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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.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Ash Wednesday, March 5, begins the Holy Season of Lent. On that day, the liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer invites us to undertake the practices of self-examination and repentance, prayer, fasting and self-denial and reading and meditating on God's holy Word. All of these practices seem to cast a dour sense on this time of preparation for the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection. What if we looked at this time as a period to draw closer to Jesus, to more deeply understand the meaning of his passion, death and resurrection and to become better persons by replacing some self-defeating pattern of behavior with a more positive one?

In the first centuries of the church, Lent marked a time of joyful anticipation for the reception of Baptism and the Eucharist. Early Christian converts would undertake a two year period of intense preparation when they would disentangle their lives from secular patterns of behavior which were contrary to the Christian way of life. They would begin to practice the Christian virtues and learn the basics of the Christian Faith. While they would join the community on Sundays to hear the Word of God, they would be told to leave the church when the Offertory began. Only Christians were allowed to witness and participate in the ritual of Holy Communion. At the Easter Vigil, they would be Baptized by immersion, walking into the Baptismal pool and being dunked under the water. The Bishop would generously anoint them with fragrant chrism and they would put on a white garment. The Bishop would lead them into the church where they would witness and receive Holy Communion for the first time. You can imagine the happiness they would feel when they became full Christians.

What if we could enter into the time of Lent with that same joyful anticipation as those first Christians? What benefit might we draw from this sacred season which might differentiate this Lent from other Lents? Perhaps you might want to pray Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer? You can access these resources on the Forward Movement webpage at <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/home> Forward Movement offers a variety of resources for prayer and reading. Just check out their webpage for all their resources.

We shall engage in Lenten Book Study on Thursdays at 2PM beginning on March 6. We shall read *Witness at the Cross* by Amy Jill-Levine a practicing Jew who is also



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a New Testament scholar. She offers insight into the Jewish dimensions of Jesus and his teaching. She will help us to understand the experiences of people who beheld the crucifixion of Jesus: Simon of Cyrene, the Bystanders and Scoffers, the Other Victims, the Soldiers, the Beloved Disciple, the Woman and Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus.

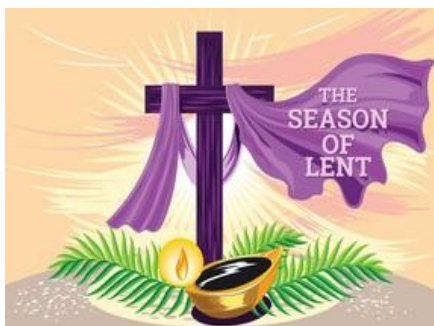
On Fridays, we shall pray the Stations of the Cross. You can join in these prayers remembering Jesus journey to the Cross and his death either in Church or on line.

Regular participation in our Sunday liturgies will help us enter into the mystery of this holy Season, draw closer to Jesus through receiving his Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist, and sharing fellowship with our sisters and brothers during coffee hour.

As we enter into this sacred mystery, may we anticipate that Christ will open new doors for us, that God will invite us ever deeper into the mystery of Jesus' dying and rising, and that the Holy Spirit will stir in our hearts a deeper love for God and one another.

Peace.

Fr. Peter De Franco



Beginning on March 6 and continuing throughout the Thursdays in Lent, we shall read and discuss the book *Witnesses At The Cross* by Amy-Jill Levine. Dr. Levine is among the growing number of practicing Jews who study the New Testament to provide a Jewish take on the life and mystery of Jesus. We shall study the accounts of the Crucifixion and Death of Jesus from the four Gospels and the different people who saw and participated in that mystery: Simon of Cyrene, the Bystanders and Scoffers, the Other Victims, the Soldiers, the Beloved Disciple, the Woman and Joseph of Arimathea and

Nicodemus. Each of the Gospels has its own take on the story of Jesus and the same variety happens with the four accounts of the final hours of Jesus' life. As Dr. Levine writes: "The witnesses at the Crucifixion watch Jesus die, and we watch with them, and we watch them. And we come away transformed." The book is available from Amazon or your local bookstore.

