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The Parson’s Place

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Twinkling lights, Christmas trees, angels and cherubs, Christmas music, cozy fireplaces, candies and other wonderful eateries. You have helped bring Christmas to many this difficult year past with all of your hard work in ministry: Samaritan’s Purse/Operation Christmas Child, The Giving Tree, an Advent Food Drive, the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) food cards, and gifts from Murphy’s Markets. Every shoebox, every gift, every can or box of food, every helping hand, every smile, and every thought and action for another – IT IS BLESSED. As Mother Teresa wrote: “You are the light of the world. Christ has no body, but yours. No hands, no feet on Earth but yours.” Thank you for your gifts! Christmas is HERE so enjoy every moment! These twelve days end on January 6th at The Epiphany, but I challenge you to keep Christmas the entire year. Now, that doesn’t mean you shouldn’t eventually take down a dry tree bereft of needles, I’m talking about keeping it in your hearts. Sometimes it seems we have lost the way to Christmas....maybe we aren’t sure how to find it again, underneath today’s colorful wrappings and wreaths...or maybe its trimmings are set out in plain sight, but too early so we pass them over. Maybe we’ve forgotten what the joy and gladness feel like...especially during our new and lengthy pandemic era, and we

long to feel normalcy and joy and hope again. We want to begin again. First, that is a completely normal feeling. There is nothing like anticipation and there’s nothing like a new beginning. And now we are about to be in 2021. To begin again means that we must give ourselves the gift of permission to stop and simply “be” in the present, to rejoice in *the now of Christ*. Many of us find ourselves with a particular need to get Christmas (the day and the season) “right” or make the world’s best New Year’s resolutions and stick to them, for once. We want life to contain some level of perfection at times. Advent helped us prepare for the renewal in our hearts of the Christ Light, as we searched, waited, and experienced expectation, and put the focus of our efforts toward the coming of Christ, a Light in the midst of darkness. Now we approach the season of manifesting and sharing this light in our own lives the world. Let’s enjoy the ride! This messy, unpredictable, and rich time that we have been given. The Light of Life, the Word, was made flesh and came into being in Bethlehem, announced by prophets and angels. Our celebration is like kindling in our souls, almost unnoticed, yet very real and warm, wrapped in joy, love, relief, and perhaps our own personal longing to

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Parson's Place *continued*

find peace and contentment in daily living. We carry the Light that shines in the darkness within us. We can proactively become part of creation itself by living in the *now of Christ* during this season and into the new year! It's our turn to allow God to work through us to share the Light of Christ in the dark places of the world...and this joy, it will be ours forever. May your new year be full of blessings, joy, and love! I offer you this beautiful carol, The New Year Carol (Music by Benjamin Britten and text from Walter de la Mare.)

A New Year Carol

Here we bring new water from the well so clear,
For to worship God with, this happy New Year.
Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine;
The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe,
Open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go.
Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine;
The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin,
Open you the East Door, and let the New Year in.
Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine;
The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.

The *New Year Carol* was included by Walter de la Mare in his anthology of poems for children, *Tom Tiddler's Ground* (1931). In 1936, Benjamin Britten composed a tune for it. The "levy dew" in the chorus may be a corruption of either Old English *levedy* ("lady") or French *Levez à Dieu* ("Raise to God"), used for the elevation of the host at communion. The latter also explains the water and the wine in the following words. The "seven bright gold wires" might be the strings of a golden harp.

Waverly Fitzgerald has another explanation in [School of the Seasons: New Year's Carols](#):

Trefor Owen [*Welsh Folk Customs*, St. Fagans, 1974] describes the context for this song in Wales. Very early on New Year's Day about three or four o'clock in the morning, groups of boys came round to the houses in the neighborhood, carrying a vessel of cold spring water, freshly drawn, and twigs of box, holly, myrtle, rosemary or other evergreens. They sprinkled the hands and face of anyone they met for a copper or two. In every house, each room was sprinkled with New Year's water and the residents, who were often still in bed, wished a Happy New Year. For this service and wish they were also gifted with coins. The doors of those houses which were closed to them were sprinkled with the water. The verse was sung during the sprinkling.

In certain parts of Wales this custom is called *dwr newy* (literally, new water). The exact meaning of the phrase, "levy dew" is unknown, although there have been attempts to trace it to *llef I Dduw* (Welsh for "cry to God") and some believe it to mean a partially French exclamation of "Raise to God". This seems to be an imposition of a Christian interpretation on a much older custom. Although the fair maid is now equated with the Virgin, Owen thinks it likely that this custom derives from "an early well-cult made acceptable to medieval Christianity by its association with the Virgin and perpetuated both by the desire to wish one's neighbor well at the beginning of a new year and by the small monetary payment involved."

happy new year

From Our Minister of Music

Happy New Year!

