



Views from the Mountain

From the Rector

The Reverend Susan R. Ironside

It is difficult for me to talk about Bishop Cuncell without gushing or crying, a fact that probably appalls him. I love the man. Over the years we have done a fair amount of crying together, shedding what he calls "holy tears." We cried on the day he ordained me to the diaconate, and wept again on a hot day in June, when he made me a priest. We spoke several times when you called me here to the Mountain, and he was eager to celebrate our shared ministry together, and preside at the liturgy of my Institution as your Rector. Bishop Cuncell called me on the phone in Baltimore on the eve of my surgery, after having left all of you, because he insisted on being with you that day. That night in Baltimore, he made me laugh, and comforted my anxiety, and then, of course, made me cry again. He has been my priest and pastor—and my boss—for so many years, that it is difficult to imagine having another bishop.

But since its earliest days, the Church has moved forward, holy women and holy men guarding and guiding it with love and faithfulness, always advancing Christ's bold mission in the world. As the beloved hymn reminds us, "*from morn to set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.*" And so it does. Bishop-Elect William "Chip" Stokes comes to us, eager to know us, love us, and lead us.

On the day of his consecration in November, the Presiding Bishop will say to him, "*You are called to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church; to celebrate and to provide for the administration of the sacraments of the New Covenant; to ordain priests and deacons and to join in ordaining bishops; and to be in all things a faithful pastor and wholesome example for the entire flock of Christ. With your fellow bishops you will share in the leadership of the Church throughout the world. Your heritage is the faith of patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and those of every generation who have looked to God in hope.*"

It's a hard job. So we will pray for him, asking God's Spirit to fill him with wisdom and grace, thanking God for sending him to us. The same God who called Bishop Cuncell has called Bishop-Elect Stokes, and has in fact called each of us, through the waters of baptism, to be the holy women and holy men who are entrusted with proclaiming the good news of God in Christ in this generation.

When he was elected at the cathedral on the fifth ballot, the voting delegates sang in joyful celebration.

*Lo! the apostolic train
Join the sacred Name to hallow;
Prophets swell the loud refrain,
And the white robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the Church the song goes on.*

Susan +



Alessandro DeGregori, Sue Catlett, Bob Courtemanche,
and Mother Susan, electing the 12th Bishop of NJ on
May 4, 2013 at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton



THE BISHOP-ELECT THE 12th BISHOP OF NEW JERSEY The Reverend Canon William "Chip" Hallock Stokes

The Reverend Canon William "Chip" Hallock Stokes, age 56, rector of St. Paul's Church in Delray Beach, Florida, was elected on the fifth ballot as twelfth bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey on May 4, 2013 at the special convention at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton.

Save the date! The ordination and consecration will be held on November 2nd at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton.



THE MEMORIAL GARDEN Six Months after Hurricane Sandy



The restored Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden and surround is recovering from the damage of downed trees and limbs.

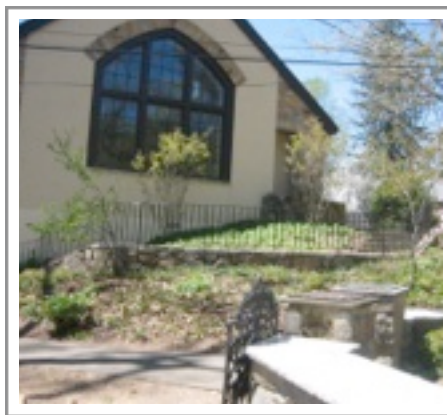
- ✦ Foundation wall crushed by trees has been rebuilt and drainage improved
- ✦ Eight new limestone cap stones
- ✦ Memorial plaques remounted
- ✦ Latch gate, undamaged, rehung
- ✦ Railing along steps replaced
- ✦ Stump grinding - in plan
- ✦ Cistern walls and roof repaired

Skillful negotiating and sourcing insurance has covered the cost involved in this work.