On the **Fourth Sunday of the Month**, Fr. Peter 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.

SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER



JOIN US for our Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper!! Pancakes & Sausage

Tuesday, March 4th

from 5:00–8:00 pm in Martin Hall

Free~will offering Public Welcome! Bring your friends!!

For more info. Phone 609-492-7571

Minister of Music

We are welcoming new choir members!!

Maybe you're interested, but can't commit to every Wednesday rehearsal and every Sunday service – that's okay! Maybe you'd just like to sing for Holy Week & Easter- that's okay, too! We are very flexible, and mostly just love to raise our best singing voices in praise.

We rehearse 1 to 2 Wednesdays a month, 11am-2:30pm with a lunch break. We meet each Sunday morning at 8:30.

Please contact me if you're interested!
Ellen Dondero, Minister of Music
ejdondero@comcast.net



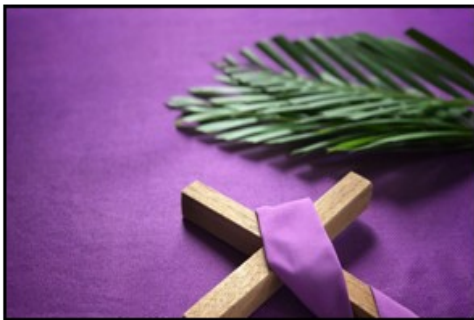
Save the Date for Spring Concerts

***Saturday, March 22 at 3pm Nocturnes Big Band**

Sunday, June 1 at 4pm Capital Singers of Trenton

**Please note that this concert is an hour earlier than usual*

Words From Your Wardens

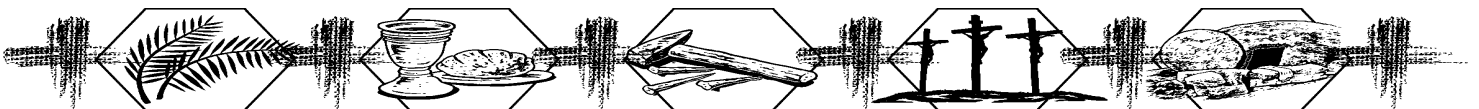


With our thoughts turning to Spring, Lent, rebirth and Easter, we have all made it through the coldest and windiest February we remember! We have lots of interesting learning opportunities between Bible/Book Study and Lenten Madness with Saints in the style of March Madness basketball, that we hope you will consider this Lent. Of course, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is next Tuesday and we hope you will come to share some extra carbs before Lent begins!

We wanted to give you an update on our Search Process after our official visit with Bishop Sally. Our Parish Profile has been posted on our website and is ready for Diocesan posting. There are a few short answer questions regarding our liturgical style and other details questions services and practices that are being developed as we write this. Then we will be in full advertising mode, expected within a week or so!

Bishop Sally let us know that at this point, the other two parishes that had been searching now have candidates and are in the next step of the call process. This includes Basking Ridge. A few weeks ago, a vestrywoman visited HI from Basking Ridge and had spoken with a few of us and let us know they had not received a single application for their Rector position. At this point, the Bishop said they have two excellent candidates and will have a hard time deciding on one! This is good news for us as we are the only parish at this step of the search process. She feels that being a Jersey Shore church, we have a very desirable location, a warm and happy parish, highly functional Vestry, strength in our finances and a beautiful rectory and doesn't expect us to have a difficult time.

