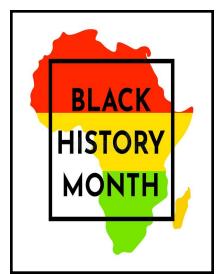
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THE PARISH POST



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

The Parson's Place

We have a new bishop! This past Saturday, on the third ballot, our diocesan clergy and laity delegates elected The Rev. Canon Dr. Sally French. Get to know her in the information below. We are so excited!

Next, I'd like to share with you that we will have an art exhibit coming to us for the month of February! St. Luke's in Metuchen hosted an invitational art exhibit and is passing on to us the submissions from Ecuador. The artwork is by children who were encouraged to create images of something that is important to them and will be able to be viewed by the general public during specific open hours. (See info. on page 8). Lastly, please join me for an Evening Prayer for Candlemas THIS THURSDAY EVENING AT 6:00 PM in-person. Bring your candles! Candlemas (also spelled **Candlemass**), also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or the Feast of the Holy Encounter, is a Christian holiday commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. It is based upon the account of the presentation of Jesus in Luke 2:22-40. In accordance with Leviticus 12, a woman was to be purified by presenting a lamb as a burnt offering, and either a young pigeon or dove as sin offering, 33 days after a boy's circumcision. It falls on 2 February, which is traditionally the 40th day (postpartum period) of and

the conclusion of the Christmas-Epiphany season.^[1] While it is customary for Christians in some countries to remove their Christmas decorations on Twelfth Night (Epiphany Eve),^[2] those in other Christian countries historically remove them after Candlemas.^{[3][4]} On Candlemas, many Christians (especially Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans and Methodists) also bring their candles to their local church, where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year;^{[5][6]} for Christians, these blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the World.[⊥]

Please check the next pages for upcoming events and more parish news!

The Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey has elected the Rev. Canon Dr. Sally French to serve as the thirteenth bishop of the diocese. She will be consecrated and installed as the bishop of New Jersey on June 24, succeeding Bishop William H. "Chip" Stokes, who is retiring.

French currently serves as Canon for Regional Ministry and Collaborative Innovation in the Diocese of North Carolina. Prior to joining diocesan staff, she spent twenty years in parish ministry, serving congregations of many sizes and types. Raised in Toronto, Canada, French earned a bachelors degree from Trinity College, University of Toronto (Economics, History), a Master of Divinity through the Toronto School of Theology, and a Doctor of Ministry

The Parson's Place continued...

degree from Virginia Theological Seminary. She he and her husband Clarke have two children living at home. In brief remarks delivered via Zoom after the election results were announced, French thanked the voters, the Search and Transition Committees, and her fellow candidates. Concerning her forthcoming position as bishop of New Jersey she said, "I look forward to serving with love."

The bishop-elect was chosen from a slate of five nominees by clergy and lay leaders representing each congregation of the diocese during a special hybrid convention held on Jan. 28 at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton and online via Zoom. She was elected on the third round of balloting with 68 percent of the clergy votes and 56 percent of lay votes. A majority of both clergy and lay votes in the same round was needed for election.

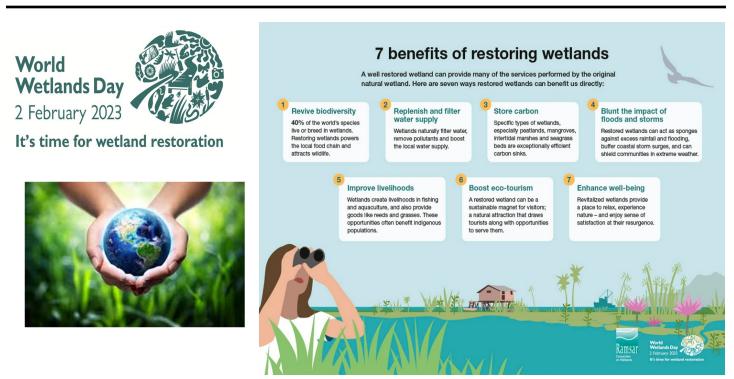


The Rev. Canon Dr. Sally French, bishop-elect of the Diocese of New Jersey, addresses the Electing Convention, as retiring Bishop Chip Stokes and others applaud

"I believe the Holy Spirit has led us to a remarkable leader who is deeply grounded in the faith and love of Jesus Christ," Stokes said. "Canon French brings gifts and skills in ministry that are well aligned to address the needs and challenges facing the Church and the Diocese of New Jersey at this moment in its life and history. I look forward to welcoming her and her family to the Diocese of New Jersey and serving with her in this exciting time of transition."

The other nominees were The Rev. Canon Dr. Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew, Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of Rhode Island; The Very Rev. Troy Mendez, Dean, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Phoenix, Arizona; The Rev. Janine Schenone, Rector, Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, San Diego, California; and The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Jose Wilson, Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church Oakland, California.

Caroline +



From Our Minister of Music

It is soon time to welcome back our choir!

ALL ARE WELCOME to sing in our choir. We are always looking for new members.

Please consider joining us:

You don't have to read music or have a wonderful voice. You don't have to commit to every single Sunday (Many of our members travel and are away... we work it out) You DO have to enjoy singing and laughing and spending time with some super special people!

Rehearsals begin Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30PM – Choir returns for Sunday worship on February 15thth

Please contact me if you're interested

Ellen Dondero, Minister of Music ejdondero@comcast.net



Save the Date for Spring Concerts! Saturday, March 11th 4pm - Nocturnes Big Band

Saturday, April 1st 4pm - Capital Singers of Trenton Chorale featuring Daniel Rich, Baritone Sunday, June 4th 4pm - Capital Singers of Trenton Women's Ensemble

Ellen Dondero Minister of Music

Stewardship



Congratulations, Parish family! We have reached and surpassed last year's pledge total. This is only possible with your prayerful thought and consideration to your 2023 pledges. Our total pledging to date is \$185,704 which is 1% over last year's total and a wonderful blessing to Holy Innocents'. It is greatly appreciated and my committee and I thank you for your support and indulgence during our pledge campaign and accompanying activities.

Pat Peacock, Stewardship Chair

Souper Bowl!!



February 12th is the SOUPER BOWL date this year. We hope to see lots of choices of soups and breads to serve during coffee hour that day. We'll have a cake to celebrate our February birthdays, too!

As is our custom, we will have two soup kettles representing the two football teams that are playing in the NFL game later that day *(EAGLES and Kansas City Chiefs)*. Put your donation in the kettle of your favored team. We hope that the most money collected in a team's kettle will be the winning team that evening! All donations collected during SOUPER BOWL coffee hour will be sent to OPERATION SMILE.

Maggie Aftanis

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

Jean & Keith Aclin Joan Connolly Faith Kevin Peggy Debbie & Joe Reising Lara Sparks Deitz Annabelle Vaughan Wayne Kotter Linda G. Judy Boies Barbara

Charles Bishop Judy Contreras Joni Lovas Family Pat Pritchard Rebecca Charles Sullivan Jane Enos Scott Frahlich Amie Dennis JoAnne Kevin B. Campbell Mary Ann Crewdson Gollihur Family Ollie Rhonda Pritchard Chloe Snyder Ann White Nancy & Gary Acker Eileen Mitchell Gina M. Karen Maxwell The Sundararaj Family

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

Let Us Break Bread Together...submitted by Ellen Dondero

This Sunday, *February 5th*, in honor of Black History Month, we will be singing Let Us Break Bread Together: Some of the stanzas of this African American spiritual may date back to the eighteenth century. Other stanzas have been added by oral tradition. A look through modern hymnals will reveal an array of variations on the text. The most notable alteration in the *Psalter Hymnal* is the phrase "to the Lord of life" in place of the original "to the rising sun," in which "sun" was an ambiguous metaphor referring to God. The song's use at communion services probably dates from after the American Civil War. Miles Mark Fisher notes in *Negro Slave Songs in the United States* (1953), [Originally the hymn] relates hardly at all to holy communion, which does not necessarily require early morning administration or a devotee who faces east. [This] it seems was a signal song of Virginia slaves during the eighteenth century who used it and similar ones to convene their secret meetings.

The text discerns participation in the Lord's Supper as a humble act in which we not only eat the bread (st. 1) and drink the wine (st. 2) but also praise our God (st. 3) "on our knees." The refrain ends with a prayer for mercy, an African American *kyrie* that reminds us of the tax collector's prayer in Luke 18:13.

--Psalter Hymnal Handbook, 1988



PANCAKE SUPPER - Our annual *Mardi gras* Pancake Supper will be Tuesday, February 21 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Take out will be available. Donations accepted. Please let the Parish office know if you can volunteer to set-up, serve, clean-up, etc. Please contact Rich Cashel at <u>richcashel@comcast.net</u> for more info. and to

VOLUNTEER!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES - Wednesday, Feb.22 at 12:00 NOON - Ashes-to-Go 5:00 to 6:00 PM in the front drive area of the church property

February Birthdays

Maria Mack	02	Edward Miller	21
Kimberly Sparks	02	Matt Starr	21
Philip Boulden	05	Gabriella Vaughan	21
Jean Nelson	06	Connie Anderson	26
Ellen Dondero	08	John Dondero	26
Joan Melega	10	Sherry Johnson	26
Anita Miller	11	Leila Sullivan	27
Noah Dondero	12	Jo-Anne Entrikin	28
David Hunter	13	Barry Baxter	29
Joe Johnson	17	-	

February Anniversaries

Francis W. and Janine C. Kleber 09 Robert and

Robert and Ellen Meyer 26

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 **February**.

FEBRUARY ALTAR DONATIONS

- 5th -
- 12^{th} -
- 19th -
- 26th -

FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD

- 5th Carol Hammond, Jeanne Cashel
- $12^{\rm th}\,$ Melissa Wall, Diane Entrikin
- 19th Jeanne Cashel, Chris Burlaga
- 26th Melissa Wall, Jackie Sparks

FEBRUARY FLOWER GUILD

- 5th Joyce Hillyer
- 12th Carol Hammond
- 19th Kim Sparks
- 26th Joyce Hillyer

FEBRUARY USHERS & GREETERS

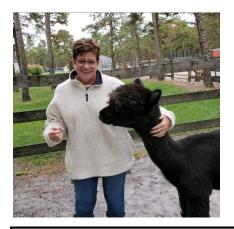
- 5th Kay DeCicco, Mike DeCicco
- 12th Bob Weidmann, Sue Hughes
- 19th Bill Cowper, TBD
- 26th Melissa Wall, Dave White

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'!

February Parishioner Spotlight ~ Ellen Dondero

I grew up in a large family with eight children, including myself. We had a younger brother who was number nine, but he only lived a few days; that made me seven of nine. If you are a Star Trek fan, you will get that reference.

We lived in an old boarding house in upstate New York in a very small village called Leeds. For you NY State skiers, it is right off Thruway Exit 21. It was similar to LBI in that it was a resort town, so I learned at a young age to appreciate the "off season." Our house tended to be a bit chaotic with five boys and three girls. There was usually someone practicing piano, while others were doing homework, and always someone in the kitchen getting something to eat. There were tons of laughter, and some screaming and yelling. We all sat for dinner at a round picnic table in the kitchen

the kitchen--one of my favorite memories. My Mom was a great cook, and my Dad was a great eater, so ...

Both of my parents were musicians, and we were raised with LOTS of music in our house. We all learned to play piano, and also sang and played other musical instruments. When we gather together for holidays, we still often make music together.

My favorite thing about LBI and Beach Haven is how, during the off season, people come together as one big community. Things kind of



My siblings and me at a family reunion

shrink and you get the very small town feeling that I grew up with. Even though we moved to the mainland several years ago, LBI is still home to me, and that feeling has a lot to do with that.

My favorite things about Holy Innocents': 1. It is a warm and welcoming community. People here have big hearts,



The Choir caroling at the hospital before Christmas in 2017

and they keep their hearts open. They are a family. 2. Our Parish Family loves music. They support it. They support ME. I couldn't ask for more. 3. People here have a sense of humor. We laugh together--A LOT. Our choir members can attest to that! 4. My *most* favorite thing about Holy Innocents' is our choir. They are the best in a million ways!

My favorite food is FOOD. I like to eat so many things: most things--almost everything. I cannot pick a favorite. But I am allergic to shrimp and peanuts, so that narrows down my list a bit.

My favorite colors are red and purple. I also like blushes and neutral tones.

Music is kind of like food to me in that I can't really pick a favorite... but I do really love folk music.

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Parishioner Spotlight Continued...

I was fortunate to attend college at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. This place and the people there afforded me many wonderful and memorable opportunities. During my junior year at WCC, while singing with the Philadelphia Orchestra, my section (alto) stood behind the brass section of the orchestra. I became fast friends with one of the trombone players, and I remember telling my dad, "I'm going to marry a brass player; they have the best personality in the orchestra." And I did marry a brass player (as most of you know)! I met John (trumpet player and band teacher extraordinaire) when we were both teaching music at Notre Dame High School in Lawrenceville, NJ (I started there as a student teacher and then stayed on after graduation). We were also fast friends, and began dating about a year after we first met. We were engaged 5 months after that, and set a wedding date for 9 months later. My Dad was SO HAPPY! He said he always hoped I'd marry a musician because that person would "understand" me.

