just open your mouth and don't sing." I guess that was good advice... My mother died in about 1991. The choir from Holy Innocents' visited my facility before Christmas and sang some songs. We really enjoyed the music and their visit. I am in the picture with choir members, as well as Ginny Gottshall, another member of Holy Innocents' who lives in the same facility.

I didn't get too involved with Holy Innocents'. I was very involved and busy with the church in Syracuse, but didn't want that to happen here. I enjoyed watching the kids when they would come in during the service. Some of the hymns would make me cry.

My older son, Keil, lives in Syracuse. He is married and has two children. He recently retired.

Dave, my younger son, and his wife, Lisa, moved here from Syracuse. They were reunited at a high school reunion and got married in 2013. They live in Beach Haven. Dave has taken on an active role at Holy Innocents'. He was previously Senior Warden and is now (again) Junior Warden.

My son Dave plans to come to pick me up in the summertime and bring me to church. It will be nice to be there and see people.



## **Environmental Education & Advocacy Committee**



## Living Responsibly

Here are some everyday actions you can take to benefit the ocean and marine life.

#### 1. Consider the land-sea connection.

What we do on land directly affects the ocean. You can control the polluted runoff from your neighborhood by taking the following actions:

- If you live right on the water, plant a buffer zone of trees, tall grasses and shrubs to filter runoff and to provide shelter and habitat for turtles, shorebirds and other animals.
- Use less fertilizer. Instead, mulch grass clippings to enrich your lawn and create a compost pile that will provide natural nutrients for your garden.
- Wash your car on the grass, not the driveway. That way, harmful chemicals will be filtered by grass and soil before they reach local waterways, where they can harm delicate aquatic life.
- Make sure that construction sites in your neighborhood use silt fences, storm wattles and other means of keeping sediment and other harmful runoff out of storm drains.
- Plant trees. Trees contribute to clean water; they are the ocean's best filters.

#### 2. Remember that everything flows downstream.

The ocean is downstream of everything. By being careful about oil, water and other substances that you use on land, you can help keep ocean waters clean. Here are some things to consider:

- If you decrease your water use at home, you'll decrease the amount of water that must be treated with chemicals before entering rivers, streams and the ocean.
- Don't use the toilet as a trash can or garbage disposal. Doing so contributes to overloaded sewer and septic systems, which release their effluent into local waterways and the ocean.
- Sweep walks and driveways rather than hosing them down. Water picks up chemicals and transports them to the nearest storm drain, creek or waterway. Often, these hard surfaces contain oil, antifreeze, lawn chemicals and other harmful substances.
- Empty your swimming pool or hot tub on the grass, not into the street. Chlorinated water is harmful to aquatic life.
- Don't fill your gas tank to the top; by not topping off, you'll avoid spills.

#### Recreate – but not recklessly.

Ocean lovers spend a lot of time on - and under - the water, swimming, boating, fishing, diving and enjoying the beach. These activities are often the most direct contact we have with ocean life, so how you engage in them determines whether your impact is negative or positive.

- Retrieve all fishing line, lures or gear even if tangled or broken. Fishing gear can entangle or injure seabirds, turtles, dolphins and manatees – and even divers and swimmers. And because it is durable, it can continue catching and killing fish indefinitely.
- Drive your boat as though life depended on it. Damaging wake can tear up plants and erode shoreline; boats' slashing propellers injure countless sea turtles, dolphins, manatees and whales every year.
- When you haul your boat out of any waterway, rinse your boat on the spot to remove hitchhiking plants and other organisms.
- On trips to the beach, carry out whatever you carry in. Wildlife can ingest or become entangled in trash left behind.

## **Environmental Education & Advocacy Committee**

# Did you know that New Jersey remains under a drought warning issued by the NJDEP?

Despite recent precipitation, NJ is still recovering from a significant rain deficit from last summer & into winter. Smart irrigation & landscaping practices conserve water!



## UPGRADE YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM

- Use smart controllers; Install rain sensors
- Consider drip irrigation
- Inspect and maintain regularly



#### LANDSCAPE MINDFULLY

- Plant drought-resistant and native species
- Mulch matters: Apply 2–3 inches around plants
- Mow wisely: Keep grass height between 2.5-3.5 inches
- Group plants with similar water needs



#### WATER SMARTER

- Water early or late; 2X/week max
- Check soil moisture: Don't water if moist soil 4–6" deep