I don't doubt that we have all been looking forward to 2021, as things will certainly look brighter!

Special thanks to our choir for making it through 2020. It was unusual, and certainly different than any other year, in every way! Even though choral and congregational singing was, and is still, not permitted, our choir remained as active as we could, and we will stick together until we can sing for, and with, you all again.

Special thanks to all of those who sang for our Sunday morning services when we returned to in-person worship: Joan Melega, Ellen Kehr, Barbara Wheeler, Rich Cashel, and Chuck Petersen, Chloe Dondero and Mtr. Caroline.

I would like to give a personal, extra special thank you to our parish family, as well as many others in our community, who have supported me and the crazy musical endeavors we managed to sing and play through since the spring of 2020! Since the spring, I have watched other churches shut down, and have seen church music colleagues have their positions suspended or eliminated, which broke my heart. But here at Holy Innocents' I was lifted up! Encouraged by Mtr Caroline and all around me, I was inspired to continue moving forward and never looked back. What a blessing!

Cheers for the new year to bring us back to our regular musical activities and the joy and fellowship that they bring to all of us.

Ellen Dondero, Minister of Music
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Dishing With The Deacon

January 2021 ~ Vows for the New Year

A new year is a good time to make vows that we would like to implement. Some vows are to improve our lives; some are to improve our relationships with others; some vows we make to improve our life in Christ.

For you, my beloved reader, these are fill in the blanks, personalizing them to your own needs. I encourage you to fill these vows out; there are only three.

I will develop an exercise program I can live with. (your vow)

Judy's vow: I will walk 11 minutes a day, all at one time.

I will work at improving my relationship with (your vow)

Judy's vow: I will work on improving my relationship with my brother's wife and family.

I will work at improving my life in Christ. (your vow)

Judy's vow: I will improve my life in Christ through being more intentional in my prayer and devotional life.

I have shared my vows for the coming year with you and if you want to share yours with me, I would welcome them but it is not required!

There will be an end to the plague which has bedeviled us this past year. We will be back together and hugging each other in joy and glee. We have faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and as Jesus said in his new commandment in John 13:34: "Let us love one another as I have loved you."

Happy New Year! I love you! Deacon Judy

Parish Prayer List January

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

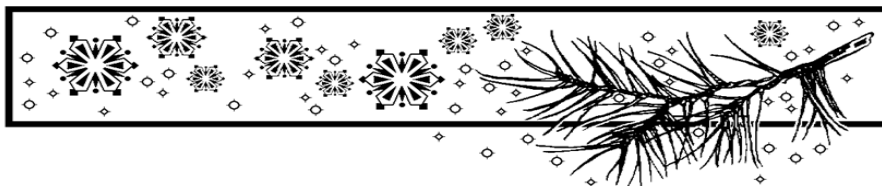
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Lily
Maryann
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Peter Wall
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Marie Bregler
Joan Cunningham
Mary Ann Crewdson
Carol Dobbins
Emma
Frank
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Warren Lamon
Diane Lee
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Kurt Martin
Virginia Nicholas
Suzette Reese
Ronnie & Harry
Lara Sparks
Javy Vargas
Ann White

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



The 2021 Flower & Candle Donation Calendar is now available in the ambulatory!

Contributions are \$45 for a container of flowers. The contribution for a week's Sanctuary Candle is \$10 and a contribution toward Altar Candle oil is \$5.

Your contribution should be in the form of a check made payable to "Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church".



PARISH ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY ~ JANUARY 10, 2021

Via Zoom at 12:00 PM

LINK HERE: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84142201865>

January Birthdays

Stokes Boyd Carrigan, IV	04	Diane Entrikin	17
Kneeland H. Whiting	04	Margaret Rose Kleber	18
Thelma Jennie Schoenfield	05	Richard L. Vaughan	18
Amanda Harrison	07	Jane Arlin	19
Justin Dumhart	12	Edith Dumhart	21
Caroline Carson	12	Susan D. Walls	26
Judith Krom	13	Jonathan Goddard	30

January Anniversaries

Barry & Nicole Baxter 22 Jerry & Gail South 22 Howard & Edith Dumhart 30

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 **January**.