The family music continues, as John and I had three children who have inherited the musical gift from both of us. Our first born, Johnny (trumpet player), teaches music and is married to Linda (trumpet player), who is also a music teacher. Chloe is an incredible singer, and although music is not her profession, she continues to foster that gift; and what a gift it is. Our youngest, Noah (trumpet player), is a sound engineer. I always worried that I wouldn't know "what to do" if we had a child that didn't LOVE music. What an unnecessary worry that was (as most worries are)! Both John and I come from large and loving families.



Johnny and Linda



John and our children when they were small



Having fun (as we often do)

I shared the following in my Ministry Minute as part of our stewardship campaign, which says a lot about how much Holy Innocents' means to me:

Holy Innocents' Church has been a part of my life for over 30 years.

My first experience here was singing for a concert the choir was performing. I read an article in *The Sandpaper*



The Dondero side of the family

inviting people to sing with them for the concert. So I asked my sister-in-law Ellen Meyer to go with me because I didn't want to go by myself, and being the good sport she is, she came along. Father Don Muller and the choir members and director were fun and full of life. They invited me to come to church and join the choir permanently (the other Ellen too, but she passed on the choir part), so I did. My husband John and I raised our three children here, and a few of you might remember that I carried our daughter Chloe on my hip in procession every Sunday when she was a baby.

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Parishioner Spotlight Continued

I will always remember the time she decided to toss her pacifier over the loft rail, hearing a click when it hit the ground, but having no idea where it landed, until Jackie Spark's dad, Jack, who could be a bit of a curmudgeon, came up to me after the service, reached in his jacket pocket and very matter of factly said, "I think this belongs to you," handed me the pacifier, and walked away. If you knew Jack, you can easily picture that scene.

My seven siblings and I were raised in the church, and my parents were always very active, pledging members, so it was never a question that I would be the same. In addition to singing in the choir here, I served as Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent with Pat Peacock, Vacation Bible School Director (also with Pat), Christmas Pageant Director (Pat and me again), Vestry member, and Warden, among other things. I have served on Rector search committee, secretary search committee, and cleaning person search committee... You get the picture--I have done A LOT. After about 10 years of doing all of those things here at Holy Innocents', I was called as Minister of Music, and I then took on the unusual dual role of parishioner and employee. But it seems to be working out okay, as I have served in this ministry for 23 years. My Dad also did the same at our church, so I had a good example to follow. I have made some of my dearest friends here, and some wonderful memories. We have shared some tears, but we have shared many, many more laughs. And although our building may not be overflowing with people every Sunday, it is certainly overflowing with LOVE. I can't imagine being part of any other church family.

YOUTH ART INVITATIONAL EXHIBIT



February 6 – FEBRUARY 28, 2023

- WHAT? We are the recipients of some art from an invitational exhibit of youth art. St. Luke's Metuchen was the first location and is sharing the Ecuadorian children's art submissions with us..
- **THEME** How can we share our visions? Students have created images of something meaningful to them.

WHO? Ages 5-12

Kitchen Renovation!!

Kitchen Renovation ~ Kickoff Time and I don't mean Super Bowl!

The next few months (Feb-May) may be pretty hectic with work on the kitchen and the floors of Martin Hall. Some fast demo, some waiting, some hurry up and wait. Patience required!

I'll give you a brief overview of what will be happening...

First, the kitchen will be demo'd with new electric, plumbing, sheet rock put in around the beginning of March. We expect it to take about 3 weeks.

Next the tile floors will be removed and remediated in the kitchen, Martin Hall and the small entryway at the rear ramp entrance. Remediation involves the contracted company sealing off all these flooring areas, removing the flooring, and then testing the air quality when complete. The state mandates these steps and testing.

We are looking to begin remediation of the floors at the end March. This will take about 6-7 days and then the new floors will be installed. This may be the most inconveniencing part as floors will take about 2 weeks to install and seal with wax. Once this is done, we can begin to fill Martin Hall again and use it! We hope to have this done by mid-April.

We plan to find a way to have Coffee Hour and will accommodate other ministries that use the kitchen and Hall as best we can.

Our biggest job will be packing and moving **EVERYTHING** out of the kitchen (empty cupboards & refrigerator), Martin Hall, and every room off the Hall. We will be utilizing every available space for storage except the sanctuary, rest rooms, offices, and narthex. Mother Caroline has graciously offered up her garage for storage of the larger items! Items will be boxed and moved into attics and the storage area behind the kitchen will be packed tight. The ambulatory will be packed and even the restroom in Martin Hall, since it has ceramic tile floors.

