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THE PARISH POST



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

The Parson's Place

Have you begun to notice the monarchs on the island yet? If you take a walk on a sunny morning in our gorgeous Memorial Garden, you will probably start to see many of them flitting around playfully. Butterflies may well be the best loved of all insects. For millennia, they've attracted attention and admiration all over the globe. It's not really surprising as they're large and showy and I don't think they bite or sting. Their metamorphosis from caterpillar to winged adult has captured the imagination of many writers and artists, and this process has come to symbolize beauty, freedom, transformation, hope, new life, and resurrection. The life cycle of a butterfly is a miraculous phenomenon. Whereas young of mammals and birds look like small versions of the adults, butterflies and moths undergo major transformation restructuring their entire bodies. Who would dream that a slow-moving, fat, crawling, leaf-chewing caterpillar could transform into a flying, nectar-drinking, colorful adult butterfly? To achieve this transformation, a butterfly passes through four stages: egg, caterpillar (or larva), chrysalis (or pupa), and adult. An entomologist, or insect scientist, would describe this as a complete metamorphosis because the form the butterfly takes is different at

each stage. Now look at our own spiritual lives in Christ... There's a cartoon I recently saw, a caterpillar was sitting in a chair at a café table talking with a butterfly sitting on a chair on the other side of the café table. The caterpillar said to the butterfly, "You've changed." The butterfly said to the caterpillar, "We're supposed to change." It might be worth it to ponder what spiritual

metamorphosis has taken place in your life over the past 18 months during strict COVID19 times or even over the past two months of high season summer times. How have you changed? What stage of your personal spiritual metamorphosis has captured your imagination? How might your spiritual metamorphosis equip you for putting your faith into action? How might a total transformation help you to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? If God can change a caterpillar into a butterfly, just imagine what God can do with you!

Blessings!
Caroline+



The Parson's Place continued...

Join Mtr. Caroline+ at the parsonage (the rectory) for these congregational dinners. First presented in August of her first year and now, in her third year and after COVID19 restrictions have been lifted, she is very happy to host them again. Sign-up required. Please look for sign-up sheets in the narthex or call the church office and get it on your calendar! There will be five dinners to start off with, dates chosen according to Mtr. Caroline's schedule, and they will be held at the parsonage. Following these dinners, the SAINTS & SINNERS dinner program will resume! You'll want to talk with Kay DeCicco and Tom Jacobsen about those!

DATES offered by in-person sign-up only

- 1 - Wed., AUGUST 18 at 6:30 PM
- 2 - Thurs., SEPT. 2 at 6:30 PM
- 3 - Fri., SEPT. 17 at 6:30 PM
- 4 - Thurs., SEPT. 23 at 6:30
- 5.- TBD



MINISTRY NEEDS – to be filled from THE CONGREGATION

NOW is a time that we are joyfully seeking volunteers for very important ministries such as Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Ushers, Greeters, Readers, and Lay Eucharistic Ministers etc.! (We hope to soon need Chalice Bearer participation also.) Please take some time to prayerfully consider *active participation in the Holy Innocents' Community* and share some of your time for the glory of God!

The Altar Guild has immediate and urgent needs for members and WE WILL TRAIN YOU!

Dishing With The Deacon



I put a small dish of bird seed out every day and I have a nice little flock who come here every day for food and water. There are two pairs of house finches, a red winged black bird, a grackle, a pair of doves, and a sparrow or two. I had a pair of cardinals but they have not been feeding here for a while. I am somewhat erratic about supplying food because I might be away for several days and no one provides the food. My cats, who never go outside, enjoy watching the birds but perhaps for different reasons than I have for watching them. To me, they are my little flock and I enjoy their chatter and their antics.

There are roughly 18,000 species of birds in this world. I have read bird populations are dropping world wide for the usual reasons – loss of habitat, getting caught in high wires, and other dangers, shot at for fun, a basic disregard for their right to live and our lack of care for them. According to a 2018 study, the world population of birds has declined by 3 billion birds. The scientists say they are in serious trouble.