We thanked her for the wonderful steer to Father Peter and we all voiced our appreciation for his interim ministry with us! Peace, Pat & Dave



Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church
presents



selections include

**Masquerade, Come in from the Rain,
Georgia, Strike Up the Band
plus an audience sing-a-long**

Saturday, March 22 at 3PM

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free will offering ~ reception to follow

For more information call 609.492.7571

email ejdondero@comcast.net | hichurch08008@gmail.com

Parish Prayer List March

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

Lara Sparks Deitz
Dennis
Christine Hendricks
Ann White
Debbie & Joe Reising
Peg Appleget
Alycia Mullin
Chuck Hall
Melanie Harman
Jessie
Doug Hunter
Matt Starr
Cindy Wood
Linda M.
Jeannine
Gail South

Joan Connolly
Connie Anderson
Barry Longenbach
Pierro Family
Connie
Dcn. Judy
Meg Neff
Tino
Pat
Rich
Marie Kleber
Ellis Barbieri
Diane
Ray M.
Phil
Family & Friends of Robert Hendricks

Mary Ann Crewdson
Christian Balint
Warren Lamon
Lovas Family
Joe
Lynne Weidmann
Rob Meyer
Florence Lamon
Kathy Rice
Charles Sullivan
JoAnn King
Judy Hamilton
Linda K.
Gia
Frank

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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



LENT MADNESS

Lent does not have to be a season of gloom and sadness. Since 2010, Forward Movement, a publishing house in the Episcopal Church, has sponsored Lent Madness, a fun Lenten activity which helps us learn about the Holy Women and Men throughout the Church's History.

Beginning March 6th, 32 Saints are arranged in a tournament with single elimination brackets. Sixteen Saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen and Eight to the Round of the Elate Eight, four to the Faithful Four, Two to the Championship and one wins the Golden Halo.

Pick up your Lent Madness Book in the Narthex to read the daily biographies of the saints & track the winners on the score sheet. Sign up for the daily email to get saint info to your inbox and vote for your favorite saint: <https://www.lentmadness.org/>. See if your saint wins the Golden Halo!



Holy Innocents' will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Sunday, April 20th after the 9:30 service.**

Please invite your children to bring their baskets and join in the fun!

Donations of plastic eggs and small pieces of wrapped candy may be given to Maggie or dropped off in the Sunday School Room.



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'!

March Parishioner Spotlight ~ Libby Meyer

My name is Olivia but I prefer to go by my nickname Libby.

I grew up in the very small town of Beach Haven. I went to Beach Haven Elementary School, where I graduated with eight kids. My cousins, who I was very close with, went to a different elementary school, but we went to the same middle and high school at Southern Regional. My cousin Noah and I are the same age and the youngest and were always referred to as the twins of the family. My other cousins are a little older than us, but we are also very close. My parents would take us skiing for vacations where my dad would ski with Noah and I and my mom would be reading and watching our belongings.

My cousin Chloe is my older sister and my older cousin Johnny and I are close but not as close since he was in college when I was starting high school. We always have fun at holidays and would we all love playing games.

I went to Stockton University and have my bachelor's degree in anthropology and took some classes in hospitality. I did not realize until after I was done school that I really enjoyed the hospitality classes I took and should have focused more there.

I really wanted to work in a zoo and did get to do an internship at the Philadelphia Zoo. Now I get to work with cats and dogs taking care of them.

I loved growing up in Beach Haven. My cousins' house was about 5 minutes away, so I could bike to their house and the park was in between both of our houses so we often would meet at the park. Christmas is always fun, especially looking forward to the Christmas tree lighting.

I love Holy Innocents' because my family was always there and I loved singing in the choir with my cousins and my aunt and my dad. My cousins and I would get so excited sitting upstairs especially when there were baptisms, everyone crowding around and being able to see from above made it so much more fun. I also love coffee hour being able to sit with everyone and chat. Especially when the Capital Singers come and have their concert there, it's fun meeting the members and having punch.

I have always been in love with food. When I was 12, I would order oysters and the servers would look at my mom and she would nod. Mac and cheese has been another all-time favorite food, not just for me but also for my dad and Noah. When we went on winter vacation to Vermont, we would always stock up on Stouffers mac and cheese as soon as we arrived. I love salmon and tuna as well, and I am always up for trying anything new.

