December 2022

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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

Advent! Advent as you probably know, is the *first* season of the liturgical 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." It nearly killed me last week to miss Advent I and singing the Great Litany AND also to miss introducing you to our newest altar set, in the beautiful Sarum blue color. In antiquity, purple dye was very expensive, so purple came to signify wealth, power and royalty. Purple became 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 and lengths of time. As a result, many churches used linens that began as purple and ended up being blue. The term "Sarum blue" is a recovery of an ancient English tradition stemming from Salisbury Cathedral, and so it is referred to as sarum blue. (Sarum being the ancient Latin name for Salisbury.) While the deep blue conveys a feeling of solemnity, because of its association with the Blessed Virgin Mary, it also conveys the Advent themes of hope and

expectation. On the Third Sunday of Advent, we see hints of pink on the vestments, marking that Sunday as *Gaudete Sunday*, reflecting the opening words of the ancient introit appointed for the day: *Rejoice in the Lord, always!*

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 <u>Laetare Sunday</u> 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.

I've been doing some reading in my surgical recovery and can recommend two poetic Advent devotional books. I love poetry. My mother was a poet and I sometimes feel like a poet, though I tend to exhibit these feelings through my photography. I hope you'll choose an Advent devotion of some sort, whether it be reading, walking, sitting for prayer, an artistic outlet, etc.

1. Waiting on the Word ~ Malcolm Guite

2. *Keep Watch with Me* ~ Claire Brown

Caroline+

Stewardship



Thank you all for your thoughtful consideration in your pledges to Holy Innocents' during this year's *Together We Thrive* stewardship campaign. You have been generous in continuing to support our parish. It is amazing what we can do when we come together! We blessed our pledges at church on October 30th and celebrated outside with fellowship, delicious food, warming fire pits and walks through the labyrinth.

Our yearly budget is primarily funded by the generosity of your annual pledges. Pledging preserves our traditions, sustains the present, and invests in our future. Your support directly impacts our mission and ministries – our worship, outreach, education, music, congregational care, and the many programs which build our spiritual community.

We are tallying your pledges and look forward to reporting back to you with a summary shortly. If you have not yet pledged, know that we are happy to accept your pledge at any time! Pledge cards are available in the office.

Many thanks to Chris Burlaga, Ellen Dondero, Alexa Fahner and Bruce Hillyer for serving with me on this committee—their input was invaluable. Please let me know if you are interested in joining this committee!

With Gratitude and Thanks, Pat Peacock!

Dishing with the Deacon



What do I wish for you for this Advent and Christmas season?

A successful Advent

May our Advent be a holy time in which we prepare for the birth of a Savior. What is a holy time? It's when we turn our thoughts and attention to the events of Advent and our responses to them. We might spend time with Mary and Joseph and what they were experiencing during the Annunciation.

Ideally, we pray more, spend time in understanding each event and what it means to us. We prepare for the birth of a Savior, contemplating what a Savior is and why we need Him. Taking time out of our busy preparations, sitting quietly, finding peace in

our hearts through our conversations with God. We are getting ready for a celebration of a birth of a Savior. It's a time of preparation.

Focus on the reason for the season

It's not about the gifts, although they are nice; but they are not the main event. The main event is the birth of the Son of God. It's not about the decorations; although they make us happy. The main event is about the birth of a Savior. It's not about the parties; although they are fun. It's about the birth of a Savior. Our danger is in losing the focus of Advent and Christmas because we are so busy with everything else. It's about the birth of a child who is our Savior.

A Holy and Blessed Christmas

May we gather together, in love, peace, and worship of our Savior born this month. He came to earth to teach us how to live, to care for those who need our help and love. He died and rose again that we might have eternal life and live with Him forever and forever. Alleluia! Oh, and by the way: HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From your deacon who loves you, Judy

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Friday, December 16th, 2022 at 7:00pm

with congregational singing of traditional Christmas carols choral anthems by Holy Innocents' Choir guest instrumentalists and vocalists

free will offering \sim reception after \sim call 609.492.7571 for more information



The Slate of Nominees for the 13th Bishop of the Diocese of NJ

The slate of nominees for the 13th Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey are:

- The Rev. Canon Dr. Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew, Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of Rhode Island
- The Rev. Canon Dr. Sally French, Canon for Regional Ministry and Collaborative Innovation, Diocese of North Carolina
- The Very Rev. Troy Mendez, Dean, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Phoenix, Arizona
- The Rev. Dr. Janine Schenone, Rector, Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, San Diego, California
- The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Jose Wilson, Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church Oakland, California

Information on the nominees including a minute video introduction, resumes and sermons are found at <u>www.bishopsearchnj.org</u>

Candidates will visit locations around the Diocese in early January for meet and greet sessions that will allow clergy and congregants to engage directly with them before the Electing Convention. The Electing Convention will be held on January 28, 2023, starting at 10 AM at Trinity Cathedral and via Zoom. More information on both the meet and greets and the convention will be available in mid-November. The release of the slate also marks the beginning of the 30-day petition process, details of which can be found on the <u>NJ Bishop Search Web site</u>. That process will close at 5:00 p.m. on Nov. 29. Holy Innocents' Episcopal 410 S. Atlantic Ave, Beach Haven

ALL ARE WELCOMED!

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EVE & DAY



- ~ 4:30 "Childrens service"
- ~ 7:30 Carols
- ~ 8:00 Holy Eucharist w/ special music

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Christmas Day

~ 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

Call (609) 492–7571 M–Th, 9–2 for more information!

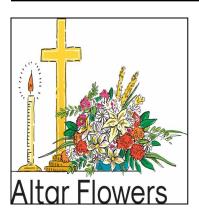
From Our Minister of Music

Music in the air on Christmas Eve



Whatever service you choose to attend on Christmas Eve, you can be sure you will be making, and listening to, some wonderful music! During our family service at 4:30 special choral and instrumental musical offerings will be made. Our evening traditional service will begin at 7:30 with carol singing by both the congregation and the choir. The service begins at 8:00 with special music by our wonderful choir.

Ellen Dondero, Minister of Music ejdondero@comcast.net



By donating money for our Altar Flowers, you have an opportunity to celebrate a special birthday or occasion, to honor someone special, or to remember family and friends who are no longer with us.

You are also encouraged to take one of the bunches of flowers after the 9:30 service along with a card that notes the flowers were used in our Sunday celebration of the Lord.

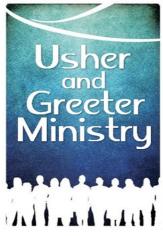
Flowers that are not taken are delivered to a church member celebrating a birthday/anniversary or someone who has been unable to physically attend church services.

You may also opt to donate the expense of oil for our candles. Beginning January 2023, the cost of Candle Oil contributions will increase to \$10 for Altar Candles and \$15 for the Sanctuary Candle.

These are weekly opportunities. Those contributing and those remembered will be recognized in the specified Sunday Bulletin.

Your contribution should be in the form of a check made payable to "Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church" with a notation "Altar Candles" or "Flowers" in the check memo.

The 2023 calendar for Altar Donations is available now in the ambulatory.



The ministry of ushering and greeting folks is a **crucial** part of worship because it is one of the most visible ministries in the Church. In Christ, you have received God's unconditional love, and in Christ, you are called to extend that same unconditional love to others. Although an usher's love is no stronger than the love found in the whole congregation of the body of Christ, nevertheless, the usher performs a major role in ensuring that people see and experience that love.

The ushers distribute bulletins, assist latecomers, help lead worshipers up during communion, and point out who might need communion brought to them. They also see worshipers out and tidy up after the service. The greeters can help usher and they greet worshipers both before AND after the service, **making every attempt to**

make them feel welcomed and at ease. The ushers should also available to answer questions of anyone needing assistance. *Please contact Mtr. Caroline+ or Rob*

Holy Innocents' Happenings



ADVENT FOOD DRIVE...Each Sunday in Advent (Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18), please bring items to church. During **Christmas Week**, fresh hams, turkeys, or vegetables may be brought directly to St. Francis on Tuesday, Dec. 20 between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM. **ITEMS - non-perishable food items, toiletries, feminine products.** ~ **Thank you**

BULLETIN BOARD FORMING

Check out the new bulletin board info section soon...Vestry minutes posted there monthly... Budget reports, Building & Grounds, etc. posted soon

THE GIVING TREE ~ This year, we will support eight (8) families with children whose ages range from 1yr-12yrs.

Choose a tag that Maggie Aftanis has set up in MARTIN HALL

- Match it with the color, name, and item number on the clipboard
- Write your phone number on the opposite line
- Sign Your name on the clip board next to your choice
- Please return the gift **unwrapped**
- Tape your tag to your gift
- If you would like to include a gift bag, wrap, ribbon, and/or tape....that is greatly appreciated
- If you are shopping online, please MAKE SURE your delivery date is BEFORE the due date of DECEMBER 11th!

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.

MINISTRY AREA REPORTS DUE DECEMBER 16th!!!

ANNUAL MEETING

- January 8th following our morning worship service. - Food and Business

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Tom Jacobsen has volunteered to be the Nomination Committee Chair! Please contact him or Mtr. Caroline+ or any current Vestry member if you are interested in running for Vestry or being a delegate to either convention or convocation.

Vestry Members and Delegates to both Atlantic Convocation and Diocesan Convention are sought. If interested, please contact Tom Jacobsen, Mtr. Caroline+, or another Vestry member!



Presented by the Education & Advocacy Committee, we will take a Holy Hike on the afternoon of "the longest day", **Wednesday, December 21st from 3:30-4:34 PM** on Cedar Bonnet Island. Join us as we walk, pausing briefly at various intervals to observe nature, to pray and then watch the sunset afterwards. Dress warmly! Please RSVP by emailing **Rob Meyer at rmeyer1394@aol.com**





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

Alycia Kevin B. Campbell Judy Contreras Jack DiFeo Meg Dougher Faye Adam Houser Joni Karen & DJ Karen Grossman Ryan Koehl Lovas Family The McLaughlin Family Bill O'Connell Brian O'Sullivan Pat Pritchard Cora Raggucci Ron & Kenny Elizabeth Mary Schade Lara Sparks Deitz Tonv Ann White Nancy & Gary Acker

Ellis Barbieri Cynthia Clarke Mary Ann Crewdson Carol Dobbins Elliott Genevieve Jan Anne Joyce Gollihur Family Kathy G. Dave Lamon Lucas Pat Meyer Ollie **TJ** Patton Rhonda Pritchard Debbie & Joe Reising **Rick Rosenbaum** The Scheimreif Family Charles Sullivan **Robert Thomas** Annabelle Vaughan Floss Boulden

Charles Bishop Joan Connolly Art "Jim" Curtin Roseann Dolan Faith Gordon H. **Rick Johnson** Julie Erma Green Kevin Barry Longenbach Walt Luwenduski Virginia Nicholas Sharon Osborn Lucien Picard Marie R. Rebecca Peggy Chloe Snyder Bill Todd Colin Walker Jane Enos

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

Kitchen Renovation!!

Last month I reported we have a glitch we are working through...asbestos in our existing floor tiles. We do have the choice of tiling over our existing floors or having the tiles ripped up via an Asbestos Remediation Company. No one on the committee feels tiling over is a great solution. We have spoken with a few Remediation Companies and the cost is prohibitive for us to do Martin Hall, ante rooms and the kitchen at this time so we are sticking to going ahead with just the kitchen for now. We can perhaps set aside next year's auction/dinner money to finish up the rest of the floors...just a thought.

Right now we have received **\$78,574** in monies/pledges for the renovation! It has yet to be decided how much of the Silent Auction monies will be allocated for this project. Hopefully I will have a larger total to report next month. If you have yet to donate to this project, please consider doing so as you are able!

Jeanne Cashel, Committee Head ~ 609-276-7710 or jcashel@comcast.net



December Birthdays

Marjorie Anderson	02	Jo-Ann Bray	17	
Ruth McLaughlin	10	Colette Southwick	17	
Francis W. Kleber, IV	13	Florence Boulden	26	
Bruce Hillyer	14	Curtis Logan	26	
Richard Cashel	15	Carol Kirby	29	
Meg Neff	16	Carol Hammond	29	

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 4^{th} - Tom & Gail Jacobsen (candles) 11^{th} - Jeanne Cashel (candles) 17^{h} - 18^{th} - 24^{th} - 25^{th} -	DECEMBER FLOWER GUILD4th - Joyce Hillyer11th - Joyce Hillyer17th - Joyce Hillyer (Blue Christmas Service)18th - Joyce Hillyer23rd - 9:30 am All prepare for Christmas
DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD4th - Jackie Sparks, Carol Hammond11th - Melissa Wall, Jeanne Cashel17h - Jackie Sparks (Blue Service)18th - Jeanne Cashel, Diane Carter23rd - 9:30 am All prepare for Christmas24th - Jackie Sparks, Melissa Wall25th - Melissa Wall	DECEMBER USHERS & GREETERS4th - Bob Weidmann, Bill Cowper11th - Bill Kehr, Gail Jacobsen17h - TBD18th - Melissa Wall, Sue Hughes24th - TBD25th - TBD

MINISTRY NEEDS – to be filled from THE CONGREGATION

We are always joyfully seeking volunteers for very important ministries such as Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Ushers, Greeters, Readers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Chalice Bearers etc.! 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!



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*





Parishioner Spotlight is a regular feature in The Post. The purpose is to provide insights into the background and personalities of our fabulous parishioners! We hope you enjoy getting to know the people of Holy Innocents'!

December Parishioner Spotlight ~ Chris Burlaga

I was born in 1943 and grew up in Morrisville, PA, just across the Delaware River from Trenton. I had a younger brother, Ted. My family attended the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, where we were both baptized and confirmed.

After graduating from high school, I got a job in a bank in Trenton. In the summer of 1965 I was sent to Philadelphia for a six-week credit training program at a large correspondent bank. Barry was in the same department. We were married on Thanksgiving Day 1965 in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church of Morrisville with immediate family present, and the group celebrated with Thanksgiving dinner at the Stockton Inn.

Barry was employed by a CPA firm in Philadelphia and we lived in Center City, first in an apartment and then in a small townhouse in the Fitler Square neighborhood. I worked for IBM until shortly before our first daughter, Amy, was born in 1969. Sally followed in 1972.

We purchased our home in Beach Haven in 1975 as an investment property. In 1976 I decided it was time to go back to work and took a six-month temporary job at SmithKline and French Laboratories, but I soon became a permanent employee.

We spent as much time as possible on LBI and joined Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Brant Beach. In 1980, with lots of help and support for the girls from my mother, Beach Haven became our permanent home. Barry was working in finance in Atlantic City. For many years, we both did a lot of commuting. Barry retired in 1999 and the following year I retired from what had become GlaxoSmithKline.

I was fortunate during my employment to travel internationally a couple times a year while doing meeting planning. I also had many trips to California connected to a subsidiary in Irvine and other business interests in Sonoma County. A highlight was attending the opening ceremony and several events of the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

After retirement, we decided it was time to see more of the US, so we drove across the country, rented a house in Cambria, CA, for a month, and then drove back. The following year, we did it again by a different route and stayed in Pacific Grove. Our older daughter had relocated to northern California in 2000 so there were numerous trips to see her, then her wedding, and finally our grandchild. We also explored the East Coast and the Gulf Coast. When we tired of driving, we took cruises up the coast of the US and into Canada, to various islands, and one from New York through the Panama Canal to San Francisco.

Another highlight was a train trip from Banff to Vancouver over the Canadian Rockies.



We enjoyed musical events at Holy Innocents' for many years and began attending Sunday services in the winter of 2013.

We became members about a year later. It's a wonderful feeling to be part of a caring church family.

I like to participate and help out as I am able, including the recent stewardship campaign.



Parishioner Spotlight Continued

Barry and I enjoyed retirement, traveling, and especially our grandchildren until he became ill. He passed away in 2017.



In 2021 our daughter, Amy and her husband and daughter moved from California to Vermont. It's nice to have them just a short plane ride away. Our daughter, Sally, and her husband live in Haddonfield, NJ. They have four children, three daughters and a son, and spend their summers in Beach Haven which is a joy for me.

I am blessed to have five grandchildren and am enjoying watching them grow up.

Over the years I've had lots of craft hobbies including crewel embroidery, sewing, crocheting, and knitting. My favorite was

basket making which probably lasted the longest and produced the most stuff."

I enjoy almost all kinds of music, but especially classical and mellow classic rock. My favorite hymn is Martin Luther's "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

My favorite colors are yellow (I think that's because I am a Leo) and blue. My favorite foods are lamb chops on the grill, fresh scallops, and Jersey corn and tomatoes.





 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 & Maggie Aftanis*









DECEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9pm Compline (FB)	2 Parish Office Closed	3 11:30am Scott Horensky Funeral Service 1pm Christmas Parade 7pm Beach Haven Tree Lighting
4 Advent II	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30am Rite II <i>Tree</i> <i>Decorating!</i> <i>4pm</i> <i>MESSIAH</i> <i>SING</i>	9am MP (FB)	Parish Office Closed 6pm EP (FB)	6:30-8:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Praying the Psalms (FB)	7pm Vestry Meeting 9pm Compline (FB)	Parish Office Closed	11am Frank McLaughlin Funeral Service
11 Advent III (Gaudete Sunday) 9:30am Rite II Anglican Prayer Bead Workshop	<i>12</i> 9am MP (FB)	<i>13</i> 6pm EP (FB)	<i>14</i> 6:30-8:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Praying the Psalms (FB)	15 9pm Compline (FB)	16 Parish Office Closed Ministry Area Annual Reports DUE TODAY!! 7pm LESSONS & CAROLS	17 <i>I lam Blue</i> <i>Christmas</i> <i>Service</i> 3:45pm <i>Wedding</i>
18 Advent IV	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:30am Rite II Advent Food Drive Last Day	9am MP (FB)	6pm EP (FB)	2:30-4:34pm Winter Solstice Holy Hike on LBI <i>3pm Choir</i> <i>Caroling &</i> <i>Party</i>	9pm Compline (FB)	Parish Office Closed 9;30am Altar & Flower Guild to prepare for Christmas	4:30pm Christmas Eve Service I 7:30pm Carol Sing 8pm Christmas Eve Service II
25 Christmas Day 9:30am Rite II	26 Parish Office Closed NO MP	27 No EP	28 6pm EP <i>The Feast of the</i> <i>Holy Innocents</i> (FB Live)	29 9pm Compline (FB)	30 Parish Office Closed	31 New Year's Eve 5pm Watchnight Service followed by champagne toast





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> Sunday Morning ~9:30 a.m. Rite II Worship Service with music

