

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2022!**

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

The Parson's Place

As we "turn the olde yeare go" and greet 2022, I have been thinking about rhythms in life and cycles, such as years and seasons and perhaps habits. Looking at the Baptismal Covenant, which we will renew on January 9th as we commemorate The Baptism of our Lord that day.

The "breaking of the bread and the prayers" are both part of the Baptismal Covenant and part of the rhythm of the church and of our lives. We are "taken, blessed, broken, and given." Not only the pulse of the eucharist, it is also a discernable part of our cycle of metaphysical existence and the sequence itself an act of prayer. Haven't we all felt blessed and broken at various point in our lives? Perhaps exceedingly blessed when we feel secure and happy and perhaps especially broken when we feel isolated or our body and spirit injured. In the last two years of ongoing pandemic, feeling broken has risen rapidly to the top of the pile of struggles in many places around the world. "Breaking bread and the prayers" – these are the portions that are given and things we actively do. We make a promise to continue in these actions in our words "I will with God's help." Breaking bread leads to sharing and our prayers to God are often for others. Just as the disciples on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize Jesus at first and knew him as he was revealed

in the breaking of the bread, we too recognize Jesus in ourselves and others as we share our bread, working together for the Kingdom of God. Jesus' act of breaking bread feeds us spiritually.

While our stomachs may be filled with bread and our hearts growing together in community, spiritual nourishment also involves the prayers. Praying involves the process of being emptied of self and leaving room for the richly filling movement of the Holy Spirit. It is in the risks of being genuine in prayer and in breaking bread in community that we become more tightly bound in love. Take a moment to meditate on being a vessel for the Holy Spirit's love, both through community and in self-emptying. When we "break bread together on our knees" as the hymn sings, we fortify our connection with God and with each other. What a privilege! Take a moment and consider how you can break bread together and by so doing, recognize Jesus in everything you do in community.

What about the times when we break bread and it produces crumb or periods when our personal or corporate prayer life lies fallow? There are dusty particles of prayers and fragments of bread. And what of these crumbs and dust?

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Parson's Place Continued

Just as size of crumb or myriad amount of wafers changes not the presence of Christ or essence of the Body of Christ, the scattered soil of our distracted prayers is still swept together, heard, and treasured by God. We are dust and to dust we shall return. Perhaps we are also precious crumbs as well and will rise into new bread. In Christ, we are made worthy to gather ourselves up from under the table. And by so doing, we experience revival and refreshment. So, Happy New Year indeed! *Caroline* +



Our Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 9, 2022 in Martin Hall immediately following worship service

Dishing With The Deacon

So, who's not ready for the New Year? A new revolution around the sun? In coming to the Gregorian calendar, several previous, mistaken calendars were invented including the Roman calendar and the Julian calendar. The Gregorian calendar under the guidance of Pope Gregory (157AD) was invented by Christopher Clautus, a German mathematician. If you want to read more about the complex machinations that went on in the great calendar debate; see Google.

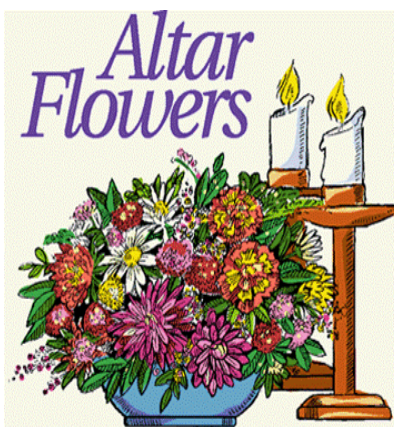
We might rather ask ourselves the question of what does a New Year mean to me. Apparently not too much to me because I am usually asleep at midnight having gotten too tired to stay up past 11 pm.

Because I'm a deacon I first think in terms of my spiritual life. How would I like to improve it? How can I be more grateful for God's many gifts? What new commitment to the welfare of others can I make? Do I need to make amends to anyone or reconcile with anyone? What is God telling me he wants me to do that I am not paying attention to? How can I enhance the life of our church? How can I sustain the rejoicing of the church seasons?

May God give us all the wisdom to review these questions or our own questions as we start another year of loving and serving Our Lord Jesus Christ and each other. Amen

Happy New Year!

Love from your Deacon



We continue the loving practice of making contributions towards Flowers, Altar Candle Oil, or Sanctuary Candles to celebrate a special birthday or occasion, to honor someone special, or to remember family and friends who are no longer with us.

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

The 2022 calendar for Altar Donations is available in the ambulatory between the sanctuary and Martin Hall.

The costs which remain the same are:

\$45 for a container of flowers

\$10 for the Sanctuary Candle

\$5 for the Altar Candle oil

From Our Minister of Music

Happy New Year!!

Special thanks to our choir for making it through 2021. Things have certainly gotten better pandemic-wise, but still, this has not been an easy year. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated and faithful choir members! They will take their usual well-deserved winter break and return in February. We always welcome new members, so come try us out- and bring a friend (or two!) We promise some wonderful music, and lots of laughter.

