



VIEWS FROM THE MOUNTAIN

The Reverend Susan R. Ironside

A message from the Rector

On Monday morning last week I moved into my fantastic blue office. My week was spent unpacking boxes, learning how to use the copier, and attending meetings. I still need to solve such mysteries as which light switches control which lights, and the secret to opening the front door on a rainy day when the wood is swollen with moisture. But I am proud to say that my books are all unpacked, and I have discovered the stash of Splenda for my coffee.

Throughout the week, I was greeted by knitters and Nursery School Students. The Vestry and I met to begin a new program year, and the choir graciously sang portions of the liturgy with me at rehearsal. Rite 13 Students delighted me with questions about my ipod, which has more Lady Gaga than Bach, and members of the Altar Guild and Eucharistic Ministers fussed over me, wanting me to feel welcome.

As we gathered on Sunday, I stood beside our Senior Warden, Bob Courtemanche, the choir to my right, and the assembly to my left. "Lord, you make the common holy: This my body, this my blood," we sang,

as bread and wine were carried to the altar, waiting to become for us the holy Food and Drink of new and unending life. Following the liturgy, cheeseburgers and salads filled us, and I tried to drink up the loveliness and liveliness of a community back from summer, ready for action. Later that day, I would be with the Mullen family, surrounding George with love and prayers, and commending him to the God who gave him to us.

It was an extraordinary week.

Lord, you make the common holy. We who gather on the Mountain share a common life, we pray our common prayer, we mourn a common grief, and share in common joy. We feast on common food. And all of it is holy to us. Ordinary bread and wine becomes holy Food and Drink, making us, ordinary people, a holy people.

Susan +



Bob Courtemanche and Hilary Thomas A message from the Wardens

*The Wardens, Vestry and Committee Leadership
Of St John on the Mountain
extend a warm and loving welcome to*

The Rev. Susan Ironside

*We are proud to have you as our Rector
and look forward to working with you to the glory of God and for our community.*

Oct 9th Blessing of the Animals

In celebration of Saint Francis' Day, we will have a service for the Blessing of Animals on the Chapel steps at 1pm. All creatures, great and small, are welcome to attend with their owners.



Save the Date!!

FOR THE INSTITUTION OF

The Reverend Susan R. Ironside

as the Seventh Rector of the Parish

on

Saturday, October 29th at 3pm
at St. John on the Mountain

Reception to follow

All Saint's Day

During the Sunday services on November 6th, we will remember in prayer the names of those who have been buried from St. John on the Mountain during the past year. This is referred to as the necrology. In addition to reading the necrology, we would like to include in print the names of those who have gone before whose lives have especially touched or influenced you in your journey of faith. If you have those that you would like remembered, please contact the office 908-766-2282 or office@sjotm.org

Holy Baptism

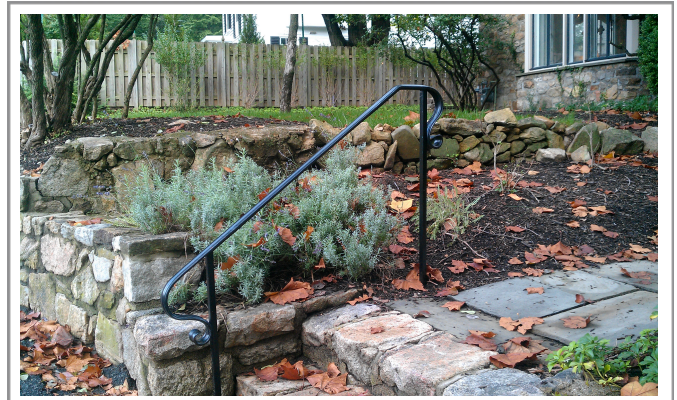
We baptize primarily on those dates set aside for baptism, as listed in the Book of Common Prayer. Since the presence of the community of faith is essential for welcoming the newly baptized into the church, baptisms take place in the principal service on the appointed Sunday. The next date for Holy Baptism is Nov 6th, All Saints' Sunday. Questions about baptism? Please contact Mo. Susan at rector@sjotm.org.



Buildings & Grounds Improvements



New storage shed and fencing to hide unsightly garbage bins



Thank you to Janet & Wayne Brozynski for underwriting the installation of two new handrails.



