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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

When people in our society think of anniversaries, whether wedding or hiring or whatever, they typically think of celebrating that somehow. We've probably all seen the list of what each anniversary year represents. Year one is paper, year two is cotton, year three is leather, and so on. We try to match our gift of this particular type on that particular year. When we think about anniversaries, we sometimes fall into thinking our celebration must look like all the anniversary getaways in the movies. We assume that if we do not meet some kind of social standard, that our love must be lost or boring.

One year ago, we re-opened from COVID closure around this time. Two years ago, I had just finished my first week as your new rector!

So what should we think when we think about these kinds of anniversaries? How do we celebrate anniversaries as those rescued by grace and captured by Jesus? Are there ways to honor God with annual traditions in our marriage? Work? Opening? Other Celebrations?

In *Treasuring God in Our Traditions*, Noël Piper names God as the inventor of tradition. In Exodus 12:42, for example, God wants his people to remember all his works, to honor him

for what he's done, and to tell their children and grandchildren what they have witnessed. That particular scene is about the Passover, but how can we apply the same principles to our other anniversaries?

1. Anniversaries are about remembering our vows before God.

I pull out my ordination vows from the BCP and my ordination bulletin and rehearse them again. I look over them one by one. Clergy do this together each Holy Week in the annual diocesan Chrism mass where we also renew our ordination vows. I discuss and read how to remain faithful, and I pray for my colleagues, for you, and for myself. Have you tried that on important anniversaries or days of celebration? Read your wedding vows aloud together again and pray that God will continue to work these in you. Ephesians 5:22-23 speaks so clearly and powerfully about marriage. Read and pray this section together, and ask God to make it true for each of you. Check in with the friends and family who celebrated your event with you. Laugh and reminisce about the day, and look at pictures that highlight the joy of being made one by God, before God, and for God.

2. Anniversaries are about honoring God for what he's done.

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The Parson's Place continued...

As you celebrate, remember the gospel of Jesus Christ that saved you from eternal destruction, and brings you into everlasting life (John 5:24). Look at (and then beyond) those issues we faced: zoom only services, services online and broken internet, red tape separating aisles, or not being able to have fellowship time together.

Meditate on the past year and how God brought us through. Pray that we will love each other as Christ has loved us. Memorize the glorious and grace-filled vision of love in 1 Corinthians 13 this year. Ask God daily for the grace we need to keep on keeping on!

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



The capacity for gratitude is one of the greatest gifts God has ever given us. Gratitude can keep us going even in the worst of times. Even Job, who could be characterized as having lost everything, still refused to condemn God for his losses. He says: “the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord. In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrongdoing” (1:21-22).

Job lost all his children, servants, oxen, donkeys, sheep, and camels; he was afflicted with loathsome sores. His three “friends” Eliphaz, Bildad, and Jophar tried to talk him into cursing God and dying but he would not do that. He says “though he slay me, yet with I trust him” (13:15).

Toward the end of the book of Job he continues to praise God for all of God’s wonders. God speaks to Job out of a whirlwind. “Where were you when I, God laid the foundations of the earth?” Where were you when the seas, light, snow, rain, rivers, stars were made and all the animals gave birth? Mountain goats, wild asses, oxen, lions, ostriches, horses? Job’s final answer is though you slay me, yet will I trust you!

We will go through times of great trials e.g., the last 18 months, many of us have had illnesses, surgeries, deaths and other losses in our lives. It is a time when we are tempted to blame God or curse God. Don’t do it! Instead think of all God has given us. Unlike Job we have friends who will steer us in the right direction – clergy who understand what we are going through and who love us and will stand by our side when we need them. Nothing will separate us from the love of God unless we let it. The God who made us, loves us and always will. AMEN

Love from your deacon,
Judy

From Our Minister of Music



Holy Innocents' Choir

This past May, I received an email from the Diocese that choirs could resume provided members were fully vaccinated. Four days later, our choir was fully present in the loft, and they have sung each Sunday since. They are a force, and we are so blessed to have such a wonderfully committed group of singers!

Although it seems they have just returned, they will sing through July 4th weekend and will then take the usual summer break.

Thankfully, there will still be lots of singing by our congregation, and also a soloist to offer something special during our 9:30 service each week this summer.

