

VIEWS FROM THE MOUNTAIN



Bob Courtemanche & Hilary Thomas Dorer

A message from the Wardens

Our message and request to you all is to pray. Pray for The Church of St John on the Mountain and for our community. Pray for the critical decisions that are being made right now by the leadership of the Church, that they may be led and guided by God.

We are on the verge of calling a new Rector. However, it is with great disappointment that we must report that first call, the unanimous choice of the Vestry, has declined the calling, feeling that becoming Rector of St John on the Mountain was not what God was calling him to do next in his career. This is a set-back, but will not change the final outcome. We will call "The Right Rector" for SJOTM.

The Discernment Committee has done a wonderful job. We are deeply grateful to: Janette Carlucci, Mikael Salovaara, Jody Flegal, Chip Baird, Anne Kearns, Sandy Putnam, and Constance Silverman. Special kudos goes to Peter Mercer for his gentle thoughtful yet persistent and organized approach. We know this has not been an easy task, but we are sure that they have done it prayerfully and that God will guide them, and us, to the right decision.

The Vestry has asked the Discernment Committee to bring back to it for consideration two or three more of the existing candidates. This should not take too long and we have set the goal of making the call by the end of July at the latest. We are all anxious to complete this process; please continue in patience and prayer.

Pray that we may soon find "The Right Rector" for St John on the Mountain.

Once that most important calling is made and accepted, and the negotiations completed, we will move as quickly as we can to hiring a new Director of Music.

Yes, many things are changing at St John on the Mountain, and change can be unsettling. But change also presents opportunities for growth and we look forward to that growth, and to the unfolding of new spiritual dimensions at our beloved Church.

Over the next two months we will celebrate both new staff and old. From now until Mother Melissa leaves us, we will thank her formally and informally and, eventually, wish her God Speed in her new role. She has served us ably and graciously in the name of God.

Have a wonderful summer. We'll see you on the Mountain!

Bob Courtemanche and Hilary Thomas Dorer.

JULY 2011

Sundays on the Mountain

Sunday, July 3

Third Sunday of Pentecost

8:45 am Summer Choir rehearsal
9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:30 am Lemonade Hour

Sunday, July 10

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

8:45 am Summer Choir rehearsal
9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:30 am Lemonade Hour

Sunday, July 17

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

8:45 am Summer Choir rehearsal
9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:30 am Lemonade Hour

Sunday, July 24

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

8:45 am Summer Choir rehearsal
9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:30 am Lemonade Hour

Sunday, July 31

Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

8:45 am Summer Choir rehearsal
9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:30 am Lemonade Hour



Summer Sunday service
9:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Landscape Improvements

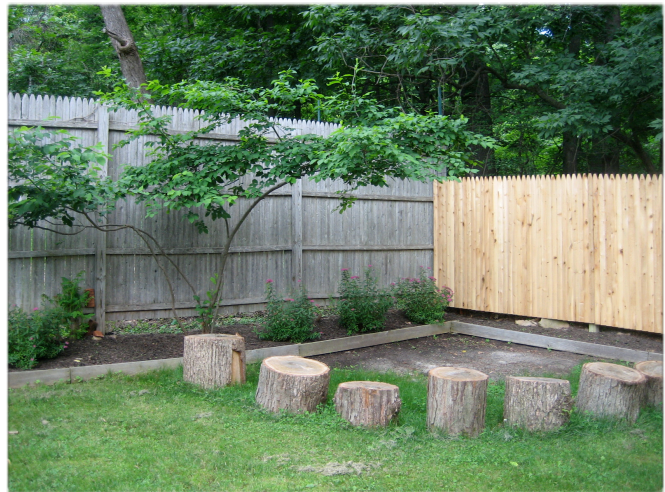
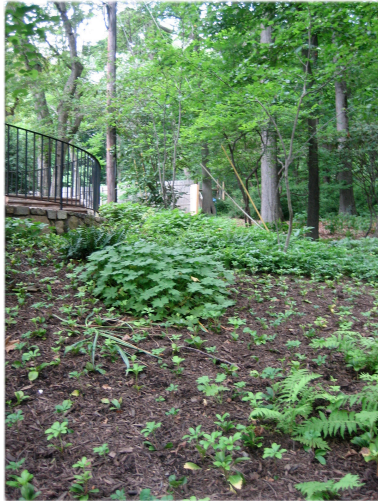
You may have noticed the new plantings around Saint Johns. We wish to thank our *Buildings & Grounds' Chair*, Beirne Donaldson, for all of her hard work on our grounds. Beirne has dedicated this work in remembrance of her mother, Barbara Donaldson, who passed away in March. Barbara was fond of saying, "*Nature is my church!*" We thank Beirne and all who have contributed to this effort.



