
Announcements – August 10, 2025

St. Peter's at the Light, Barnegat Light, NJ



Deacon Carolsue Cummings

On Saturday, September 6th, we will celebrate the life, faith, love, and ministry of our beloved Deacon Carolsue Cummings! Deacon Carolsue left us and began her life in the fullness of God's presence on Wednesday, August 6th. She would have celebrated 81 years of life this December. For most of those years, Deacon Carolsue resided on Long Beach Island.



Deacon Carolsue was rooted in the Episcopal Church from her youth. She and Donald Cummings were married at Grace Episcopal Church in Merchantville in 1967. Carolsue and Don raised their three daughters – Donna-Lynn, Deanne, and Danielle – at St. Stephen's church in

Waretown. Upon the recommendation of the Reverend Bill Paul (who was then rector at St. Stephen's), Carolsue applied for and was accepted into the 3-year Diaconal formation program of the Diocese of New Jersey. Bishop Melick Belshaw ordained Carolsue and 3 others to the diaconate on June 9th, 1990.

Much of Deacon Carolsue's ministry involved hospice chaplaincy and grief counseling. It was a work she loved, a work for which she was well-prepared, and into which she joyfully poured her unwavering faith and deep compassion. Carolsue had faced a number of health issues over recent years and was retired from formal ministry. Still, she participated with all her heart in liturgical, sacramental, and outreach ministries here at St Peter's. Each of the last few winters, Carolsue and Don (her husband) spent time in Ocala, Florida, near 2 of their 3 daughters Donna-Lynn, Deanne, and Danielle. Their daughter Danielle remained a NJ resident, like – like Deacon Carolsue and Don.



This past winter doctors in Florida diagnosed Carolsue with colorectal cancer and expressed confidence that the cancer was small, early, contained, and treatable. It was months before they finally began treatment, though, and it seems that the treatment was too much for her small body to sustain. In the months of waiting for treatment to begin, Deacon Carolsue spent her time doing things she loved – including learning to play the dulcimer, singing with a choir, and joining an a cappella choral group. Instead of anxiously waiting for whatever would come next,

Deacon Carolsue set an example of living joyfully, faithfully, and peacefully.

Though Deacon Carolsue had a positive attitude and hoped to tolerate well the radiation and chemo treatments that were prescribed, these ultimately proved too much for her. She was hospitalized about 10 days before her death. Deacon Carolsue's husband Don and all 3 daughters spent the night of August 5th at her side and were they present when she died peacefully the next day.

The family plans to celebrate Carolsue's faith and ministry here at St. Peter's on Saturday September 6th, and her ashes will be interred in St. Peter's Memorial Garden. I know you will join our St. Peter's community as we lift the Cummings family in prayer at this time.



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| Terry Egler - 1st | Kathy DiAntonio - 3rd | Nancy & Jim Follett - 3rd |
| Eleanor Stasio - 5th | Laura Van Orden - 8th | Allan Phillips - 10th |
| Nancy Follett - 10th | Barbara Wheeler - 12th | Ron Kolla -13th |
| Thelma Pollitt - 15th | Emmy Van Hoof - 15th | Carly Van Hoof - 20th |
| Sean Mayhew - 21st | Maria & Bob Schmidt - 23rd | Jacob Van Hoof - 24th |
| Maribeth & Michael McGrover -24th | Kathy Steppacher - 28th | Frank Savino - 31st |

Heartfelt Apologies ... to Donna McGrath & Lois Stiles

We discovered this week that we accidentally omitted their names from the list of July Birthdays. Donna McGrath should have been celebrated on July 15th and Lois Stiles on July 18th. Our most heartfelt apologies! We hope you both are still feeling the blessings of your special days!

Our Blessing of the New School Year is this Sunday, April 10th

Every year, we take one Sunday in August and offer blessings to all those who are beginning a new school year. The beginning of a school year is filled with possibilities, with hope, with excitement! Join us at 10 a.m. Bring your grands, invite teachers, students of all ages, administrators, crossing guards, school librarians, school bus drivers, lunch assistants, classroom aids, coaches, school caretakers, pretty much anyone who intersects with students and schools. Let us pray together for God's blessings, for joy and wisdom, for friendships and

growth, and even for protection from any dangers. We will also bless the backpacks we filled, so that the children who receive them may also be blessed this year. Spread the word with joy!



Last Sunset Evening Prayer and Healing Prayer Service of this summer

Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. our simple **Sunset Evening Prayer**.

Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., a short time of **Healing Prayer**.



Lunch Bunch and Bible Study Continue!

And – of course – you are welcome to experience Friday morning Bible Study **every Friday** 10 a.m. in the parish house. Everyone is welcome! No prior study is necessary!

You can also join Bible Study remotely, using this zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89164760353?pwd=eGF0YXI2RHlGVXVtT3Q2TmпуQUsxZz09>

If the link does not work for you, go to zoom.us;
click “Join Meeting” and enter **Meeting ID 891 6476 0353** and **passcode 395168**



Our less formal Eucharist (no singing) is on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. in person only.

Sunday Eucharist is at 10:00 a.m. both in person and on Zoom.

To join us on zoom on Sundays, use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86782400505?pwd=MkhmcW5GNWZBVHAzaXprSU9pTXpwZz09>

OR go to zoom.us –Click “Join Meeting” and enter Meeting ID: 867 8240 0505 Then enter the Passcode: 362316

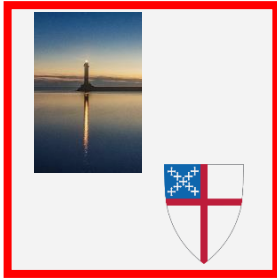


Sunday Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candles

You can, at any time, honor those you treasure and remember those you love by making a donation towards Altar Flowers for a particular Sunday, or toward the cost of the always-burning Sanctuary Candles. Forms are on the bulletin board in the parish house. Call the office if you would like more information.



The Jewish Community Center of LBI is celebrating 75 years of faith, family, and friendship. We send greetings for their celebration and have shared those on the next page.



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To our friends at the Jewish Community Center of Long Beach Island on the celebration of your first 75 years! The community at St. Peter's-at-the-Light in Barnegat Light offer congratulations, our gratitude for your companionship on this journey of life and faith, and these words of blessing:

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, King of the Universe,
for nearly 75 years ago, you guided your people to establish this Jewish Community Center;

Blessed are you Lord, our God, King of the universe,
for you have sustained this community over decades filled with joy, sadness, hope, and anxieties; and
you have made this people your people;

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, King of the universe,
for through this community you have again and again invited all peoples to draw near to you and to
each other;

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, King of the universe,
for as this community responds to your call, your word is shared with other peoples and
communities.

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, King of the universe,
for in this community at the Jewish Community Center of Long Beach Island, we the community at St.
Peter's-by-the-Light in Barnegat Light, are privileged to see the continuation of your promises to our
shared ancestors, from Abraham and Sarah through the prophets.

Through this celebration of 75 years of faith, family, and community, may you, Lord, our God, King of
the universe be praised by their works. May the people of the Jewish Community Center of Long
Beach Island continue to be your instruments for the blessing of all peoples.

In joy and fellowship,

Genevieve

Vicar Genevieve Bishop and the community at St. Peter's -at-the-Light Episcopal Church
