



Views from the Mountain

From the Rector

The Reverend Susan R. Ironside

Gabby, Clyde, Alexander, Meredith, Brynn, Henry, Luke, Caroline, Regan, and Grace. Remember those names. Remember them in your prayers in the coming weeks, and remember them in the coming months and years. These are the names of the remarkable young women and men who will be confirmed by Bishop Stokes on the Feast of the Holy Trinity on June 15.

In the weeks leading up to their confirmation, I have spent time with each of them, and have been amazed by each of them. They are a marvel and a gift to us. Confirmation is defined by the Prayer Book as a "a mature public affirmation of faith and commitment to the responsibilities of Baptism." These young people are not graduating from our common life, but are actually taking on greater responsibility among us. It's more like getting a driver's license than a diploma. Remember their names, because they are about to be given the ecclesiastical equivalent of a driver's license. Brace yourself. They are ready to take on the world (and the Church) in the best possible ways.

We have seen them already taking on greater responsibility among us. Many of them assist in leading worship, and have started caring for and mentoring the younger children in our community. They have engaged in acts of service and have wrestled with the complex questions of our faith. I am so proud of them, and I know you are as well. What a privilege it will be for all of us to surround them on the day of their confirmation, and watch as Bishop Stokes invites the Holy Spirit to come upon them and strengthen them for ministry and service.

The arrival of Bishop Stokes is a really big deal, and I am not just saying that because he is my boss. (Although he is.) The Bishop is a living symbol of our unity as a Church, and Bishop Stokes is a vibrant leader. He is the real priest and chief pastor of our community, and I just fill in when he cannot be among us. There are 154 congregations in our Diocese, and only one Bishop. You do the math. Having our Bishop come to preach, preside, and celebrate confirmation on Trinity Sunday is a wonderful opportunity for our parish and a huge honor.

So, remember Gabby, Clyde, Alexander, Meredith, Brynn, Henry, Luke, Caroline, Regan, and Grace. Remember Bishop Stokes as well. And then come on June 15 and celebrate their ministry among us.



Summer Sunday Service Schedule

begins June 29th

9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music in
the church and childcare
followed by Lemonade Hour

WORSHIP NEWS

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE



The Summer Sunday Service Schedule begins on Sunday, June 29th

✝ **9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
with music in the church

Professional Nursery Care will be offered on Sunday mornings from 9:15 am - 10:45 am in Room 2 of the lower level. Weather permitting, we will have a *Lemonade Hour* that will take place outside in the front courtyard.



CONFIRMATION with Bishop William H. "Chip" Stokes Sunday, June 15th

On Sunday, June 15, Trinity Sunday, we welcome Bishop William "Chip" Stokes to worship with us, celebrate Eucharist and confirm ten of our young adults. Over the past year our 7th and 8th graders have met almost every Sunday to learn about and discuss topics concerning the Christian faith, our Episcopal traditions and they have wrestled with topics such as "Who is Jesus?" "Why is Baptism" necessary and "Why do we go to Church?" Mother Susan and Father Patrick have lent their immense knowledge to the group to help us understand the historical and theological

background of our traditions. We have engaged in the liturgy and it is hoped that after Confirmation our youngsters will take on greater roles in our Church community. In addition, each student has written an essay and discussed his/her insights and questions individually with Mother Susan.

On Trinity Sunday we will witness our young adults renew the vows taken on their behalf at their Baptism. It will indeed be a joyous Sunday

PARISH REGISTER

We Pray God to Grant Eternal Rest

✝ *Babs Shrader*



PRAYER LIST

If you would like to have someone added to the Prayer List, please call 909-766-2282 or email the Parish Office office@sjotm.org.

Summer Office Hours

Please note that beginning Monday, June 9th the office hours will be
Monday - Thursday
8 am - 1 pm

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN...*Bob Courtemanche****Creating our Future***
Capital Campaign Update

"God has set a foundation on the holy mountain." Psalm 87

We have much to accomplish to realize God's mission here on the Mountain. We have tremendous momentum. Our membership grows, as does enrollment in our Nursery School, and we focus our energies more on the needs of others in the larger community around us.

As we introduced at the Annual Meeting in January, we are kicking off our ***Creating our Future*** Capital Campaign. Our Parish leadership and the Campaign Committee have established a goal of \$750,000 which is intended to assist us in retiring our mortgage debt from our building project from a few years back (and gain more annual budget flexibility), and invest in the ongoing care of our campus including expected projects to maintain and preserve our beloved Chapel and our organ. We also intend to build an endowment for the St. Johns Nursery School Scholarship Fund so we can provide funds in perpetuity for students who would benefit from early childhood education at our remarkable school.

We are currently in the "quiet phase" of the Campaign, and the early discussions with Parishioners have been very encouraging.

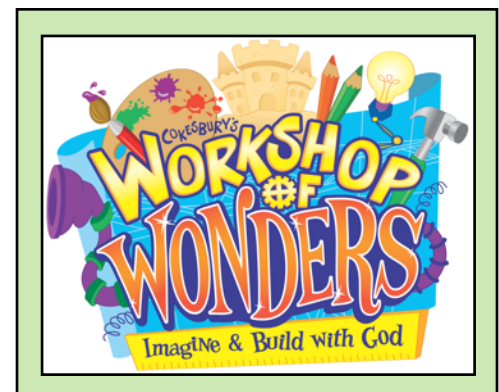
My thanks to our Vestry for their unwavering support and optimism for our future. I also want to thank our Committee for their wisdom, guidance and energy. The Campaign Committee is comprised of Mother Susan Ironside, Heather Leef, Jim Porter, Nina Dixon, Sandy Millsbaugh, Joe Ray, and Kathy Christie.

We will be sending out a mailing shortly to the entire Community with more details and we ask for your prayerful consideration of your role in God's future here on the Mountain.

If you have questions in the interim please feel free to contact Mother Susan or me.

**ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR
VBS SUMMER CAMP
JUNE 23RD – 27TH**

Please consider donating some of your time and talent to our summer camp "Workshop of Wonders" at SJOTM – Monday, June 23rd – Friday, June 27th from 9:30 am to 12 pm. It's fun and easy! For more information, please contact Lynn Mitchell lynnmitchell@sjotm.org.



MISSION OUTREACH

GRACE SOUP KITCHEN

June 27th
10 am – 1 pm
600 Cleveland Avenue, Plainfield, NJ

Grace 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 on Friday, June 27th from 10 am – 1 pm.

Sign-up sheets are on bulletin board outside kitchen or contact Sally Hespe at sallyhespe@aol.com.

GRACE SOUP KITCHEN Thanks SJOTM

The Soup Kitchen at Grace Church Plainfield honored its volunteers and celebrated 20 years of serving lunches to the community with a special lunch for them. Father Griner started the soup kitchen with collaboration from the Rev. Al Niese of SJOTM. As a result we were especially honored for that early involvement.

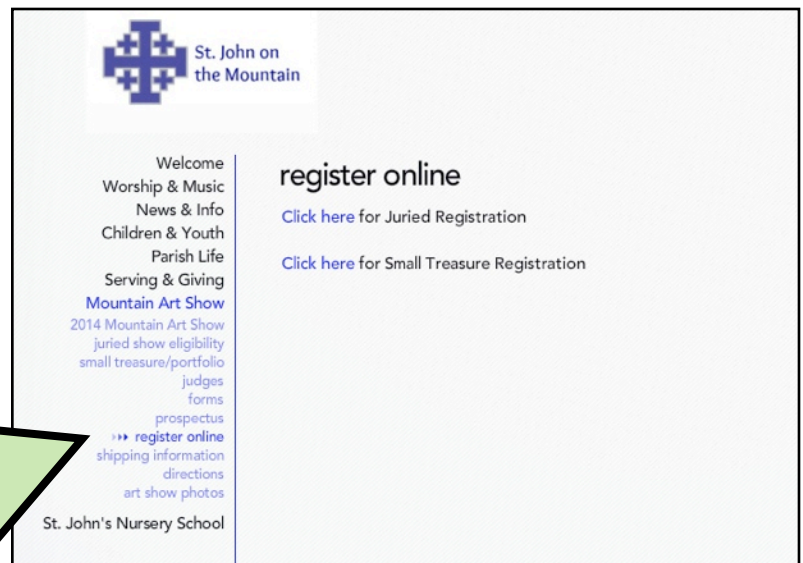
Each of the participating churches received a plaque and some very kind words from Chef D' who now leads the kitchen. Also at the lunch was Mary Jo Buck who used to direct the activities before she retired a few months ago.



