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

RE-OPENING WITH GRACE

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Grace and blessings to you as we enter the month of June (!!!) I give thanks to God each day for the people of Holy Innocents', and for the blessing you are to me, to each another, and our surrounding community. Even though we are apart during this pandemic I am greatly moved and encouraged by the many ways we have continued to support and strengthen one another, and to reach out to those in need. Whether it's through our online worship comment stream on Facebook, a Zoom Bible study, a coffee chat, a note or phone call, or a grocery drop off, we have continued to show that "the church" is much more than a building. The Church is a people who embody Jesus' hands and feet to one another and to the world. What a wonderful gift during such intensely

stressful and uncertain times!

As I talk with many of you, I hear "When and how will we return to in-person worship?" While there is not a definite answer at this time, our Vestry is meeting in small groups to prepare for the receipt of diocesan guidelines. We will certainly wait until we have the go-ahead from our bishop, state, and local officials, and a clear set of recommendations from the diocese and its healthcare experts. Once allowed to gather, *then* we will lay out procedures for how we can meet together again. Sadly, congregational singing will have to continue to wait for a while, and we do not yet know how communion will be administered if allowed, but hopefully, sooner than later, we will be able at least to gather

safely. In the meantime, we will continue offering opportunities for worship, prayer, study, and connection through our online platforms. If you have not yet taken advantage of these opportunities, I encourage you to do so. Check out our new website (Kudos and thanks to Gail South for setting up and helping us with this transition!) I hope you'll also check out our many offerings on the Facebook page. Next, "How are the church's finances?" I'm proud to say that we were committed to retaining and paying all of our employees through this crisis even before we knew that the CARES Act and the PPP loans would be available. Many people worked very hard in the last few years before me, to maintain a solid financial foundation for Holy Innocents'.

Doing so has made us better able to weather this crisis and receiving the forgivable PPP loan has further ensured our stability. Clergy and staff are continuing to receive their normal paychecks.

I've been proud and grateful for your ongoing commitment to the spiritual practice of giving and with our new online giving option, I hope we can recover our missing plate offerings as well as maintain our pledges. *Thank you so much for continuing to grow in generosity in this difficult time.* The fruits of your gifts to God enable us to continue our ministries within and beyond our community. We are truly appreciative!

I would also like to recognize the exceptional leadership of our Deacon Judy, Music Director Ellen, and Parish Administrator Lisa during this time. They have stepped up to learn the wily ways of online worship and Facebook live. They have continued to do their jobs and offer pastoral sensitivity, humor, and music to lift all our spirits!

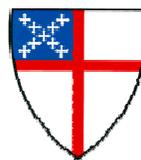
Even though we are living in difficult times, it's been inspiring to see people step up and meet our needs and challenges head on.

It gives me joy to see and hear people participating in and responding to online worship, to continue meeting with the vestry and other leaders via Zoom, to watch our huge team of grounds cleanup and garden volunteers give of their time and talents, and to witness the people of Holy Innocents' reaching out to neighbors in many ways. Thank you to all of you who continue ministering in Christ, both in the church and in the world.

I miss you all and look forward to the time when we will be together again soon. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or Deacon Judy if there is any way we can support you.

May God's Holy Spirit continue to empower us all. Remember, you can't quarantine resurrection - *he walks through walls* (John 20:19,26). Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Stay safe!
Caroline+



ONLINE Offerings at Holy Innocents' JUNE 1st-14th

1 – Mon	Morning Prayer	9:00 AM	
2 – Tues	Sung Evening Prayer	6:00 PM	
3 – Wed	Musical Offering	7:00 PM	
4 – Thurs	Bible Study Zoom	3:00 PM	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93066260910
4 – Thurs	Compline	9:00 PM	
5 – Fri	Kid's Korner	7:00 PM	
6 – Sat	Deacon Judy Psalms	7:00 PM	
7 – Sun	Holy Eucharist	9:30 AM	
7 – Sun	Coffee Hour Zoom	after the service	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82358968453
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11 – Thurs	Compline	9:00 PM	
11 - Thurs	Vestry Mtg.	7:00PM	(link provided upon request)
12 – Fri	Kid's Korner	7:00 PM	
13 – Sat	Deacon Judy Psalms	7:00 PM	
14 – Sun	Holy Eucharist	9:30 AM	
14 – Sun	Coffee Hour Zoom	after the service	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82358968453

Parish Prayer List - June 2020

*Under the current circumstances, all names will remain on the prayer list for the month of June.
If you need to add or delete a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator.*

Ada	Alan	Aurora
Bob	Marie Bregler	Joan Connolly
Judy Contreras	Mary Ann Crewdson	Joan Cunningham
Michael Read Davis	Donald Deacon	Dennis
Carol Dobbins	Meg Dougher	Carol Earl
Faye & Ed	Frank	Barbara Hanlon
John Hughes	Jeannine	Johnny
Diane Lee	Ceily Lovas	Gail Lovenduski
Linda M.	Susie Nee	Virginia Nicholas
Carol Ann Renzland	Sissy	Lara Sparks
Robert Thomas	Colin Walker	Ann White
Joel & Kate White	Maggie Degnan	Bonnie
Renny	Lapinski Family	Kurt Martin
Hawkes Family	Tim	Vinnie
Nancy & David	Bill	Alicia
Jacklyn	Walter	Dave
Phillip Tracy	Javy Vargas	Kathy Rice
Marie Serfling	Rich Serfling	Joe, Pat & Rich
Bob Prindible	Sam	Shelly
Rebecca	Susan	Jessica Zarnick
Yoder Family	Trent	Mary
Ashley	Danielle	Kathleen
Alda Cumings	Rosemary	Ward Family
Matt Russo	Kathy Picarelli	Memphis Rank
Melissa & Tyler	Sullivan Family	Mariel & Alexa
Flagler Family	Ted Hansen	Joey Hinton
David Gitter	Pearl Lee	Elizabeth Ann
Evelyn Nancy	Ladislav Family	Steve, Jan & Mary
Marcie Barnett	Anderson/Steiner Families	Hieronimus Family

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions: Andrew Wall, Brandan White, Joseph Alexander, Zachary Arlin, Paul Bailey, Justin A. Dumhart, Danny Melega

A Prayer for Our Nation and the World in the Light of this Pandemic

Ever-creating God, be with us as the pall of this COVID-19 pandemic falls upon this “fragile earth” which is our “island home.” We hold in our hearts and prayers all who are suffering in our nation from “sea to shining sea.” We pray for the whole world. Our common anxiety is making us one, undivided human family. We pray for world leaders as they chart these unknown waters. Strengthen them to walk into the Light of a new, healing day for the whole planet. Help us to cross our broken lands and be for each other bridges back to heaven. Lift the cares to which we cling. Descend, O God, on us all to be our Guest. Show us how to find in everything blessing and rest. May this be our prayer while we do not know how to pray and until the last light lingers in the west. Amen, in the name of our creating, redeeming and sustaining God.

FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC

There are so many things I miss about Sundays that I can't begin to list them all. The good news is, our current situation is temporary, and now we are beginning to prepare for the time when we can worship together again.

Our choir continues with weekly Zoom check-ins. The time we spend together seeing each other's faces, filling each other in on our week, laughing together, and praying together is very meaningful for all of us, and it will continue for as long as we are not able to be together. Our weekly live streaming Hymn Sing will also continue, mixed in with other Wednesday evening musical offerings.

It was unfortunate that we had to cancel our 2020 Spring Concert Series, but I am currently working on rescheduling those same performers for our 2021 series.

Ellen Dondero, Minister of Music
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DISHING WITH THE DEACON

“Jesus tells us, “for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” This is why the practice of silence is so important. It's only when we close our eyes, letting ourselves rest in stillness, that we cultivate a sense of being attuned to Christ's Light. Listening to the silence of our hearts, we begin to sense something very subtle, a light of incredible beauty and goodness, Christ's Light, embracing dark and light alike.”

-Br. Nicholas Bartoli
May 20, 2020
Society of Saint John the Evangelist

When I read this, this morning, it made me ask myself – what is my treasure? There are many possible answers to this question. I treasure my life with you, being a deacon at Holy Innocents'. I treasure family, friends – even my cats!

In this Easter season, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost there is much to treasure; especially when Jesus tells us He goes to prepare a place for us. That means we shall be with Him for all eternity.

That's my greatest treasure. What's yours?

Te amo.

Your Deacon, Judy



Join us via Facebook Live every Friday and Sunday at 7:00PM (or watch later!) for the Kid's Korner. This is a special time of stories, science experiments, crafts, and things for the kids of all ages!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jeannette Bond	01	Susan Hughes	13
Chloe Ann Dondero	01	Angela Harrison	15
Ann M. White	03	William E. Martin	15
Brian Charles Peacock	07	Jerry South	19
Jay Cranmer	08	Emma Southwick	23
Joseph Mrazek, Jr.	09	Olivia Ming-Tang Meyer	25
		Ginny Nicholas	30

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Michael & Kay DeCicco	03	Frank & Sarah Payne	23
Lisa & Carmen Mack	04	Carl & Carroll Sheppard	27
Roy & Joanne Bray	13	Barry & Cynthia Longenbach	28
Charles & Melissa Wall	18	Richard & Meg Neff	28
John & Ellen Dondero	21		

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

We thank our volunteers for being on-call!

We look forward to seeing all of you soon!

USHERS ~ Volunteers needed!

