

Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church Pearl & Marine Streets Beach Haven, NJ 08008



Words from Your Wardens

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

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Welcome to the season of hustle! We have barely had time to digest the season of thankfulness, gratefulness and turkey and the world around us is full-on Christmas. Make time and take time to consider the season of Advent, anticipating with hope, peace, joy, and love the birth of Jesus. It can be really difficult when around us, all we see are signs that make us feel we are already behind. Try to make space for reflection, prayer, and community connection which can bring perspective and joy amidst the holiday rush.

A great way to start the season is by attending the annual Messiah Sing at 4PM on December 1st with the New Jersey Chamber Singers. Why not bring your friends? In case you haven't been keeping up with your E-Pistle, know that the Search Committee is moving forward in preparation of our church profile, which is the basis of our "ad" for a new Rector. Look for opportunities to give your input into the qualities that you'd like to see in a new Rector. Also, take a walk to the corner and see the exterior grounds work that has been done at the Rectory!

If you can, join in one of the ways Holy Innocents' gives to those in need during the holiday season: The Giving "Tree" with gifts for 15 children (set out in Martin Hall, deadline 12/15); Advent Food Drive (canned good & toiletries in Narthex, through 12/20) and Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes (already completed on 11/24).

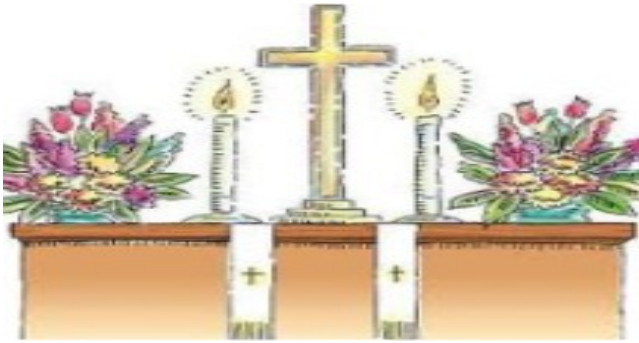
Lastly, our Treasurer Larry, Dave and I met with Father Peter De Franco and Diocesan representatives to discuss a letter of agreement between Holy Innocents' and Father Peter for what is termed Supply Plus. This would be a part-time schedule including Sunday sermons, formation such as bible study, some administrative tasks and pastoral care. Your Wardens and Vestry feel confident that this will be an excellent choice for us during our transition and search. We look forward to having Fr. Peter join us beginning in January.

"May you be blessed With the spirit of the season, which is peace, The gladness of the season, which is hope, And the heart of the season, which is love."

Merry Christmas and Blessings to All, ~ Pat & Dave



## Altar Flowers



By donating money for our Altar Flowers, you have an opportunity to celebrate a special birthday or occasion, to honor someone special, or to remember family and friends who are no longer with us. **The cost for one bouquet of flowers remains at \$45.**

You are also encouraged to take a bouquet of flowers after the 9:30 service along with a card that notes the flowers were used in our Sunday celebration of the Lord.

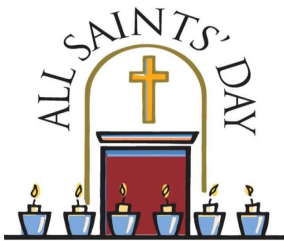
Flowers that are not taken are delivered to a church member celebrating a birthday/anniversary or someone who has been unable to physically attend church services.

You may also opt to donate the expense of oil for our candles. **The cost of Candle Oil contributions is \$10 for Altar Candles and \$15 for the Sanctuary Candle.**

These are weekly opportunities. Those contributing and those remembered will be recognized in the specified Sunday Bulletin.

Your contribution should be in the form of a check made payable to “Holy Innocents’ Episcopal Church” with a notation “Altar Candles” or “Flowers” in the check memo.

The 2025 calendar for Altar Donations will be available in the ambulatory next month.



The Altar Guild would like to thank all who donated money for All Saints Day in memory of loved ones. You are helping us to set the table for every service.

Thank you, Jackie and Melissa



## FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

If you would like to memorialize loved ones with a donation toward Christmas Flowers, kindly send or drop off your donation to the church office or place it in the Sunday collection plate.

Forms will be available in the Sunday bulletins **December 1st-15th.**

Make sure the donor and recipient names are clearly written and please note “Flower Guild-Christmas” in the check memo.