**LEARN MORE: NJDEP's Water Conservation website** 

JUNE 2025									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
1 The Seventh Sunday of Easter 7:30am Rite I 8:30am Choir 9:30 Rite II 4:00pm Concert Capital Singers of Trenton-Lighter Fare: A Cabaret	2 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Yoga	3 9:15-10:15amLEG	4 9:30am Grounds Clean-up Day!	5 9:15-10:15am LEG 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	6 Parish Office Closed  9:30am-6:00pm Surflight Theatre Rehearsal in MH	7 9:30am-6:00pm Surflight Theatre Rehearsal in MH			
8 The Day of Pentecost: WHITSUNDAY 7:30am Rite I 8:30am Choir 9:30 Rite II 12:00pm-8:00pm Surflight Theatre Rehearsal in MH	9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Yoga	10 9:15-10:15am LEG	9:30am-11:00am Sandwich Ministry	9:15-10:15am LEG 4:30pm BHCAP Mtg. 7:00pm Vestry 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	13 Parish Office Closed 10:00am ECW boutonnière making in kitchen	14			
15 The First Sunday after Pentecost TRINITY SUNDAY 7:30am Rite I 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite II	9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Yoga	9:15-10:15am LEG 11:30 am ECW Meeting (Chapel/MH)	18 4:00pm Prayer Ministry in the Chapel	Parish Office Closed 9:15-10:15am LEG 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	20 Parish Office Closed  **Thelessummer**	21			
22 The Second Sunday after Pentecost 7:30am Rite I 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite II *Healing service in Chapel	23 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Yoga	<b>24</b> 9:15-10:15am,LEG	7:30 pm BHCAP Concert on the Green The Pickles	26 9:15-10:15am LEG 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	<b>27</b> Parish Office Closed	28			
29 The Third Sunday after Pentecost 7:30am Rite I 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite II	9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Yoga 6:30-8:30PM Anti-Racism Training for Vestry & Search Committee in MH	Ü		NO BOOK/BIBLE STUDY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE					

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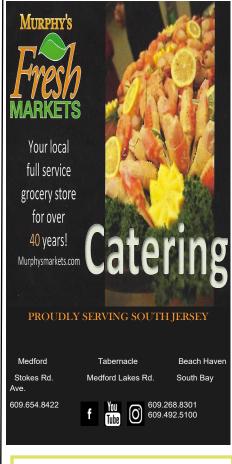
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#### THANK YOU ALL!!!

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!

#### June Birthdays Jeannette B. Bond 01 **Arthur Curtin** 18 Chloe Ann Dondero 01 Jerry South 19 Alexa Fahner Ann White 03 22 Emma Southwick 23 Jay Cranmer 08 Cindy Wanek Patrick Kelly 24 09 Marilyn Ackley Olivia Ming-Tang Meyer 25 12 Susan Hughes Mike Fahner 13 26

## **June Anniversaries**

Michael & Kay DeCicco	3	John & Ellen Dondero	21
Carmen & Lisa Mack	4	Carl & Carroll Sheppard	27
Mike & Alexa Fahner	15	Richard & Meg Neff	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 June.

#### JUNE ALTAR DONATIONS

1<sup>st</sup> - Artificial Flowers

8<sup>th</sup> - Gail Steiner; Melba & Roger Budd

15<sup>th</sup> - Gail & Steve Steiner

22<sup>nd</sup> - Artificial Flowers

29<sup>th</sup> -



#### JUNE FLOWER GUILD

1<sup>st</sup> - Artificial Flowers

8<sup>th</sup> - Kim Sparks

15<sup>th</sup> - Joyce Hillyer

22<sup>nd</sup> - Artificial Flowers

29<sup>th</sup> - Carol Hammond



#### JUNE ALTAR GUILD

1<sup>st</sup> - Jeanne Cashel, Carol Hammond

8<sup>th</sup> - Melissa Wall, Jackie Sparks

15<sup>th</sup> - Diane Entrikin, Melissa Wall

22<sup>nd</sup> - Carol Hammond, Chris Burlaga

29<sup>th</sup> - Jackie Sparks, Diane Entrikin

#### JUNE USHERS & GREETERS

1<sup>st</sup> - Mike Fahner, Kay DeCicco

8<sup>th</sup> - Bill Kehr, Bob Weidmann

15<sup>th</sup> - Pat Peacock, Dave White

22<sup>nd</sup> - Sue Hughes, Melissa Wall

29<sup>th</sup> - Mike Fahner, Kay DeCicco



#### JUNE COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

1<sup>st</sup> - Maggie Aftanis

8<sup>th</sup> - Barbara Wheeler

15<sup>th</sup> -

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29<sup>th</sup> -



Thank you to all who have provided refreshments so far this year! We still have some slots available for the month of June. Our Coffee Hour Schedule is posted on the bulletin board outside Martin Hall. Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for any available Sunday!! ~ Ellen Kehr



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Sunday Morning ~7:30 a.m.
Rite I Worship Service
(May 25th through Labor Day)
Sunday Morning ~9:30 a.m.
Rite II Worship Service with music
609-492-7571





## BHCAP SUMMER CONCERTS ON THE GREEN



June 25 – The Pickles

July 2 – Tequila Rose Band

**July 9** – Jimmy & The Parrots

July 16 - Rave-Ons

July 23 - Diablo Sandwich Band

July 30 – The Suyat Band

August 6 – The Kootz

August 13 – Carnaby Street

August 20 - McLean Ave Band

August 27 – Gypsy Moon Duet

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:30 PM VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK