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The Parson’s Place

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Advent! Advent is first season of the church year, beginning with the fourth Sunday before Christmas and continuing through the day before Christmas. The name is derived from a Latin word for "coming." It’s a time of preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of our Lord’s nativity, and for the final coming of Christ "in power and glory." In antiquity, purple dye was very expensive, so purple came to signify wealth, power and royalty. Therefore, purple is the color for the season of Advent, which celebrates the coming of the King. Some purples were more of a blue-ish hue, depending on the materials used to make the dye. Also, different dyes faded in various shades. As a result, many churches use blue in Advent. That color has come to signify hopeful expectation and has also traditionally been associated with the Virgin Mary. Originally, Advent was a solemn fast in preparation for Christmas. Somewhere along the way, the third candle of the Advent wreath turned pink. Advent preserved most of the characteristics of a penitential season, which made it a kind of counterpart to Lent. **Gaudete Sunday** (or, Rose Sunday”) is a counterpart to [Laetare Sunday](#) in Lent, and provides a similar break about midway through and signifies the nearness of the Lord’s coming, so the

custom extended to the third Sunday in Advent was meant to liven it up a little bit. This season, the isolation we have all been experiencing from the pandemic is taking its toll in many ways. Holy Innocents’, your clergy and staff and volunteers – we are here for you in many ways so please continue to reach out to us.

Advent Food Drive for St. Francis
There is increased and intense need this season for food and basics. I have been in touch with several local organizations and spoken with their leadership about how to help. St. Francis Community Center is providing help for at least 30 families per day and has asked for help. They mentioned that anything is helpful and items they are looking for. Holy Innocents’ will do

An Advent Food Drive
to help. Please see below for details.

DATES: Each Sunday in Advent
(Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20),
please bring items to church
Christmas Week: fresh hams, turkeys,
or vegetables may be brought directly
to St. Francis on Tuesday, Dec. 22
between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM
ITEMS: Canned or Boxed
non-perishable food items in **Box A**
Personal Products in **Box B.**

Advent Food Drive & Giving Tree



ADVENT FOOD DRIVE

Each Sunday in Advent, Nov. 29th, Dec. 6, 13 and 20th please bring canned or boxed non-perishable items and/or personal products and deposit them into Box A or Box B. This drive will benefit St. Francis Community Center. Fresh hams, turkeys, or vegetables may be delivered to St. Francis on Tuesday, December 22 between the hours of 10 AM and 1 PM.

This year, we will support five families with a total of ten children whose ages range from 3-14.

- Choose a tag from MAGGIE AFTANIS on SUNDAY.
- Sign Your name on the clip board next to your choice
- Please return the gift unwrapped
- If you would like to include a gift bag, wrap, ribbon, and/or tape....that is appreciated
- If you are shopping online, please MAKE SURE your delivery date is BEFORE the **due date of DECEMBER 13th**

CHNJ Mission Statement

"Saving Children's Lives and Building Healthy Families since 1864"

The children they support are mainly foster children, children in protective services, low income, and homeless children.



Dishing With The Deacon

THE HOPE IN CHRISTMAS

We have been through one of the worst years that we have ever experienced. I don't need to list all the calamities we have mutually experienced because you too have been through them and we don't need the grim reminders of this year.

I HAVE GOOD NEWS! We are going to celebrate the birth of the light of the world. He is our Savior, our redeemer, and the lover of our souls. He brings peace to our hearts, eternal life, and good advice about how to live our lives in faith, how to make peace, and to accomplish reconciliation.

A new year awaits us, we can approach it with a renewed commitment to loving God and caring for others. Even though the circumstances are very different, we can still contribute to helping others. We can contribute to food banks (talk to Rob Meyer). We can contribute to Episcopal Relief and Development which is the charity arm of the church. We can examine our closets to see if there are warm clothes, we can donate to the Salvation Army to be distributed to those who need them.

We can pray for people who are sick with COVID-19 and those who take care of them, for healing, recovery, strength, and for the ultimate victory over the virus through vaccines. We can be responsible for stopping the spread of the virus through wearing masks, staying home; and being very careful to stay six feet away from each other and washing our hands and sanitizing what needs to be sanitized.

May God continue to protect us and may we celebrate his birth and honor his life by living our lives in Christ's love, honoring Him in all that we do.

May your Christmas be joyous and may our New Year be healthy and happy. May we live our lives in deep appreciation of God's gift of his son to us.

Love from your Deacon, A blessed Advent to All. I look forward to wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

From Our Minister of Music

2020 is certainly proving to be an interesting and challenging year, isn't it??

