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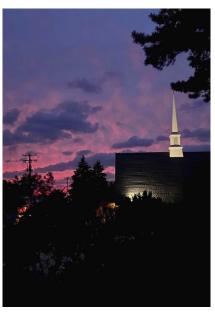
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THE PARISH POST



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

The Parson's Place

What is Stewardship to you? I consider it as the care entrusted to us by God. About what we believe in our lives, our loves, and the world. 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 2024 theme:

Gifts, Grace, Generosity, with God's help!

We receive GIFTS from God and from each other, even from the Earth itself and have a responsibility to share them, and the gratitude we feel, with God, family, and friends. Gifts include the skills, and abilities that are Godgiven. 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."

The care of our health, our work, and more 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, what a gift!

GRACE – Through both time management and awareness, we can leave room for God's grace to work when we grieve or need physical (or other) healing. We can work to build habits of immediate outward love and support toward all so that we can be agents of grace, that which is given freely and that which we receive, sometimes without knowing it or perhaps deserving it!

GENEROSITY

Treasures of money are 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' with an abundance of generosity and 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.

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The Parson's Place Continued

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. 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. All of what we do is *with God's help!* If you've never pledged and might have some questions or concerns, please do schedule a time to talk to Mtr. Caroline+, our Deacon Judy, or any one of the Stewardship team! *Caroline+*

OCTOBER 3rd - Atlantic Convocation "Meet the Bishop" Reception

Held at Christ Church in Somer's Point, NJ 6:30 Evening Prayer, followed by 7:00 reception ALL are welcomed!

As Dean, Mtr. Caroline+ is putting together the bishop's day in our Atlantic Convocation. This is a terrific chance for you to informally meet and talk with our new bishop!

ANNUAL PET BLESSING & Observance of the Feast of St. Francis WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4th from 5:30-6:30 PM



Bishop French's first visit to Holy Innocents', PLEASE COME!

On Saturday, October 21st at 10:00 a.m., Bishop Sally J. French will be preaching and presiding at a diocesan service of Holy Eucharist here at Holy Innocents'. While this is specifically themed to highlight the achievements of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and is also the Diocesan Annual United Thank Offering (UTO) Ingathering, this service is OPEN TO ALL. Mtr. Caroline+ would REALLY like to see it a packed house! Please stay tuned for more details, but as far as we know, the service begins at 10:00 a.m. Following the service, the Diocesan ECW Annual meeting will take place in Martin Hall.



NEW ~ Sandwich Ministry!

Once a month, we will gather in Martin Hall to make sandwiches that we will deliver to a homeless shelter in Manahawkin, NJ. Please see Alexa Fahner for details and let her know you would like to participate!

Annual Auction Dinner



It is time once again for our **Annual Silent Bid Auction Dinner**. If you have been part of this event in the past, you know how much we accomplish during this great evening of fun and fellowship. The money raised from last year's event was utilized for the beautiful renovations of our kitchen and Martin Hall. In addition to the Silent Bid Auction, this year's event will again include a Chance Auction. Please join us on **Thursday, October 12, 2023, at the Sea Shell in Beach Haven at 6:00 p.m.** Our host is the ever-gracious Hughes family, who annually treats us as royal guests at this event.

Tickets are \$70.00 per person and include endless hot and cold appetizers, as well as salad, a gourmet buffet dinner, coffee, and homemade desserts. A cash bar is also available. Please respond by calling or visiting the church office. The deadline for ticket purchases is **Sunday**, **October 8**, **2023**. Each year we also solicit gift donations from our parishioners and our business community. Your creativity is welcomed!! Of course, cash donations are always appreciated! If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church with a notation that it's for the Silent Auction or utilize the QR code in our weekly bulletins to donate online. The deadline for gift donations *only* is **Sunday**, **October 8**, **2023**.

On Wednesday, October 11th, Martin Hall will be open from 2:00 pm-6:00pm to give everyone the opportunity to preview the auction items, and buy tickets for the chance auction and the restaurant raffle. We hope to see you Thursday, October 12th at the Sea Shell at 6:00pm.