*Mother Susan in her new office with designer Beirne Donaldson.
Thank you to the painters: Mary Courtemanche,
Beirne Donaldson, Jim Hubbell, & Jane McKnight*

FELLOWSHIP

Men's Luncheon

Thursday, October 3rd

The luncheons are open to all male members of the parish and their male guests. We meet at The Morristown Club located at 27 Elm Street in Morristown on the first Thursday of each month, at 12:15 PM. Being a member of The Morristown Club is not a requirement; a non-member attendee makes arrangements the day of the luncheon to reimburse one of the members for the modest cost of his meal; The Club also has many reciprocal arrangements with other clubs such as The Nassau Club, Roxiticus Club, Somerset Hills Country Club, The Field Club, to name a few, so members of those clubs may use their signing privileges to cover the cost of the luncheon, if they wish. The purpose of the gatherings is to foster friendships and fellowship thru conversation, discussion and an exchange of views on a wide range of subjects while enjoying a pleasant luncheon at the historic Morristown Club. The group meets at 12:15 in the bar for liquid refreshment and to say hello, and is then seated in a private dining room at 12:30. The Morristown Club offers an excellent choice of luncheon selections prepared on premises by chef Todd. We usually break around 1:30 P.M. following coffee. While the gatherings are informal, appropriate mid-day business attire is requested by The Club. The group is open to anyone whether you have previously attended or not and we hope to see you there.



Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 25th

Godspeed Mother Melissa



*Mother Melissa enjoying one of her farewell gifts at a special Coffee Hour honoring the end of her ministry here at St. John on the Mountain.
September 18, 2011*

October Birthday Wishes Go Out to the Following Parishioners:

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners born in October. Their birthstone is Opal, which denotes hope, their flower Calendula and their colors are white and yellow.

Stuart Brunet, Cam Cavanaugh, Charlie Chapin, Ward Dorer, Dan Ely, Debbie Hennel, Abby Kean, Patti Lippman, Dot Paluck, Joe Ray, Christine Scarlett, Constance Silverman, Patty Vollmar, Joannah Wilmerding, & Valerie Zanardi

Happy Birthday to all!

31st Annual Art Show

Mountain Art Show Highlights

Saturday Oct 15

3pm Set-Up Day

Sunday Oct 16

12pm - 4pm Receiving Day & Final Judging of Juried Art for Awards
5 pm Demystifying the Judgement Process with a Light Supper \$50 entry fee

Monday Oct 17 through Thursday Oct 20

Hanging of the Show

Friday, Oct 21

6pm - 9pm Preview Party

Sunday, Oct 23

6pm - 8pm Artists' Reception

Wednesday, Oct 26

12pm - 2 pm Nursery School Event

Friday, Oct 28

7pm - 9pm Wine Tasting Event with 56 Degree and Talaverica \$35 per person

Sunday, Oct 30

4pm Soundscapes for Cello & Organ
by Brian Harlow & Robert Deutsch
with Reception to follow

Monday, Oct 31

All Day Art Show take down and Artist Pick Up

Art Show Exhibit Dates

Saturday, Oct 22 from 10am - 6pm

Sunday, Oct 23 from 12pm - 4pm

Monday, October 24th - Thursday, October 27th
10am-6pm

Friday, Oct 28 from 10am - 9pm

Saturday, Oct 29 from 10am - 4pm

Sunday, Oct 30 from 12pm - 3pm

NEW This Year!

Art Show - Demystifying the Judging Process with Sunday Supper

Watch and listen to the judges choose "Best In Show." For \$50 per person, you can learn more about the art and dine with the judges on Sunday, October 16th at 5 pm.

Back by Popular Demand!

Wine tasting

Join us for 56 Degree Wine and shopping for artisan jewelry supplied by local jewelry makers, on Friday, October 28th from 7pm-9pm with a \$35 entry fee.

Art Show Concert

Soundscapes for Cello & Organ

by Brian Harlow & Robert Deutsch who will be playing works by J. S. Bach, Karl Holler, and others. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow. Donations will be taken at the door.