Our choir continues to have its weekly get-together and we are very grateful to those offering their musical gifts for our Sunday morning services this fall: Joan Melega, Ellen Kehr, Barbara Wheeler, Rich Cashel and Chuck Petersen. I hope to hear you "gently" humming along beneath your mask!

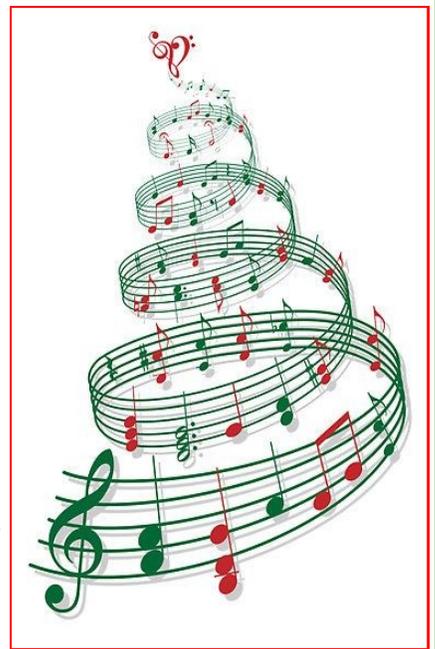
We are grateful to celebrate the upcoming holiday season with these events in December:

Friday, Dec 11, 7pm Lessons and Carols (Live stream only on our church Facebook page-no congregation)

Sunday, Dec 13, 4pm New Jersey Chamber Singers live stream concert on our church Youtube channel. This is a live stream only event, and will not be available to view after this time. There is no admission charge to view, but your donations are welcome; just drop off, or mail a check to the church office, made out to Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church and please write music in the memo line.

Thursday, December 24th Christmas Eve Bundle up and arrive 20 minutes early for each service (4pm & 6:30pm) to gather briefly in front of the church (masked and socially distanced) to SING a few CHRISTMAS CAROLS! The windows in the loft will be open and I will play (very loudly) a few carols on the organ and hope that you will sing along before the ushers very carefully bring everyone into the sanctuary.

Ellen Dondero, Minister of Music



ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS!

We are now accepting your year-end reports!

Our Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 10, 2021** via zoom.

Reports are due in the office no later than

Thursday, December 17, 2020!

Please email your report to hichurch08008@gmail.com

Thank you for your anticipated promptness and attention to this matter!



Have a Blessed Season of Advent Expectation

Parish Prayer List December

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

Barry
Cathy Bentivegna
Stokes Carrigan
Joan Cunningham
Mary Ann Crewdson
Donald Deacon
Meg Dougher
Faye & Ed
Katy Gallaher
Jeanne, John & Caitlyn
Larry
Locke Family
Mandel Family
Kurt Martin
Mower Family
Jeannette Peterson
Kathy Rice
Gregory & Ray Schwartz
Robert Thomas
Peter Wall
Ruth Wolf

Beth C.
Theresa Bray
Rich & Rosemarie Cattrano
Judy Contreras
Michael Read Davis
Dennis
Elizabeth Ann
Fran
Hinderliter Family
Jeannine
Diane Lee
Lopez-Salazar Family
Maryann
Ellen Meyer
Evelyn Nancy
Suzette Reese
Ronnie & Harry
Lara Sparks
Javy Vargas
Ann White

Bob
Marie Bregler
Joan Connolly
Joe Corbin
Dcn. Judy
Carol Dobbins
Emma
Frank
Janet
Warren Lamon
Lily
Cecily Lovas
Mary Jane
Scott Mitchell
Virginia Nicholas
Carol Ann Renzland
Rosemary
Jerry South
Colin Walker
Kate White

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 BIG thank you to everyone who participated in Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child". The filled Christmas boxes will be delivered to children in many different countries. You are making children happy and joyous. They may have never received Christmas presents in the past. There is a follow-up program for the children to learn about Jesus. Thank you for your generosity! ~ *Ruth McLaughlin*



FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

If you would like to memorialize loved ones with a donation toward Christmas Flowers, kindly send your donation to the church office or place it in the Sunday collection plate.

Forms will be available in the Sunday bulletins beginning **December 6th** and also in the weekly E-Pistle.

Make sure the donor and recipient names are clearly written and please note "Altar Guild-Christmas" in the check memo.

All donations must be in the office by Tuesday, December 22nd.