We are able to start packing and moving things now with a completion deadline of mid-March. The kitchen will need to be packed and emptied by the beginning of March. Please begin thinking about what will be needed for your ministry in March-April so we can work together to insure easy access. Pat Peacock and I will be talking to committees to further discuss timing and where we will be storing each committee's items.

I'll keep you posted via the E-Pistle and Sunday announcements as necessary.

PLEASE...any questions or concerns ask me or Larry Peacock.

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

The past two weeks were spent organizing and packing up the Sunday School room. If you were in church you were able to "shop" through tables of goodies we cleared out. What was left behind was taken to the Old & New Shop, Goodwill, put curbside and advertised on Facebook (all was picked up), and given to Suzette's daughter, Amy, who teaches 1st grade (she was thrilled) leaving us with just a couple of bags for trash!

If you have left behind dishes (or anything else) in the kitchen, now is the time to reclaim your belongings or they will be packed up and you may not see them again until the end of May, if ever!

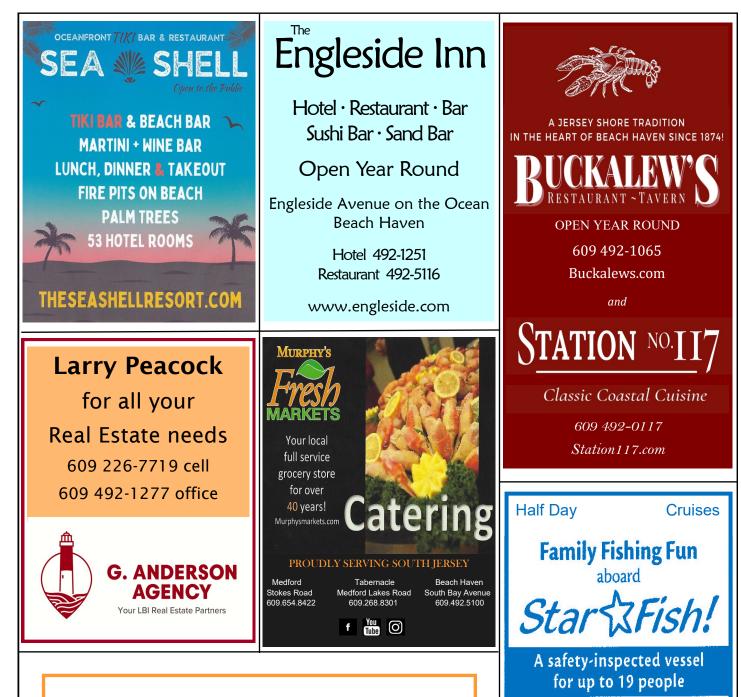
PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF **ANYTHING** AT CHURCH without speaking to Mtr. Caroline!! *Exemptions being money and food (as long as it doesn't end up in the refrigerator or freezer)!!*

We've worked hard to clean up and out!

Jeanne Cashel

FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 2pm Book Study @ Rectory 9pm Compline (FB)	3 Parish Office Closed	4
5 The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30am Holy Eucharist *Baptism* Ryan Koehl Rector's Forum during coffee hour	6 9am MP (FB)	7	8 6:30-8:00pm Choir Rehearsal	9 2pm Bible Study @ Rectory 7pm Vestry Mtg. 9pm Compline (FB)	10 Parish Office Closed	11
12 The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30am Holy Eucharist SOUPER BOWL during coffee hour	13 Parish Office Closed 9am MP (FB)	14 5:30pm EP (FB)	15 6:30-8:00pm Choir Rehearsal	16 9pm Compline (FB)	17 Parish Office Closed	18
19 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30am Holy Eucharist WORLD MISSION SUNDAY	20 Parish Office Closed 9am MP (FB)	21 5-7pm Mardi Gras Pancake Supper	22 Ash Wednesday 12pm Holy Eucharist w/choir 5-6pm Ashes to Go	<i>23</i> 9pm Compline (FB)	24 Parish Office Closed	25 11:00am Funeral Judith Waldner
26 The First Sunday of Lent 9:30am Holy Eucharist	27 9am MP (FB)	28 5:30pm EP (FB)				



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

Congratulations to the newly-elected Members of the Vestry, Junior Warden, Deputies and Alternates to Diocesan Convention, and Delegates to the Atlantic Convocation at our annual meeting.

Wardens:

Leila González Sullivan - 2023 Senior Warden Dave White - 2023 Junior Warden

NJ Diocesan Convention

Delegates: Barbara Bishop Leila González Sullivan Robert Meyer

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Melissa Wall Jean Nelson

Vestry: Judy Cor

Judy Contreras Bruce Hillyer Bill Kehr

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