I love autumn and spring. I love the cold rather than the heat. I love wearing big sweatshirts and jeans. I like working in fast pace jobs and being on the move, so the colder it is the better. I do tend to get sick easily, which is why I prefer autumn and spring.

As far as music goes, I love boy bands and hip hop and pop. When I was younger, I got to see Hannah Montana and the Jonas Brothers with some friends. I recently saw AJR in concert. I also love Lukas Graham, a German artist whose song 7 Years came out a couple of years ago.

I always thought my favorite color was blue or purple, but my boyfriend has an ongoing joke that my favorite color is hot pink. Sadly, I think it is starting to grow on me that I am getting drawn to more pink items when I shop. I also love the color green which complements my skin tone very well.

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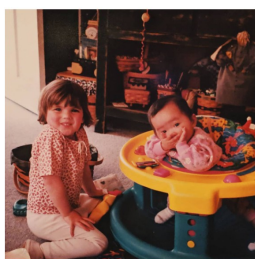
I think that people will be very surprised to know that I have a turtle that I have had since I was about 10 years old. My mom's good friend got him for me from Florida when he went there for vacation. He drove back from Florida to Beach Haven with two turtles for me. My mom told him I wanted a pet turtle for Christmas and he actually got me two turtles, one died a couple years after but still was around for a long time.



When I was in elementary school, every April 4th my parents would send me to school with fortune cookies to celebrate the day my parents brought me home or as we call it, my gotcha day. Every year we would sit in bed and my parents and I would look through the photo album and my mom would tell me about their experiences and the people they met. There were four other babies adopted when I was adopted. We would get together every year and go on a weekend vacation to Hershey Park and Long beach Island.



It got harder when we got older and all started college. I refer to them as my China cousins. I love to tell people I have my mom's side of the family, my dad's side of the family, and my side of the family. One picture collage are memories of when my parents adopted me from China. Another is a collage that we keep in our home. The family picture collage is of my Dad's, Mother's, and China families.



Growing up, we always had dogs, and I was the dog whisperer of the family. My grandmother's dog became our dog when she passed. Our dog Gracie was her dog Oliver's cousin. I loved and am forever grateful for all my dogs. However, I would always tell people that Oliver was my dog. He stayed with my parents at night, so when my dad would wake up, Oliver would come to my room and let himself in and lay next to my bed by my head. When I would come from college, I would do my laundry and he would lay down in front of me and I would pile my clothes on top of him. He would be my pillow and my cuddle buddy and my best friend. I loved Gracie too, but she



was more attached to my dad and would get jealous. Fast forward to when I was in college, Josh and I had been dating for a year and we starting living in an apartment. Within the first few months of living together, we adopted a cat. She was already 1 year old when we got her and Josh fell in love with her immediately. Josh had never had any pets growing up and I never had a cat before. When we lived in our apartment, Daisy would enjoy going out on our little balcony and sun bathe. When we bought our house, Daisy got more comfortable and recognized we were not going anywhere and the house was all hers to roam around and jump on the counters and watch at the neighbors on her little window ledge.

Josh and I had started to look at adopting a puppy. Josh thought of keeping the flower theme name going and Chloe, who is a florist, had plenty of names we could choose from. We got approved so the day after Thanksgiving we went to the shelter in Atlantic City and walked out with a puppy. The people at the shelter said "you're approved you can take her now." We were on our way to celebrate Thanksgiving with Josh's family and were not prepared to take a puppy. After we left, we went to the store to get pee pee pads and doggy shampoo. She was 11 weeks old. When we brought her home, Daisy was not excited at all. Daisy soon

Parishioner Spotlight continued...



learned that being in higher spaces was the best way to avoid Poppy. Poppy recently turned one and they sleep closer together now, one night they were cuddling when they were sleeping and Josh and I got very excited. Since Daisy would go outside on our balcony she now sneaks out when Poppy goes outside. Sometimes during the day, I will let Daisy out when Poppy goes out and I watch them both. Nothing makes Poppy happier than having her sister outside. Daisy and Poppy are together in the picture here.

