



Views from the Mountain

From the Rector

The Reverend Susan R. Ironside

The Rev. Tom Brackett, Head of Missional Initiatives for the Episcopal Church and Keynote Speaker at Diocesan Convention this year, reflected with us on what it means to be God's Beloveds, and he spoke extensively on the baptism of Jesus, when God declared to Jesus, "You are mine. The Beloved." Or, in another translation Brackett used, "God declared to Jesus, 'You're it!'"

It's what God declares at every baptism, "You're mine. You're it!"

It is the first year since I have come as Rector when we are not preparing someone for an Easter baptism. In recent years, our community has gathered at the Great Vigil of Easter to behold as Mason, Melissa, Alan, Lily, and Whitney were claimed forever in the waters of baptism. To the best of my knowledge, we do not have anyone among us who desires baptism right now. I have been pondering what this means for us, we who have begun our Lenten season together and are steadily approaching our High Holy Days.

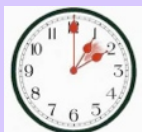
I think it means that we are all supposed to be drenched

this year. Each of us. All of us together. We, who have been baptized, are being called to return to the watery home of our birth, where we can feel and know again what we so often forget, that God has called us God's Beloveds. We can't very well convince others that this is true, unless we truly believe it for ourselves, that God beholds each of us and declares, "You are my Beloved. You are it!"

In these weeks of Lent we will prepare again to renew the promises of baptism, and prepare to get wet again. We may not have a baby to gather around and soak in the life-giving water, but we can remind each other.

You are the Beloved. You're it. I'm it. We're it.

Don't forget to *spring ahead* on
Sunday, March 8th!
Be sure to set those clocks
one hour ahead!



EVENING PRAYER on TUESDAYS: ***Praying in Lent***

March 3rd, March 10th,
March 17, March 24th

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CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

ALLELUIA BANNER

Children decorated the *Alleluia Banner* during the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Feb. 17th. This banner was "buried" in the church on the First Sunday in Lent, and it will be hung in Parish Hall on Easter Sunday.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

The Confirmation class held a successful soup tasting fund-raiser at Coffee Hour on Feb. 1st. They made six different soups to taste and purchase. They raised \$350 for the Food Bank of Somerset County.



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

Caroline Zanardi, Juliana DeMarco,
Gracie Morais, Spencer Zanardi, Trevor McKeon,
Riordan Farley, Natasha Lukacsko,
Sydney Vollmar, Oyinda Emuleomo, and
Andrew Lippman

COLLECTING COINS DURING LENT

Sunday School students were given calendars and Heifer International banks to fill with coins during Lent. We hope to put all of our money together when we meet in the chapel each week during Lent and help buy a cow, pig or some chicks to end hunger for a family in need.



Images from Heifer.org

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Join us from July 19-21st in Rutland, MA at the Heifer's farm for a two night Global Gateway experience that creates an existence in which nothing - shelter, food, water or cooking fuel - can be taken for granted. Participants prepare a meal with limited resources and spend a night in the Global Village. Grades 6 and up are eligible to attend. Approximate cost will be \$100 per person. Additional program information can be found at Heifer.org. Please contact Sally Hespe at sallyhespe@aol.com or (908) 875-1518 for more information and registration materials.



ST. JOHN'S NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Thanks to our super organized social chairs Kelly Dunnder and JJ Camara, our *2nd Annual Family Pizza Night* was a great event for our nursery school families to connect on a chilly winter evening. The preschoolers and their siblings enjoyed the inter active entertainment by "Sprinkles" the clown.

We will welcome the beginning of Spring with our chick hatching project. The 4+ class will care for the baby chicks for one week. This is such an exciting experience for our preschoolers!

Nursery School Dads are invited to spend the morning in nursery school later this month. This is one of our favorite events- the children love bringing Dad to school!

Enrollment continues to grow for the upcoming school year. There is still room in some of our classes for the 2015-2016 school year. Please be sure to refer our nursery school to a friend or neighbor of preschool age. Anyone interested in a school tour and registration information, please contact the nursery school director, Jeanne Williams at (908)766-0374 or jwilliams@sjotm.org.