**All donations must be in the office by Wednesday, December 18th.**



## Minister of Music



### Join Us for these Two Annual Events

All are welcome

A free will offering will be taken ~ reception after

**Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 4 PM**

### Messiah Sing

Our guest choir and soloists will be the New Jersey Chamber Singers (NJCS), with Artistic Director & Conductor Matthew Zabiegala and organist Karen Miske.

The program will include holiday selection by NJCS.

Come to sing or listen. If you are a singer, you are invited to bring a score or borrow one from us.

**On Friday, December 13th at 7pm** we will be having a traditional service of **Lessons and Carols**. Together, we will sing many traditional Christmas Carols, and the Choir of Holy Innocents' will create choral music of a traditional nature as well as some carols in more contemporary settings. Special guest musicians are sure to enhance this already beautiful service. We hope to see you all there.

### Music in the air on Christmas Eve

**4:30 service** with congregational singing as well as special music from soloists and instrumentalists

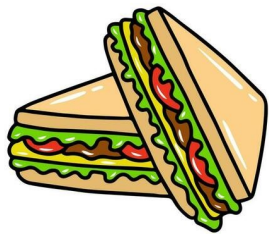
**6:30** caroling in the church

**7:00 service** with special music by our choir as well as congregational singing

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## Sandwich Ministry



Year one of our Sandwich Ministry will wrap up in December. And, there are many accomplishments to celebrate. On the second Wednesday of each month, we fill bags with a sandwich, water, napkin, carrots, an orange, cookies, a granola bar, and often a bag of chips. These meals are picked up by a driver from Bright Harbor in Toms River and delivered to The Nook. From there, teams immediately put meals in various vehicles to be delivered to people living outside in Southern Ocean County. Other meals are used by support workers calling on families suffering food insecurity. All

the meals are delivered for consumption that day. By the end of 2024, we will have produced 880 meals at a cost of about \$2.50 per meal.

We meet at 9:30 on the second Wednesday of each month. There are 7-12 of us each month, working and laughing together to get the meals packaged in about an hour. This year's helpers have included Gail Jacobsen, Jean Nelson, Jane Enos, Susan Hughes, Jeanne Cashel, Florence Boulden, Maggie Afantis, Debbie Hunter, Pat Peacock, Ellen Kehr, Melissa Wall, Chris Burlaga, Ruth McLaughlin, Diane Entrikin, Carol Hammond, Jackie Sparks, and Alexa Fahner.

In addition to the monthly meals, Sandwich Ministry also supported a diaper supply drive, back pack drive, and Thanksgiving pie drive to assist The Nook's Friendsgiving dinners. These efforts were supported by the Holy Innocents' parish community donations. Thank you to all.

Remember, we have one more Wednesday this year, on the 11th at 9:30. Please join us. Then, year two of Sandwich Ministry will start on Wednesday, January 8th. Mark your calendars and participate in this important outreach effort. ~ *Alexa Fahner*



*Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church*

All Are Welcomed

## **CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY SERVICES**

### Christmas Eve

- 4:30 Holy Eucharist w/congregational singing as well as special music from soloists & instrumentalists
- 6:30 Caroling in the Church
- 7:00 Holy Eucharist w/Special Music by choir as well as congregational singing

### Christmas Day

- 10:00 AM Morning Prayer

## ECW UPDATE

The ECW's 1st Antique Appraisal Day on Nov. 9th was a rousing success, netting us more than \$900.00 to be used for our many outreach programs. A fascinating variety of items were brought in by parishioners, as well as members of the community.

Signed George Washington documents, an antique carousel horse, vintage jewelry, furniture pieces, and framed artwork were among the many treasures brought to be appraised.



We have received such positive feedback, that we are encouraged to repeat the event in the future. Thanks to all who volunteered, as well as those who brought in their treasured items.”

As you read this, we have already held our annual ECW Christmas luncheon. The photo here is from last year. Those who attended always have a wonderful time. What is better than a room full of good friends dressed in their Holiday finery sharing the joy of Christian fellowship?