During the remarks to the SJOTM team special thanks were given for the very generous check from our Mission Outreach committee (\$1000) and a short moment of prayer was given for Fenn Putman with thanks for his significant contribution to Grace's Soup Kitchen and wishes for a speedy recovery.

MOUNTAIN ART SHOW Online Registration

The Mountain Art Show online registration is now open. If you know any artists who would be interested in our show, please forward them the link to the Mountain Art Show <http://www.sjotm.org/#/mountain-art-show/register-online> to register online.



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH TEACHER/LEADER AND STUDENT RECOGNITION

On Sunday, June 15th following the 10 am service, all children will have the opportunity to receive a collectable pin to commemorate completing another year of Sunday School. Also, the teachers and leaders will be acknowledged for all that they do to make St. John such a wonderful place for kids!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WORK WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF THE PARISH

Louise Asper, Vicki Bosie, Lisa Costello, Ian Feeley, Debbie Hennel, Sally Hespe, Clyde Leef, Heather Leef, Max Leef, Holly Lippman, Brynn McKeon, Devon McKeon, Pam Mayer, Jim Porter, Christina Rutz, Melissa Sharron, Trish Sullivan, Patty Vollmar, and Valerie Zanardi

**Best Wishes as you
celebrate your birthday
in June**

*Julian Asper, Jack Morris, Caroline Lewis,
John Tober, Beatrice Giordano,
Sarah Gudgion, Beatrice Putnam*

KUDOS

During Lent Sunday School children collected coins for a grand total of \$300 for the Food Bank Network of Somerset County!

ST. JOHN'S NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

May was filled with special events at SJNS! Mother's Day was celebrated with each class honoring their moms at nursery school. The children made a gift for mom and sang songs. "Under the Big Top" circus came to the mountain, with our own amazing preschool performers! Everyone enjoyed our annual "Fun day" at the park; "Tickles" the clown was as popular as ever! We hope you all appreciated our annual art show, so precious!

With the end of school around the corner, our future kindergarteners will hold graduation in the sanctuary on June 6th. We will miss our 18 five year olds, but know they are well prepared for the next scholastic step!

You will continue to hear children's laughter and song for a bit, as camp will be held for two weeks following our school year. The teachers have been busy planning special activities for camp, including unique visitors and a train ride!

Our first SJOTM-SJNS fundraiser was exceptional! The nursery school staff appreciates all the efforts of our fundraising committee!

From all of us at St. Johns' Nursery School- Have a safe and fun summer!

If interested in more nursery school information, please contact Jeanne Williams, director, at (908) 766-0374 or jwilliams@sjotm.org.



*The circus entertained the sold-out crowd
on Wednesday, May 21st*



COMMUNITY/FELLOWSHIP NEWS

A SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER!

Many thanks to the Event Committee who made for a most successful evening on Saturday, May 17th. Thank you to:

- **Co-Chairs:**
Blake Putnam and Kim McLean
- **Silent auction:**
Katherine Hermes and Heather Gallagher
- **Invitations:**
Sandy Keegan and Aimee Stull
- **Food and beverage:**
Margot Lewis and Courtney Pagel

Their hard work and diligence paid off! The evening was fantastic, well-attended and lots of fun! Approximately \$28k was raised for the scholarship fund. We are proud and grateful for the many people who helped make this such a wonderful night for the community.



