

The Parson's Place

Dear All,

By now, I have been in Bangladesh for several days. I am there right now to work with our Anglican Communion partners in the United Church of Bangladesh. I am honored to get to help their national church with grant development and ministry program evaluation. You can look for photos and updates in the E-pistle, the Church's Facebook page, and also Mother Caroline's Facebook page (which is mostly public.) I will share all about my work when I return in a coffee hour presentation as well.

I have been enjoying the beauty of Beach Haven's winter and have been trying to get in some walking in spite of the cold. I am aware of the thinness of many things: the trees, the grasses, and the activities of wild-life during this season. To understand the fullness of things, it is always necessary to be with the scarcity of things. I'd like to share this poem with you and ask you to meditate upon it.

On Winter's Margin by Mary Oliver

On winter's margin, see the small birds now With half-forged memories come flocking home To gardens famous for their charity. The green globe's broken; vines like tangled veins Hang at the entrance to the silent wood.

With half a loaf, I am the prince of crumbs; By snow's down, the birds amassed will sing Like children for their sire to walk abroad! But what I love, is the gray stubborn hawk Who floats alone beyond the frozen vines; And what I dream of are the patient deer Who stand on legs like reeds and drink that wind; -

They are what saves the world: who choose to grow Thin to a starting point beyond this squalor.

Caroline +

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SAVE THE DATE!

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper **Tuesday, February 25th** 5pm to 6:30pm

Public Welcome! Bring your friends!

FREE-WILL OFFERING



LENTEN POT LUCK SUPPERS

Lent begins Ash Wednesday, February 26th.

Our Lenten Suppers will start on **Thursday, February 27th** with Holy Eucharist at 5:00p in the Chapel. Dinner and Lenten Program will follow at 5:30p. This will continue through **Thursday, April 2nd**.

Please mark your calendars!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the newly-elected Members of the Vestry, Junior Warden, Deputies and Alternates to Diocesan Convention, and Delegates to the Atlantic Convocation. I am happy to say that we also have a new Clerk of Vestry, Florence (Floss) Boulden!

WARDENS:

Kay DeCicco – 2020 Senior Warden William Kehr – 2021 Junior Warden

VESTRY:

Bruce Hillyer—First three-year term Thomas Jacobsen—First three-year term David White – First three-year term

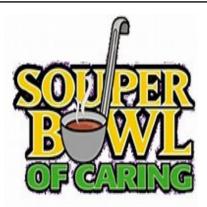
NEW JERSEY DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Delegate Kay DeCicco Janine Enos-Kleber Patricia Peacock Alternate Mary Jane Mannherz Robert Meyer Melissa Wall

ATLANTIC CONVOCATION REPRESENTATIVES

Charles Hall Gail Jacobsen Thomas Jacobsen

CLERK OF THE VESTRY ~ Florence Boulden



February 2nd is the SOUPER BOWL date this year.

We hope to see lots of choices of soups, breads, and cookies to serve during coffee hour that day. As is our custom, we will have two soup kettles representing the two football teams that are playing in the NFL game later that day. Put your donation in the kettle of your chosen team. It's been shown in the past that the most \$'s collected in a team's kettle will be the winning team that evening!

All donations collected during SOUPER BOWL coffee hour will be sent to OPERATION SMILE. ~ *Maggie Aftanis*

COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UP

Our weekly Coffee Hours will be ongoing unless there is an announcement of a cancellation. There is a signup calendar on the bulletin board for those of you who wish to take a turn to provide refreshments. You may call me at 1 (814) 598-4973 if you have any questions. *Thanks so much!* ~ *Ellen Kehr*





The choir will return from break on Sunday February 2nd, and rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, February 5th at 7pm.

We are always looking for new members! If you like to sing, please think about singing with us. You don't need to read music, or even have a great voice. A positive attitude and the desire to raise your voice in song is all that is needed, and a sense of humor is a big plus!

Feel free to come to me with any questions you may have, or just to hear about the ministry of our choir. We would love to make music with you!

> Ellen Dondero, Minister of Music ejdondero@comcast.net

Classical Music Jam! Saturday, February 8, 2019 ~ 1pm-3pm in Martin Hall

Though the focus of this event is on Classical music, it is also an opportunity for people to play/sing and listen to classical, jazz music, and even Broadway tunes.

Anyone interested in performing should bring instruments (and voice), a music stand, and music that they would like to perform themselves, and/ or with others.

In addition, if they are able, we ask that attendees bring some light refreshment to share, and/or make a monetary donation to help defray costs.

We will determine what music to play/sing and in what combinations based on who attends.

Hope to see you there! Ellen Dondero, Minister of Music ejdondero@comcast.net



SAVE THE DATES!!

2020 SPRING CONCERT SERIES

Saturday, March 14th at 4pm The Nocturnes Big Band

April 18th at 4pm Claudia Pelligrini ~ violin

Saturday, May 9th at 4pm Jimmy Merchant Jazz Trio with vocalist

> **Saturday, June 6th at 4pm** Capital Singers of Trenton



God's Blessings to everyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary in February

Birthdays

Maria Mack	02	Edward Miller	21
Kim Sparks	02	Gabriella Vaughan	21
Philip Boulden	05	Veronica Ruoff	24
Jean Nelson	06	Constance Anderson	26
Ellen Dondero	08	John Dondero	26
Diana Shoenbach	08	Sherry Johnson	26
Linda Anderson	11	Delany Mrazek	27
Anita Miller	11	Dr. Leila Sullivan	27
Noah Dondero	12	Jo-Anne Entrikin-Andrade	28
David Hunter	13	Barry Baxter	29
Joe Johnson	17		

Anniversaries

Francis W. & Janine C. Kleber, III	9
Philip & Marilyn Flagler	22
Robert & Ellen Meyer	26

If we have missed your birthday / anniversary, we apologize! PLEASE let us know by calling the office so that we may update our records.