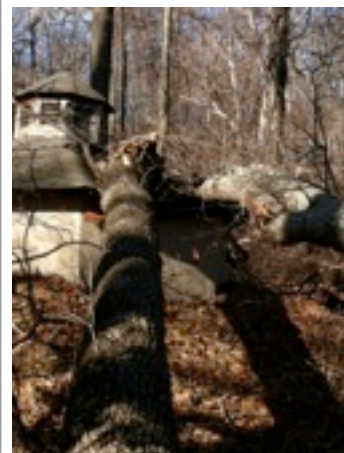
While we are well on our way to restoring this sacred space, we still need help to clean up the grounds. We will "tend the garden" on a regular basis Thursday afternoons, gathering at 4:30 for an hour or so weekly starting May 9th. Watch the Sunday bulletin for reminders.



Memorial Garden stone wall and iron fence crushed by tree from Hurricane Sandy



After the repairs were made



Cistern crushed by tree



After the repairs were made

WORSHIP NEWS

Healing Service Thursday, May 30th

The Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing will take place on Thursday, May 30th at noon in the chapel. This simple service of prayer, Holy Communion, and the laying on of hands for those who desire it, is an extension of the ministry of the Pastoral Care Committee. All are welcome.

Pentecost Readers Needed Sunday, May 19th

Can You Speak or Read Another Language?

As we prepare for the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday, May 19th, we recall the gift of the Holy Spirit. The first disciples experienced this by understanding languages they had never before learned. If you are able to read or speak a language other than English, please contact Mother Susan in order to participate in the proclamation of the lessons on Pentecost, when we will experience the gift of multiple languages proclaiming the Word of the Lord. Fluency is not needed. One merely needs to be able to read aloud in a different language.

Stained Glass Windows at St. John on the Mountain

Take Time to Appreciate St. John on the Mountain's
Beautiful Stained Glass Windows

The Supper of the Lord

(pictured right)

In this window, the central service of Christian worship from earliest times is represented by bread and wine, grain and grape vine. In St. John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of himself as the bread of life and as the fine, the true vine into which we, his branches, are grafted by our baptism. The chalice recalls the cup which Jesus took on the night in which he was betrayed.

The window is the gift of Mr. Eugene W. Mason, Jr. and his sister, Mrs. Cope B. Walbridge, in memory of their parents.

The double window at the north end of the narthex represents music, especially the role music plays in the worship of the church.

2013 Baptism at St. John on the Mountain

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. Questions about baptism? Please contact the office 908-766-2282 or office@sjotm.org.



2013 Dates for Holy Baptism

Sunday, May 19	10am	The Day of Pentecost
Sunday, Nov 3	10am	All Saints' Sunday



The Supper of the Lord

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

SPRING FUNDRAISER SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 7th *SIP into SUMMER*

Please save Friday, June 7th for our Spring fundraiser *SIP into SUMMER* to be held at Ravine Lake Club from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. Come and taste wonderful wines as recommended by 56 Degree Wine, paired with great food selections. We'll also have some silent auction items, a giving tree, and the opportunity to buy artisan pottery, glass, and jewelry from Talaverica. Invitations with all the details will be arriving in the mail soon.



Ladies' Luncheon Thursday, May 16th

All are welcome to join us on Thursday, May 16th at noon for the *Ladies Luncheon* at the home of Gerri-Jo Cranmer, 320 Hardscrabble Road, Bernardsville. Please bring a sandwich; beverages and dessert will be provided. Please RSVP to Gerri-Jo at 908-766-0199. We hope to see you there.

Men's Luncheon Thursday, June 6th

Please join us on the first Thursday of each month at 12:15 pm at the Morristown Club at 27 Elm Street in Morristown. The luncheons are open to members of the parish and their guests. For more information please contact Alan Enos at 908-234-1321 or aenos4@verizon.net.

MISSION OUTREACH

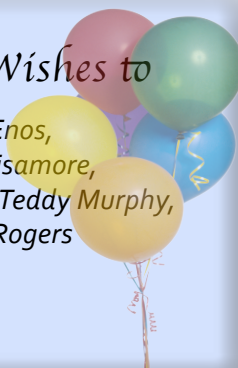
Grace's Soup Kitchen Friday, May 31st

Grace's Soup Kitchen serves 1,000 hot nutritious meals the last five days of each month to the hungry of Plainfield. St. John on the Mountain parishioners help on the last Friday of each month. Join us one Friday as we prepare and serve lunch. The next day scheduled for St. John on the Mountain to serve is on Friday, May 31st from 10 am – 1 pm.

