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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,

As we come into May we shall celebrate many wonderful events and days. Perhaps chief among the May celebrations will be Mother's Day. We celebrate the Mothers among us and the Mothers who have died. We celebrate outstanding Mothers and Mothers who could not come up to the challenges of this difficult task. Because of our different experiences of our Mothers, this day can bring either great joy or great sorrow.

One of the ways to celebrate Mother's Day is to recall that God is our Mother. We regularly pray to God as our Father during the Holy Eucharist. How many of us imagine that God is also our Mother. Most of us seldom pray to God as our Mother. Indeed the Scripture and Christian tradition invite us to see God as our Mother. Jesus compared himself in his agony to a birthing Mother: When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. (John 16: 21) Julian of Norwich, a 15<sup>th</sup> century English anchoress, took this image from John's Gospel and expanded it into a prayer: "Our mothers bear us for pain and for death; our true mother, Jesus, bears us for joy and endless life. Christ carried us within him in love and travail, until the full time of his passion. And when all was completed and he had carried us so for joy, still all this could not satisfy the power of his wonderful love." In 1998, the Episcopal Church authorized prayers for use in the church which present images of God as our Mother. The prayer of Julian of Norwich which I quoted above, is one of those prayers. Three new Eucharistic Prayers were also approved for our use. Eucharistic Prayer 2 prays to God as our Mother: "You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love."

For those of us whose mothers have died, some of us have discovered that God comes into the emotional void which their deaths create in our hearts by discovering God as our Mother. For some of us, this approach to God may seem unusual and challenging. I invite you to consider God not only as your Father but also as your Mother. Such an expansive vision of God will bring you to discover new depths in the mystery of God. We believe that humans are created in the image of God and so we can discover the feminine divine image by praying to God as our Mother. On Mother's Day, I plan to preach on God as our Mother to open up this way of imaging God for us. It would also be an opportune time for us to use Eucharistic Prayer 2

## A Word From Father Peter Continued...

which prays to God as our Mother. I realize how challenging this approach to God may be for some of you. I invite you to try to imagine God as your Mother and discover the depths of the mystery of God which may open up for you. Peace. Fr. Peter

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### *“We Believe In One God” – Ecumenical prayer service to mark 1700th anniversary of Council of Nicaea*

Christians from different churches will gather at St. Robert Bellarine Co-Cathedral, 61 Georgia Rd. in Freehold Township New Jersey on **Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 11 A.M.** to celebrate the 1700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea which produced the first version of the Nicene Creed which we profess on most Sundays during our worship. The Nicene Creed is used by many of the Christian Churches as the standard of the Christian Faith and is recited at many Sunday worship events. The event will feature Morning Prayer which is mostly taken from the Book of Common Prayer. Two homilies will be preached, one from the Western Church perspective and another from the Eastern Church perspective. The creed will be prayed in both its original Greek and in English.

This year also brings another ecumenical event when Christians from both the Eastern and Western Churches celebrated Easter on the same day. Since the Eastern Churches follow the Julian calendar and the Western Churches follow the Gregorian calendar, the date of Easter is usually on different days. The late Pope Francis had asked that Christians come to a common date for the celebration of Easter. The Eastern Churches are asking that the day be set by their Julian calendar. Some Christians are proposing a date in April which would not change. Presently the date of Easter is set as the First Sunday following the first full moon after the Spring Equinox.

While the form of the Nicene Creed used in most Western churches today was amended at the Council of Constantinople in 381, and again by the Council of Chalcedon in 451, it was in 325 in Nicaea at the First Ecumenical Council where it initially took form and was adopted. The creed in use in the Eastern Orthodox churches never included the filioque, “...and of the son,” regarding the procession of the Holy Spirit. As the filioque is considered neither heretical or necessary, it will be omitted in the creed used at the service as a sign of unity. The Episcopal Church will be removing the filioque in the next edition of the prayer book, and many parishes have been using that version, available in Enriching Our Worship 1, for years.

## Words From Your Wardens



Take a walk through the Memorial Garden to see the spring flowers blooming. Walk around the Labyrinth and reflect for a few minutes. Breathe in the ocean scented air as warmer weather creeps into the breeze. Take some time to relax and reflect before the harried pace of summer greets us. We may not get a full-on Spring here on LBI but we can still enjoy the seasonal changes taking place.

Changes are happening at Holy Innocents' as well! The laundry and storage room renovation at the Rectory has started. This is the final piece of the Rectory renovations, started in 2018. Final decisions are being made on a new air conditioning system for the church proper. It is expected that work will start on this shortly. Finally, the Rector's office will be painted and spruced up as well. If you like to paint, talk to Pat!

