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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

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One of the many challenges of a shoreline church is the change of seasons, especially a season like this past summer, with a growing group of excited new folks engaging and participating in activities from liturgy to fellowship. It is always exciting for me to witness the deepening of a person's relationship in Christ and then to see love and faith grow. The enthusiasm for our shared mission and ministry is always overwhelmingly genuine and good. I am SUPER EXCITED about this Fall, and not simply because I love Fall, but because we have so many wonderful and fun activities coming up! The Holy Spirit is alive and well here at Holy Innocents'. Peace and harmony abound in Christ on our Sunday mornings and I am eternally grateful for each and every one of you! Your shared gifts, encouragement of each other and me, your love and support of our beautiful church and community – all are deeply felt. Know also that ye summer folk will also be missed over the fall and winter! I will carry each of you in prayer.

As we begin a new program year, I hope that each of you will participate in as much as you can, but also take care of yourself. I hope you'll reach out to each other as well, especially if someone you know hasn't been to

church in a while. It is imperative that you, the congregation, do this on a regular basis and not simply me or Deacon Judy! Directories have been updated every few months for the past two years now and there is always a small stack in the Narthex (our foyer!) in case you've lost yours or need a new one. Please take advantage of having this resource.

ALSO, please take advantage of our Annual Picnic as an opportunity to invite family and friends. Last year, even in the rain, we had a blast 😊 This year, we will do what we did the first year I brought this event and there will be a few fun RAFFLE prizes. You'll be handed a ticket when you arrive and hold on to it because you just might be a winner! May our faith and hope in Christ sustain us all until we meet again. Blessings +

Fall



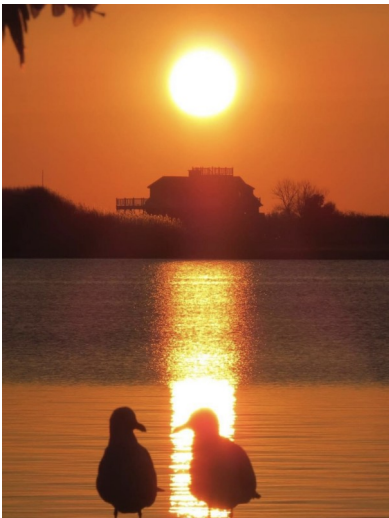
~ by Mary Oliver (1935-2019)

*the black oaks fling
their bronze fruit
into all the pockets of the earth
pock pock*

*they knock against the thresholds
the roof the sidewalk
fill the eaves
the bottom line*



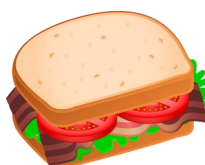
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*of the old gold song
of the almost finished year
what is spring all that tender
green stuff
compared to this
falling of tiny oak trees
out of the oak trees
then the clouds
gathering thick along the west
then advancing
then closing over
breaking open
the silence
then the rain
dashing its silver seeds
against the house*



THANK YOU!! To all who donated to our backpack drive. We collected **62** backpacks filled with an array of school supplies. Holy Name in Camden, NJ and Olney Elementary in NE Philadelphia received the backpacks plus many extra supplies! Thank you all for your generous donations and thank you Maggie Aftanis and Rob Meyer for taking on this ministry!



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 Mtr. Caroline+ for details and let her know you would like to participate!



Our parishioners, Diane Entrikin and Debbie Hunter are just two of the many selfless, patient caring & kind volunteers who work at the Compassion Café located at the The Sea Shell.

The Compassion Café's sole mission is to employ local adolescents and adults with special needs by providing a work environment catered to training and support, so each individual is able to develop appropriate vocational skills in a natural work setting.

Hours are Monday –Thursday 7:00 am to 11:00 am. The last day to visit the Compassion Café is Thursday, September 14th, which is free coffee day too!!



CONGRATULATIONS JEANNE CASHEL WELL DESERVED!!!

Jeanne has been nominated to be one of the Diocese of New Jersey ECW (Episcopal Church Women)/ UTO (United Thank Offering) WOMEN OF HONOR for 2023!!!

As most of you know, she recently spearheaded our new Kitchen and Martin Hall renovation. In addition, she first attended Holy Innocents' after 911 and the President called for a National Day of Prayer. Her current church wasn't having a service and HIEC was...end of story! Jeanne was baptized by Fr Frank.

She has been Sunday School Superintendent, Secretary, and Treasurer of ECW, as well as the Publisher & Editor of the Parish Post, a member of our Altar Guild, Eucharistic Visitor, Chalice Bearer, Lector, and a member of Finance Committee - Finance Admin. She was twice the Editor of Holy Innocents' Parish pictorial directory and Editor of the Parish cookbook.