In addition to the choir taking their break, I will be taking a six week sabbatical granted me by Mtr. Caroline, our Wardens, and Vestry. I will surely miss worshipping and making music with you, but I am grateful to take this much needed time away.

I am also grateful to Harold Hawkes and Barbara Wheeler who will cover for me the weeks I am away. I would like to say I am counting my blessings, but frankly there are far too many to count! I am very blessed.

Cheers to a New and Bright Year!

Ellen Dondero
Minister of Music
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Environmental Education and Advocacy Committee



Please join us on Sunday January 23rd immediately following morning worship when we will present a TED talk on Climate Action ***How to make radical climate action: the new normal*** A net-zero future is possible, but first we need to flip a mental switch to truly understand that we can stop the climate crisis if we try, says Nobel laureate Al Gore. In this inspiring and essential talk, Gore shares examples of extreme climate events (think: fires, floods and Atmospheric tsunamis), and identifies some of the man-made systems holding us back from progress.



A BIG thank you to Ellen Dondero and the Holy Innocents' choir. On December 15th they surprised many with their singing of Christmas carols. Among their stops where they shared their beautiful music, were the McLaughlin's, Marie Bregler, Lynn Cowper and they also live-streamed some carols for Stokes Carrigan. We thank them for their time and talent. What a wonderful treasure it was to all! A sweet blessing!

Parish Prayer List January

Beth C.
Jackson Brackett
Judy Contreras
Marie Elena D.
Meg Dougher
Jeannine
Karen Grossman
Cyndi Lamon
Diane Lee
Lucas
Brian O'Sullivan
TJ Patton
Debbie & Joe Reising
Lara Sparks Deitz
Colin Walker
Jeff Zimmerman

Bonnie Benoit
Marie Bregler
Lynn Cowper
Dennis
Faye
Joan, Susan & Bob
Mary Keough
Dave Lamon
Arlene LeConey
Kurt Martin
Sharon Osborn
Lucien Picard
Kathy Rice
Bill Todd
Bill Ulmer

Beverlee
Joan Connolly
Mary Ann Crewdson
Carol Dobbins
Jan
Karen & DJ
Kitty
Alan Lee
Cecily Lovas
Virginia Nicholas
Shirley
Marie R.
Ron
Robert Thomas
Ann White

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

The Giving Tree



THANK YOU SO MUCH to those who were able to provide gifts, to Pat & Maggie for organizing the bags, and to Maggie for overseeing, organizing, and transporting all the gifts! This text came from the director of the children's home: "'Dear Maggie, thank you so much for once again lighting up Childrens' & parents' faces during a difficult year. All of the families were so thankful for the gifts & gift cards. They wanted to let you know how grateful they are to your church and the people of Holy Innocents'.



Book Study Resumes January 6th



DATE - Thursday, January 6 **TIME** - 2:00 PM **WHERE** - The Rectory

WHAT - The book, which you will need to purchase yourself and read, is *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner. The book is available via many online retailers and may also be in area libraries. **Get it now because we begin NEXT WEEK!** Following this study will be a short Bible Study and then our Lenten Series led by both Deacon Judy and Mtr. Caroline. More info. later!

Winter Solstice Holy Hike

Presented by the Education & Advocacy Committee, and hosted by Gail & Tom Jacobsen, we took a Holy Hike on "the longest day", Tuesday, December 21st. We walked in the woods, pausing briefly at various intervals to observe nature and to pray. Then we enjoyed some hot chocolate and fellowship!



Stewardship

Our stewardship theme for this year, **Faith✝Hope♥Love**, reflected our continued faith in God and mankind, hope for a better world and our love for each other. Although not a new concept, our theme felt fresh, current and positive after the past year that we have endured. Our thought was that it would shine our light outward and continue to forge community within our parish. We hope you enjoyed the journey and were excited to celebrate with so many after our Blessing of the Pledges!

Fellowship & Firepits: An Outdoor Celebration of Faith✝Hope♥Love served up coffee and delectable brunch treats after the service on Nov. 7th. With three firepits blazing, a guitarist strumming tunes and the sun again shining, folks were able to relax and enjoy some easy fellowship outdoors while enjoying a delicious breakfast.

Our congregation has been very generous in continuing to support Holy Innocents' in our mission and ministries. We have 61 pledging families for 2022 to date; with a few more pledges that may still come in. Of these, we have 4 new pledging families and a handful of families that have returned to pledging this year. That is significant good news! Our total pledge is \$179,181. This is an increase of 15.45% from last year (2021 total pledge was \$155,203).

I'd like to thank my committee: Chris Burlaga, Ellen Dondero, and Bruce Hillyer for their hard work, creative ideas, proofreading, and baking. I am also grateful for the support of the Wardens, Vestry, Mother Caroline and those who happily helped collate our mailings.

God Bless you all with the best the New Year has to offer.

Pat Peacock, Stewardship Chair

Advent Food Drive & Greening of the Church!