God says in Genesis 1:28: ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” There are other places where God says: “God speaking of his creation said “It was good” in Genesis 1:4-31. I wonder what he is saying now.

Is it still good? There are places where it is still good, but there are also places where it is not good. Humankind has destroyed God's beauty for their own good. Does this make you sad? Somewhere there is a compromise, we take better care of God's earth and God's beautiful earth glows for us. Lord, help us to be better stewards of your holy creation which you pronounced GOOD. Amen.

Love from your deacon, Judy

From Our Minister of Music



Special thanks to all those who have provided special music during the summer months while the choir has been on break.

Our choir will begin again in September, and we are always looking for new members. To be a member, you don't have to read music or have a spectacular voice. You *do* need to have a sense of humor and willingness to raise your voice in praise. If you fit that description, we'd love to have you!

Ellen Dondero, Minister of Music
ejdondero@comcast.net

IJM Update



Many of you will remember the story of Kumar who was rescued by IJM and local partners from enslavement in a brick factory in India. I wanted to share this inspiring update demonstrating that God's will **can** be done!

Praise God for a survivor of bonded labor named Kumar who just graduated with his master's degree in social work! Kumar was orphaned and enslaved at a brick kiln when he was only seven years old, and he toiled for years under the control of a brutal owner. After we [IJM] helped rescue him in 2003, Kumar set his sights on a quality education and—despite many setbacks along the way—just graduated with his master's degree this month. Kumar actually worked for IJM for several years and we are so proud of his progress! Praise God for his tenacity, and pray he'll find a great job where he can serve vulnerable people with his skills and training.

Barbequed Corn on the Cob



Serves: 4

Ready in 25 minutes

Ingredients

4 cobs of corn
1 1/2 c. softened butter
1 deseeded and finely chopped red chili
Handful of chopped fresh coriander

Put 4 cobs of corn into a large bowl of cold water to soak for 30 minutes.

Beat together butter, red chili and chopped fresh coriander. Shake off the excess water from the corn and put each onto a sheet of foil.

Divide the butter between each and wrap up in the foil.

Cook on the barbecue over a low to medium heat for 25-30 minutes, turning occasionally. Open carefully, making sure you don't lose any of the flavored butter. YUM!

Parish Prayer List August

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

Jean & Keith Aclin	Matt Adams	Beth C.
Beverlee	Eddie Boll	Borrone Family
Jackson Brackett	Marie Bregler	Joan Connolly
Judy Contreras	Lynn Cowper	Mary Ann Crewdson
Michael Reed Davis	Dennis	Carol Dobbins
Meg Dougher	Ella	Faye
Carol Frake	Frank	Fran Harris
Harold & Cheryl Hawkes	Shirley Hickey	Hillary
Joyce Hillyer	Kara Hughes	Janet
Jeannine	Joan, Susan & Bob	Claire Johns
John Johnson, Jr.	Karen G.	Karen & DJ
Robin Koch	Cyndi Lamon	Alan Lee
Diane Lee	Lauren & Ed	Lindsey
Lorraine & Drew	Cecily Lovas	Kurt Martin
Mary Ann	Mary Jane	Butch McCaffrey
Scott Mitchell	Virginia Nicholas	Maryanne O.
Sharon Osborn	TJ Patton	Patty
Lucien Picard	Carol Ann Renzland	Kathy Rice
Lara Sparks Deitz	Matt Starr	Marie Stasik
Bill Todd	Robert Thomas	Colin Walker
Wendy	Ann White	Rebecca Whitley
Rits	Sherri	

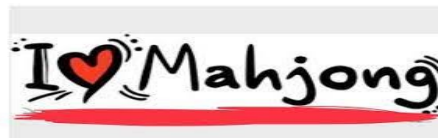
Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Sunday Coffee Hours & Mahjong



Due to CDC and Diocesan recommendations, Sunday Coffee Hours are temporarily on hiatus.