JANUARY ALTAR DONATIONS

3rd
10th -
17th -
24th - Jeanne & Rich Cashel
31st -

JANUARY FLOWER GUILD

3rd - Sherry Johnson
10th - Joyce Hillyer
17th - Carol Hammond
24th - Kim Sparks
31st - Artificial Flowers

JANUARY ALTAR GUILD

3rd
10th -
17th -
24th -
31st -

JANUARY USHERS & GREETERS

3rd - Mike DeCicco & Kay DeCicco
10th - Rich Cashel & Rob Meyer
17th - Dave White & Leila Sullivan
24th - Rob Meyer & Bill Kehr
31st - Bob Weidmann & Judy Hamilton



If you are interested in reading
a children's book for Kid's Korner,
please contact Leila Sullivan at lygs27@gmail.com

**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**

Until All Are Free

Many of you are aware of my (perhaps unappreciated by you) habit of recommending books. During this pandemic, I have been reading more than ever. I recently finished *The Secret Life of Groceries: The Dark Miracle of the American Supermarket* by Benjamin Lorr. Covering everything from Trader Joe's and Whole Foods to the logistics of trucking and distribution, Lorr provides a fascinating view of the place where we Americans spend so much time, the grocery store.

One of the changes I have noticed over the past ten or twenty years of grocery shopping is the increasing availability of shrimp. When I was a kid, shrimp was caught in the Gulf of Mexico and was a special, festive, food, ordered at fancy restaurants as "Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail." Now we eat it weekly. But I didn't realize just why it was so ubiquitous.

Lorr pauses in front of a seafood freezer, with its festively labeled bags of frozen shrimp, and discusses the many ethical quandaries involving seafood. He examines commercial fishing practices in Thailand, where about 60% of the Thai shrimp industry relies on slave labor. He tracks down Tun Lin, a former shrimp boat captive, and he travels with P'Aon, a human rights advocate, to the remote Myanmar border to work in a clinic for illegal immigrants.

Tun-Lin, recalled watching his best friend beaten and tossed overboard when he became delirious from exhaustion. Others were whipped with stingray tails. The uplifting end to Lorr's story is that it was possible to interview Tun-Lin in the first place; rescued by an organization that fights against these sorts of abuses and now working with them to save others whose stories may live somewhere in that bag of frozen shrimp you bought last week. If you want to learn a little more about those shrimp—whose mothers almost certainly had only one eye (female shrimps routinely have an eye removed in an absurd manifestation of capitalism in the twenty-first century), or to learn how Tun-Lin and others like him have been feeding your family, *The Secret Life of Groceries* is for you.

Every Saturday, I send out a Prayer Partner Weekly Update from the International Justice Mission in which each of the regional offices identifies an area for which they are requesting special prayers. In the December 12 update, the Southeast Asia office asked us to "Please pray that God will continue to lead us to new cases and rescues for those trapped in forced labor slavery in the Thai fishing and seafood industry. Even in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, fishing in Thai waters is legally continuing. The fishermen face increased risk not only from COVID-19, but also from non-payment of wages and forced labor as global demand for seafood dropped and local fishing businesses faced impacts to their income."

I have no idea whether the P'Aon mentioned in the book and above is associated with IJM, but I know that it is only through the work of non-profits that slaves in the Thai fishing industry are set free. Won't you please continue to support them. www.ijm.org

Gail South

Awaiting the Three Kings Arrival



As a child, I happily anticipated Christmas, baking cookies, creating a gingerbread house, and unwrapping the nativity set at our neighbor's house. The Sullivan family had a beautiful nativity set that had been in the family for years. As seven young children gathered around, the parents carefully unwrapped each figurine, telling stories about each before handing them over for each of us to place in the creche in the formal living room. When the three kings were unwrapped and their story told, we then placed each of them in the dining room, right near the kitchen so they could await their long journey following the star across the desert to baby Jesus. I couldn't wait to go over after Christmas Day and help the kings begin their hike to Bethlehem!

There is joy in anticipation. The hope of what is to come, the excitement of what might be. As the bustle of Christmas fades, albeit a different Christmas for us this year, our home still twinkles with the tree lights as we enjoy the decorations and warmth of the season. We traditionally wait until Three Kings Day or Epiphany, January 6th, to take down our tree and decorations. I truly enjoy the warmth of the lights, pine scent and bright colors for these extra days of winter. When our sons were young, I baked a Kings' Cake a few times to mark the day but as our sons got older, they replaced this with a tradition of their own, maybe not as biblically related.