To view more photos from the fundraiser visit <http://www.sjotm.org/photo.php?pageID=111>

LEMONADE HOUR



Beginning Sunday, June 29th there will be a Lemonade Hour, immediately following the 9:30 am service. Hosts are needed. It's easy; all you need to bring is a small treat as the lemonade is provided by the church. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside of Parish Hall. Weather permitting, Lemonade Hour will take place outside in the front courtyard.

MEN'S LUNCHEON Thursday, June 5th

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.

DIOCESE OF NJ Senior Baccalaureate Service

*Third Annual
Senior Baccalaureate Service*
Sunday June 8th, 4pm
Trinity Cathedral

Bishop Stokes and The Trinity Asbury Park Choristers will lead us in Evensong as we recognize the Van Duzer Scholarship recipients and all graduating seniors.

Join Bishop Stokes and the entire Diocese as they celebrate and honor graduating high school seniors.

There will be a reception after the service for all in Synod Hall.



June Birthday Wishes to

*Vallie Beckwith, Jeanie Chapin,
Bob Courtemanche, June Enos,
Jody Flegal, Erna Haveis, Lindsay Kielley,
Adam Lippman, Lynn Mitchell, Katie Morash,
Brad Murphy, Katie Porter, Nancy Strong,
Rich Sullivan, and Sue Woods*



TEND THE GARDEN Thursdays at 4:30 pm June, July, and August

Stop by to tidy up the Memorial Garden and surround. Giving a little of your time by sweeping, weeding, and such will help to keep this lovely area at its best. Refreshments provided. Community Service hours will be given.

PHOTO PARISH DIRECTORY We are STILL in Need of Your Photo

Please Participate!

Please send us a recent picture of your family along with your updated contact information for our new directory, which will help us to connect names with faces.

Kindly email office@sjotm.org with: your name, and those of your family members, your physical address, home and cell phone #s, an email, and a recent digital picture of your family.



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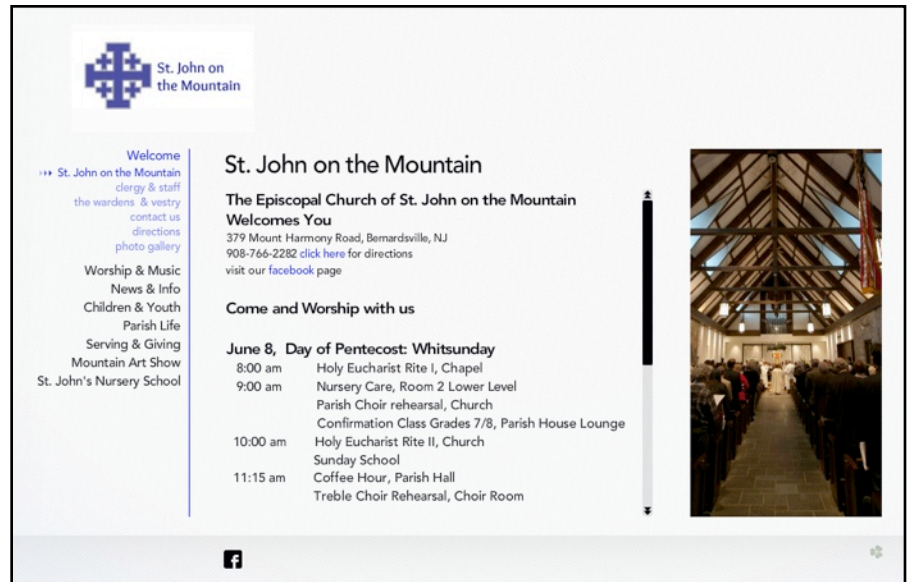
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