Holy Innocents' Concert Series

We were blessed to present two concerts this past spring: Lighthouse Brass in April and Capital Singers of Trenton in June. Both concerts were live-streamed on our Facebook page, thanks to our camera person Kim Sparks. We also had a small in-person audience, which was the greatest blessing of all. At this time, I am working on scheduling the Messiah Sing in December, so stay tuned for a "save the date"!

I would like to give special thanks to all our choir members for continuing throughout the pandemic in whatever way they could. Also to Mtr. Caroline, Lisa Halpin, our Wardens and Vestry, and all our Parish Family who supported us throughout the crazy pandemic year. We have a wonderful community, and I am grateful!

Ellen Dondero, Minister of Music

Summer Musical Enjoyment!



Beach Haven Community Arts Program
Presents

CONCERTS ON THE GREEN 2021

At Beach Haven Veterans Memorial Park
Beach Ave between Engleside and Amber

Wednesdays at 6:45pm*

Please note new concert start time for the 2021 season

*Bring a Chair	*Spread a blanket	*Enjoy a free concert
June 30	AXB	Classic Rock
July 7	Jimmy and the Parrots	Beach Party
July 14	McLean Ave Band	Irish
July 21	Carnaby Street Band	Classic Rock
July 28	Diablo Sandwich Band	Classic Rock
August 4	The Kootz	Classic Rock
August 11	Lehigh Valley Italian American Band	Big Band
August 18	The Rave-ons	Pop/Soul
August 25	Tequila Rose Band	Country

Parish Prayer List July

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

Jean & Keith Aclin
Beverlee
Jackson Brackett
Joan Connolly
Mary Ann Crewdson
Carol Dobbins
Doré Family
Carol Frake
Fran Harris
Hillary
Claire Johns
Robin Koch
Diane Lee
Lorraine & Drew
Mary Ann
Scott Mitchell
Sharon Osborn
Carol Ann Renzland
Marie Stasik
Colin Walker

Matt Adams
Eddie Boll
Marie Bregler
Judy Contreras
Michael Reed Davis
Meg Dougher
Ella
Frank
Nancy Hellings
Joyce Hillyer
Karen G.
Cyndi Lamon
Lauren & Ed
Cecily Lovas
Mary Jane
Virginia Nicholas
TJ Patton
Kathy Rice
Bill Todd
Ann White

Beth C
Borrone Family
Jim Capobianco
Lynn Cowper
Dennis
Dreby Family
Faye
Ken Hannah
Shirley Hickey
Joan, Susan & Bob
Karen & DJ
Alan Lee
Lindsey
Kurt Martin
Butch McCaffrey
Maryanne O.
Lucien Picard
Lara Sparks
Robert Thomas
Rebecca Whitley

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



SUNDAY COFFEE HOURS HAVE RETURNED!

Sunday Coffee Hours are back! While we are not sure at this time if the Altar Guild will continue to sponsor the first Sunday of each month, the second Sunday is still Vestry Birthday Cake celebration! This leaves the remaining weeks of each month open to all who are willing to sign up. The calendar is on the bulletin board in the hallway outside Martin Hall.

Coffee hour doesn't have to be coffee. During the Summer months, iced tea, lemonade and other chilled beverages are perfect choices. Also simple snacks like bagels, cookies, fruit, etc. are easy and no baking required. Please consider volunteering. It's important to have this social time and have the opportunity to chat with Mother Caroline, Deacon Judy and each other.

HAPPY 139TH ANNIVERSARY TO HOLY INNOCENTS' ON JULY 9TH ~ WE ARE BLESSED!!

On July 9th, 139 years ago in 1882, we were founded as a church! We will celebrate as we did last year, with a church wide picnic on September 12th when it will be a little cooler.

Come ye, and let us work in the light of the Lord. And He will teach us of His ways and we will walk in His paths.

July Birthdays

Bill Cowper	04	Patricia Cotey Peacock	17
Carmen Mack	08	Marilyn Flagler	18
Andrew Goddard	09	Chuck Hall	19
Suzette A. Whiting	09	David Mitchell	19
James Payne	11	Alan Lee	20
Kay DeCicco	14	Cindy Longenbach	21
Marilyn Thomas	14	Kris Anderson	27
Gerald Markoski	15	John Johnson	29

July Anniversaries

Terry & Diana Shoenbach 24

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 **July**.