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 **February**.

FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD

- 2nd Cindy Longenbach, Chris Burlaga
- 9th Melissa Wall, Diane Entrikin
- 16th Ruth McLaughlin, Florence Boulden
- 23rd Carol Hammond, Chris Burlaga
- 25th Melissa Wall, Cindy Longenbach
- 26th Melissa Wall, Cindy Longenbach

FEBRUARY FLOWER GUILD

- 2nd Kim Sparks
- 9th Carol Hammond
- 16th Joyce Hillyer
- 23rd Kim Sparks
- 26th Carol Hammond (Ash Wednesday)

FEBRUARY ALTAR DONATIONS

2^{nd}	-
9^{th}	-
16^{th}	-
23 rd	-

FEBRUARY USHERS ~ Volunteers needed

If you are able to volunteer as an usher at anytime during the month of February please contact Rob Meyer at 609 618-3914 or *rmeyer1394@aol.com*



UNTIL ALL ARE FREE

Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020, MIAMI, FL — <u>International Justice Mission</u> (IJM), a leading global antislavery organization, is supporting the efforts of <u>It's a Penalty</u> ahead of Super Bowl LIV to rally together against human trafficking.

During a half-day summit before thousands of fans pour into Florida for one of the largest sporting events of the year, key stakeholders will spotlight what can be done to spot and stop traffickers in the state including a human trafficking prevention training session with local hotel employees. The event will also include an official launch and overview of the It's a Penalty campaign in partnership with Miami Super Bowl Host Committee.

"We are very encouraged by the significant investments of time, expertise and resources that are being utilized to educate and equip the Miami community and the larger public about human trafficking," said Jaclynn Willert, Director, Professional Athlete Partners & Programs at IJM. "It is our hope that this collaboration extends far beyond Super Bowl weekend, and as a community, we are able to make lasting change to combat this horrific crime."

About International Justice Mission: International Justice Mission is a global organization that protects people in poverty from violence. IJM partners with local authorities in 19 program offices in 11 countries to combat slavery, violence against women and children, and other forms of abuse against people who are poor. IJM works to rescue and restore victims, hold perpetrators accountable, and help strengthen public justice systems. Learn more at IJM.org.



DISHING WITH THE DEACON

Sometimes computers are wonderful. Sometimes they are mean beasts that eat our excellent work and refuse to spit it out. This happened to me yesterday. A fully written and good service for the nursing home gone, gone, gone. Alas, it was 8 pm the day before and I'm... well, I won't say.

However, God is good and my instinct is to look at the 260 previous services I have done there and see if one would be ok to repeat. The answer is yes!

My little congregation, 8 to 15+ attendees, and 70, 80, and 90-year olds love to hear about God's love and I have a program from several years ago that fits the bill and it also works for the Parish Post's February edition.

The text is 1 John 4:7-11:

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another"

From the first time I walked into Holy Innocents I felt love here. I still feel it 12 years later. Keep up the good work. Let's love each other and anyone who comes into our sanctuary. It is God's love we give to others because he first gave it to us.

~ Love to you from your Deacon ~ Judy

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 9:30a Holy Eucharist 9:30a SS SOUPER BOWL	3 9:00a MP	4	5 7:00p-8:30p CR	6	7 Parish Office Closed	8 CLASSICAL MUSIC JAM 1:00 PM MH Reserved
9 9:30a Holy Eucharist 9:30a SS	10 9:00a MP	11	12 7:00p-8:30p CR	13 1:00p MJ 3:00p BSP 5:00p EP 7:00p Vestry 7:00p AA	14 Parish Office Closed Valentines Day	15
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23 9:30a Holy Eucharist ~Baptism~ Emerson Marie Barbieri 9:30a SS	24 9:00a MP	25 5:00p MARDI GRAS PANCAKE SUPPER	26 ASH WEDNESDAY 12:00p Noon Eucharist 7:00p Holy Eucharist with Choir	27 1:00p MJ 3:00p BSP 5:00p Holy Eucharist 5:30 Dinner/ Lenten Program 7:00p AA	28 Parish Office Closed	29

AA ~ Alcoholics Anonymous BSP ~ Bible Study in Parsonage CR ~ Choir Rehearsal ECW ~ Episcopal Church Women
EP ~ Evening Prayer LEG ~ Ladies' Exercise Group MJ ~ Mah Jongg MP ~ Morning Prayer SS ~ Sunday School

Rector's Office Hours Monday ~ 9:30a-4:00p Tuesday ~ 9:00a-4:00p Wednesday & Thursday ~ 9:00a-1:00p



so very generously purchased ads for this Parish Post year!

Enos/Kleber Family ~ The Hillman Family ~ Carl & Carroll Sheppard

Larry & Pat Peacock ~ The Hughes Family ~ Jay & Lyn Cranmer

Bill Martin ~ Judy Hamilton

These ads greatly help defray our publishing costs!

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