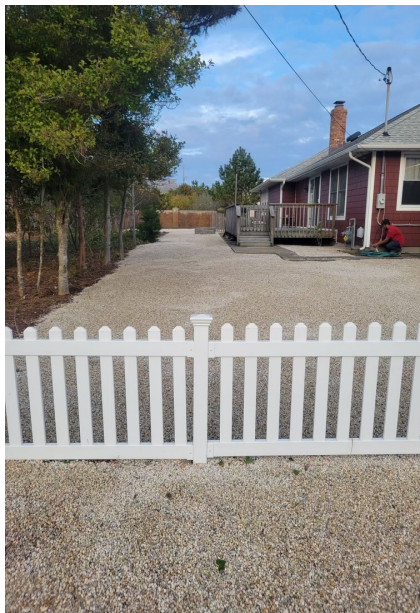
As we close out this calendar year let us pray for a blessed, safe and healthy Advent and Christmastide and a new year full of Christ's love for all. ~ *Episcopal Church Women of Holy Innocents'*

## Sprucing up our sign and grounds!



Have you noticed? At our corner on Pearl Street, the Holy Innocents' sign has been refurbished. Mike Fahner & Larry Peacock have chipped away at the old paint and repainted the sign frame and posts. Larry crafted a new scroll piece and cross for the top of the sign, which had rotted some years ago. Fran Kleber lent his muscle to the effort. Thanks to these talented folks for sprucing up our Pearl St corner!

The Rectory grounds were also revamped and stoned. The Vestry felt strongly that it was time to address the overgrowth and make the grounds as attractive as the interior of the Rectory.



## Parish Prayer List December

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

Judy Contreras	Lara Sparks Deitz	Joan Connolly
Mary Ann Crewdson	Dennis	Connie Anderson
Christian Balint	Bob Hendricks	Christine Hendricks
Kathy & Walter	Ron & Kenny	Jeannine
Judy & Al	Joan & Linda Kelly	Chris C.
David D'Ambrosia	Barry Longenbach	Warren Lamon
Teri Keller	Gia	Cora
Frank M.	Ray M.	Joey
Sue P.	Ann White	George & Linda Huggler
Cindy Wood	Pierro Family	Lovas Family
Debbie & Joe Reising	Connie	Joe
Peg Appleget	Dcn. Judy	Jim Hanley
Fran	Lynne Weidmann	Alicia Magarelli
Jennifer	Keith Moore	Alycia Mullin
Diane	Florence Welharticky	Rich
Meg Neff	Rob Meyer	Chuck Hall
Leila Sullivan	Rob Greer	Tino
Phil Boulden	Florence Lamon	Jane Goddard
Michelle Mahan	Shirley	Pat
Jessie	Fr. Matt Marino	Bob & Barb Senst
Vince Contreras	Family & Friends of Tim Hillyer	Charles & Lizanne
Gail J.	Family & Friends of Gerry Lutz	
Charles Sullivan	Family & Friends of Cynthia Clarke	
Doug Hunter	Suzette Whiting	
Family & Friends of Louise Muth	Micheline (Mimi) Dodson	

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

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



Presented by the Education & Advocacy Committee, we will take a Holy Hike on the afternoon of "the longest day",

**Saturday, December 21st from 3:00 - 4:37 PM**

at Edwin Forsythe Wildlife Refuge. *(Will meet at Tom Jacobsen's house at 3:00pm)* Join us as we walk, pausing briefly at various intervals to observe nature, to pray and then watch the sunset afterwards. Dress warmly! Please RSVP by calling **Lisa at 609-492-7571**



## THE GIVING TREE

This year, we will support nine (9) families with 15 children varying in age.

Directions:

To participate, select a Tag in Martin Hall

Match the color, family # and child's name to sheet and add your name & info next to correct color, family #, child's name & gift #

Buy gift-attach the tag you took to the gift. Do not wrap gift, please!

***Rolls of gift wrap are appreciated***

Return gifts no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>. If ordering online, **please confirm delivery date!**  
Any questions, call or text Maggie 609-709-6133



## Origin of a Communion Hymn

Ellen often will play “Taste and See” during communion, a melody I’m sure you are all familiar with. It reminded me of a past request from Mtr. Caroline, when I mentioned to her that I knew the person who composed the piece. She was intrigued and asked me to write something about that person. So here goes --

I was extremely blessed to grow up living half a mile from the main convent of the Sisters of Mercy in Burlingame, California, 17 miles south of San Francisco. I had no idea how privileged I was to spend my high school years on the 40-acre grounds of a former estate which housed the large convent and a 400-student Catholic girls’ high school, all nestled among hundreds of 400-year-old oak trees whose gnarled branches were so large and so extended they were held up with heavy posts. A magical environment? Yes!