December Birthdays

Marjorie F. Anderson	02	JoAnne Bray	17
Ruth McLaughlin	10	Colette Southwick	17
Francis W. Kleber, IV	13	Olivia Mrazek	25
Bruce Hillyer	14	Florence Boulden	26
Richard Cashel	15	Carol Hammond	29
Meg Neff	16		

December Anniversaries

Thomas & Gail Jacobsen 09

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 **December**.

DECEMBER ALTAR DONATIONS

6th - Tom Jacobsen (greens)
 13th - Jeanne Cashel
 20th - No flowers during Advent
 27th -

DECEMBER FLOWER GUILD

6th - No Flowers
 13th - Joyce Hillyer
 20th - No Flowers
 23rd - Everyone to prepare for Christmas
 27th - Kim Sparks

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD

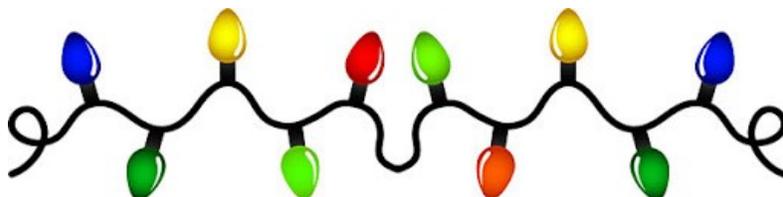
6th - Jackie Sparks, Melissa Wall
 13th - & Carol Hammond
 20th - will
 27th - alternate

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



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



Until All Are Free

This month's story from the International Justice Mission work comes from India

My name is Kashi, and I was born in Mumbai, India. When I was 5 years old, I was taken from my family and sold to a man named Naresh who lived in Kolkata.

I was told to do chores around the house, washing dishes, sweeping, and tending to the needs of Naresh and his family. I was such a small girl, and sometimes I would get very homesick and cry, wondering when I would go home. But when I cried, they would lock me in a dark room, sometimes for an entire day with no food or water.

Every time I raised my voice or objected to my work, I was beaten into silence, and I was not allowed to leave or speak to anyone outside of the family. No friends. No school. No birthdays. No life. Sometimes I would get angry and wonder, "Why have I even been born? What is the purpose of my life?" Some days, Naresh's brother and his sons came to the house. His sons would misbehave with me, and even though I tried to resist, they forced themselves on me. The boys told me that if I tried to speak up and call for help, nobody would believe me. And they were right. Who would believe me? Who would listen to me and take my side? By the time I was 15 years old, I had been raped many times.

Around that same time, I was asked if I wanted a real job. I thought this was my opportunity to leave this life behind me, so I said yes. Naresh's wife took me to a place called Sonagachi, which is a red-light district. There, I saw other girls my age talking and negotiating prices with older men. That day, I was sold for the second time in my life. This time, to a brothel.

Suddenly I started crying, "Please let me go from here! I don't want to do this work!" Hours later, I met one "customer." After that, I had to meet with 15-20 customers every day. If I refused, I was beaten with a broomstick, a metal pipe or anything they could find. I was scared to lose my life. I didn't think anyone was looking for me. After several months of being in that dark place, police and IJM showed up and brought me out. They told me I was safe, but I didn't trust anyone. I thought maybe I was being sold for a third time. But the social workers from IJM came to meet me regularly, spoke to me, would ask me questions about what has happened with me. They believed me when I spoke to them, and they helped me testify in court against the people from the brothel, even though it was extremely difficult.

If I were alone, I could have never come this far. My IJM friends worked so hard to make sure I felt safe, and with their support, I never feel alone. There is a fire burning inside of me when I think of my past experiences. I can hear a voice yelling from the fire saying to me, "You have to fight. You must save other girls."

I want one thing: what I have gone through to not happen to any other child. The fight to change society and protect other girls—this is my fight now, and I know I will complete this fight and win. I will not be known as a girl who has gone through bad things. I will be known as a girl who has overcome bad things. My name is Kashi, and I will hold my head high. Always. I will not let it come down. This is who I am.



Help find and rescue women and girls living in slavery across the world. When you give by December 15, your impact will be multiplied.

[GIVE TODAY](#)

Buttery Spritz Cookies

Ingredients

Prep 20 Minutes Bake 10 min/batch + cooling Makes about 7 1/2 dozen

1 cup butter, softened
2-1/4 cups confectioners' sugar, divided
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 large egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon almond extract
2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
Melted semisweet chocolate, optional
2 to 3 tablespoons water
Colored sugar and sprinkles



Directions

Preheat oven to 375°. In a large bowl, cream butter, 1-1/4 cups confectioners' sugar and salt until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and extracts. Gradually beat flour into creamed mixture.