Sign-up sheets are on bulletin board outside next to the parish hall or contact Fenn Putnam fennironia@earthlink.net or Sally Hespe sallyhespe@aol.com.

May Birthday Wishes to

Jim Christie, Alan Enos,
Mike Gottscho, Jeff Grisamore,
Craig Johnston, Lynn Jones, Teddy Murphy,
Jim Porter, & Eddie Rogers



FROM THE WARDENS...*Bob Courtemanche & Hilary Thomas-Dorer*

It is not often that we would single out a group for mention in our column, especially not a group of which one of us is a member. But this month we make an exception. We want to mention – and applaud – the choir! For most of you music is a huge contribution to your worship experience. For some of us it is high on the list of reasons why we attend the Anglican/Episcopal Church. We have, after all, inherited the greatest body of church music in the world (mainly from the Roman Catholics but the Welsh Protestants made a bit of a contribution too!) And we have maintained it religiously for five centuries.

We realize that there are some who do not particularly seek music during worship and many of them attend the early service. We respect that choice. But today we want to acknowledge the contribution of the choir to our worship and in particular the hard work they put in for Triduum and other special occasions.

Just over a year ago we were joined by our new Director of Music, Rick Morgan. He had some enormous boots to fill! For those of us who fondly remember John Baldwin, and for all of us who experienced the brilliance of Andrew Moore, anyone coming to SJOTM to lead the music program has a big challenge ahead of him! And we are a tough group to lead! [Some of us have been doing this for 50 years!] Rick Morgan has shown himself equal to the challenge. The year has not been without its ups and downs. We missed more rehearsals than ever before. Somehow the bad weather decided to hit on Tuesdays! And then to crown it all, our concert that was to close the Art Show was closed by Hurricane Sandy. A big disappointment for Rick but secretly a relief to some of the choristers who were grateful for more time to rehearse the challenging program that Rick had selected! [It is in rehearsal

now and will be truly ready by October 27th when the concert is scheduled.] We hope you will all be there.

One of the reasons that Rick was chosen as our new musician was his tremendous experience and success with children's and youth choirs. Apart from their lovely contribution to services, youth choirs are the building blocks of parish choirs. Without them the traditional cannot continue. We know that carving rehearsal time out of our children's schedules these days is incredibly difficult. But we ask the parents of children who would enjoy singing to consider encouraging them to find the time. Yes, you and they must make choices, but music will be with them all their lives and might become a large part of their spiritual experience if they find the joy of the church choir.

So we "shout out" today for Rick Morgan and the choir/s. We thank Rick for his patience and leadership; and we thank our sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses for turning out so regularly to rehearse for and sing at our Sunday services. Bravo! Brava!

Just in case you don't know the Parish Choir members are:

Sopranos: Wendy Argent-Belcher Sue Ely, Betty Heitmann, Margot Lewis, Vicky McGlynn, Debbie Smith, Hilary Thomas Dorer

Altos: Vallie Beckwith, Sandra Freas, Katherine Hermes, Rachel Mullen, Dorothy Smullen

Tenors: Wood Huntley, Anne Kearns, Joe Keefe, Frank Pratt

Basses: Ward Dorer, Mike Ewing, Rich McGlynn, Tom Murphy, Joe Ray, Paul Zanardi


PARISH REGISTER & UPDATES**We welcomed into the Household of God through Holy Baptism**

✠ *Melissa Dawn Sharron*

We Pray God to Grant Eternal Rest

✠ *Margaret Shaw*

✠ *Denis Buchanan Woodfield*

Those Joined in Holy Matrimony

✠ *Samantha Bailye & Michael Klufas*





VBS Summer Camp returns to SJOTM
SAVE THE DATE
July 15th – 19th

Children ages 3 through rising 4th graders are welcome to join us from 9:30am – 12:00noon. Kids will learn, create, and have fun. Join us for sports, games, music, snacks, Bible stories, and cool crafts! The cost is \$60 per child (with a \$150 cap per family). Registration forms are available on the church website and in the Children's Library. Space is limited. Registration closes on June 14th.