On the Search front, we are beginning to receive applications that the Committee will review and begin interviews with the candidates. The lead up to Easter is a quiet time for applicants, but we are hopeful that we will receive enough, and just the right one, to make a decision by the end of the summer!

Faithfully, Pat & Dave

## Minister of Music

### Special thanks to our CHOIR!

They spent extra time rehearsing for Holy Week and Easter to provide us with lots of beautiful music and presented it with EXTRA LOVE! Please be sure to thank our choir members when you see them.

If you're interested in joining our choir, please email me or talk to me in person. We welcome new members. You do not need to read music or have a spectacular voice (together our choir makes one voice!). You do need a sense of humor, a big heart, and the desire to raise your voice in song to Praise the Lord!

Ellen Dondero, *Minister of Music*

### Join us for Upcoming Concerts!

**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**

#### **Fotografia ~ An afternoon of Jazz celebrating imagery**

Featuring Christine Kephart, vocalist

This concert will feature jazz selections reflecting musical imagery with selections including Fotografia, Blue Monk, All the Things You Are, and Popsicle Toes

**Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**

#### **Lighter Fare ~ A Cabaret**

Capital Singers of Trenton (CST)

Vinroy D. Brown, Jr. Artistic Director

Kendra Balmer, Guest Conductor,

Spenser R. Gallo, collaborative pianist

With medleys by CST Cabaret, The Sound of Music, Hair, and MANY more!

This concert will also feature soloists and small ensembles performing Broadway and American Songbook favorites.



## ECW 2nd Annual Arts & Crafts Fair

The ECW hosted another very successful arts and crafts show, with about 20 vendors participating. The ladies of the ECW sold baked goods, beverages, a hot dog lunch, and 50/50 tickets. Again, one of our own parishioners won the 50/50 drawing...Ruth McLaughlin!

We were able to add a bit over \$1,500 to the ECW treasury in support of our Outreach Programs.

There was a nice flow of shoppers throughout the day. We opened the doors to the sanctuary and allowed visitors a chance to enjoy our gorgeous worship space.



While the ECW "sponsored" the show, it was indeed a parish supported event!

Thank you to our bakers, set-up and break-down crew, donors from our "Wish List", planners, kitchen crew, all that helped throughout the day!

It indeed took a parish to pull off the event!

Gratefully,  
Jeanne Cashel



## ECW Upcoming Events



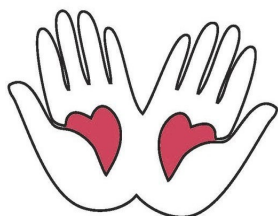
Once again the ladies of the ECW will be making Mother's Day corsages for ladies in a local nursing home. It is such a small thing that we do, but has brought so much joy to the recipients. We will meet in the kitchen at **10:00 am on Friday, May 9th**. No experience needed, just a desire to put a smile on the face of another ~ Melissa Wall



**WELCOME BACK** to our Ladies Exercise Group! (LEGS)

Eileen Jacobs is back on **Tuesdays & Thursday 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM** in Martin Hall, starting May 13th!

## 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](mailto: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 a call, 856-906-6725.

All are welcome to attend our monthly gatherings.

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY – May 21, 2025**

**WHERE: IN THE CHAPEL**

**TIME: 4:00 PM**





**A HUGE THANK YOU** to the choir, Ellen Dondero, our Minister of Music, along with Chloe, John and Johnny Dondero for making such beautiful music for the church on Easter Sunday! We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated group of talented singers to add to our services. They helped elevate the beauty of Easter Day for the congregation ~ Ruth McLaughlin

*Below are a few pictures from Easter Sunday Service and Easter Egg Hunt that took place on the church grounds after the service. Thank you to Fr. Peter De Franco our Supply Priest for a beautiful Easter service and to Maggie Aftanis for organizing an awesome egg hunt!*





## **Parish Prayer List May**

*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
Dcn. Judy	Lynne Weidmann	Alycia Mullin
Meg Neff	Rob Meyer	Tino
Florence Lamon	Melanie Harman	Pat
Kathy Rice	Jessie	Rich
Charles Sullivan	Doug Hunter	Marie Kleber
JoAnn King	Matt Starr	Ellis Barbieri
Judy Hamilton	Cindy Wood	Diane
Linda K.	Linda M.	Ray M.
Gia	Jeannine	Phil
Frank	Ed McDaniels	Fran Iozzi
Johnny Johnson, Jr.	Bill Bentley	Dr. John
Fr. John Powell	Family & Friends of Barry Longenbach	

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

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

## **French Toast Casserole Recipe, by Lil'Luna**

This best loved French toast casserole is perfect for making ahead of time for Mother's Day celebrations!

