

VIEWS FROM THE MOUNTAIN



MAY 2011 Sundays on the Mountain

Sunday, May 1

Second Sunday of Easter

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| 8am | Holy Eucharist, Chapel |
| 9am | Rite 13 |
| 10am | Cherub Choir rehearsal |
| | Holy Eucharist, Church |
| 11:15 | Sunday School |
| | Healing Service, Chapel |
| | Coffee Hour Honoring - Andrew Moore, Parish Hall |

Sunday, May 8

Third Sunday of Easter

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| 8am | Holy Eucharist, Chapel |
| 9am | Adult Formation, Parish House |
| 10am | Rite 13 |
| | Cherub Choir rehearsal |
| 11:15am | Holy Eucharist with Baptism, Church |
| | Sunday School |
| | Coffee Hour, Parish Hall |

Sunday, May 15

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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| 8am | Holy Eucharist, Chapel |
| 9am | Rite 13 |
| 10am | Holy Eucharist, Church |
| | Sunday School |
| 11:15am | Coffee Hour, Parish Hall |
| | Bell Choir Rehearsal |

Sunday, May 22

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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| 8am | Holy Eucharist, Chapel |
| 9am | Adult Formation, Parish House |
| 10am | Rite 13 |
| | Cherub Choir rehearsal |
| 11:15am | Holy Eucharist, Church |
| | Youth Sunday |
| | Coffee Hour, Parish Hall |

Sunday, May 29

Sixth Sunday of Lent

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| 8am | Holy Eucharist, Chapel |
| 9am | NO Rite 13 |
| 10am | Cherub Choir rehearsal |
| | Holy Eucharist, Church |
| | NO Sunday School |
| 11:15 | Coffee Hour, Parish Hall |

The Reverend Melissa M. Hartley

A message from the Interim Rector

An Excerpt from Mo. Melissa's Maundy Thursday Sermon:

In Jesus' final hours with his disciples, he left them with these words: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Love one another. That is the very foundation of our Christian faith and our Christian community. Jesus knew he would no longer be with his disciples in the same way that he had been, and he must have known that his leaving would cause them to be sad and hurt, maybe even angry and betrayed. So he reminded them – he commanded them – one last time – Love one another. Be gentle with one another. He knew that once he was gone, the community would be left feeling so very alone – they would be all they had – so they must find a way to come together and strengthen one another – they must not hurt one another during this time of loss, but instead, love one another. The only way the community would survive is if they held together in love.

My friends, I know there has been an awful lot of hurt going on around here these last few weeks. Transition inside of transition is difficult to bear. We want so much for the Church to be that one place in our lives that we can count on never to change, but as difficult as it is to accept, the Church is in the world, too – and with it, will come change. Some changes we cause and other changes seem to be forced upon us. Leaders will come and go, but the community of faith remains the same. You are the Body of Christ. Love another. Be gentle with one another. Please be careful with each other's souls. Some of us are more fragile than others. We all come here with our own burdens, some things known to us alone – we are all dealing with our own stuff – and some days all we want to do is lay that on the altar and let God take it from us for a while.

The community of faith is a precious thing and the only way to preserve it is to love one another – to serve one another... Come, Holy Spirit, heal our hearts, and teach us what it means to love one another.

Melissa⁺

Wardens' Message

There are a lot of things we could discuss in our May message but one event has jumped to the top of the list in the last two weeks; the departure of our beloved organist and choirmaster, Dr. Andrew Moore. We are deeply saddened by his resignation, which Mother Melissa received two Sundays ago. He will be sorely missed by the whole Parish, by the Choir, by the Staff and all who knew him. Andrew is an outstanding musician, a great choir director, a caring and kind person and a wonderful friend. We will miss him; we will miss Susan (even her less frequent visits now that she has a clergy position,) and we will miss their children, Nathan and Caroline, who have grown up in our Church.

Andrew has decided to move on. He has been offered the opportunity to build a new music program at Christ Church, Short Hills. He will supervise the rebuilding of the organ, acoustical improvements to the Church, the building of a music library, and the development of the choirs almost from scratch. This is a challenge that he found hard to resist, especially at a Church less than 10 miles from his home! Even so, know it wasn't an easy decision for Andrew. He has explained the attraction of the opportunity and also his concern that St John on the Mountain is not in a financial position to continue to support the current music program. When he joined us 10 years ago our annual income was over \$700,000. Now it is less than \$450,000 Many things necessarily have been cut back, including the music budget. We acknowledge this fact although we certainly hope to be able to turn it around in the near future, and we all have every intention of sustaining the excellent music tradition of St John on the Mountain.

Andrew has achieved marvelous things at St John on the Mountain and leaves us with a great legacy. When he joined us in 2001, after John Baldwin died, some found it hard to believe that anyone could replace John. But Andrew proved a perfect successor. He brought a fresh style to our music without changing the fundamental traditions built by John over almost 40 years. He cared for our beautiful organ, he found a lovely instrument in the Chapel and was given a new grand piano for the rehearsal room. He built our music library to the highest standard and encouraged the Parish Choir to stretch its skills and its repertoire and built its confidence and abilities. The Choir cannot thank him enough.