JULY ALTAR DONATIONS

4th -
 11th - Ruth & Frank McLaughlin
 18th -
 25th -

JULY FLOWER GUILD

4th - Artificial Flowers
 11th - Kim Sparks
 18th - Marilyn Thomas
 25th - Angela Hala

JULY ALTAR GUILD

4th - New Schedule Coming
 11th -
 18th -
 25th -

JULY USHERS & GREETERS

4th -Kay DeCicco, Mike DeCicco
 11th -Rob Meyer, Bill Cowper
 18th -Dave White, Bob Weidmann, Leila Sullivan
 25th -Mike Fahner, Judy Hamilton



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

Environmental Education and Advocacy Committee

July Activities SUNDAY, JULY 18

Please join us in Martin Hall immediately following our 9:30am service for a screening of the new documentary film



Where can East & West, Republicans & Democrats, find the common ground needed to address climate change? How can industry and environmentalists work hand in hand? And how can local economies find opportunity in a lower emissions future? *Other Side of the Hill* explores the actions already taking place, and gives voice to stories of progress & hope.

BLT Potato Salad

INGREDIENTS

2 lb. small new potatoes
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 tbsp. sour cream
2 tbsp. mayonnaise
1 1/2 tbsp. white wine vinegar
12 oz. assorted-colored cherry or grape tomatoes
4 slices bacon, cooked and broken into pieces
1 1/2 baby arugula
Chopped chives, for serving



DIRECTIONS

Place potatoes in a large pot of salted water; bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer and cook until just tender, 10 to 15 minutes. Drain and run under cold water to cool. Once cool, halve (or quarter, if large). Whisk together sour cream, mayonnaise, and vinegar in a bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Add potatoes and toss to coat. Fold in tomatoes, bacon, and arugula. Top with chives.

HAPPY SECOND ANNIVERSARY MTR. CAROLINE!!



Holy Innocents' HI Circles & Congregational Dinners

JULY CIRCLES at Holy Innocents'



14	Wed.	<i>At the Movies</i>	23	Fri.	<i>Mass on the Beach</i>
21	Wed.	<i>Hymns in the Garden</i>	29	Thurs.	<i>At the Movies</i>

CONGREGATIONAL DINNERS at the RECTORY return this Aug. & Sept.

Stayed tuned for sign-up sheets for this fun-filled fellowship!

JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9pm Compline	2 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kids Korner (online)	3 7pm Praying the Psalms
4 Proper 9 7:30am Rite I 9:30am Rite II <i>Independence Day!</i> 	5 <i>Parish Office Closed</i>	6 6pm EP	7	8 2pm Book Study (church) 7pm Vestry Mtg (church) 9pm Compline	9 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kids Korner (online)	10 7pm Praying the Psalms
11 Proper 10 7:30am Rite I 9:30am Rite II	12 9am MP	13 6pm Taizé Service (Church)	14  6:30pm <i>At the Movies</i>	15 11am <i>Funeral Philip Flagler</i> 2pm Book Study 9pm Compline	16 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 6pm Mass on the Beach 7pm Kids Korner (online)	17 <i>TBA Interment Ethelreda Mower</i> 7pm Praying the Psalms
18 Proper 11 <i>YACHT CLUB SUNDAY LEHYC</i> 7:30am Rite I 9:30am Rite II Movie presentation after service- <i>Other Side of the Hill</i>	19 9am MP 12pm <i>Altar Guild Mtg. & Lunch at Rectory</i>	20 5pm EP	21  4:50pm <i>Hymns in the Garden</i>	22 2pm Book Study 9pm Compline	23 <i>Parish Office Closed</i>  6pm <i>Mass on the Beach</i> 7pm Kids Korner (online)	24 7pm Praying the Psalms
25 Proper 12 7:30am Rite I 9:30am Rite II	28 9am MP	27 5pm Taizé Service (Church)	28	29 2pm Book Study  6:30pm <i>At the Movies</i> 9pm Compline	30 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 7pm Kids Korner (online)	

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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