The Mercy sisters were teachers and among them was a young nun named Sr. Suzanne Toolan, a musician. To us girls, she was our music teacher and choir director but she was to grow into a well-known musician and composer who, to this day, at age 96, is still a gentle, humble and very talented woman. Only recently I discovered that Sister Suzanne composed the lyrics and music to several pieces we sing during Mass at Holy Innocents’, including “I Am the Bread of Life” and “Taste and See.”

While I’ve been gone from Mercy for many years and live a coast away, I’ve always known that those two songs bring especially poignant feelings to me when Ellen plays them during our services, but I never knew why. Several years ago, while visiting California to attend a class reunion at Mercy, I was surprised to hear “Taste and See” during Mass in the convent chapel, played on a baby grand piano and sung simply and beautifully by none other than Sr. Suzanne. Intrigued, I did some research when I returned home and found out that she had written both the words and music shortly after I graduated from high school. To back up, as Sr. Suzanne recalls in her book, prior to the Second Vatican Council II in the 1960’s, Catholics were accustomed to merely listening during Mass, to the priest or to the choir. If choral music was included in a service, the words were usually in Latin. Sr. Suzanne says she could “barely abide” by the St. Gregory Hymnal which was used by the entire Catholic world at the time. Encouraged by Vatican II, Sr. Suzanne, who says she was always a bit of a rebel, felt liberated enough to follow her natural inclinations and penned many hymns in English, taking seriously the words of the historic Vatican gathering, “Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that full conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy.” It sounds quaint and verbose to us now, but 60 years ago, this was pretty radical stuff.

Even before Vatican II ended, Sr. Suzanne began what would become an unexpected second vocation as a publicly acclaimed composer of sacred music. As she tells it, one day in 1964 in between her chorale classes at the high school, she secreted herself in the mansion’s original music room and set out to produce a melody she hoped would be appropriate for newly emancipated Catholics who were unrehearsed and unused to participating in the Mass. When finished, however, she felt something wasn’t right about her piece. Just as she had torn it up and tossed it in a trash can, a nearby student stuck her head in the music room and asked, “What was that, Sister? It was beautiful.” Sr. Suzanne hastily retrieved her composition, taped it together and continued her work, ultimately producing “I Am the Bread of Life.” Later, when asked why her composition had become so popular, she said humbly that people liked it because it was one of the first pieces they sang where they actually participated in the service and because it was in English. She also said it was the beginning of using scriptures as text.

As the impact of Vatican II began to permeate the Catholic Church, Sr. Suzanne was exposed to the Taizé style of worship. It greatly appealed to her because she totally agreed with the Taizé Brothers approach which emphasized worshippers directly experiencing God as opposed to merely hearing others speak about God. She says she felt “[t]hat’s my music....It really touched me. It was so prayerful, so gentle.” She helped bring

## Origin of a Communion Hymn cont'd.

several Taiže Brothers from France to the convent in Burlingame which subsequently served as their base as they held prayer services for small groups around the Bay Area. Although sparsely attended in the beginning, the movement grew and, as Sr. Suzanne says proudly, Taise services have been held in the convent chapel every first Friday of the month since they began in 1983, even if the date fell on the Fourth of July or some other holiday.

Sister Suzanne's reputation continued to grow to the extent that when Pope Paul II visited San Francisco in 1986, she was asked to compose for the liturgy at Candlestick Park. Her accomplishments are too numerous to list here. Suffice it to say, her compositions have been translated all over the world so that people in 25 countries now share in her music.

In addition to her teaching and composing activities, she became heavily involved in prison ministry. She found time to visit San Quentin State Prison every week for a number of years where she and another nun facilitated a prayer group focused on "centering prayer." Working with these prisoners, knowing that she was touching some of the most marginalized in our society, prompted her to create a similar ministry for females, this one focusing on women being released from prison and the many obstacles that face them as they transition back into society.