We know that many parishioners at St John on the Mountain love Andrew just as much as the Choir does and will join them, the Vestry, the Staff and the two of us in thanking him and wishing him well. Everyone is invited to a special coffee hour after the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, May 1st to celebrate Andrew and bid him God speed.

How to find a worthy successor? There may not be another Andrew Moore, just as there was not another John Baldwin, but there are terrific musicians out there who would love to lead our music program. And we will find them. Initially, we will hire an Interim Organist to play for us and lead our singing during the summer, until our new Rector is in place. We are talking to an organist whom Andrew has recommended.

Next, the Vestry will appoint a Search Committee to begin to identify appropriate candidates for a permanent position. Once our new Rector is called, the Vestry and Search Committee will bring him or her into the process, so that the appointment can be made by the new Rector as soon as he or she is ready. According to Church law, all staff work for the Rector; he or she must make the final selection of the organist and choir-master, in close collaboration with the Search Committee, Vestry and Wardens. Our primary goal is to have our new Rector in place in September. Once our new musician is appointed we will be ready for the new era of worship on the Mountain. Let us welcome it with open arms and joyful voices, and thank God for all our blessings.

Bob Courtemanche & Hilary Thomas Dorer



Betty Heitmann, Andrew Moore, & Mo. Melissa

Special Thanks to All the Altar Guild for Their Work in Preparing for Holy Week and Easter services

Jane Mercer, Directress

They changed frontals, set out communion, ironed linens, polished silver and brass, planted baskets, arranged flowers, vacuumed, all to enhance and prepare for our worship.

We read together an Altar Guild prayer, pausing from the Saturday morning from these tasks, "assist us by your Holy Spirit, that we shall always treasure this service, rejoicing in the this calling and joyfully doing all those tasks which this vocation may include....".... I am grateful for this dedicated, willing and joyful group.

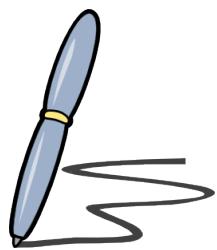
May Ladies' Luncheon

Please join us for the May Ladies' Luncheon, which will be hosted at the home of Mary Courtemanche on Thursday, May 19th at 12 noon. Please bring your sandwich; drinks and dessert will be provided. The address is 6 Deer Ridge Drive, Morristown. Please RSVP to Mary at 973-267-0166.

SEARCH & DISCERNMENT NEWS

During Sundays in May, members of the Search and Discernment Committee will be visiting five final candidates at their churches. These visits will allow our members to see, feel and better understand important dimensions of these candidates and their spouses. The Committee is then expected to recommend the best two candidates to the Wardens and Vestry for final selection sometime in June.

The Nursery School is gladly accepting used riding vehicles- tricycles, cars, scooters, etc. Please contact Jeanne Williams, the Director, at 908-766-0374 with any donations.



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FELLOWSHIP

Please Join Us for Some Cinco de Mayo Fun!

Believe it or not, our Cinco de Mayo Spring Fundraiser is just around the corner! The event will take place on Friday, May 6, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Join the fun while you enjoy fabulous Tex-Mex hors d'oeuvres, including award winning chili made by our own Chef Joe Ray!! Taste refreshing Margaritas, Sangria and Mexican beer as you listen to festive music and stroll through our Mexican Marketplace. Purchase handmade treasures from Colonial Mexico brought to you by Talaverica. Choose from an assortment of hand blown glass, Talavera pottery, artisan copper and Mexican sterling silver jewelry. St. Johns will earn a percentage of the sales made at the Fiesta.

In addition, there will be a Wine Pull with each bottle of wine guaranteed to be worth \$20 or more. On the night of the event, the wine bottles will be wrapped in festive tissue paper so their identity is unknown. Each bottle will be numbered and the corresponding number of corks will be put in a bowl; i.e. if there are 30 bottles of wine there will be 30 corks numbered from 1 - 30 in the bowl. For \$25 you get to "pull" a cork out of the bowl. If the number 5 is on the cork then you will get the wine bottle that has the number 5 on it. For a preview of the wines that will be in the pull, visit the small table just outside the doors to the Parish Hall. This will be an exciting way to try a new wine and support St. Johns at the same time!

Now is the time to send in your response card, consider inviting some friends for fellowship and fun, while supporting our church!

Look for samples of the pottery and glass in the Parish Hall each Sunday or check out their products at www.talaverica.com.

Mark your calendars and invite your friends! Please send in your response cards by April 30. Extra invitations are available in the narthex and on the table outside the kitchen. If you have any questions, contact Mary Courtemanche, Tressa Baird, or Kathy Christie.





May Birthday Wishes Go Out to the Following Parishioners:

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners who were born in May! Their birthstone is emerald, which denotes success in love, their flower is the Lily of the Valley and their colors are yellow and red.