### **Ingredients**

1 Loaf of sourdough bread (or brioche, challah or French bread)  
8 Large Eggs  
2 Cups Milk  
1/2 Cup Heavy Cream  
1 Tablespoon Vanilla Extract  
3/4 Cup Sugar

### **Topping**

1/2 Cup All-purpose Flour  
1/2 Cup packed light brown sugar  
1 Teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 Teaspoon salt  
1/2 Cup cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces



### **Instructions**

Cut bread into 1-inch cubes and scatter evenly in greased 9 x 13 inch baking dish.  
In a medium bowl, mix eggs, milk, heavy cream, vanilla, and sugar together, then pour evenly over bread. Cover the dish with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 4 hours, or overnight.  
To make the topping, mix flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt in a medium bowl. Cut butter into this mixture until crumbly. Place the topping in a small resealable plastic bag and refrigerate overnight as well.  
When ready to bake, preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.  
Unwrap the baking dish and sprinkle the topping evenly over the bread.  
Bake, uncovered, for 45-60 minutes, depending on how soft you like it. YUM!



*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'!*

***May Parishioner Spotlight ~ Carl De Franco***

Carl is the husband of our Supply Priest, Father Peter De Franco.

I grew up in Morris County, NJ, and my family lived in Denville, the hub of Morris County. Although LBI and Holy Innocents' are in the same state as Denville, being in a beach community feels very different. What a gift it has been coming to Holy Innocents'! The church is beautiful and a lovely place to worship. It has a unique structure in it which I haven't seen in any Episcopal church--a baldachino, the canopy above the altar. At the heart of the church is its true treasure--the parishioners of Holy Innocents'. When I heard Bishop Sally French say in her sermon that many clergy of our diocese say that they hold our church in high esteem, it confirmed my feelings. There is so much to like about Holy Innocents'.

My career was in RF microwave electronics manufacturing. I was a planner for production and prototype orders. I started in Merrimac Industries in West Caldwell, NJ. Then I went to Anghel Labs in Rockaway, NJ, which was purchased by General Dynamics. I retired from Pulsar Microwave Corporation in Clifton, NJ. These companies created components for satellite communications, and also did some military and government work. One major highlight of my career involved the former owner and president, Sever Anghel. He designed the tracking device that went into the fuse of the Patriot Missile. Our customers for those components were Raytheon and Bendix, who assembled the missiles. The first real world use for the Patriots was in Gulf War One. In news footage, we could see the U.S. missiles knocking out the Scud Missiles. Sever also created flat antennas that were initially installed along runways to help air planes land easier. The antennas were used in the early 1980s. Technology has changed radically since then.

In 1994, on Christmas Eve, I met the love of my life. Peter had come to my church, the Church of the Redeemer, in Morristown, NJ, for the Christmas Eve service. It is a big church and was very crowded. At the time of the Peace, everyone moved out into the main isle to shake hands, hug, and wish Merry Christmas. It was very loud and as I moved along the isle hugging people, Peter and I hugged...but as we pulled away, we just looked at each other. For a moment, time stood still...and quiet. The service finished and a friend of mine who knew Peter introduced us in the parish hall. We talked for the rest of the evening. It was a unique start to a unique life.

Peter, a former Roman Catholic, quickly assimilated into Episcopal church life. Although I am of 100% British descent, my family was Presbyterian. However, when I joined the Episcopal Church, being part of the Anglican Communion was a perfect fit for me. Within three years of our meeting, Peter began the ordination process, which is an amazing thing to observe behind the scenes.

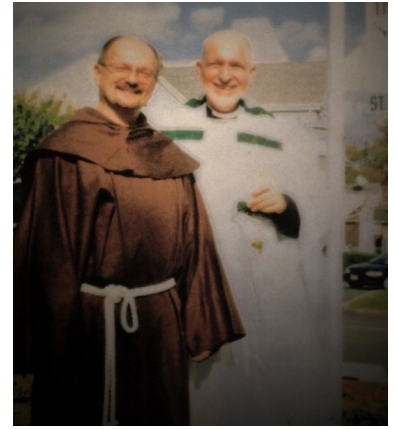
Over the 20 years that Peter was a rector, I was involved with many programs. Our first church was St. Peter's Church in Clifton, NJ. I worked as a volunteer in the food pantry. I later joined the board of directors for St. Peter's Homeless Shelter and Food Pantry. I participated in something special for our Blessing of the Animals

## Parishioner Spotlight continued...

service. The vestry asked me to dress as St. Francis in a friar's habit for the service so people could have their pet's pictures taken with St. Francis. I reluctantly agreed but it turned out to be fun and a big hit. We continued doing it for many years.