When my sister and I were growing up, we traditionally made a gingerbread house with my father and decorated it to the hilt. Rarely was it a traditional house, as I recall making a standing clock with a working mechanism tucked inside that kept time during the Christmas season. Time passed and Larry and I had two sons. My sister and her husband always come home for a week at Thanksgiving (sadly, not this year) and we started building gingerbread houses again. We started simply, using icing to stick graham crackers to a large Pepperidge Farms goldfish box and decorating, then we branched out to freestanding structures. Soon Brian and Jacob were old enough to decide the structure. A boat house one year, a lighthouse with a working light another. Then the gift of a recipe for a more structurally sound gingerbread was given to me and our builds took off: the Leaning Tower of Pisa was 2 ft tall, a Harry Potter house rambled across the countertop and a castle took shape on a mountain with a moat filled with Swedish fish surrounding it.

When the boys were in high school and college, the weeks leading up to the big build held many phone calls to their Aunt as to what we might design, discussion of candy we would need to decorate. The planning and anticipation of the day was part of the fun! Our creations stood proudly on our counter for weeks, delighting friends and family as they joined us to celebrate the season. As Christmas day passed and the New Year approached, the Magi closer to baby Jesus, we had to decide what to do with our sticky structures. Tossing them was the norm until the boys were old enough to find a better way. What about setting it ablaze or exploding it?

Now, I can't say this celebrates the gifts brought to baby Jesus in any way but I will say that whatever traditions we make with our family are to be treasured for what they are—time spent with our loved ones. My family can't be together this year, so I just may bake a Kings' Cake and take down the decorations with Larry to celebrate Epiphany this year.



Recipe Link: <https://www.barbarabakes.com/mardi-gras-king-cake/>

Pat Peacock



Parishioner Spotlight will be a new and regular feature in The Post. The purpose is to provide insights into the background and personalities of our fabulous parishioners! Parishioners will be approached at random by either Mtr. Caroline or Lisa. We hope you enjoy getting to know the people of Holy Innocents'!

I grew up in Haddonfield, NJ, received a BS from Boston University. I love to sail and otherwise be on the bay as well as other outdoor activities including snow skiing and hiking.

My favorite thing about Beach Haven is definitely the bay and ocean. Lots of delicious seafood, small town atmosphere, where I can bike to everything.

My favorite thing about Holy Innocents' is the people, the music and the church itself and the grounds around it.

My favorite food and drink is clams casino, lobster rolls and a cold beer like Flying Fish Abbey Dubbel brewed in South Jersey. I enjoy all the seasons, that is why I live in the Northeast. No such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing!

Favorite colors are lots of greens and blues in my life. As far as music, who could live in NJ and not be a Springsteen fan?

How I came to Holy Innocents'? I was raised in an Episcopal Church; choir, acolyte and youth group, it is what I know.

Favorite line of scripture would be *Ecclesiastes 3:1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens*

What would you be surprised to learn about me? I can't spell to save my soul.

January Parishioner Spotlight ~ Lawrence Peacock

Environmental Education and Advocacy Committee

For the month of January we would like to list an opportunity to view a wonderful documentary

Before the Flood

From actor, environmental activist, and U.N. Messenger of Peace Leonardo DiCaprio and filmmaker Fisher Stevens, *Before the Flood* presents a riveting account of the dramatic changes now occurring around the world due to climate change, as well as the actions we as individuals and as a society can take to face the most pressing environmental challenge of our time.

Click on this link to view

<http://www.documentarymania.com/player.php?title=Before+the+Flood>



For further information contact Rob Meyer - rmeyer1394@aol.com

JANUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 7pm Praying the Psalms (online)
3 Christmas I 930am Rite II (Church & online) 7pm Compline	4 9am MP (online)	5 6pm Sung EP (online)	6 630pm Online Service Feast of the Epiphany	7 2pm Bible Study (zoom) 9pm Compline	8 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kids Korner (online)	9 7pm Praying the Psalms (online)
10 930am Rite II (Church & online) <i>12pm Parish Annual Meeting (zoom)</i> 9pm Compline	11 9am MP (online)	12 6pm Sung EP (online) <i>MTR. CAROLINE'S BIRTHDAY!!</i>	13 <i>DCN. JUDY'S BIRTHDAY!!</i>	14 2pm Bible Study (zoom) 7pm Vestry (zoom) 9pm Compline	15 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kids Korner (online)	16 7pm Praying the Psalms (online)
17 930am Rite II (Church & online) 9pm Compline	<i>Parish Office Closed</i> Martin Luther King Day	19 6pm Sung EP (online)	20	21 2pm Bible Study (zoom) 9pm Compline	22 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kids Korner (online)	23 7pm Praying the Psalms (online)
24 930am Rite II (Church & online) 9pm Compline	25 9am MP (online)	26 6pm Sung EP (online)	27	28 2pm Bible Study (zoom) 9pm Compline	29 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kids Korner (online)	30 7pm Praying the Psalms (online)
31 930am Rite II (Church & online)						

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