31st Annual Art Show

***The artwork has been judged, the artists have been notified, and
October 21st is fast approaching!
There is still plenty to be done and we can use your help!***

There are three different sign-up boards (beautifully created by Erna Hauéis & Doris Aufschlager) located on the table in the Parish Hall. We are in need of volunteers, and food donations for both the Preview Party and the Artists' Reception. If cooking is not your thing, no worries, instead you can donate \$40 or \$50 towards platters. Don't hesitate! Please add your name to one or all of the Art Show sign-up boards. This is a wonderful way to meet new parishioners, eat great food, view beautiful art, and help the church all at the same time!

If you do not have the time to work at the Art Show this year, please consider being the "wind beneath our wings" by becoming an *Angel Underwriter* for the Art Show. Below are some wonderful giving opportunities. Many thanks to our first five *Angels*. ***Remember, your donation is tax deductible.***

Angel Underwriting Opportunities

Best In Show Prize	\$1000	<i>Anonymous</i>
Printing of Preview Invites	\$1,500	<i>Anonymous</i>
Postage Preview Invites	\$660	
Postage – Artists' Prospectus	\$565	
Printing Program	\$670	
Art Show Posters	\$100	
Single Prizes – 6 awarded	\$250 each	
Wine & Beer	\$700	<i>Katie & Jim Porter</i>
Valet Parking	\$1000	
Police	\$331	
Judges' Stipend (3 awarded)	\$250 each	
Flowers	\$300	<i>Anonymous</i>
Judges' Luncheon	\$90	<i>Katherine Hermes</i>

By now you should have already received your Preview Party invitation.
Don't delay! Send in your response card.
Extra copies are available on the table near Parish Hall and on line.

Please do not hesitate to call any of the Committee Chairpersons to discuss how you can be of assistance. With everyone's help, we will have a wonderfully successful show! Tressa Baird 908-221-1535, Mary Courtemanche 973-267-0166, Beirne Donaldson 973-543-2633, and Jim Hubbell 908-696-0364.

Mission Outreach News



September Mission Outreach Meeting

The next next MOC meeting will take place on Sunday, October 9th immediately following the 10am service in the choir room. Please let us know of any organizations or local charities that are in need of money or volunteers, by contacting Sally Hespe, Fenn Putman or any other commission members.

Grace Soup Kitchen

We will work at Grace's Soup Kitchen on Friday, October 28th at 10am. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board near Parish Hall.

Somerset Food Bank

Volunteers are needed every Saturday-9:30AM -12pm during the month of November. Please sign-up on the bulletin board by the Parish Hall.



Adopt A Family

--Pete Ackerman

Almost twenty years ago, the parishioners of St. John on the Mountain "adopted" their first family. Cheryl was a single mom with three really neat kids living in a really awful place. Her focus was to get the children educated and break the horrible cycle of poverty and despair. With rather amazing forethought, she hired herself out as a janitor in a parochial school for small wages but with scholarships for the two boys and their older sister. For Cheryl, this also meant that she would see the children off in the morning and be there for them when they returned - no latch key kids here.

Through all of this, Cheryl only used Food Bank assistance when the cupboards were literally bare. She could have had more but asked for little. She was proud and determined to make it.

Initially, and, rather spontaneously, the makings of an uncooked Thanksgiving meal were delivered to her home; turkey and all the trimmings, fresh vegetables, yams with marshmallows for topping and, of course, apple pie. It was a means of helping a "Food Bank" family with a meal that they could not afford on their own. What happened was, a little boy gave you a hug liked you've never been hugged; and Mom, through tears, saying "You really care about us."

It's a wonderful thing to know that someone cares, and so, Adopt A Family began. It began at SJOTM as we "love our neighbors as ourselves." It was another means for us to share not only the material wealth our Lord has given us, but to reach out in Christian love and support - not because we have to, not because we look good doing it, but because we want to.

Over the years, Adopt A Family has delivered holiday meals to many families, likely between 3,000-4,000 people. We are asking you to continue the tradition. A sign-up sheet is posted outside the Parish Hall or contact Peter Ackerman <jbajr@comcast.net> or (908) 537-9905.

It's easy. Simply call your assigned family, a current Food Bank client, introduce yourself and discuss the meal and a mutually convenient delivery time. Then, before you purchase the food, call your "adopted family" again and confirm everything. The typical menu is your typical menu. A brightly colored paper table cloth adds to the festivity, and chocolate turkeys delight the children. It's up to you. There are no rules, no right or wrong ways to adopt your family. Thank you, everyone who has been part of this tradition. Thank you, and, welcome to those who are participating for the first time.