Annual Church Picnic ~ September 17th!!



- 5:00 PM until sunset (and beyond if you stay because there will be a FIREPIT and S'mores!!!)
- ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
- Bring your pets!
- Grilling out and picnicking on our grounds
- Take a walk on the beach and then enjoy a hamburger!



IF YOU'RE INTERESTED in participating by volunteering for any of the following, please let Mtr. Caroline+ know, via the Church Office or Mtr. Caroline's email.

- Helping serve at our food stations
- Cleaning up afterwards (taking down tables and chairs)

DONATIONS SOUGHT

(Please notify us before purchasing items so we can make sure who is doing what and not duplicate!)

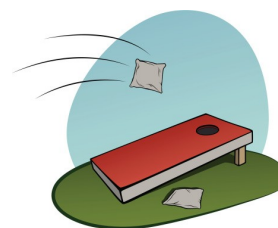
Drinks - bottled small waters, bottled tea, diet soda, soda

Condiments - mayo, mustard, ketchup, relish

Buns - but not until a few days before!!

Desserts

Salads



PLEASE RSVP

Last year, we hosted 65 people. This year, we hope you'll invite friends and family! We hope EVERYONE will come if they can! We'll have some games, a fire pit, S'mores, stories, music, and more!

CHILDREN and PETS VERY, VERY WELCOMED!!!!!!



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.**

Re-visiting Holy Innocents' Trip to the Holy Land 2012 ~ Part 2

We left our hotel in Tel Aviv and headed to the remains of the ancient city of Caesarea on the Mediterranean coast. The coastal city had been built by Herod to honor and flatter his old friend Augustus now emperor of Rome. The old port had used cement (Romans invented it) to create piers and landing platforms in the water. The group proceeded along the walkway and continued through the old circus (an oval ring) where chariot races were held. The site had been excavated and restored with several rows of seating decorated with painted panels of life in the city. Ahead lie a Crusader Fortress in the process of being restored by the Israeli government. Israelis recognize the importance of historic areas even if they were those of invaders. The fortress had been built during the early 13th century CE. After a short stop for refreshments from local vendors scattered around the site we left for Megiddo. This ancient (almost everything seems old here in Israel) location was an entryway into a valley where many battles were fought. It is here that the final battle between good and evil is predicted to take place....Armageddon. This lush and green valley area is currently the home to an Israeli military facility. The group proceeded to visit the national park of which Magiddo is a part. By my estimation we had already walked or hiked over 4 miles by this point "Are we near the hotel yet?" Not yet we were driven by bus to Mount Carmel the site where Elijah confronted the priests of Ba'al. We took time at Mt. Carmel to read aloud relevant scripture of that event. Tomorrow more walking! ~ *Tom Jacobsen*

To be continued.....

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

Held at Christ Church in Somers 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!

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

On Saturday, October 21st, 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.

Collect for Labor Day

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

September Birthdays

Deborah Hunter	03	Linda Beardslee	20
Erma Green	06	Bill Beardslee	21
Richard Neff	06	Kerry Horleman	21
Joanne Sencindiver	07	David White	22
Arthur Curtin, III	12	Barbara Bachman	24
Rich Southwick	14	Ben Condon	28
Brian Hala	14	Natalie Aftanis	29
Melissa Wall	20		



September Anniversaries

Phil & Floss Boulden	08	Richard & Karen Vaughan	09
John & Sherry Johnson	14	Rich & Colette Southwick	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 **September**.

SEPTEMBER ALTAR DONATIONS

3rd - Bruce Rosborough
 10th - Evleth Family
 17th - John Wall
 24th -

SEPTEMBER FLOWER GUILD

3rd - Joyce Hillyer
 10th - Funeral Flowers
 17th - Sherry Johnson
 24th - Kim Sparks

SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD

3rd - Jackie Sparks, Melissa Wall
 10th - Jeanne Cashel, Chris Burlaga
 17th - Diane Entrikin, Carol Hammond
 24th - Jackie Sparks

SEPTEMBER USHERS & GREETERS

3rd - Kay DeCicco, Mike DeCicco
 10th - Melissa Wall, Sue Hughes
 17th - Bill Cowper, Mike Fahner
 24th - Bob Weidmann, Dave White



SEPTEMBER COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

3rd - Mary Jane Mannherz
 10th - Leila Sullivan & the VESTRY
 17th - Maggie Aftanis
 24th - Bill & Ellen Kehr



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

A Guide to Plastic in the Ocean

It's a problem, but it's one we can do something about.