Sr. Suzanne Toolan is a truly amazing woman and I realize as I research and write this article that I truly was blessed to have been exposed to her (and other sisters at Mercy) as role models. I owe them so much. I believe that my faith and my deep sense of social responsibility came in large part from them.

You who come to me shall not hunger  
You who believe in me shall not thirst

Submitted by: Kay Regan-DeCicco

*All quotes are taken from Sr. Suzanne's book "I Am the Bread of Life," written by Sr. Suzanne with Elizabeth Dossa and published by The Crossroad Publishing Company, New York, 2007.*

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*This is a guest article from Bill Kehr pursuant to our last Vestry meeting where we discussed upcoming nominations and elections to occur in the January 2025 Annual Meeting.*

### **Important work to consider for our January 2025 Holy Innocents annual meeting!**

In addition to the nomination and voting on Vestry vacancies, we will be nominating and voting for delegates and alternates for Convention and Atlantic Convocation. These positions have to do with the general awareness, management and operations of the Parishes in our Diocese. As such it is our window of opportunity to participate and interact with other Parishes in our Diocese concerning the business functions of our Diocese.

#### **Diocesan Convention**

Diocesan Convention is a time when representatives around our diocese gather to share in the polity of the Church, upholding the common mission and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. All are welcome to join in worship, conduct business, view and listen to presentations.

Examples of business to be conducted centers around presentation and voting on annual budget, to updates on Diocesan concerns and programs, to hearing and voting on pertinent resolutions, and nominations with voting on various offices/roles within the Diocese.

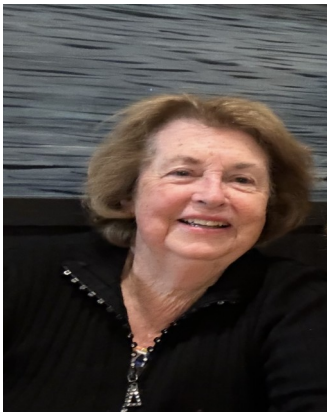
2024 Convention Attendees were able to take part online or attend in-person. The Holy Innocents roster for convention consisted of 2 Delegates and 2 alternates.

#### **Atlantic Convocation**

The Diocese is organized into regional groupings of Parishes and meet as convocations. Holy Innocents is in the Atlantic Convocation which typically meets in a fall meeting at a church location central to the convocation area. The business portion of the convocation typically consists of updates of issues and events experienced by member Parishes as well as any information or preliminary work required in the approach to the annual Diocesan convention. In 2024, The Holy Innocents roster for Convocation consisted of 2 Delegates and 2 alternates.

Please consider this information and your availability to be a delegate in 2025. I invite you to join me to serve. Just let me know and I'll inform the Vestry nominating members. Thank-You, Bill Kehr





# In the Spotlight

*Parishioner Spotlight is a regular feature in The Post. The purpose is to provide insights into the background and personalities of our fabulous parishioners!*

*We hope you enjoy getting to know the people of Holy Innocents'!*  
**December Parishioner Spotlight ~ Sally Potts**

I was born and raised in Elizabeth, NJ. My parents were married in Trinity church and my brothers and I were baptized and confirmed there. As a six year old, I sought out the music director and asked if I could join the children's choir. She requested that I wait until I could read, and then I was welcome to join the choir! I remained in the junior choir until high school, when I graduated to the adult choir. Being in a choir has always been an important part of my life.

I met my husband Richard when we were both in high school and followed him to Troy, NY, for college. When he graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, we were married in Trinity Church. We started out our married life at Fort Knox, KY, and after Richard's six-month Army requirement, we moved to Cranford, NJ. Our three children, Debbie, Jackie, and Rickie, were born there. Later, we moved to North Caldwell, NJ, where our children all graduated from West Essex Regional.



Our family is fortunate to have remained close. The collage of family pictures shows some of the times that we have shared recently. From the top, moving clockwise: the family gathered for our 60th anniversary; Bobby, Heidi, Rick (our son), and Michael; Rick (son) and Heidi with Michael and Lili; the most recent star, great granddaughter and the flower girl, Ela (the daughter of Katie and Dushyant); three generations of women: Elizabeth, Madison, Alesse, Sally, and Debbie; Madison, Adam, and the proud grandma, Sally.

