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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

I consider stewardship as the care entrusted to us by God. This includes the care of our bodies, minds, and spirits. It means we care for our communities, the relationships we develop, all of creation, and our communities locally and internationally. We are spiritual, emotional, and physical beings. At Holy Innocents', we have MANY ways we view stewardship.

Let's look at the most famous three: TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE in light of our 2023 theme

Together We Thrive!

We receive **TIME** as a gift from God and have a responsibility to share it with God, family, friends, the care of our health, our work, and more. This can get overwhelming, but luckily, there are ways to become good at time management. When we organize and carefully craft our time, we cultivate space to breathe when we need rest, space to participate in things that bring us joy and bring others happiness, and give room for God's grace to work when we grieve or need physical (or other) healing.

Our **TALENTS** include the gifts, skills, and abilities that are God-given. We can nurture them, share them, and build them. Our TALENTS include the gifts that God has entrusted to us. The 12th chapters of Romans and 1 Corinthians speak about some of these gifts and remind us that the Holy Spirit gives various gifts according to

His will, and He desires that we use these gifts for the common good (1 Peter 4:10). Using our God-given talents wisely and well produces the fruit of the Spirit that Paul mentions in Galatians 5:22: *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."*

TREASURE

This is what people think of most when we're talking about Stewardship season and they're not incorrect to focus on this at least once a year. While Financial stewardship is only one element of stewardship, it enables so many other parts! The wise use of and clever management of money is essential for a church to simply keeping running. We are very very lucky at Holy Innocents' to be able to foster ministry and programming, have a fulltime rector, a most excellent and skilled music director, have solid and helpful office administration, and to be able to clean our facilities in preparation for regular happenings. Not all churches can say this.

There are only a few things we can do with money—earn it, give it, save it, spend it and bequeath it. Good stewardship means striving to keep a healthy balance with these uses. For example, one can get so concerned with earning that he overworks at the expense of his health and relationships. Or, one can get carried away with spending and not have anything left for giving and saving.

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Parson's Place continued...

Did you know Jesus talked often about money? Sixteen of the thirty-eight parables were concerned with how to handle money and possessions. In the Gospels, an amazing one out of ten verses (288 in all) deal directly with the subject of money. The Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, less than 500 verses on faith, but more than 2,000 verses on money and possessions. (Howard L. Dayton, Jr., Leadership, Vol. 2, no. 2)

In order to keep the mission mighty, the outreach ongoing, the lights bright, our grounds gorgeous, the heat hot, the water wash-worthy, or the sound system singing – pledges of money are critically important. I hope you will prayerfully discern what you and your family might be able to pledge this year.

Caroline+

Stewardship



And together, we want to build a labyrinth with you! Yes, you read that right! We love to do an interactive stewardship activity and this year we came up with the idea to make a simple labyrinth outlined with clam shells, next to the church entrance. To do this, we need to work together!

Each of us can do a simple part of this, together we will make it happen--

- Collect and bring in large clam shells and put them in the basket in the Narthex or Martin Hall.
- If you don't get to the beach, you can help us at Coffee Hours: paint a meditative word or design on some of the shells. We will have a station set up for this.
- Together, we will layout the labyrinth with the goal of finishing by October 30th. Labyrinths are an ancient symbol that represent

wholeness of life. The journey to the center of a labyrinth can represent our own heart and center. It is a beautiful representation of how we can approach our lives and reminds us that we just need to find our center and return to the world refreshed. The only choice one needs to make with a labyrinth is whether or not to enter into it.

Most of us would agree that working with others builds camaraderie, fellowship, brotherhood and an impactful "army". Furthermore, it enables us to **accomplish significantly more** than we could do independently. Many of us might also agree that working together goes more smoothly when each of us feels at our best, at peace or centered with God. Labyrinths are designed to be a peaceful and meditative experience and can be used to create space and bring people together.

As we respond to God's abundance this fall, we look forward to exploring how we can thrive together as a parish family. **Please take a step up in faith and continue to give generously of the gifts God has given you.**

Mark your calendar for October 30th. Mother Caroline will bless our pledges on the altar and we will celebrate with Firepits & Fellowship breakfast outside and walk our newly created labyrinth!

Blessings,

Pat Peacock, Chair; Chris Burlaga, Ellen Dondero, Bruce Hillyer
Stewardship Committee



From Our Minister of Music

Music, Music, Music!