Recently my dad was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and has completed his treatments and surgery to get it completely removed. When he had started his chemo treatments, he was losing weight rapidly but was positive the entire time. They were going to New Brunswick to meet with the surgeon. However, the surgeon wanted to do more chemotherapy and start radiation treatments but he was very weak. He ended up getting a second opinion and they were able to do the surgery and it went very well. The morning of his surgery he had to be there at 5 am, so I was very tired and fell asleep in the waiting room and my mom had to wake me up a few times because I was snoring very loudly. My dad is a celebrity in our neighborhood, he walks the dogs daily around the block and sees so many people. When I go with him on his walks, we are usually gone for about half an hour or longer because we see so many people. The dogs are just as popular as well they love greeting everyone and get so excited to see everyone in person or in their cars driving by. My dad is doing so great with eating more trying to gain more weight. He was so excited to go to church after so long and see everyone. People from the church choir came to sing Christmas carols and he lit up being able to hug everyone and sing a few carols as well.

SECOND ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW



Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 12th** and please join the ladies of the ECW as we host our 2nd Annual Arts & Craft Show in Martin Hall from 10a – 3p.

Monies earned will go to various our Outreach Programs...Atlantic City Rescue Mission, Children's Home of New Jersey, local food banks, etc.

We have a lot of return vendors! They loved being with us last year!

Please come see us and purchase some delicious baked goods and 50/50 tickets from your church ladies! Last year the 50/50 was won by one of our parishioners!

More details in the April Parish Post...if you have questions, please contact Jeanne Cashel...jcashel@comcast.net

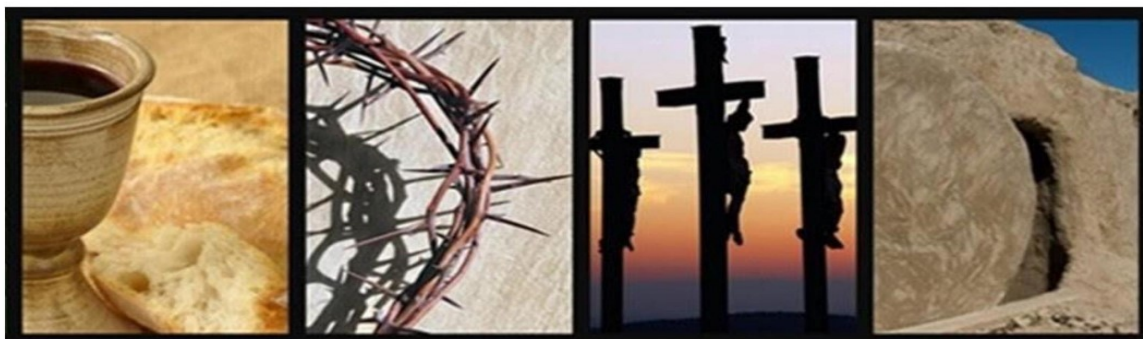


A Sincere Thank You for our Souper Bowl Sunday Donation to Operation Smile

Dear Maggie & Holy Innocents',

Thank you so very much for your wonderful note that you sent to me last week! You and all the kind people on LBI are beyond compassionate for all the children who were born with severe Cleft Lips and Cleft Palates. This donation that you sent to Operation Smile will allow two children or even young adults to have surgery that will give them a new face, palate and a beautiful SMILE !!! Your donation will be allocated to the New Jersey - Operation Smile Chapter. We continue to raise money to help children all over the world and our students in NJ are a strong part of our NJ Chapter.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to your parishioners who are making these surgeries available to Children! I just attended an Operation Smile Meeting in Miami, Florida last Thursday evening and I spoke to our guests about how people like you continue to help those in need! These children may not know your name to thank you, but they will always remember your Heart!!!! God Bless you, Maggie! ~ Norrie Oelkers