We attended Saint Peter's Church in Essex Falls, where I was in the choir for 40 years. While there, I was privileged to be a frequent soloist and soprano leader. I continued my college courses until I finally graduated in 1976 from Caldwell University. I taught for several years at Mount Saint Dominic's Academy, and then taught

mathematics full-time at West Essex Junior High School. I had been most fortunate to have spent every summer in Harvey Cedars in the house that my parents bought in 1935. It was quite an adventure for them, due to the fact that it had no electricity or running water. This did not make my mother happy. She had to go to the pump in the backyard to fill up the pail for water. The pump and the outhouse soon were history. My older brother, John and I spent idyllic summers, swimming, boating, and water skiing. We attended Episcopal services at Saint Peter's at the Light each summer. It is such a charming and historical building. It is open to the public every Tuesday during the summer. In 1972 Richard and I were fortunate to purchase the family house from my mother and our children were lucky enough to spend the summers in the house that I had grown up in. I was fortunate to be able to do solo work summers at Saint Peter's. When Richard and I retired in 2006, we moved full-time to the shore.

## Parishioner Spotlight continued...

I missed being in a choir, and St. Peter's did not have a choir, so we attended Holy Innocents' to check out their choir. I was impressed by the quality of the music and especially the choir. I promptly presented myself to Ellen and hoped she needed a soprano. Luckily for me, she was short of sopranos at that time. Even though I spend the winters in Florida, I am always welcome whenever I return to Harvey Cedars. Belonging to Holy Innocents' and being in the choir has been my most rewarding religious experience. The music is outstanding and Ellen is so talented and fun to be with. Her rehearsals are not just well run but full of love and laughter. Choir, to use a cliché, is like a family, and every time I return, I feel enveloped in their loving embrace. We purposely return from Florida each December in order to participate in the Advent season at Holy Innocents'. The photos bring memories of a few of our Choir activities, both in and out of church.



Unfortunately, Richard died in May, 2022. He loved attending Holy Innocents', even though he sat alone while I was enjoying myself singing in the choir. He was always such a good sport, and it saddens me to see his pew is empty. It heartens me to know that he is close by in the memorial garden. The photos of Richard and me together show our love.

Thank you to Ellen, the wonderful, loving Choir, and all the friends I have made at this exceptional church.

Great is Jehovah the Lord.

The heavens and the earth proclaim His power and His might.

Raise your prayerful hearts on high and hope for mercy and trust in Him.--"Omnipotence" by Franz Schubert

- Dec. 1 – Messiah Sing at 4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 3 – ECW Christmas Luncheon at 12:00 p.m.
- Dec. 6 – Ministry Reports for Annual Report Due
- Dec. 13 – Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
- Dec. 17 – “Blue Christmas” service at 5:00 p.m.
- Dec. 21 – Winter Solstice Holy Hike 3:15 – 4:37 p.m.
- Dec. 24 – Holy Eucharist 4:30 p.m.  
Caroling 6:30 p.m.  
Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Service 10:00 a.m.
- Dec. 31 - Watchnight Service 5:00 p.m.
- Jan. 12 - Annual Meeting of the Parish
- Jan. 19 - Bishop Visitation 9:30 a.m.



# DECEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 8:45am Choir 9:30am Rite II Advent Food Drive Starts 4:00pm <b>MESSIAH SING</b> Reception in MH	<b>2</b> 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Yoga 	<b>3</b> 12:00pm <b>ECW Christmas Luncheon in MH</b> 	<b>4</b> 11:00am-2:30pm Choir Rehearsal/Lunch	<b>5</b> 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	<b>6</b> Parish Office Closed <b>Ministry Annual Reports Due</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00pm <b>BH Community Arts Program TREE LIGHTING!</b>
<b>8</b> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> NO CHOIR 9:30am Rite II	<b>9</b> 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Yoga 	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30am-11:00am Sandwich Ministry 11:00am-2:30pm Choir Rehearsal/Lunch	<b>12</b> 7:00pm Vestry 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	<b>13</b> Parish Office Closed <b>7:00pm Lessons &amp; Carols Reception in MH</b>	<b>14</b> 
<b>15</b> <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> 8:45am Choir 9:30am Rite II	<b>16</b> 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Yoga 	<b>17</b> 5:00pm <b>Blue Christmas Contemplative Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>18</b> <b>3:00pm Choir Caroling</b> <b>4:00pm Prayer Min. in Chapel</b>	<b>19</b> 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	<b>20</b> Parish Office Closed <b>Advent Food Drive Last Day</b>	<b>21</b> 3:00-4:37pm <b>Holy Hike @ Edwin Forsythe Wildlife Rescue</b> (meet at Tom Jacobsen's house at 3:00pm)
<b>22</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> 8:45am Choir 9:30am Rite II	<b>23</b> 9:00am MP (FB) NO YOGA <b>9:30am Altar &amp; Flower Guild to prepare for Christmas</b>	<b>24</b> 4:30pm <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 6:30pm <b>Caroling in Church</b> 7:00pm <b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>25</b> Parish Office Closed <b>10:00am Christmas Day Morning Prayer</b> 	<b>26</b> Parish Office Closed 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	<b>27</b> Parish Office Closed 	<b>28</b> <b>Feast Day of the Holy Innocents'</b>
<b>29</b> <i>The First Sunday after Christmas</i> 9:30am Rite II 	<b>30</b> 9:00am MP (FB) NO YOGA	<b>31</b> <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>	<b>1</b> Parish Office Closed 	<b>2</b> 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	<b>3</b> Parish Office Closed	<b>4</b> <b>Cynthia Clarke Committal Time TBA</b>

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

A BIG thank you to everyone who participated in Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child". The filled Christmas boxes will be delivered to children in many different countries. You are making children happy and joyous! They may have never received Christmas presents in the past. There is a follow-up program for the children to learn about Jesus.

Thank you for your generosity! ~ *Ruth McLaughlin*



## December Birthdays

Marjorie Anderson	02	Jo-Ann Bray	17
Ruth McLaughlin	10	Colette Southwick	17
Francis W. Kleber, IV	13	Florence Boulden	26
Bruce Hillyer	14	Curtis Logan	26
Richard Cashel	15	Carol Kirby	29
Meg Neff	16	Carol Hammond	29



## December Anniversaries

Thomas & Gail Jacobsen      09

## 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 December.



### DECEMBER ALTAR DONATIONS

- 1<sup>st</sup> -
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Tom & Gail Jacobsen~Altar Candles
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Jeanne Cashel~Altar & Sanctuary Candles
- 22<sup>nd</sup> -
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Sanctuary decorated with Christmas Flowers
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Sanctuary decorated with Christmas Flowers

### DECEMBER FLOWER GUILD

- 1<sup>st</sup> - No Flowers During Advent
- 8<sup>th</sup> - No Flowers During Advent
- 15<sup>th</sup> - No Flowers During Advent
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - No Flowers During Advent
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - All Prepare for Christmas
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Sherry Johnson

### DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Jeanne Cashel, Carol Hammond
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Chris Burlaga, Diane Entrikin
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Melissa Wall, Jackie Sparks
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Jackie Sparks, Chris Burlaga
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Melissa Wall, Jackie Sparks
- 25<sup>th</sup> - TBD
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Chris Burlaga, Carol Hammond

### DECEMBER USHERS & GREETERS

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Dave White, Bob Weidmann
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Mike Fahner, Leila Sullivan
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Melissa Wall, Sue Hughes
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - TBD
- 24<sup>th</sup> - TBD
- 25<sup>th</sup> - TBD
- 29<sup>th</sup> - TBD



### DECEMBER COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

- 1<sup>st</sup> -
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Matt Starr
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Leila Sullivan
- 22<sup>nd</sup> -
- 29<sup>th</sup> -



The Coffee Hour schedule is located on the bulletin board outside Martin Hall. There are open slots for December and into the new year. Please sign up to bring a snack to go with our coffee and tea.

We appreciate your participation! Thank you! ~ Ellen Kehr



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For  
unto  
you is  
born this  
day in the  
city of David  
a saviour, which  
is Christ the Lord  
Luke  
2:11

## **THE BISHOP IS COMING!!**

**DATE: JANUARY 19TH**

Anyone interested in being confirmed or received into the church,  
please get in touch with a Warden or see Lisa in the office.

The canonical purposes of a visitation are for the bishop to examine the condition of the congregation,  
oversee the clergy, preach, confirm, preside at the eucharist, and examine parochial records.



**Donate your way.**

Give one time, anytime or  
set up a recurring donation.