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



**The Parish Post is undergoing a face lift!
We are working towards a more streamlined/professional looking Parish Post and it is a work in progress!**

If you have articles you'd like to write, pictures or new ideas you would like us to try, let us know!



UNTIL ALL ARE FREE

“ I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.” –
Ezekiel 34:16

The pandemic has changed all of us, perhaps permanently. As much as we have felt fearful, anxious, worried about family and friends, how much worse it must be for the poor and unprotected, for the enslaved and for those trapped in a lockdown with their persecutors, for children torn from their loved ones.

Please pray that God will help the International Justice Mission as its people work to protect their charges, especially:

Africa & Europe

Flash floods in Kasese, Uganda the location for IJM's new project to combat violence against women and children — have affected thousands of people. More than 100,000 are displaced from their homes, staying in schools and churches. The government is working to support them with food and relief services. **Pray for their safety and wellbeing, especially in the midst of the pandemic.**

Latin America

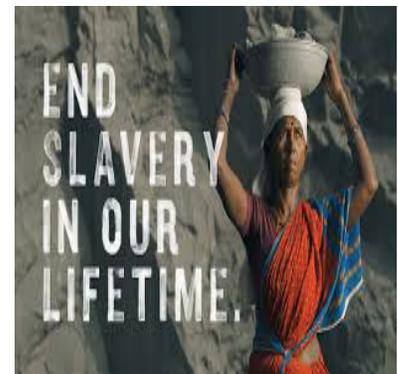
Please pray for the Dominican Republic and the work that IJM has been doing to strengthen the justice system. **Pray that God would give wisdom to local authorities and key actors to continue their commitment to respond to sex trafficking cases, protecting and restoring survivors and holding criminals accountable.**

South Asia

Ask for God's mercy and protection over millions of migrant workers suffering during the pandemic. Migrating for work is a necessity for millions of impoverished families in South Asia. But when the COVID-19 lockdowns came into place, these families were stranded away from home and unable to earn an income anymore. They are finally allowed to return home now, but for many this means walking thousands of miles with very little food, shelter or protection. Pray that IJM and our partners could support local governments in caring for these children, women and men during a difficult and heartbreaking situation.

Southeast Asia

Pray for the success of a study on cybersex trafficking. For this groundbreaking study, IJM brought together an unprecedented number of experts and partners within the child protection space to better understand the nature and scale of the crime of online exploitation of children in the Philippines. Pray that this study would garner a lot of attention and would mobilize the global community to act together to end this growing crime.



Oh Lord:

In a world where many are lonely, we thank You for our friendships.

In a world where many are captive, we thank You for our freedom.

In a world where many are hungry, we thank You for your provision.

We pray that You will: enlarge our sympathy, deepen our compassion, and give us grateful hearts.

In Christ's name. ~ Terry Waite

Submitted by Ruth McLaughlin

BUILDING & GROUNDS VOLUNTEERS

Thank you so much!

We are blessed to have such a gorgeous church property...our Memorial Gardens/Columbarium, Community Gardens, and up until recently our playground (now closed for repairs).

We share this space with our local community. We hope they enjoy our Memorial Gardens as a spot to spend time with the Holy Spirit and find time for some peaceful, quiet reflection. We also hope they take pleasure in our Community Gardens finding camaraderie and joy in providing nourishment for their bellies and souls.

Keeping such a special space well maintained and looking beautiful requires stewardship. We are blessed with parishioners who are great stewards. Many parishioners answer the call, show up and give of their time and hard work keeping our church grounds looking so beautifully groomed.

Rich Cashel, B&G Chairperson



MOBILE & ONLINE GIVING

We are grateful that you have continued to mail in your pledges and donations. Many of you have even driven to church to drop off your giving envelopes. Some of you have added Holy Innocents' to your bill pay and set up recurring giving through your bank. We thank each and every one of you! Through your contributions, we're able to share our faith message, giving people the strength and compassion needed to make it through difficult times such as these.

Because we cannot be together in church now, the Wardens and Vestry have taken this opportunity to bring online and mobile giving to Holy Innocents'. What this means is that you may, if you like, give online from our website at www.hiecbh.com or you can give through a mobile app, GivePlus+, that you can download onto your smartphone.

Our service is provided by the Vanco Company, a reputable provider offering safe, secure tools for online giving. Their product is called Give Plus+. These tools make giving simple when you're unable to attend church or, if you just prefer to give this way. GivePlus+ lets you set up recurring giving or a one-time gift two ways:

1. Mobile app – Download the GivePlus+ Mobile App from iPhone's [App Store](#) or Android's [Google Play](#).

Enter our church zip code, 08008, select Holy Innocents' and you can give using a credit card or checking account.

2. Online Giving – Go to our website www.hiecbh.com Click on the *Online Giving* button and easily enter your donation from our website using a credit card or checking account.