*Sprinkles the Clown
entertaining the kids at SJNS 2nd Annual Family Pizza Night*

WORSHIP NEWS

HEALING SERVICE Thursday, March 26th

The Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing will take place on Thursday, March 26th 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.

2015 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.

2015 Dates for Holy Baptism

Saturday, April 4	7 pm	The Great Vigil of Easter
Sunday, May 24	10 am	The Day of Pentecost
Sunday, Nov 1	10 am	All Saints' Sunday

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 8:15 am

Please join us every Wednesday in the Parish House Meeting Room from 8:15 am - 9:15 am.

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM April 2, 3, & 4 7 pm

The Three Holy Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of Easter, are the center of our Christian year and our common life. In these days we fully enter into the Mystery of the Passion, Death, and Glorious Rising of the Lord Jesus, who we know to be among us. The liturgy is so rich that it takes three days to unfold.

The Rector, Wardens, Vestry, Staff, and People of St. John on the Mountain invite you to be with us as we celebrate the Paschal Triduum. Please consider honoring us with your presence and sharing with us in the Divine life of the Lord Jesus who has made us his Sacred Body in the world.

Maundy Thursday
7 pm in the Church

Good Friday
7 pm in Parish Hall

The Great Vigil of Easter
7 pm in the Courtyard, with babysitting
Festal Reception Immediately Following

A MESSAGE FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN *Heather Leef*

You may recall that last winter we were awaiting Spring with great anticipation, and we, the Wardens and Vestry asked the community to get involved in all of the Lenten activities. So, I took my own advice and tried to be more involved. The most meaningful experience for me was the honor and privilege of washing Father Malloy's feet during the days of Triduum. While I have attended Maundy Thursday services throughout the years in several different churches, I had never before participated in feet washing. I listened intently to Mother Susan during her sermon explain to us why we have this ceremony and the importance of the practice; watched the congregation take turns; and waited to be last. Such a privilege for me! I watched Bob, our Senior Warden,

wash Mother Susan's feet, caring for her on behalf of the community. Katie Porter took great care in washing my feet, so that when it was my turn to wash Father Malloy's feet, I knew exactly what to do. Funny how it all came together for me at that moment. I finally understood why we were there...caring for each other.

Let's continue that spirit in caring for each other in these weeks of Lent, as we prepare again to welcome Spring and to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

Faithfully yours,



COMMUNITY/FELLOWSHIP NEWS**LADIES' LUNCHEON**

Thursday, March 19th

All are invited to the *Ladies Luncheon* on Thursday, March 19th at noon at the home of Sue Catlett, 20 Tanners Brook Road, Chester. Please bring a sandwich; beverages and dessert will be provided. We hope to see you there. RSVP to Sue at 908 955-7109.

**POTLUCK SUPPERS on TUESDAYS:
During Lent**

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PRAYER LIST

If you would like to have someone added to the Prayer List, please call 908-766-2282 or email the Parish Office office@sjotm.org.

**March Birthday Wishes
to**

*Mother Susan, Bob Kielley,
Mary Mason, Diane Morash,
Dottie Vernimb, and Marion White*

MEN'S LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 5th

Please join us on Thursday, March 5th 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. The favor of a reply is requested in order that a place may be reserved for you at the table, but last minute drop-ins are always welcome. Hope to see you there. For more information please contact Alan Enos at 908-234-1321 or aenos4@verizon.net.

SAVE THE DATE!