After a few years, I started and ran St. Peter's Market Fair, a vendor flea market. It ran twice a month for 9 years. We brought in over \$130,000 for the church.

Our next church was St. John the Baptist in Linden, NJ. I started the Market Fair there and it ran for a few years, although we stopped it because of Covid. Once the church got back up and running, I put a team together to create a permanent gift shop in the church basement. It was very successful and has been running for about three years.



*Dressed as St. Francis at the Blessing of the Animals service*

I would like to include a personal note to bring attention to an autoimmune disease. I have Sjogren's Syndrome. This is a disease that affects glands that make liquid. In my case, an outward symptom is my swollen glands. My mother had this disease along with another autoimmune disease called Sclera Derma. Sjogren's Syndrome is not generally known. For information see Sjogrens.com.

Now in retirement, I have gotten back into writing again. I had previously written the lyrics to a song for which a composer wrote the music. He also sings the song. Once the song was recorded, I created the video for it which you can find on YouTube under My True Only by Shawn Gallaway (musician) and Carl Gincley (my original name). I wrote the song after a beautiful vacation in England. The song is dedicated to England and to love, human and divine. There is more information about the song on the website mytrueonly.org. The writing project I am now working on is to finish a trilogy of children's books for which I had previously written full outlines. I have partnered with two other people who will be finishing the trilogy with me, as well as working on several other stories.

My favorite musicians are the rock group, YES. (See picture below left.) And my favorite songwriter/singer is Mary Chapin Carpenter.

The right picture is a family picture, of Peter and me with Peter's niece, Jennifer, and her son, Matthew.





## HORSESHOE CRABS 101

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Horseshoe crab peak mating season is from mid-May to mid-June.

Here is a short introduction to these remarkable creatures and what to look for on some of our bay beaches in the upcoming weeks during the evening hours.

They look almost like dark brown hubcaps and move like army tanks. Their name comes from their shape, which is similar to a horse's hoof. Females are, in general, about 20% larger than males. Although they are called crabs, they are actually more closely related to arachnids like spiders and scorpions, than to true crabs. Horseshoe crabs are prehistoric: they have not undergone significant evolutionary change in over 400 million years, almost 200 million years before the first dinosaurs.

There are three divisions to the body. The prosoma is found at the front of the body and contains the heart, brain, and digestive system. The opisthosoma is found in the middle of the body and consists mostly of the muscles that control the animal's gills and tail. Last is the tail (known as the telson), which horseshoe crabs use to right themselves if they are upturned by waves during spawning.

Horseshoe crabs have six pairs of legs. The first is known as the chelicerae and is used for placing food in its mouth. The next pair is known as the pedipalps; they are used for walking, but in males they are modified into boxing-glove-like claspers and additionally used for grasping the female during spawning. The remaining four pairs of legs are the pushers and are used for moving. Further towards its tail are the gills, which are used for both breathing and for assisting to push itself through the water.

Though possessing a somewhat fierce appearance due to their sharp-looking tails, angular exoskeletons, and many claws, horseshoe crabs are completely harmless to humans. Their claws have a weak grip, and they do not bite or use their tails as a weapon.

Horseshoe crab blood contains a substance called Limulus amebocyte lysate (also known as LAL), which clots in the presence of bacteria. For this reason, it is valuable in the pharmaceutical industry, which uses it to test for contamination of drugs and medical equipment. Though crabs used for this purpose are returned to the ocean, it is estimated that between 10% and 30% die as a result of the process.

Because of this high demand for horseshoe crabs, populations along the East Coast, and particularly in Delaware Bay, are in serious decline. The Atlantic horseshoe crab is currently considered "Near Threatened" by the IUCN.

**While not currently listed as a [threatened](#) species by the State of New Jersey, there is currently a moratorium on the harvest of horseshoe crabs within the state. With this law, it is illegal to remove a horseshoe crab, dead or alive, from its habitat in the wild.**

Complicating the issue is the fact that at least 11 different species of shorebird rely on horseshoe crab eggs as their primary food source for about 2-3 weeks during their migration. These birds are migrating to their breeding grounds in the Arctic, some from as far away as the southern tip of South America, and the availability of nutrient-rich crab eggs during this time is critical. Recent declines in the horseshoe crab population have triggered similar and more drastic declines in shorebird populations. Even though immediate action may not be needed to save the Atlantic horseshoe crab from extinction, immediate protection of horseshoe crabs is necessary to protect the species that rely on them.