Lower driveway area cleaned-up and pachysandra added along path by bell tower



Memorial Garden surround with new plantings, clean-up, and work on the drainage



A section of fence was added to screen neighbor's debris.
Spiria and logs for seating were added.



Ferns were planted at the side of church



New privet and pachysandra were planted

*Maria Carlucci's Sermon from Youth Sunday - May 22, 2011**I am*

Jesus said to John and his disciples, "I am the way, the truth, and the life". That is a very certain, undisputed statement. Reading this, I wonder how long it took Jesus to come up with this declaration? When did Jesus figure out who he really was, and at what age did he absolutely know what he stood for? When did he know what his purpose and message to the world was? Was he born knowing exactly who he was on this Earth? Maybe he was, but I certainly was not. I have found myself asking, who am I? In my recent soul searching, I have discovered this much: I am a little sister, who couldn't have a better big sister than Kate Carlucci. She is the best role model a person could possibly ask for, and I hope to be as amazing as she is one day. I am a friend, who tries to be there for others and be a shoulder to cry on if they need it. I am lost without music. If I didn't have a constant melody in my head or a song to sing, life would be utterly boring. I am optimistic and try to always take on the day with a smile. I am still learning and growing spiritually. And I am my mother's daughter, which I am reminded of every day. My mother has helped me keep my feet on the ground and has brought me back down to Earth whenever I get caught up in the hype of high school. She has set me on a road to follow my dreams, while instilling morals and values in me that I will never forget.

I am what I am today because of what my family and this church have given me. Every Christmas pageant, pancake supper, choir rehearsal, Rite 13 class, and youth group adventure has kept me grounded, and made me realize time and time again that there is a bigger world outside of Bernardsville and the drama in school. Almost everyone in this church has helped me be the person I am today, you have all supported me and cheered me on at some point in my life. I have made so many life long friends here, like Maggie and Averill Morash. I have never had to worry about them judging me or talking badly behind my back. I can just be me around them. Mr. Huggins used to call us the "Morlucci children," and it still makes me laugh today, since Mr. and Mrs. Morash have been like second parents to me. And this whole congregation has been like a second family, and that has been so amazing because in this day and age, it is so easy for teens to get lost in the chaos of this world. But it's a lot harder to get lost when you have the love and support of an entire church community. Even my first memories here are pleasant. I remember passing notes to Mr. Wiley, who sat behind us every Sunday. He used to pass me drawings of talking dogs, Tewksbury Foot Bassets, of course. And I always replied, drawing him pictures of flowers and smiley faces.

Jesus also said to his disciples "in my father's house, there are many dwelling places" and "I go to prepare a place for you. This church has been my place for 14 years. It is a place where I could pray, laugh, love and be myself. St. John on the Mountain has been so much of who I am. I hope to take all of the things I have learned in this church out into the world and to the place that God has prepared for me.



Maria Carlucci at the pulpit



Maria Carlucci and Mo. Melissa Hartley

FELLOWSHIP

Parish Picnic



JULY Birthday Wishes Go Out to the Following Parishioners:

Their birthstone is a ruby, which denotes a contented mind, their flower is the Larkspur, and their colors are green and russet.

Doris Aufschlager, Marge Crothers,
Steve Forbes, Vicky McGlynn,
Michael Mitchell, Pat Moody,
George Mullen, Jack Snyder,
and Joe Wiley

Happy Birthday to all!