Tree Dedication for Barbara Bishop in Ship Bottom

Thursday afternoon (9/21), we found out about a tree-planting in honor of parishioner Barbara Bishop, who passed away recently, to take place on September 23rd. I was unable to be there, but several folks from Holy Innocents' were able to make it. The collage below is from photos taken by our Parish Admin, Lisa Halpin at Sunset Point at 13th Street and Bay Avenue. I hope you, like me, will find time to visit this lovely place and think of Barbara and how much she did in our parish and our whole island community! *Caroline*+





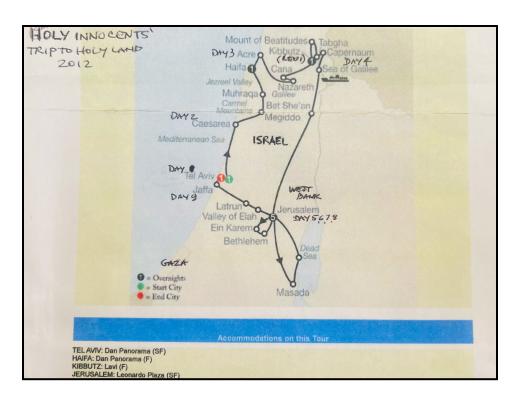
Re-visiting Holy Innocents' Trip to the Holy Land 2012 ~ Part 3

Somehow the alarm goes off earlier than you wish but we have a busy itinerary for our second full day here in the Holy Land so it's time to move. Our next site comes as a surprise as we visit the Bahai' Shrine the world headquarters for this religion. The grounds are amazingly lush and verdant, an oasis in a rather drab countryside. The site was established in the late 19th century.

From there we arrive at Akko a town known in ancient and medieval times as Acre. It was here that the Crusaders built their main fortress and remained for 200 years until expelled by the Muslims in 1291. (over 200 years before Columbus arrived in the New World). Since the Muslims built a new city over the old one, we were able to see the old fortress of the Crusaders with its vaulted ceilings. The stone work was so well done that there is barely any space between the stone blocks. We as a group are beginning to grasp that the Holy Land was a place of many societies and civilizations. Our next stop was Nazareth, the home of Jesus' childhood. This town has a strong Christian presence with numerous churches including the Basilica of the Annunciation built in 1969! The church is located on the site where the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary. To reach the Basilica, we pilgrims had to climb a steep hill as no buses were permitted there. (now I know why we spent time skiing this past winter!)

Now on to Cana where Jesus performed his first miracle at a wedding feast (John 2:1-12). Several couples of our group renewed their wedding vows in a touching ceremony lead by Father Frank and Deacon Judy. After some refreshments we arrived at a real operating Kibbutz called Levi. We spent the night enjoying a sumptuous dinner. One of the members of the Kibbutz speaks with a heavy Scottish brogue. He made a presentation about Levi and was asked "How did you get to be at this place?" About 40 years earlier while travelling the world he was invited to stay overnight and he never left. He found peace and purpose here. Our quarters are modern and well appointed all facing the gardens. Everyone quickly went to sleep hoping tomorrow will not be so physically demanding. ~ *Tom Jacobsen*

To be continued....



October Birthdays



Katherine A. Wymbs Jane Enos 06 20 Robert Romanowski 07 Joseph Culley 20 **Sherry Hughes** Michael J. Wymbs 15 21 Danelle Dumhart Mike Melega 20 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

1st -

8th - Suzette Whiting

15th

22nd -

29th -

OCTOBER FLOWER GUILD

1st - Carol Hammond

8th - Kim Sparks

15th - Sherry Johnson

21st - Joyce Hillyer

22nd - Joyce Hillyer

29th - Artificial Flowers

OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD

1st - Jackie Sparks, Chris Burlaga

8th - Diane Entrikin, Melissa Wall

15th - Jackie Sparks, Diane Entrikin

21st - TBD

22nd - Jeanne Cashel, Diane Entrikin

29th - Carol Hammond, Melissa Wall

OCTOBER USHERS & GREETERS

1st - Kay DeCicco, Mike DeCicco

8th - Bill Cowper, Gail Jacobsen

15th - Bill Kehr, Bob Weidmann

21st - Melissa Wall, Leila Sullivan

22^{nd...}- Bill Kehr, Sue Hughes

29th - Mike Fahner, Gail Jacobsen



OCTOBER COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

1st - Rob Meyer

8th - Diane Carter (Vestry Cake)

15th - TBD

22nd - Debbie Hunter

29th - Gail & Tom Jacobsen



OPEN DATES FOR COFFEE HOUR - October 15th, November 26th, December 3rd, December 17th.