Plastics are the most common form of marine debris. They can come from a variety of land and ocean-based sources; enter the water in many ways; and impact the ocean and Great Lakes. Once in the water, plastic debris never fully biodegrades. Yellow text in the above graphic shows sources of plastic that eventually end up in the ocean. Orange text shows ways that these plastics move into the ocean. Red text provides examples of the harmful impacts of this debris.

What can you do?

There are many ways to keep plastic out of the ocean!

Here is an easy one:

- **Reduce plastic use.**

Think about all the plastic items you use every day. Can you count them all? Look around you. How many plastic things can you see? Being more aware of how and why you use the plastics that you do is the first step to reducing plastic use. Commit to changing your habits by reducing your use of disposable and single-use plastic items, reusing items and/or recycling them.



Parish Prayer List September

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

Joan Connolly
Lara Sparks Deitz
Nancy & Gary Acker
Dcn. Judy
Connie Anderson
Taylor
David Southwick
Dayton
Bob Hendricks
Kathy & Walter
Priscilla
Muth Family
Evleth Family
Robert
Aleen
Anne
Dennis Hickey
Tristram Family & Friends

Judy Contreras
Ann White
Dennis
Diane Carter
Christian Balint
Gordon
Cheryl
Jason
Christine Hendricks
Ron & Kenny
Judy & Al
Chris C.
David D'Ambrosia
Mike
Jan
Karen & DJ
Rosanne & Bob

Mary Ann Crewdson
Jane Enos
Louise Muth
Anthony B.
Barney H.
Susan F.
Diane D.
Kirsten Angelozzi
Andy
Jeannine
Joan & Linda Kelly
Pierro Family
Barry Longenbach
Tony
Elliott
B
Juli & Dave

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

From Our Minister of Music

Our Choir has enjoyed their summer break and is getting ready to return!

Choir members will meet on Sunday September 10th at 8:30am to sing for the 9:30 service.

We will continue to meet Sundays at 8:30am for the month of September, and plan to resume weekday rehearsals in October.

Our choir sings for Sunday services, as well as Holy Week and other special services. You don't need to read music, or have a great voice, but it is helpful to have a great sense of humor, and a strong desire to make music to the Glory of God. That is NOT very complicated or challenging, is it?

If you'd like to join us, or have any questions about joining, please contact me at the email address below.

Ellen Dondero, Minister of Music

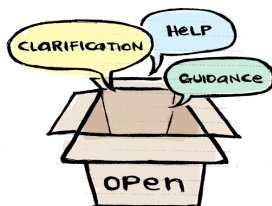
ejdondero@comcast.net

Musical Events Coming Up!

Saturday, October 7th at 3pm Capital Singers of Trenton Chorale mini concert

Saturday, December 9th at 4pm Messiah Sing

Friday, December 15th at 7pm Lessons and Carols



**Rector's Open Forum Sunday, September 3rd
during Fellowship Hour in Martin Hall**

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'!

September Parishioner Spotlight ~ Joan Melega

John Tilton Mathis, "Tilt" as he was known, came to LBI in the late 1920s and bought a home on Marine St. He was my grandfather... My father was raised here, my brothers and I summered here, and my immediate family has been living here for 31 years full-time. I was born in Philadelphia and raised in Palmyra, NJ, with my brothers. My older brother, George, was a trombonist, my younger brother, John, played sax. Practice time was after dinner, George on the 3rd floor, John on the 2nd, and I on the 1st - couldn't move the piano! I also played French horn. My mother, Eleanor, played piano and sang; my dad, Jack, played the stereo.

We attended a Presbyterian church in Riverton where I was in Choir from ages 5-18, when I was old enough, I joined the Bell Choir. Music has always been a major factor in my life. Becoming a music teacher was my goal from an early age. Trenton State College became my home for 4 years as a Music Education student majoring in French horn and minoring in piano.

My brother John, at the age of 21, a successful musician, died tragically here on the Island. His sax lives on in the hands of my oldest son, and my parents started a scholarship in his name at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia.

I taught elementary music, vocal and instrumental, for 28 years in Little Egg Harbor, Bass River, and Beach Haven. Teaching part-time in different districts did not provide me with benefits. I took the praxis at age 60 and received an Elementary Education degree, allowing me to teach in a classroom, Basic Skills, for my last 2 years, earning me health benefits in my retirement. Well worth it, as all you retirees know!!!