Using a cookie press fitted with a disk of your choice, press dough 2 inches apart onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake until set, 6-8 minutes (do not brown). Remove to wire racks to cool completely.

If desired, dip in melted chocolate and let stand until set or, in a small bowl, mix remaining 1 cup confectioners' sugar and enough water to reach desired consistency.

Dip cookies in glaze; decorate as desired. Let stand until set.

Simple Advent Wreath DIY

12" wire wreath frame
Soft greenery garland (if you have a dollar store near you, check them out for this.)
Purple poinsettia flowers
Advent candle set
4 candle holders
White Christmas ribbon
Greenery ties
Glue gun



HOW TO MAKE AN ADVENT WREATH

This wreath is incredibly simple to make.

First, take your garland and wrap it around your wire wreath until it is completely covered. Use your hot glue to hold it in place.

Next, you'll take your white ribbon and wrap it around until you've found your desired placement. Secure it with a small dab of hot glue.

Using a little bit of floral wire or greenery ties, space out the candle holders as evenly in place as possible and secure in place.

Fill in empty areas of your wreath with you purple poinsettia flowers and use a little bit of hot glue to hold them in place. Add your candles and voila, you've made a super simple advent wreath.



In the Spotlight

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 was very lucky and grew up on LBI in Beach Haven Terrace and then Beach Haven Gardens. I graduated from Southern Regional and Drew University. Later I went to The University of Georgia for a Masters Degree.

Growing up on the island, we used to ride our bikes to the Beach Haven Library. At the time, the author Marden Dahlstedt was the librarian. I grew up on one of the only year round streets and so there were about 12 kids who lived there! We would make paths and "houses" in the grasses in the empty lots at the end of the street or climb down the bulkheads to look for snails when it was a dead low tide.

I was baptized and confirmed at Holy Innocents'. Mrs. Mealey was the Sunday School teacher. I remember the rummage sales, the Canterbury Fairs, and the Christmas Pageants each year.

Now, I teach Special Education in Pleasantville, NJ. We have been remote teaching since March 13. That has been a challenge. I look forward to my yearly knitting cruise which was canceled this past summer but will hopefully resume. I love to knit and craft in general. I collect yarn on my trips. Christmas is my favorite holiday to craft and decorate. I am using this lockdown time to see how much I can knit down my yarn and use up my craft supplies!

December Parishioner Spotlight ~ Kim Sparks

Environmental Education and Advocacy Committee

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

David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet ~ One man has seen more of the natural world than any other. This unique feature documentary is his witness statement. In his 93 years, David Attenborough has visited every continent on the globe, exploring the wild places of our planet and documenting the living world in all its variety and wonder. Now, for the first time he reflects upon both the defining moments of his lifetime as a naturalist and the devastating changes he has seen. Honest, revealing and urgent, this film is a powerful first-hand account of humanity's impact on nature and a message of hope for future generations.

Click on this link to view <http://www.documentarymania.com/player.php?title=David%20Attenborough:%20A%20Life%20on%20Our%20Planet>

What's Happening With Offshore Wind Energy? Free Webinar ~ The Barnegat Bay Partnership is hosting a free webinar tonight, December 1st at 7 p.m. about offshore wind energy in New Jersey. The state has set an ambitious renewable energy goal of supplying more than 3.2 million homes with offshore wind power by 2035. The Ocean Wind (Ørsted) and Atlantic Shores projects are on track to help New Jersey meet this goal. Ørsted and Atlantic Shores will provide overviews about their offshore wind projects and what they mean to the community. You'll get an update about each project's progress and what lies ahead. Then you'll have an opportunity to ask your questions.

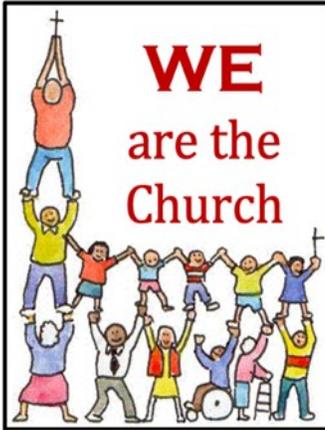
Register here to attend the webinar:

<https://ocean.webex.com/ocean/onstage/g.php?MTID=e7747d640350415dd88cf099f3cc>

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



Stewardship Update



STEWARDSHIP '21

Don't just come to church, BECOME the church. The church is not a building where we gather. The church IS the people who gather in Christ's name.

Preliminary results of the ***WE are the Church*** pledge campaign are in and your Stewardship Committee is pleased with the results to date! It has been a trying year financially and mentally for everyone but, once again, we have come together to share our treasure the best we can. To date, our pledges total \$137,203 from 51 pledging families. Compared to last year, we are down 18% but we usually have some pledges that follow based on last year's pledges from 62 pledging families.