The way you are giving now works absolutely fine and there is NO need for you to change;
however, this option is also available if it is more convenient for you.

Feel free to contact Lisa at 609-492-7571 if you have any questions. Thank you again for supporting Holy Innocents' and the community we've all worked so hard to nurture. Stay safe and well and we look forward to being in church with you soon!

Stewardship & Finance Committees



Environmental Education and Advocacy Committee



We would like to list a few activities taking place in the month of June in conjunction with the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service "Earth Day at Home" series. Please visit their website for more program information and to register for any of the programs listed below.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service "Earth Day at Home" series -<https://envirostewards.rutgers.edu/EarthDayatHome2020.html>

6/1/20- Plant This Not That – Avoiding Invasives in Your Yard. Some popular ornamental plants are actually garden "bullies" invading local ecosystems and destroying natural wildlife habitats. Learn about the importance of using native plants in your yards for supporting local ecology including examples of species you can use to replace invasives. Michele Bakacs, Associate Professor, Rutgers Cooperative Extension- Middlesex/ Union Counties.

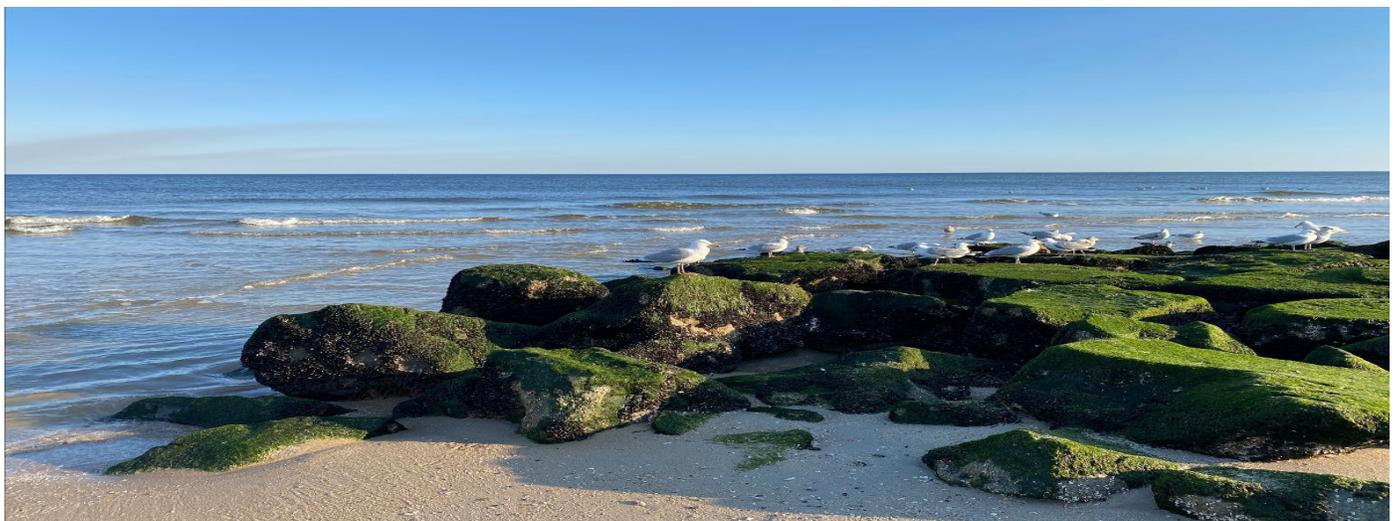
6/8/20- Exploring Your Watershed from Home. We all live in a watershed and you can navigate yours from your computer. Learn about free online platforms and mapping websites that provide all kinds of information for you to explore local streams, habitat, water sources, soil types, and the environment right around your home. Sal Mangiafico, Associate Professor, Rutgers Cooperative Extension- Salem/ Cumberland Counties.

6/15/20- Backyard Composting 101. Starting home composting is one of the easiest ways to reduce waste while improving your soil. Learn how to turn your kitchen scraps and yard waste into black gold for your soil with these tips for success. Michele Bakacs, Associate Professor, Rutgers Cooperative Extension- Middlesex/ Union Counties.

6/22/20- Ticks and Lyme Disease. Protect yourself from ticks and Lyme disease by learning about the tick life cycle, tick removal, and differences between a variety of tick species. Learn also how to reduce tick habitat around your home. Amy Rowe, Associate Professor/ County Agent, Rutgers Cooperative Extension Passaic/ Essex Counties.

6/29/20- Understanding the 2019 Harmful Algae Blooms in NJ. Harmful algal blooms (HABs) plagued many aquatic waterways in 2019. This talk will cover what it is, what to look for, health effects, and how you can do your part to prevent them. Mike Haberland, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Associate Professor/ County Agent- Burlington/ Camden Counties.

For further information contact
Rob Meyer -
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