The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway outside Martin Hall!!

Environmental Education and Advocacy Committee





Living Responsibly

Here are some everyday actions you can take to benefit the ocean and marine life.

1. Consider the land-sea connection.

What we do on land directly affects the ocean. You can control the polluted runoff from your neighborhood by taking the following actions:

- If you live right on the water, plant a buffer zone of trees, tall grasses and shrubs to filter runoff and to provide shelter and habitat for turtles, shorebirds and other animals.
- Use less fertilizer. Instead, mulch grass clippings to enrich your lawn and create a compost pile that will
 provide natural nutrients for your garden.
- Wash your car on the grass, not the driveway. That way, harmful chemicals will be filtered by grass and soil before they reach local waterways, where they can harm delicate aquatic life.
- Make sure that construction sites in your neighborhood use silt fences, storm wattles and other means of keeping sediment and other harmful runoff out of storm drains.
- Plant trees. Trees contribute to clean water; they are the ocean's best filters.

2. Remember that everything flows downstream.

The ocean is downstream of everything. By being careful about oil, water and other substances that you use on land, you can help keep ocean waters clean. Here are some things to consider:

- If you decrease your water use at home, you'll decrease the amount of water that must be treated with chemicals before entering rivers, streams and the ocean.
- Don't use the toilet as a trash can or garbage disposal. Doing so contributes to overloaded sewer and septic systems, which release their effluent into local waterways and the ocean.
- Sweep walks and driveways rather than hosing them down. Water picks up chemicals and transports them to the nearest storm drain, creek or waterway. Often, these hard surfaces contain oil, antifreeze, lawn chemicals and other harmful substances.
- Empty your swimming pool or hot tub on the grass, not into the street. Chlorinated water is harmful to aquatic life.
- Don't fill your gas tank to the top; by not topping off, you'll avoid spills.

Recreate – but not recklessly.

Ocean lovers spend a lot of time on – and under – the water, swimming, boating, fishing, diving and enjoying the beach. These activities are often the most direct contact we have with ocean life, so how you engage in them determines whether your impact is negative or positive.

- Retrieve all fishing line, lures or gear even if tangled or broken. Fishing gear can entangle or injure seabirds, turtles, dolphins and manatees and even divers and swimmers. And because it is durable, it can continue catching and killing fish indefinitely.
- Drive your boat as though life depended on it. Damaging wake can tear up plants and erode shoreline; boats' slashing propellers injure countless sea turtles, dolphins, manatees and whales every year.
- When you haul your boat out of any waterway, rinse your boat on the spot to remove hitchhiking plants and other organisms.
- On trips to the beach, carry out whatever you carry in. Wildlife can ingest or become entangled in trash left behind.

Parish Prayer List October

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

Joan Connolly Judy Contreras Mary Ann Crewdson

Lara Sparks DeitzAnn WhiteJane EnosNancy & Gary AckerDennisDcn. Judy

Diane Carter Anthony B. Connie Anderson

Christian Balint Barney H. Susan F.
Cheryl Diane D. Dayton
Jason Kirsten Angelozzi Bob Hendricks

Christine Hendricks Andy Kathy & Walter Ron & Kenny Jeannine Priscilla Judy & Al Joan & Linda Kelly Chris C.

Judy & AlJoan & Linda KellyChris C.Pierro FamilyDavid D'AmbrosiaBarry Longenbach

Robert Mike Tony
Aleen Jan Elliott
Anne Karen & DJ B

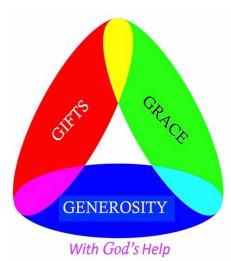
Dennis Hickey Rosanne & Bob Juli & Dave

Laura Lovas Family Debbie & Joe Reising

Marilyn Thomas Susan Hughes

Tom BlakeLuca AffaFionaSarahGrahamBobSueHale BaileyMelanieSophiaJosephParis

Stewardship 2024



Rebecca

Stewardship season at Holy Innocents' got off to a great start on Sunday, September 24th. Although our guest preacher could not be here because of storms and flooding, Mother Caroline gave a rousing sermon, reminding us of how much God has done for us and how much we need to give back, through Gifts, Grace and Generosity, With God's Help.