2025 HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

AT HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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APRIL 13	9:30 AM Palm Sunday — Holy Eucharist, Choir
APRIL 17	6:00 PM Maundy Thursday — Holy Eucharist, Handwashing, Choir
APRIL 17	7:30 PM until 11:00 PM - Gethsemane Watch - Vigil
APRIL 18	12:00 noon - Good Friday — Holy Eucharist from Reserve, Choir
APRIL 19	7:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter — Candlelit service, Holy Eucharist ~ Begins in Memorial Garden
APRIL 20	9:30 AM Easter Day — Holy Eucharist, Choir, Brass. Reception & Egg Hunt following Easter morning service!

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

FLOWERS FOR EASTER



If you would like to memorialize loved ones with a donation toward Easter Flowers, kindly mail your donation to the church office, place it in the Sunday collection plate or the put in the drop box outside the office. Forms will be available in the Sunday bulletins beginning **Sunday, March 23rd**. Make sure the donor and recipient names are **clearly written** and please note **"Flower Guild-Easter"** in the check memo. **All donations must be in the office by Tuesday, April 14th.**



In memory of Suzette Whiting we are re-printing her Parishioner Spotlight...

Note from Barbara Wheeler, interviewer: The Parishioner Highlight this month is a bit different from previous versions. Rather than having her answer written questions, Suzette and I spoke about the areas of interest. This allowed us to range widely through Suzette's life and interests. I am presenting a summary here, starting with the general question.

I have a personal note about Suzette and Kneeland's life in Montclair in the 1970s. I began teaching at Montclair State College in 1975, and for the academic year 1976-1977, I lived in the third floor of the home of a faculty member near to the college. After I moved to LBI and was singing in the Choir with Suzette and Kneeland, I learned that they had lived in the house next door to my residence. I did not meet my nice neighbors at that time—but was glad to meet them several decades later on LBI.

Suzette, please tell us about yourself:

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. (Most members of Holy Innocents' will know that Kneeland passed away in May of 2021, after 63 years of marriage with Suzette.)

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. The picture here is of Suzette next to one of the etchings that hangs on their wall.)



How did you come to LBI and Beach Haven?

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.

How did you get involved with Holy Innocents'?

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.

What is your favorite food and drink?

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.

What is your favorite season?

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

What is your favorite 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 Surflight Theatre.

What is your favorite line of scripture?

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

Is there anything else that we might like to know about you?

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.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Are you in need of a prayer? Do you need us to pray for a friend or family member? Just give Judy a call, 856-906-6725. All are welcome to attend our monthly gatherings.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY – MARCH 19, 2025

WHERE: IN THE CHAPEL

TIME: 4:00 PM



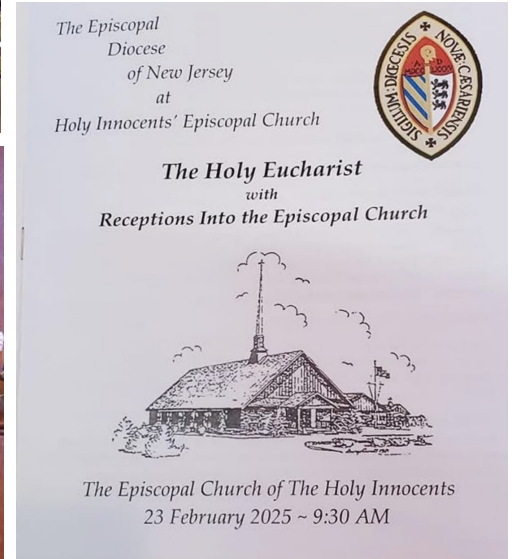
Our Coffee Hour Schedule is posted on the bulletin board outside Martin Hall. Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for any available Sunday from mid March through June.