Jim Christie, Alan Enos, Mike Gottscho, Craig Johnson, Lynn Jones, Teddy Murphy, Jim Porter & Eddie Rogers.

Happy Birthday to all!



Congratulations to Ralph Jones

On receiving his pilot's license! Shown here are Ralph who was surprised by his wife, Lynn, with a cake after successfully completing all portions of the Pilot's License.

MISSION OUTREACH NEWS

Mission Outreach Meeting

We have the next meeting of MOC on May 3rd at 6:00PM. If you have a charity that you care about please come to the meeting. We are also looking for new members. If interested please contact Sally Hespe or Fenn Putman.

Grace Soup Kitchen

We will work at Grace's Soup Kitchen on Friday, May 27th at 10:00am. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board near Parish Hall.

Habitat for Humanity

On Saturday, April 9, the parishes of St. John on the Mountain and St. Bernard's joined forces in a Habitat for Humanity Build Day. Fourteen workers met at Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity's latest site in Bridgewater, where a neighborhood of nine houses is being constructed. Volunteers helped cut and install insulation, build storage sheds and shovel dirt to fill around foundations. A very productive, but tiring day!



Volunteers from both St. Bernards and St. John's. Sally Hespe, Emily Carifa, Mary and Bob Courtemache, Jim Hubbell, Bill Catlett, Alessandro and Sarah DeGregori

31st Annual Art Show 2011

The Art Show Committee would like to thank all the terrific women who showed up on Wednesday, April 13th to do the Artist Prospectus mailing. Due to the wonderful turnout, we were able to get all 1,045 envelopes stuffed, labeled and stamped in only two hours! Once you have sent out the Artist Prospectus, you know another Art Show is underway. This year the show will run from October 22nd through the 30th, with the Preview Party on the 21st. Mark your calendars! If you are interested in helping out with the show, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Co-Chairs.

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Sue Catlett, Vallie Beckwith, Mary Courtemanche, and Beirne Donaldson

With Grateful Thanks

to those parishioners who so generously and lovingly offered gifts for the Easter Baskets for the teens at Morris County Youth Shelter. Thanks to you we were able to provide nine baskets to give them a joyful Easter.





CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

**BEST WISHES TO THOSE KIDS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY
IN THE MONTH OF MAY:**

Emma Ewing, Isabel Gibson, Julie Bottini, Sophie Ray, Parker Waite, Caroline Sullivan, Gabrielle Sullivan, Drew Silverman, Lily Spaeth, Katie Vollmar, and Mattie Spaeth.

VBS Summer Camp returns to SJOTM - SAVE THE DATE for June 27th- 30th

Join us Monday - Thursday, from 9:30am - 12:00pm. Kids will get-together to create, connect, and journey together down Main Street where they will play sports, games, hear music, make snacks, listen to Bible stories, and make cool crafts! The cost is \$60 per child pre-k through rising 4th grade. Space is limited. Download your registration form at www.sjotm.org.

Youth Volunteers Needed for Camp

Rising 7th Grade (and up) volunteers are needed to make camp a success! Credit for community service hours for school, scouts, and/or honor societies is available. For more information contact the office at 766-2282 or email office@sjotm.org .

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Thanks to a profitable March fundraiser, the proceeds will be going toward paving the nursery school driveway! We are really looking forward to having the extra outdoor play space and allowing the children more "moving" space. We will gladly be accepting used riding vehicles- tricycles, cars, scooters, etc. Please contact the nursery school for with any donations.

More outdoor improvements planned are awnings over each of the classroom doors. This will really help for times of heavy rain and snow.

Also expected to arrive soon are caterpillars for each classroom! The children will learn about the stages of the caterpillars, and find out how they turn into monarch butterflies.

All the classes are very busy making gifts and decorations for our Mom's Luau, scheduled for the first week in May. You can expect to see the Parish Hall decorated with palm trees, tropical birds, and pastel colors.

Another exciting event in May is our annual Circus and Art Show. The three year olds will sing, and the four and five year old classes will perform various "circus acts". Following the circus is our Art Show- you won't be able to miss all the colorful displays of children's art everywhere!

All of our nursery school families are planning to meet at Pleasant Valley Park before the end of May for a family fun day, complete with entertainment by "Tickles" the clown! It's always a nice day for all the children and siblings to get together before the year ends.

The school year will be over soon, but the teachers have lots more fun planned for the remainder of the spring!

Anyone interested in more St. John's Nursery School information, please contact the director- Jeanne Williams at (908) 766-0374.



In April Quiver Farm visited us and gave us 12 eggs and an incubator for a chick hatching project.



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Upcoming Baptism Date

The last day scheduled for Holy Baptism before fall is the Day of Pentecost: Sunday, June 12th at 10:00am. If you're interested please contact the office at 908-766-2282.

Parish Records Updates

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 3	8:00 am	14	10 am	78
April 10	8:00 am	12	10 am	58
April 17	8:00 am	15	10 am	149
April 24	8:00 am	39	10 am	264

WEBSITE ACTIVITY

Past 30 Days 412

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