If you haven't already, please bring your pledge card to church as soon as you can. This gives the Stewardship Team an early estimate of pledging support. We will be stacking up blankets, one for each pledge, in the Narthex as a "barometer" of your giving. We have the blankets, all you need to do is bring your pledge to church.

Stewardship includes gifts of our time and talent, as well as our treasure. We will be holding a Ministry Fair after church on October 22nd. There will be coffee and goodies you can enjoy while you visit the tables and learn about our many ministries, and, we hope, sign up for one or many! Then, on Sunday November 5th., there will a blessing of the pledges and a lovely brunch in Martin Hall following the service.

Diane Carter & Tom Jacobsen, Stewardship Co-Chairs



Spotlight

For the month of October our Spotlight is shining on our awesome Rector here at Holy Innocents'! We hope you enjoy getting to know **The Very Rev. Dr. Caroline Carson!**



I was born in Columbia, SC on January 12th, 1971 to Mary Wideman Carson and Ashmead Courtenay Carson, Jr. and lived my whole first year of life on a houseboat in the Intracoastal Waterway. My parents then lived in Columbia a few more years before we moved to Kiawah Island, SC, a barrier island off Charleston, where I grew up. I was a kid who loved playing outside, climbing trees, making forts, and having hideouts. We had a great Dane named Pepper and a Scottish terrier named Salty as well as two cats. I have a younger brother, Christopher Mollineaux Carson "Chris" who was just here visiting me. He and his lovely wife Abbie have two awesome kiddos: Jasper (13) and Suki 10) and I see them in-person two or three times per year. I have three half-siblings: Court, Pride, and Neville and I see them mostly online, but occasionally in-person. I've most-recently lived in Sewanee, TN

(seminary) and New Orleans.

One of my favorite things about LBI and living in coastal New Jersey is that it reminds me so much of my island life as a young person. On my days off, you might be able to find me in a forest preserve or wildlife refuge. I love to hike and I love the outdoors, especially trees. I am a self-proclaimed "tree-Mom" in addition to being a "cat-Mom" to Bluebell and have some potted and planted trees that I care for. Another favorite thing is that there are actual weather seasons here. New Orleans has seasons, but it's more like Carnival season (ends w/ *Mardi gras*), Festival / Jazzfest season (also known as Crawfish season), HOT, and Warm. My favorite seasons in order are: Fall, Fall, Fall, and Fall and yes, I love pumpkin spiced everything. I like darkness too, and love it when the sun sets at 4:37 p.m. I avidly watch the sunrise/sunset times almost daily.



FAVS

Months – October, January

Drinks – (Soft) Coke, Coffee, (Hard) Blood orange Manhattan

Foods – Spinach/Broccoli/Carrot salad w/ grilled chicken or steak, sun seeds & Ranch!

Colors – Stormlight blue, Teal, Hunter Green, Black

Music – Mostly everything, especially Renaissance, large (epic) choral/orchestral works, "Classic" Rock, Bulgarian and other Orthodox music, and some Latinx and Hip-hop / techno dance music

Animals / **Non-humans** – cats, dogs, horses, zebras, dragonflies, stromatolites, dinosaurs (Stegasaurus and Brachiosaurus), hippopotami, and baby goats wearing sweaters

Plants – daffodils, Sabel palmettos, maple, and blue spruce trees, moss

Teams – USC Gamecocks, New Orleans Saints, Atlanta Braves, Manchester United

Planets – Earth (obviously), Europa (moon), Saturn, Neptune, and Iapetus (moon)

Archaeological Digs – Karahan Tepe, Mohenjo-daro, Uplistsikhe, and Blean Church Field (Canterbury)

Spices – ground rosemary, garlic, Cavender's Greek Spice, Tony Chachere's, Shwarma seasoning

Fav lines of scripture (too many to number, but...)

John 13:34, Philippians 4:4-7, Amos 5:8-9

Rector Spotlight continued...