Saturday, October 8th at 3pm Capital Singers of Trenton Chorale
CST's chorale (auditioned small ensemble) will be using Holy Innocents' for a retreat this weekend and will give a short, informal performance (about 30 minutes) for our parish family as a way of thanking us for hosting them. I would love for them to have a good size audience and hope all will attend.

Sunday October 16th at 4pm - Our friend Fr. Ron Clingenpeel will give a solo performance of folk songs old and new, as well as original

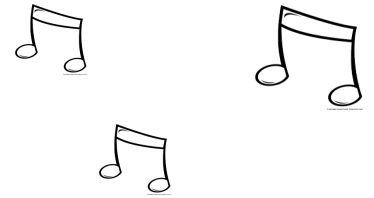
compositions. There will be sing-alongs and lots of fun a frivolity! A free will offering will be taken at this performance and a reception will follow.

Save the Date!

Sunday, December 4th at 4pm Messiah Sing with NJ Chamber Singers

Friday, December 16th at 7pm Lessons & Carols

Ellen Dondero, Minister of Music
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HI Happenings!



Bring your furry, feathered, slimy, scaly, shell-covered, etc. pets (and little ones may bring stuffed animals) for a blessing! Please invite your friends and neighbors to The Green Patch at Holy Innocents' from **5:30 to 6:30 PM on Tuesday, Oct. 4th** for this joyous time of blessing with our non-human family members. Dog & Cat treats will be available!

AUCTION TICKETS ARE ON SALE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13th at the Shell!

Thank you Tom Hughes and the Shell for hosting us!



Silent Auction

Tickets are still available from Maggie Aftanis or from Lisa Halpin in the Parish Office. \$65.00 Contact: Maggie Aftanis at 609-492-5271 or maftanis@aol.com for more info. **DEADLINE for tickets or donations is October 9th!**



Please see Vince Contreras at church to have your photo or your family photo taken beginning Labor Day weekend and continuing through the month of October. We hope to create and have this resource available for our congregation in addition to the new directory (which is currently PINK and available in the narthex.)

Parish Prayer List October

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

Alycia	Timothy August	Ellis Barbieri
Charles Bishop	Kevin B. Campbell	Cynthia Clarke
Joan Connolly	Lynn Cowper	Mary Ann Crewdson
Art "Jim" Curtin	Rosemary Deininger	Carol Dobbins
Roseann Dolan	Meg Dougher	Dave Elfreth
Elliott	Faye	Frank
Genevieve	Gordon H.	Adam Houser
Jan	Jeannine	Joan & Susan
Jastrzembski Family	Rick Johnson	Joni
Carol Jordan	Anne Joyce	Julie
Karen & DJ	Gollihur Family	Karen Grossman
Kathy G.	Mary Keough	Ryan Koehl
Dave Lamon	Cyndi Lamon	Florence Lamon
Lippincott Family	Barry Longenbach	Lovas Family
Lucas	Walt Luwenduski	Pat Meyer
Virginia Nicholas	Sharon Osborn	Brian O'Sullivan
TJ Patton	Lucien Picard	Oliver Jack Powell
Gloria & Tara Prindable	Pat Pritchard	Rhonda Pritchard
Marie R.	Cora Raggucci	Kathy Rice
Ron & Kenny	Rick Rosenbaum	Peg S.
Peggy	Rebecca	Elizabeth Mary Schade
Chloe Snyder	Lara Sparks Deitz	Terry Stebbins
Charles Sullivan	Bill Todd	Tony
Robert Thomas	Colin Walker	Ann White
Annabelle Vaughan	Jane Enos	Lynn T.
Fred Harris	Nancy & Gary Acker	Canon Don Muller

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

Paul Bailey, Justin A. Dumhart, Danny Melega, Andrew Wall, Brandan White

Kitchen Renovation!!

We are waiting on a 3rd estimate for flooring for our renovation. We do have an estimate for yearly maintenance of the tile flooring which includes stripping and four coats of new wax.

We have spoken with two contractors regarding demolition, installation, plumbing & electrical. We're still looking at early spring for installation.

As of the end of September we have received **\$77,774** in monies/pledges for the renovation! Thank you to all whom have so graciously donated thus far. Our goal is to raise **\$120,000!!**

A percentage of our net proceeds from our **Annual Auction/Dinner at the Sea Shell on Thursday, October 13th** will be going towards the renovation. Tickets are available on Sundays after worship service from Maggie Aftanis or in the office during open hours from Lisa. Please come out for a food/fun-filled night and support our fundraising efforts!