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

# MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 10:30am Longenbach Wake 11:30am Funeral/ Interment 2:00pm Book Study 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	<b>2</b> <i>Parish Office Closed</i>	<b>3</b> 11:00 am @ St. Robert Bellarine Co-Cathedral Ecumenical Prayer Service 2:00pm Carolyn & Amelio Trausi Committal
<b>4</b> <i>The Third Sunday of Easter</i> 8:30am Choir 9:30 Rite II 4:00 Concert "Fotografia"	<b>5</b> 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Yoga	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 11:00am-2:30pm Choir Rehearsal w/ Lunch	<b>8</b> 2:00pm Lenten Book Study 4:30pm BHCAP 7:00pm Vestry 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	<b>9</b> <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 10:00am Mothers' Day Corsage Making in kitchen	<b>10</b> 12:00pm-4:00pm LBI Historical Museum Psychic & Wellness Fair
<b>11</b> <i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite II 	<b>12</b> 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Yoga	<b>13</b> 9:15-10:15am LEG	<b>14</b> 9:30a-11:00am Sandwich Ministry	<b>15</b> 9:15-10:15am LEG 2:00pm Lenten Book Study 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	<b>16</b> <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite II	<b>19</b> 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Yoga	<b>20</b> 9:15-10:15am LEG	<b>21</b> 11:00am-2:30pm Choir Rehearsal w/ Lunch 4:00pm Prayer Ministry in the Chapel	<b>22</b> 9:15-10:15am LEG 2:00pm Book Study 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	<b>23</b> <i>Parish Office Closed</i>	<b>24</b> 5:30pm Blessing of the Fleet LEHYC
<b>25</b> <i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> 7:30am Rite I 8:30am Choir 9:30am Rite II *Healing service in Chapel after services	<b>26</b>  <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 9:00am MP (FB) 9:15-10:15am Yoga	<b>27</b> 9:15-10:15am LEG	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:15-10:15am LEG 2:00pm Book Study 7:30pm AA Mtg. Clam-Diggers 9:00pm Compline (FB)	<b>30</b> <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 	<b>31</b> 3:30pm Robert Engle Committal



## May Birthdays

John Johnson, Jr.	02	Robert Bachman	18
Samuel Mitchell	03	Allison Goddard	20
John Wall	07	Gwynne Hollis	21
Ellen Kehr	08	Zoe Sparks	23
Robert J. Meyer	09	Gail South	27
Daniel Ackley	15	Meghan Horleman	29
Marge Hall	15	Robert Weidman	30
Jane Romanowski	16		



## May Anniversaries

Kristen & Marjorie Anderson ~ 16      William & Mary Jo Martin ~ 19  
 Thomas & Sherry Hughes ~ 22      Kingston & Jacqueline Sparks ~ 23  
 Clifford Wymbs and Jeannette Bond 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 May.

### MAY ALTAR DONATIONS

4<sup>th</sup> - Melissa Wall  
 11<sup>th</sup> - Gail & Steve Steiner  
 18<sup>th</sup> -  
 25<sup>th</sup> -



### MAY FLOWER GUILD

4<sup>th</sup> - Kim Sparks  
 11<sup>th</sup> - Sherry Johnson  
 18<sup>th</sup> - Joyce Hillyer  
 25<sup>th</sup> - Carol Hammond

### MAY ALTAR GUILD

4<sup>th</sup> - Jackie Sparks, Diane Entriokin  
 11<sup>th</sup> - Jackie Sparks, Melissa Wall  
 18<sup>th</sup> - Jeanne Cashel, Carol Hammond  
 25<sup>th</sup> - Chris Burlaga, Melissa Wall

### MAY USHERS & GREETERS

4<sup>th</sup> - Leila Sullivan, Bob Weidmann  
 11<sup>th</sup> - Mike Fahner, Kay DeCicco  
 18<sup>th</sup> - Pat Peacock, Dave White  
 25<sup>th</sup> - Sue Hughes, Melissa Wall



### MAY COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

4<sup>th</sup> - Debbie Hunter  
 11<sup>th</sup> - Leila Sullivan (Vestry Birthday Cake)  
 18<sup>th</sup> - The Peacocks  
 25<sup>th</sup> - John & Melissa Wall



**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**



## **Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church**

**Pearl and Marine Streets  
Beach Haven, New Jersey 08008**

**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**



It was wonderful to see so many in church Easter Sunday! Seeing Deacon Judy and hearing her call out, "Go in peace...Alleluia, Alleluia!" filled so many of us with joy. Glad to see Deacon Judy amongst us and visiting with all!