Folks might be surprised to know that I used to train horses for the Hialeah races, I can wiggle my nose AND my ears, and that I was a badminton champ "back in the day" (HS.) I am a pun-loving ADHD, energetic person who adores diocesan work and international travel. I work in spurts of activity and often nonstop and then need a break. Sometimes I work all through a day "off" and later, tack it onto a 2-day "minication". That refreshes me to work hard again. Some clergy take all their vacation at once (4 weeks) followed by their week of continuing ed, but I cannot do that. I relish breaking it up and it affords me variety and many opportunities I wouldn't otherwise have!

From Our Minister of Music

Thank you all, my Parish Family, for celebrating my 25th anniversary at Holy Innocents. My recognition at last week's service was quite an overwhelming surprise, and your love, support, generosity and gratitude are much appreciated! I cannot thank you enough for your gifts, your cards, your hugs, your smiles, and your unconditional love! *Family photo minus my youngest, Noah, who was not able to be there on Sunday*.





Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, December 9th at 4pm Messiah Sing Friday, December 15th at 7pm Lessons and Carols

Ellen Dondero, Minister of Music ejdondero@comcast.net

Dishing With The Deacon

I sometimes think my life in Christ ought to be happy, joyous, and free. We consider ourselves to be always safe in the arms of Jesus and we are always safe in the arms of Jesus. But when great sorrows, troubles, tribulations occur, we don't always feel safe. We start to question why this happened.

You know what it's like. A beloved member of the family dies suddenly. A death we were not prepared for or even if we were sort of prepared for it, it can still be an emotional shock that we didn't expect. At such times we cry out in distress: Why did this have to happen? It's easy to question why and to even to blame God. Remember when Martha says to Jesus: "If only you had been here Lord, He would not have died." Her anguish is great, almost overwhelming.

In our anguish we sometime forget that our Savior has promised us to be there for us. We can rest in his arms and in the comfort of knowing that he knows how we feel because he has felt it too. His heart's understanding is ours for the comfort he offers us.

What about the ups of our Christian life? That morning when we get up and see the glorious world God has made for us. What about that moment when we recognize that we really have been forgiven for our sins, mistakes, lapses, bad behavior, those things we have done to others, our failures to forgive others for what they have done to us.

What a beautiful sense of forgiveness, cleansing, freeing feelings that bring joy into our lives. The moments we have when we realize the enormity of Jesus' love for us and the freedom that comes from that love as we know that he is there and cares for us so deeply. Many ups come to mind. We have moments of pure joy because of a recognition of God's presence in our lives, his answers to our prayers, his many gifts to us that bless us even in the most difficult of circumstances. Thank you, Lord.

With love from your deacon, Judy

OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Rite II	2	3 6:30pm EP Broadcast from Somers Point 7pm Meet the Bishop reception for all @ Christ Church Somers Point	4 11:30 am-2:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 5:30-6:30pm PET' BLESSING	5 2:00pm Book Study @ Church 9:00pm Compline (FB)	6 Parish Office Closed	7 Previously scheduled Capital Singers CANCELED
8 The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Rite II	9 Parish Office Closed 9:00am MP (FB) Indigenous Peoples Day MH Reserved	6:00pm EP (FB) 7:00pm Vestry Mtg. MH Reserved	2:00pm-6:00pm Auction Preview Martin Hall	6pm Annual Silent Auction at the Sea Shell! 9:00pm Compline (FB) MH Reserved	13 Parish Office Closed	14 10:00am via ZOOM ECW Women of Honor event
15 The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Rite II	16 9:00am MP (FB)	17 6:00pm EP (FB)	18	2:00pm Book Study @ Rectory 9:00pm Compline (FB)	20 Parish Office Closed	21 10:00 am ECW/UTO Ingathering Service Dio of NJ & Bishop HERE!
22 The Twenty- first Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Rite II MINISTRY FAIR	23 9:00am MP (FB)	24 6:00pm EP (FB)	25	2:00pm Book Study @ Church 9:00pm Compline (FB)	27 Parish Office Closed	28
29 The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Rite II	30 9:00am MP (FB)	31 Halloween 6:00pm EP for All Hallow's Eve (In person)	***			





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Rite I Worship Service
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2023 Holy Innocents' Annual Church Picnic