Mahjong has returned to Martin Hall

Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.

Contact Gail South for more information

Lay Leaders Town Hall with Bishop Stokes

These are offered every two weeks on Thursday evenings. Mtr. Caroline+ attends the Clergy Town Halls and it is recommended that we have some laity pop in and attend the Laity Town Halls periodically. You must register for these, but that means that on the day of the Zoom meeting, you'll get a reminder and a link for the meeting.

HERE IS THE LINK <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/upMpfumuDgtU00Ti6hHrncguxC2NlFIEw>

Please consider doing this to stay up on diocesan happenings ~ Mtr. Caroline

August Birthdays

Janine Enos-Kleber	02	Christine Burlaga	22
Vincent Contreras	09	Jeanne Cashel	23
Barbara Wheeler	12	Barry Longenbach	25
Carmen J. Mack, Jr.	13	Ellen J. Meyer	26
Stokes B. Carrigan, III	15	Stacey Goddard	26
Mary Jo Martin	15	Virginia Gottshall	30
Owen Vaughan	17	Thomas Jacobsen	30
William Vaughan	17	Mary Brown	31

August Anniversaries

Bill & Ellen Kehr 22

Chuck & Marjorie Hall 29

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 **August**.

AUGUST ALTAR DONATIONS

1st -
 8th -
 15th - Janine Kleber
 22nd - Rich Cashel
 29th -

AUGUST FLOWER GUILD

1st - Carol Hammond
 8th - Kim sparks
 15th - Marilyn Thomas
 22nd - Joyce Hillyer
 29th - Angela Hala

AUGUST ALTAR GUILD

1st - See Jackie Sparks or Melissa Wall
 8th -
 15th -
 22nd -
 29th -

AUGUST USHERS & GREETERS

1st - Kay De Cicco/Mike DeCicco
 8th - Rich Cashel/Mike Fahner
 15th - Dave White /Bob Weidmann/Leila Sullivan
 22nd - Rich Cashel/Leila Sullivan
 29th - Gail Jacobsen/Bob Weidmann



Kid's Korner
 Fun Things to Do...

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



Gail and Tom first met in 1957 as counselors at an Episcopal camp for kids from NYC. That first summer, Gail partied and Tom read. Unaware of each others' plans, they returned to the same camp the following year, this time as waterfront staff, Gail as girls' waterfront director and Tom as boating director. Gail was now Tom's boss.

They worked together pulling out rafts in cold water infused with some leeches and got the swimming and boating areas ready for the long summer ahead. "We really got a chance to know each other." Years later, after college and nursing school, we returned--married and parents of two children--to the same camp for four more seasons.

Gail and Tom moved to New Jersey in 1996, Tom starting a 30-year association at Columbia High School as a history teacher and administrator and Gail as a school nurse and health teacher in their local elementary school. Both retired in 1996-97 and started traveling in their RV around the country. In the winters, they skied at Alta, Utah, which they continue to do today.

Gail

Favorite music:	50's oldies, dance music
Favorite color:	aqua
Favorite food:	scallops, steak, shish kabob
Favorite hobbies:	reading, skiing, sewing
Favorite scripture:	Psalms
Church activities:	Ushering, Game Night
Surprising info:	Played violin with father

Tom

classical, ballads R & B
green
fish, grilled chicken
gardening, skiing, reading
Matthew 5:3-10
Choir, Game Night, Vestry
Camp Director of a Girl Scout Camp

August Parishioner Spotlight ~ Gail and Tom Jacobsen

Re-affirmation of vows/Confirmation

Our bishop, The Rt. Rev. William "Chip" Stokes will be visiting us on Sunday, September 19th. If you are interested in reaffirming your vows (Baptism), being confirmed, or being received into The Episcopal Church from another denomination officially, then please contact Mtr. Caroline ASAP. An Episcopal 101 course will be offered for this group with three in-person sessions and three zoom sessions. There is also a short book available in the Parish office for this group.