2nd Annual
St. John Nursery School & SJOTM
Fundraiser

**2nd Annual
SJNS & SJOTM
Spring Fundraiser**

Saturday, April 18th
6:30 p.m.
Parish Hall

Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres,
Music, Silent Auction
Invitation To Follow

PARISH DIRECTORY

If you would like a Parish Directory, please stop by the Parish House. Directories can be found on a clipboard posted on the bulletin board. To have a digital copy sent to you call the office 908-766-2282 or email office@sjotm.org

THANK YOU to the 2015 Annual Convention Delegates



*Rich McGlynn, Susan Ironside,
Nina Dixon, and Bob Courtemanche*

MISSION OUTREACH

GRACE SOUP KITCHEN
Friday, March 27th
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. The next day scheduled for St. John on the Mountain to serve is on Friday, March 27th from 10 am – 1 pm. Sign-up sheets are on bulletin board outside kitchen or email Graham Argent-Belcher at gabelcher@msn.com.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY
For Easter

Help a struggling family this Easter, by providing an uncooked meal. It's easy! Just buy the makings for a meal, and deliver to your *Adopt-a-Family*. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. For more information, contact Please call Sue Kennedy at 908-234-0267. If there is a particular family that you have been supporting, please let Sue know so that she can inform the Food Bank.

KIDS HELPING KIDS Update

The *Kids Helping Kids* team brought Valentines and chocolates to the children who would awaken at the Morris County Youth Shelter on February 14th. The children of SJOTM wanted the teens at the youth shelter to know that they are in our hearts and in our prayers all year long, not just at Christmas. We will continue to keep the children in the shelters in our prayers.

PARISH REGISTRY & UPDATES

We Pray God to Grant Eternal Rest

✠ *Richard Watt*



NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

Hilary Thomas
hilarity31@gmail.com

Teddy and Tom Murphy
Robbins Brook
10 Devon Drive
Acton, MA 01754

Easter Plants, Flowers, and Special Music

St. John on the Mountain is now accepting contributions for Easter plants, flowers, and special music. Gifts may be given either as memorials or in thanksgiving. So that we can publish all names in the Easter bulletins, we ask that you send in your donations by Friday, March 20th. If you would like to contribute, please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office, along with a check made payable to St. John on the Mountain, with a note in the memo section: Easter Flowers and Music. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office (908) 766-2282 ext 10 or office@sjotm.org.



Cut along dotted line, fill-out and return to SJOTM at 379 Mount Harmony Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924

Please print clearly

In Memory of

Please print clearly

In Thanksgiving for

Your Name _____ email _____ Daytime phone _____

YOUTH MISSION TRIP
JULY 19-21

NEARLY 805 MILLION PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FOOD TO EAT

WANT TO LEARN MORE FIRST-HAND?

**JOIN ST. JOHN ON THE MOUNTAIN ON A YOUTH TRIP TO
HEIFER FARM, RUTLAND, MA
JULY 19 - 21**

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*Images from Heifer Farm,
Rutland, MA*

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN ON THE MOUNTAIN

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FOR DAILY UPDATES AND INFORMATION,
DON'T FORGET TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.sjotm.org
and be sure to *like us* on facebook



The screenshot shows the website for St. John on the Mountain. At the top is the church's logo and name. Below this is a 'Welcome' section with links to 'St. John on the Mountain clergy & staff', 'the wardens & vestry', 'contact us', 'directions', and 'photo gallery'. To the right of these links is a 'Worship & Music' section with links for 'News & Info', 'Children & Youth', 'Parish Life', 'Serving & Giving', and 'Mountain Art Show'. Below these links is a 'St. John's Nursery School' link. The main content area features the church's name and address: 'The Episcopal Church of St. John on the Mountain Welcomes You', '379 Mount Harmony Road, Bernardsville, NJ', '908-766-2282', and a link to 'Directions'. Below this is a section for 'March 8th The Third Sunday in Lent' with a list of services: '8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I, Chapel', '9:00 am Confirmation Class, Parish House Lounge', 'Nursery Care, Room 2 Lower Level', 'Parish Choir rehearsal, Church', '10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church', 'Sunday School', and '11:15 am Coffee Hour'. At the bottom of the main content area is a section for 'Praying in Lent; Evening Prayer with Potluck Supper' with the text 'Join us on Tuesdays Evenings at 6 pm' and 'March 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th'. On the right side of the website is a vertical photo of a church sign in a snowy landscape. At the bottom of the website is a Facebook 'f' logo and a small snowflake icon.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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