**Best Wishes as you
 celebrate your May birthday**

*Michael Sullivan, Jack Eckert, Meredith Mitchell,
 Abigail Woodfield, Devon Hermes,
 and Grace Sullivan*

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

Youth and Parent Volunteers Are Needed for Camp

Rising 5th 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. Email Lynn Mitchell at lynnmitchell@sjotm.org if you are interested.

Coins for Community Center

Thank you to all who so generously donated and supported our Lenten campaign for the St. Mark's Center for Community Renewal in Kearsburg, NJ. We raised \$280.70 from the coins collected. If you still have a can (with or without coins), please return it to Lynn Mitchell as soon as possible.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! WE ARE HEADING INTO A BUSY TIME OF YEAR!!

- May 12th** All Sunday School students will be singing during the church service.
- May 26th** No Sunday School – Memorial Day Weekend
- June 9th** Last day of Sunday School
- June 14th** Deadline to register for "Everywhere Fun Fair"
- July 15th – 19th** VBS Camp "Everywhere Fun Fair: Where God's World Comes Together."

Treble Choir NEW Rehearsal Day & Time Sundays at 11:15 am

All boys and girls are invited to join the Treble Choir each Sunday morning immediately following the 10 am worship service. As soon as the organ voluntary is finished, Mr. Morgan will meet you in the Choir Room for a half hour musical rehearsal. This is our opportunity not only to sing and enjoy being together - it is our opportunity to give something wonderful back to St. John's and to God!

ST. JOHN'S NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

The nursery school had a successful spring fundraiser, held at the Essex Hunt Club, on April 26th. The following Saturday, our preschoolers took their Dads to school for a morning of play, story, and songs.

The children celebrated Earth Day by bringing plants to school. Each child planted their flowers. Now spring is in full bloom outside our classroom doors!

All the children are currently observing caterpillars, that they will set free as butterflies.

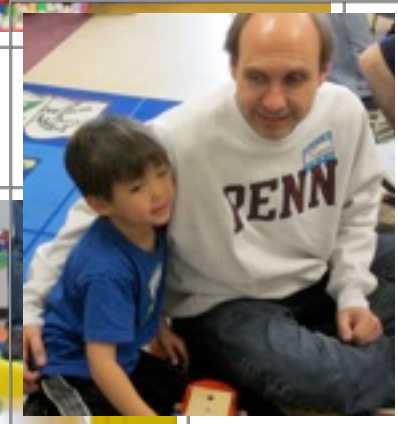
May events include honoring our Mom's with a "Luau" and our very popular circus! The children from our 3 year old classes sing, and our 4 and 5 year old classes perform circus acts. Watch for the children's art show on May 22nd- the halls will be filled with color!

Just one more month of nursery school until we end for summer, but the teachers have many more activities still planned!

Several of our classes have available space for next fall. If interested, please contact Jeanne Williams, director, at jwilliams@sjotm.org for more information.



Dad's Day on Saturday, April 27th



33rd Annual Mountain Art Show

The 33rd Mountain Art Show is up and running! The show dates are Saturday, October 19th through Sunday, October 27th with the Preview Party on Friday, October 18th. Mark your calendars. Many thanks to Dorota Anderson, Betsey Blair, Sue Catlett, Kathy Christie, Gerry-Jo Cranmer, Bobbie Herold, Anne Kearns, Binx Lee, Jane McKnight and Marion White who helped to stuff and label 1050 Artist Prospectuses! If you know of an artist who you think might be interested in our show you can do any of the following: 1. Send that person one of the extra Prospectuses which are found in the Art Show mailbox in

the copy machine room in the Parish House; 2. Contact Mary Courtemanche at 973-267-0166 or June2180@aol.com with the name of the artist and she will do the rest; or 3. Direct the artist to our website at www.sjotm.org/#/mountain-art-show where all the vital information can be found. Please check out the website and notice that as of May 15th artists will be able to register for our show online! Thanks to Kathy Christie for creating all our online registration forms and getting the site active. We are looking forward to another exciting show!

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