If you have not yet completed your pledge, please know that you are welcome to at any time! Pledge forms are available in the office, online or with a quick email to me at pat.cotypeacock@gmail.com.

A sincere thank you to those of you who completed the Time & Talent Surveys and those who continue to serve the church in so many different ministries. Your new information has been given to Committee Chairs. You should be contacted shortly but know that your time is sincerely appreciated and certainly needed anywhere that you are willing to share your talents! Thank you one and all for your commitment to pitch in to help in so many different areas.

With Gratitude and Thanks, *Pat Peacock*



Here's how the CARES Act changes deducting charitable contributions made in 2020:

Whether you are supporting natural disaster recovery, COVID-19 pandemic aid or another cause (like Holy Innocents'!), your charitable donations may be tax deductible. These deductions basically reduce the amount of taxable income you have.

Previously, charitable contributions could only be deducted if taxpayers itemized their deductions.

However, taxpayers who don't itemize deductions may take a charitable deduction of up to \$300 for cash contributions made in 2020 to qualifying organizations. For the purposes of this deduction, qualifying organizations are those that are religious, charitable, educational, scientific or literary in purpose. The law changed in this area due to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

The CARES Act also temporarily suspends limits on charitable contributions and temporarily increases limits on contributions of food inventory. More information about these changes is available on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov).

(Source: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/how-the-cares-act-changes-deducting-charitable-contributions>)



DECEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 <i>Registration for Christmas Eve Services begins (by phone)</i> 6pm Sung EP (online)	2 7pm Choir Meeting	3 2pm Bible Study (zoom) 9pm Compline (online)	4 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kid's Korner (online)	5 Advent Retreat CANCELED 7pm Praying the Psalms (online)
6 <i>Advent II</i> 930am Rite II (Church & online) <i>7pm Diocese of NJ Lessons & Carols (Dio of NJ YouTube)</i>	7 9am MP (online) 9pm Compline (online)	8 6pm Sung EP (online)	9 7pm Choir Meeting	10 2pm Bible Study (zoom) 7pm Vestry (zoom) 9pm Compline (online)	11 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kid's Korner (online) <i>7pm Lessons & Carols (streamed live on FB Page)</i>	12 7pm Praying the Psalms (online)
13 <i>Advent III</i> 930am Rite II (Church & online) <i>4pm (online) NJ Chamber Singers</i>	14 9am MP (online) 9pm Compline (online)	15 6pm Sung EP (online)	16 7pm Choir Meeting	17 2pm Bible Study (zoom) Annual Reports Due today!! 9pm Compline	18 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kid's Korner (online)	19 7pm Praying the Psalms (online)
20 <i>Advent IV</i> 930am Rite II (Church & online)	21 9am MP (online) 9pm Compline (online)	22 6pm Sung EP (online)	23 9am Greening of the Church	24 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 4pm Christmas Eve Service 1 6:30pm Christmas Eve Service 2	25 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 10am Christmas Day Service	26
27 <i>First Sunday of Christmas</i> 930am Rite II (Church & online)	28 9am MP (online) 9pm Sung EP Feast of the Holy Innocents' (online)	29	30	31 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> New Year's Eve		

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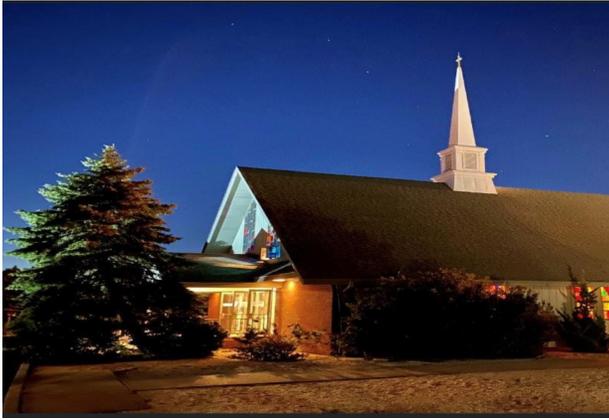
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THANK YOU ALL!!!

Please be sure to patronize & thank the businesses that
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Bill Martin ~ Judy Hamilton

These ads greatly help defray our publishing costs!



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Sunday Morning ~9:30 a.m.
Rite II Worship Service with music
Christmas Eve Services 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 pm,
Christmas Day Service 10:00 a.m.
Registration by phone is required
(Starting December 1st)