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

**Best Wishes to:
as you celebrate your birthday this month!**

*William Eckert, Haley Lippman, Jake Melchionni, Max Leef, Chase Melchionni, Ricky Morash,
Margaret Morash, Patrick Kennedy, Phoebe Spaeth, and Sophie Bosie*

WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS AT ST. JOHN ON THE MOUNTAIN

It's never too late to sign-up for Sunday school. Please join us any Sunday in the following locations:

Rite 13 at 9:00am Upstairs Classroom Parish House
Pre-K/Kdg at 10:00am Classroom #4 (downstairs in the nursery school)
Grades 1/2/3 at 10:00am Classroom #3 (downstairs in the nursery school)
Grades 4/5/6 at 10:00am Upstairs Classroom Parish House
Babysitting starting at 9am Classroom #2 (downstairs in the nursery school)

For more information, please contact Lynn Mitchell at lynnmitchell@sjotm.org

THANK YOU TO OUR MANY VOLUNTEER TEACHERS AND LEADERS FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR!

PK/Kdg
Emily Carifa
Holly Lippman
Courtney Schum

Grades 1/2/3
Katherine Hermes
Sally Hespe
Pam Mayer
Patty Vollmar

Grades 4/5/6
Louise Asper
Heather Leef
Michelle Ray
Trish Sullivan
Valerie Zanardi

Rite 13
Debbie Hennel
Jim Porter
Constance Silverman

ST. JOHN NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

St. John's Nursery School is buzzing again! The children have settled into their classes and are having a lot of fun playing with friends. The teachers are busy becoming acquainted with their new class of children.

Our traditional Ice Cream Social was held on a Saturday, September 24th in the afternoon. Teachers, children, and their families all had a great time together!

We are thrilled with our new paved driveway and are looking forward to riding bikes and playing ball!

The school year has started with an enrollment of 51 children, ages 2 ½-5 years old. Classes are Monday- Friday, 9 am-noon with additional opportunities for lunch bunch and enrichment classes.

Anyone interested in a nursery school tour, please call the director, Jeanne Williams, at 766-0374.

PARISH REGISTER & UPDATES



**We welcomed into the Household of
God through Holy Baptism**

✠ *Beatrice Reynolds Putnam*

We Pray God to Grant Eternal Rest

✠ *George Joseph Mullen*



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Sundays on the Mountain

Sunday, October 2**Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I, Chapel
9:00 am Acolyte Training, Church
Cherub Choir rehearsal
9:30 am Rite 13, Parish House Classroom
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church
Sunday School
11:15 am Healing Service, Chapel
Coffee Hour, Parish Hall
Art Show Meeting, Meeting Room

Sunday, October 9**Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I, Chapel
9:00 am Rite 13, Parish House Classroom
Cherub Choir rehearsal
Lector Meeting, Church
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church
Sunday School
11:15 am Coffee Hour, Parish Hall
Outreach Mtg, Choir Room
1:00 pm Blessing of the Animals, Chapel Steps

Sunday, October 16**Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

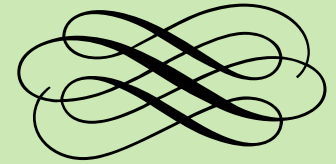
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9:00 am Rite 13, Parish House Classroom
Cherub Choir rehearsal
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church
Sunday School
11:15 am Coffee Hour, Parish Hall
12:00 pm Art Show Receiving Day, Church
4:00 pm Art Show/Demystifying the Judging Process

Sunday, October 23**Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I, Chapel
9:00 am Rite 13
Cherub Choir rehearsal
LEM Meeting, Church
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Church
Sunday School
11:15 am Coffee Hour, Parish Hall
12:00 pm 31st Annual Art Show

Sunday, October 30**Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I, Chapel
9:00 am Rite 13
Cherub Choir rehearsal
LEM Meeting, Church
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Church
Sunday School
11:15 am Coffee Hour, Parish Hall
Altar Guild Meeting, Chapel
12:00 pm 31st Annual Art Show - Last Day
4:00 pm Art Show Concert, Church



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



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