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

October Birthdays

Jane Enos 06
Robert Romanowski 07
Sherry Hughes 15
Danelle Dumhart 20

Katherine A. Wymbs 20
Joseph Culley 20
Michael J. Wymbs 21
Mike Melega 27



October Anniversaries

Larry & Patricia Peacock 08

David & Karin Mitchell 20

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 **October**.

OCTOBER ALTAR DONATIONS

2nd - Entrikin Family
9th -
16th -
23th -
30th -



OCTOBER FLOWER GUILD

2nd - Joyce Hillyer
9th - Kim Sparks
16th - Carol Hammond
23th - Sherry Johnson
30th - Joyce Hillyer

OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD

2nd - Melissa Wall, Ellen Dondero
9th - Jackie Sparks, Diane Carter
16th - Jackie Sparks, Diane Carter
23th - Jackie Sparks, Carol Hammond
30th - Melissa Wall, Jeanne Cashel

OCTOBER USHERS & GREETERS

2nd - Kay DeCicco, Mike DeCicco
9th - Bill Cowper, Dave White
16th - Gail Jacobsen, Bob Weidmann
23th - Melissa Wall, Leila Sullivan
30th - Melissa Wall, Sue Hughes



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'!



October Parishioner Spotlight ~ Gail T. South

I was born in Philadelphia during the Second World War, and spent my first year or so living with my mother and her parents while my father served in the Philippines as a Seabee. He was an artist who painted naked ladies on aircraft. When I was about a year old, my mother put me in a peach basket and we traveled by Greyhound Bus to Oakland to meet him.

After the War, we lived in West Philadelphia (where, some may laugh, I sang with the children's choir in a Presbyterian church), then moved, with thousands of other GI families, to the suburbs. In our case, this was Havertown, PA. After high school, I went to Dickinson College in Carlisle, where I met Jerry. We married at Ebenezer Methodist church and moved to Brooklyn Heights while he attended NYU, and I worked for the Federal government downtown. After he graduated and accepted a position at Thomas Jefferson in Philadelphia, I transferred my job there, and we moved back to Drexel Hill where our son was born in 1968.

I "retired" when Jerry was offered the position of Assistant Dean of Students at Penn State U in Harrisburg, and we moved again, to Central PA, where our daughter was born and I earned my Master's degree. We were attending a little Methodist country church, and I was church secretary for a few years when the kids were young. We took vacations at the shore and built a cabin in north central PA, where we could retreat from civilization (with no plumbing or electricity). I was active in community affairs, especially as a Board member of the YWCA.

When the kids were both in school full time, I went to work in the Human Resources office at IBM in Mechanicsburg. I stayed with IBM for the rest of my career, moving "up the corporate ladder" in Distribution until I was offered the position of Strategy Manager for the President of the Division. This was a major decision point for our family, as it meant my moving to Franklin Lakes, NJ. I accepted, and the kids and I moved to Panther Valley in the northwestern part of the state.

They finished high school, and Jerry and I commuted weekends, either to Central PA or to our newly acquired (1986) home in Holgate. We had been in the real estate market on the Island for about ten years and finally decided to settle down. We continued commuting for five years and then I moved back and finished my career as a Consulting Practice Leader for the Marketing Branch Office in Camp Hill.

We had been thinking about retirement and were looking for a business to see us through our golden years while allowing us to travel. We purchased a run-down motel in Beach Haven, *Les Bon* (the decorating scheme was orange and black), renamed it the Mussel Beach Club, completely renovated it and opened on the third of July, 1991. Our daughter, by now a student at Penn State, worked for us for three summers, managing the office and guests with no help, other than Mom and Dad on the weekends; then we both retired and took over. It was a tough job, but great to work for ourselves. Jerry is an expert at cleaning bathrooms, and I can replace a toilet in a little over an hour (he gave me a wrench for the first Christmas).

In 1995, Jerry and I became members of the Tuckerton Seaport Founders' Club, and I served on the Board for several years. We even have a plaque deeding to us "Parcel #E 2400-2499" of land. I also served on the Board of the LBI Historical Society.