Thank you, Ellen

Bishop Visitation 2-23-25



We had a wonderful official visitation from Bishop Sally French on February 23rd. Her sermon was warm, thoughtful and from the heart. If you weren't able to be with us, you might want to go back and listen to her sermon on Facebook! Martin Hall was festive with flowers and spring colors and filled with parishioners and family of our newest Episcopalians: Debbie Hunter and Joan & Mike Melega! Maggie Aftanis put out a delicious luncheon spread and Bishop Sally circulated around the room meeting folks. The Vestry met after with the Bishop and answered questions and told us more on the state of the Diocese. Pat & Larry gave Bishop Sally a tour of the Rectory and Memorial Garden to conclude her visit.



MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>2:00pm Movie at the Rectory</i> CONCLAVE
2 <i>The Last Sunday after The Epiphany</i> No Choir 9:30 Rite II	3 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Yoga 	4  5:00-8:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	5 <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>  12:00pm Holy Eucharist w/choir	6 2:00pm Lenten Book Study 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	7 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 5:00pm Stations of the Cross (In-person & online)	8
9 <i>The First Sunday in Lent</i> 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite I  DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS	10 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Yoga 	11	12 9:30am-11:00am Sandwich Ministry 11:00am-2:30pm Choir Rehearsal w/ Lunch	13 2:00pm Lenten Book Study 7:00pm Vestry 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	14 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 5:00pm Stations of the Cross (In-person & online)	15
16 <i>The Second Sunday in Lent</i> 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite I	17 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Yoga   Happy St. Patrick's Day	18	19 4:00pm Prayer Ministry in the Chapel	20  2:00pm Lenten Book Study 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	21 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 5:00pm Stations of the Cross (In-person & online)	22 <i>3pm Nocturnes Big Band Concert</i> 
23 <i>The Third Sunday in Lent</i> 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite I <i>*Healing Service in the Chapel</i>	24 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Yoga 	25	26	27 2:00pm Lenten Book Study 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	28 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 5:00pm Stations of the Cross (In-person & online)	29
30 <i>The Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite I	31 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Yoga 					

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MARCH 9TH
Turn those clocks
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March Birthdays



Mary Jane Mannherz	02	Howard Dumhart	17
Chris Harris	05	Patricia August	17
Lori Anderson	06	Margaret Aftanis	18
Gail Jacobsen	07	Christine Cathcart	19
Linda Hillman	08	Ethan Romanowski	19
Judy Contreras	09	Susan Johnson	21
Diane Carter	10	James F. Bishop	21
Charles Sullivan	10	Erin Davis Horleman	22
Kingston Sparks	11	Joyce Hillyer	26
Heidi Ferringo	15	Thomas Horleman	28
Francis Kleber, III	15	Nancy Davis	30
Sally Potts	16		



March Anniversaries

Robert and Ellen Meyer 26

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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 March.

MARCH ALTAR DONATIONS

2nd - Ruth McLaughlin
 9th -
 16th -
 23rd -
 30th -



MARCH FLOWER GUILD

2nd - Kim Sparks
 9th - No Flowers During Lent
 16th - No Flowers During Lent
 23rd - No Flowers During Lent
 30th - No Flowers During Lent

MARCH ALTAR GUILD

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

MARCH USHERS & GREETERS

2nd - Gail Jacobsen, Leila Sullivan
 9th - Bob Weidmann, Gail Jacobsen
 16th - Sue Hughes, Melissa Wall
 23rd - Mike Fahner, Bill Kehr
 30th - Sue Hughes, Melissa Wall



MARCH COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

2nd - Leila Sullivan
 9th - Vestry Birthday Cake-Melissa Wall
 16th - Debbie Hunter
 23rd - TBD
 30th - TBD





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RENEW MY MIND & DRAW ME BACK TO MY FIRST LOVE.
PREPARE MY HEART FOR EASTER, FOR YOUR SACRIFICE,
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