January Birthdays

Stokes B. Carrigan, IV	04	Richard Vaughan	18
Sydney Stevens	05	Richard Potts	19
Caroline Carson	12	Jane Arlin	19
Justin Dumhart	12	Edith Dumhart	21
Judith Krom	13	Susan D. Walls	26
Diane EntriKin	17	Jonathon Goddard	30
Margaret Rose Kleber	18		

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

2nd -
 9th - Frank & Ruth McLaughlin
 16th - Debbie & David Hunter
 23rd - Jeanne & Richard Cashel
 30th -

JANUARY FLOWER GUILD

2nd - Sherry Johnson
 9th - Angela Hala
 16th - Kim Sparks
 23rd - Donna Evleth
 30th - Joyce Hillyer

JANUARY ALTAR GUILD

2nd - Melissa Wall, Diane EntriKin
 9th - Jackie Sparks, Chris Burlaga
 16th - Jackie Sparks, Jeanne Cashel
 23rd - Carol Hammond, Jeanne Cashel
 30th - Melissa Wall, Diane EntriKin

JANUARY USHERS & GREETERS

2nd - Kay DeCicco, Mike DeCicco
 9th - Bill Cowper, Dave White
 16th - Rob Meyer, Judy Hamilton
 23rd - Bob Weidmann, Leila Sullivan
 30th - Mike Fahner, Rob Meyer



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



In the Spotlight

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'!

I was born on January 17, 1951, in the Bronx, NY. My family moved to Brick Township when I was a year old. I am the second oldest of four children. I graduated from Brick High in 1969. Growing up, my family attended St. Mary's-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Point Pleasant Beach.

After high school graduation, I attended Ocean County College, where I met my future husband, John. We saw each other during the first year on campus and actually reconnected at Brookville Boy Scout Camp, where John was program director. My brother was attending a summer program. We began dating and on graduation from OCC, and he asked me to marry him... that was May 27, 1971. He went on to Juniata College in Huntington, PA, the following fall to complete his degree. I worked as a secretary at a title insurance company until we married on May 27, 1972, at St. Mary's-by-the-Sea Church. After our wedding, we moved to Huntington, PA, so John could do his student teaching. We moved back to NJ in 1973. John was hired as a history teacher at Southern Regional High School—the school he had graduated from. He taught for 32 years until he retired in 2006.

We were blessed with three children—Scott, Bill, and Jo-Anne. I became a teacher's assistant for special education when my children were in school full-time. I worked for Stafford School District for 25 years until I retired in 2009.

My oldest son, Scott, is married to Florence and has two daughters and one grandson. He is a guidance counselor for Stafford School District and is a partner in a counseling business. Bill is a math teacher and the Girls' Swim Coach at Southern Regional. Jo-Anne is married to Tino and is the pet trainer at Pet Smart.

I became a great grandmother in August 2021 to Denali Luka, Scott's grandson.

In 2010, my daughter invited me to come with her to Holy Innocents' because Father Frank was going up in the fire truck with the bishop to bless the new steeple. I became a member shortly thereafter. I am also a member of the Altar Guild. I found the members of Holy Innocents' to be warm and friendly, and they welcomed me with open arms.

I love most all food and my coffee. My favorite seasons are spring and summer. I love sitting on the beach and reading. I enjoy gardening and crocheting. I donate most of my crocheting.

The scripture I love is: "Be still and know that I am God." Psalms 46.10
This is also the one that my mom loved.



January Parishioner Spotlight ~ Diane Entrikin

JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>NEW YEAR'S DAY</i> 7pm Praying the Psalms (FB)
2 <i>Second Sunday of Christmas</i> 930am Rite II	3 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 9am MP (online)	4 6pm EP (FB)	5	6 2pm Book Study (Rectory) 6pm Epiphany Service (online) 9pm Compline	7 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kids Korner (FB)	8 7pm Praying the Psalms (FB)
9 <i>The First Sunday after the Epiphany</i> 930am Rite II <i>Parish Annual Meeting (following worship service)</i>	10 9am MP (online)	11 6pm EP (FB)	12 <i>MTR. CAROLINE'S BIRTHDAY!!</i> 	13 <i>DCN. JUDY'S BIRTHDAY!!</i> 2pm Book Study (Rectory) 7pm Vestry Mtg Dinner (Rectory) 9pm Compline	14 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kids Korner (FB)	15 7pm Praying the Psalms (FB)
16 <i>The Second Sunday after the Epiphany</i> 930am Rite II <i>Celebration Potluck for Dcn. Judy</i>	17 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> Martin Luther King Day 9am MP (online)	18 6pm EP (FB)	19	20 2pm Book Study (Rectory) 9pm Compline	21 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kids Korner (FB)	22 7pm Praying the Psalms (FB)
23 <i>The Third Sunday after the Epiphany</i> 930am Rite II <i>Al Gore's "Ted Talk" in MH</i>	24 9am MP (online)	25 6pm EP (FB)	26	27 2pm Book Study (Rectory) 9pm Compline	28 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kids Korner (FB)	29 7pm Praying the Psalms (FB)
30 <i>The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany</i> 930am Rite II	31 9am MP (online)					



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