Lemonade Hour

Summer is here and so is the 9:30 service and Lemonade Hour! Please sign up for a Summer Sunday and be a host or hostess. All you have to do is bring a small treat as the lemonade is provided by the church. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of the kitchen door. Weather permitting, Lemonade Hour will take place outside in the front courtyard so we can all enjoy the new landscaping!

50/50 Winner Announced!

On Sunday, June 12th the jackpot total for the 50/50 was \$1,000. During the Parish Picnic, Marilyn and Eddie Rogers winning ticket was pulled, which they so generously donated back to the church to put towards the play structure for our children. Thank you, Marilyn and Eddie!



MISSION OUTREACH NEWS

Mission Outreach Meeting

We have the next meeting of MOC on Tuesday, July 5th at 6:00PM. If you have a local charity that you care about that is in need of money or volunteers, please let the commission know about it, or better yet, come to the meeting. If interested please contact Sally Hespe or Fenn Putman.

Grace Soup Kitchen

We will work at Grace's Soup Kitchen on Friday, July 29th at 10:00am. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board near Parish Hall.

Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity

RVHFFH is looking for a member of St John to be a *Church Relations* person for them. This position requires about 2-4 hours a month. The prime duties are to provide education, leadership and encouragement at the congregational level for a partnership with RVHFFH. They would recruit volunteers within St John for Build Days and other programs and act as the information conduit for various programs and opportunities to help RVHFFH. If you are interested please contact Fenn Putman--973-543-7017 fennironia@earthlink.net. For more information please contact Judy Pfister, RVHFFH Church Relations at--908-938-9964 or jmpfister@comcast.net.

Knitting Needles and Thread

The Watchung Convocation quilt is one of the eight quilts created by the churches in the Diocese of New Jersey to celebrate the Diocese's 225th Anniversary in 2010. The quilts are hung at convention. Look closely and you will see the square that was made by SJOTM in the top right-hand corner. Each parish was asked to make a 10 " x 10 " square and submit by a certain date. The 176 parishes' squares were then assembled by a group into the eight quilts of 16 squares each. Janet Brozynski and Jane Mercer worked on the one for St. John on the Mountain. What fun it was to see all the different interpretations and mediums that were used, such as embroidery, photo collage, and logos for example.



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS



Best Wishes to those celebrating a birthday in the month of July:

Maile Carifa, Emily Deombeleg, Rory Ewing, Owen Keegan, Anya Lukacsko,
Emma Lukacsko, and Priscilla Salovaara



Thank you to our camp volunteers:

Mary Courtemanche, Debbie Hennel, and Sally Hespe
and to our Youth Volunteers: Jackson Gilvar, Kendall
Gilvar, Lauren Gilvar, Meredith Hespe, Devon
McKeon, Andrew Lippman, Haley Lippman, Holly
Lippman, Allison Lukacsko, Emmy Lukacsko, Molly
Lukacsko, Natasha Lukacsko, and Spencer Zanardi.

VBS Summer Camp June 27th- 30th



New Awnings on the Nursery School doors



PARISH REGISTER & UPDATES

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 5	8:00 am	15	10 am	90
June 12	8:00 am	9	10 am	88
June 19	9:30 am	58		
June 26th	9:30 am	67		

WEBSITE ACTIVITY

Past 30 Days 415



Updated Contact Information

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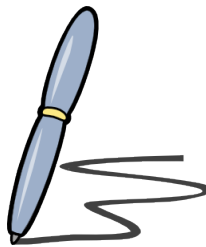
Marilyn & Eddie Rogers

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Alana Cooper

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We welcomed into the Household of God through Holy Baptism

✠ Allison Oliesya Lukacsko
✠ Meghan Anya Lukacsko
✠ Scott Maksim Lukacsko



Those Joined in Holy Matrimony

Laura Graves Enos e3 Jeffrey Ward Zerweck

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Prayer List

If you would like to have someone added to the Prayer List, please call or email the Parish Office.

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