I met Michael Melega while working at the Dairy King on 18th St. We married 42 years ago and have three sons. Bryan, Mike, and Greg are the lights of our lives. The first picture collage is of fun and family pictures. The top picture is of my cousin, Soup, and me riding a camel in the Canary Islands. The large family picture includes (sitting, left to right) Greg, Mike, Bryan, and Michael, and (standing) me, Soup. The picture with my son, Greg (with his guitar), his girlfriend, Brittany, and me was taken in the Baldwin Garden.



My husband, Michael, grew up on 18th Street and became a principal at Pinelands Jr. High School. He was raised Catholic, there was no Presbyterian Church here, so I converted to Catholicism and wound up cantoring at St. Francis for 20 years. While working and raising three sons, I realized that I couldn't continue singing four masses a weekend and gave up cantoring. It was at that point that I realized I missed my church being a nurturing community.

Parishioner Spotlight continued...

My father had passed away and Mom started attending Holy Innocents' while Fr. Martin was here. When she moved and we bought the house from her, we became Boy Scout parents. MaryLou Bellingeri and I started a Cub Scout Pack here at Holy Innocents', while our older son joined Troop 23 in Manahawkin where my husband became a leader. Between scouting and marching band - all our boys play instruments - and basketball, baseball, golf, track, etc., we had many busy years. Along the way I met Ellen Dondero. Her oldest son, Johnny, and our youngest, Greg, became friends, as did Ellen and I. Ellen's husband, John, formed a brass quintet, and I was invited to join as the French horn player. What a wonderful experience that was one I still miss, but, as I told John, "I really don't want to practice anymore!" I was not involved in any church for quite a while, then I retired. I asked Ellen if I could come to choir rehearsal. I am so grateful to that group of people. They took me in, and I immediately felt part of this church. The community I was missing was right across the street! I have since also joined Ellen as a member of Capital Singers of Trenton. Two of the pictures are of the Choir, both when we were caroling at Christmas. The top picture was taken outside as we sang to a



parishioner; the second, at the Southern Ocean Medical Center, preparing to sing to patients. The third picture in this collection is from a Halloween party at Holy Innocents' – expressing (along with Susan Hughes) my Eagle's spirit.

The Community Garden, founded by Jeannette Bond, came into being, and I started a new hobby! It's been 12 years now, and I've become a gardening fanatic! Besides my box at the soon to be renamed Baldwin Garden, I have gardens surrounding our house and some in my neighbor's yard!

Some of my gardening – produce, zinnias, and me at the Baldwin Garden – is in the picture collage.

I love reading and any type of puzzle! A few years ago, I started painting glassware and now do watercolor Zoom classes with a group of high school friends, one of whom is an artist! Add woodburning with our son Greg, who is a woodworker and surfboard shaper here in

Beach Haven, to my new hobbies. Traveling has also been attainable since retirement, sometimes with Bryan, who is in IT and works worldwide, and Mike, a sponsored surfer whose competitions take him to beautiful locales. My primary travel companion is my longtime friend and cousin, Soup (family nickname). Michael is happy to see me off on an adventure, but happier staying here in the U.S.

I love Holy Innocents', its community, caring, acceptance of all people, and the ability it gives me to sing with a wonderful group of people. I miss Fr. Frank, as a neighbor and friend, but feel so fortunate for all of us that Mother Caroline joined us when she did. Her energy and leadership has added new life to our church, and the Covid years would have been much worse without her contact through the internet!



SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Parish Office Closed</i>	2
3 <i>The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 7:30am Rite I 9:30am Rite II <i>Rector's Forum during coffee hour in MH</i>	4 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 9:00am MP (FB)  LABOR DAY	5 6:00pm EP (FB)	6	7 2:00pm Book Study 9:00pm Compline (FB)	8 <i>Parish Office Closed</i>	9 12pm Evleth Funeral Liturgy
10 <i>The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30am Rite II	11 9:00am MP (FB)	12 6:00pm EP (FB)	13	14 2:00pm Book Study 7:00pm Vestry Mtg. 9:00pm Compline (FB)	15 <i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
17 <i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30am Rite II 5pm Annual Church Picnic 	18 9:00am MP (FB)	19 6:00pm EP (FB)	20	21 2:00pm Book Study 9:00pm Compline (FB)	22 <i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
24 <i>The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30am Rite II Stewardship Kickoff!!	25 9:00am MP (FB)	26 6:00pm Healing Service @ St. Stephen's in Whiting		28 2:00pm Book Study 9:00pm Compline (FB)	29 <i>Parish Office Closed</i>	

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