Updated Parish Directory



On August 1st, an updated Parish Directory DRAFT was handed out to the the congregation. If you would like a copy, please email Lisa Halpin at hichurch08008@gmail.com. If you catch something out of date, or missing, please let us know. Please be gentle as Lisa, Pat Peacock and Vince Contreras have worked VERY hard to get us to this stage of the document.

Stewardship

Steward Our Future Church

For clarifying our thoughts and helping us to reset priorities, there's nothing like a crisis – whether it's a job layoff, a death in the family, social upheaval or a public health emergency.

With Covid-19 we've witnessed plenty of all of these, and more! Despite our natural resistance to change, we're learning new ways to live. *As a disciple of Christ*, what changes have you made? *As a follower of Jesus*, what personal priorities have you reset?

The questions arise because you are the church, we are the church together and stewards of the church. We will pray the Holy Spirit will guide us to a “new normal” of holy living as both disciples and community that will be different – and better – than what we've known.

What does our “new normal” look like? Here are some questions to pray over and discuss:

1. When your church suspended in-person worship, what ways did you find to stay connected to God? To one another? What did this teach you about holy living? About being church together?
2. Covid-19 forced us to “be church” without buildings. What has this revealed about the nature of community? About the value of buildings? How are things different now that we can be back in our building? How are we adapting to different levels of comfort and ability that our parishioners have regarding being back in the building? Have we remembered to be inclusive?
3. In light of what we've learned, what values, ideas, traditions, habits should we let go of? Which should we keep? What really matters? And why?
4. How can your insights, strengths and gifts help to shape the future of your life as a disciple and follower of Jesus? Of your congregation? What can you give to the future church in time, talent and treasure?

Covid-19's crises are still teaching us. As stewards of God's church, we can renew and restructure our church to fulfill God's mission. With God's guidance, we will. As we begin to form our stewardship campaign at Holy Innocents' for the fall, we will be considering these questions and prayerfully planning our campaign for 2022.

Pat Peacock

Stewardship Chair

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SAVE THE DATE!

Our Annual Auction date has been set for
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14th and we will return to the Shell.

Thank you Tom Hughes and the Shell for hosting us!

Tickets sales will begin shortly and will be available after
church services and in the church office
Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Look for more information in your E-Pistle and Parish Post

Contact: Maggie Aftanis at 609-492-5271

AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Proper 13 7:30am Rite I 9:30am Rite II	2 9am MP	3 5pm Evening Prayer (FB Live)	4	5 2pm Book Study (Rectory) 9pm Compline (FB Live)	6 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kids Korner (online)	7 7pm Praying the Psalms
8 Proper 14 7:30am Rite I 9:30am Rite II	9 9am MP	10 5pm Taizé Service (Church)	11	12 2pm Book Study (Rectory) 7pm Vestry Mtg (church) 9pm Compline	13 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kids Korner (online)	14 7pm Praying the Psalms
15 Proper 15 7:30am Rite I 9:30am Rite II	16 9am MP	17 5pm Evening Prayer (FB Live)	18 6:30pm Dinner at the Rectory #2 (sign-up only)	19 2pm Book Study (Rectory) 9pm Compline	20 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kids Korner (online)	21 <i>TBA Haig Interment</i> 7pm Praying the Psalms
22 Proper 16 7:30am Rite I 9:30am Rite II	23 9am MP	24 No Evening Prayer	25	26 No Book or Bible Study 9pm Compline	27 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kids Korner (online)	28 7pm Praying the Psalms
29 Proper 17 7:30am Rite I 9:30am Rite II <i>(The Rev. Canon Bruce Woodcock, guest)</i>	30 No MP	31 5pm Taizé Service (Church)				

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Larry & Pat Peacock ~ The Hughes Family

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We have two services each Sunday
until and including Sunday, September 5th
Please plan to join us each Sunday for
the service which best suits you!

7:30 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

Rite I ~ without music

9:30 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

Rite II ~ with music