We began to attend Holy Innocents' all year after we moved to the Island full time (so, for those of you who think we are "summer people," we weren't always). We introduced Holy Innocents' to Gail Cragg, who worked to establish pre-natal and child care in Equatorial Guinea. For the several years she was "in country," our church sponsored many of her efforts.

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Parishioner Spotlight Continued

In 2000, Rob Meyer, Tom Stewart, and I worked to form the Beach Haven Community Arts Program and to continue to sponsor Concerts on the Green in Veterans Memorial Park. That year Jerry and I bought a place in southwest Florida where we could take refuge from nor'easters.

We sold the motel in 2004, one of the happiest days of my life, and embarked on many adventures. Eventually I became very active in the movement to end slavery in the world, in partnership with the International Justice Mission. We've travelled the world, and I've been able to indulge two of my passions: photography, especially exotic birds in exotic places, and creating digital art. Our son, Jamie to us and Jim to the rest of the world, had two children, Meagan, born in 1989, and James Dawson South IV, 1996-2019. He lives in western KY, so we don't see him often enough, but he usually comes to Punta Gorda to fish with Jerry at least once a winter. Our daughter, Paige, lives in Pittsgrove, NJ, and has one son, Devin James, born in 2006. They visit frequently in the summer and occasionally in FL, and are great helps at opening and closing our house. The picture shows me birding at Sanibel Island in southwest Florida.



We have become very active in the Burnt Store Presbyterian Church in Punta Gorda, FL. We teach adult Sunday School and work with Crossroads Hope Academy, which helps boys from foster homes. This spring I became a Stephen Ministry Leader and am currently a member of the Diversity Committee. We have always lived life to the fullest and have many memories and few regrets. We love our life.

I have a website that features dozens of links to my trips over the years and also to my bird photographs and art: www.gailsouth.net. My digital art was featured in *Echoes of LBI*, Spring into Summer, 2022. The link is <https://issuu.com/echoesoflbi/docs/spring2022>, then navigate to page 12. The title is "Gail South, Getting Down with Digital Art." Three pictures are of my digital art, one of my grandson Devin and me enjoying boating together at sunset and two of sunsets, all in Barnegat Bay. I donated metal prints of the two sunset pictures for the Silent Auction, so they will be available on October 13.



DO YOU NEED TO REDUCE YOUR CLOSET COLLECTIONS?

Remember that we have a wonderful opportunity to share our abundance with those in need!

Drop your bagged clothes and shoes in the bin next time you're here.

If the bin is too full, please let us know so we can schedule a pick-up.

Please do not leave items outside the bin. Thank you!

OCTOBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Proper 22 9:30am Rite II	3 9am MP (FB)	4 9:15-10:15 Let's Get Fit! 5:30-6:30pm Blessing of the Animals 6pm EP (FB)	5 6:30-8:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Praying the Psalms (FB)	6 9:15-10:15 Let's Get Fit! 2pm Book Study 9pm Compline	7 Parish Office Closed CST Chorale Retreat	8 CST Chorale Retreat 3pm CST Chorale Concert
9 Proper 23 9:30am Rite II 1pm Mary Stowe Committal Service	10 9am MP (FB) Indigenous Peoples Day MH Reserved	11 6pm EP (FB) 7:00pm Vestry Meeting MH Reserved	12 6:30-8:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Praying the Psalms (FB) MH Reserved	13 2pm Book Study 6pm Annual Silent Auction at the Sea Shell! MH Reserved	14 Parish Office Closed	15 11:30am Patricia Buckley Committal Service
16 Proper 24 9:30am Rite II 4pm Concert by The Rev. Canon Ron Clingenpeel MH Reserved	17 9am MP (FB)	18 9:15-10:15 Let's Get Fit! 6pm EP (FB)	19 6:30-8:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Praying the Psalms (FB)	20 9:15-10:15 Let's Get Fit! 2pm Book Study 9pm Compline	21 Parish Office Closed	22
23 Proper 25 9:30am Rite II	24 9am MP (FB)	25 9:15-10:15 Let's Get Fit! 6pm EP (FB)	26 6:30-8:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Praying the Psalms (FB)	27 9:15-10:15 Let's Get Fit! 2pm Book Study 7pm Atlantic Convocation 9pm Compline	28 Parish Office Closed	29
30 Proper 26 9:30am Hallowmas Stewardship Sunday	31 9am MP (FB) 					



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

