



Views from the Mountain

Invitation to Holy Week

Lent began for us in the dark and freezing cold, when we, for the second year, came down the Mountain to pray and offer ashes to anyone who desired them at the train station. We watched the sunrise on the first morning of Lent, our fingers black with soot of ashes, frozen from the chill. Strangers celebrated with us, entered into the holy season with us, allowing us to touch them and pray with them, telling us fragments of their stories, stories of struggle and redemption, stories of aching to find the living God in a world that so often leaves us isolated and alone. Members of our assembly gathered with us as well, marking the start of this solemn season by standing beside us, keeping us warm, nourishing us, and bearing witness, with us, to Christ in his Body, fully alive.

As the days have grown warmer and the night grows shorter, we again gather to enter into the mystery of Jesus in his passion, death, and glorious rising. Again we

find ourselves hearing fragments of stories, stories of struggle and redemption, stories of our ancestors' isolation and longing, and of God's relentless pursuit of them and of us. In these holy days we are again willing to touch and be touched by others, yielding to Jesus who stoops at our feet, feeds us, and who surrenders his body utterly into our hands.

No longer at the train station, we return in these days to the Mountain. As night falls on the Paschal Triduum we will find again what we saw in those moments as day was breaking on Ash Wednesday, that even in the midst of night there are stars, and that even in the midst of darkness there is light. Christ, once in the cold and dark of the tomb, is now in his Body, fully alive.

John + Patrick

HOLY WEEK *e* EASTER SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2

7pm Holy Eucharist, with Foot Washing, in the church

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3

7 pm Good Friday in Parish Hall

HOLY SATURDAY *e* EASTER EVE

April 4

7 pm The Great Vigil of Easter, chapel
Festal Reception Immediately Following

The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ: EASTER DAY

April 5

8 am Holy Eucharist with hymns in the chapel
10 am Festal Holy Eucharist with choir in the church,
Children's Message and childcare
11:15am Easter Egg Hunt, Outside



TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday, April 12th

11:15 am

The Wardens and Vestry invite members of the community to gather after the 10:00 worship service on Sunday, April 12th for a Town Hall Meeting. We will happily answer any questions, and look forward to updating our members on our budget and future fundraising plans. If you would like to submit a question in advance, please email Bob Bob.Courtemanche@gmail.com or Heather hmcbrideleef@deloitte.com.

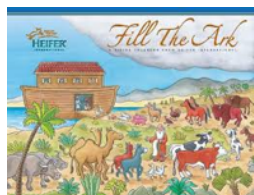
We will also be offering a snake handling workshop in order to explore different prayer practices. Please bring your own snakes.*

* *April Fools!* Please do come to the Town Hall Meeting, but the Rector requests NO snakes.

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

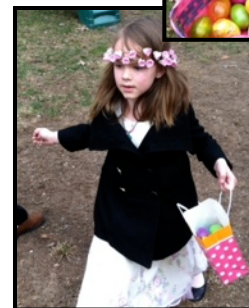
COLLECTING COINS DURING LENT

Sunday School children are collecting coins in their "arks" during Lent. The proceeds will benefit Heifer International. We are raising funds to support lasting solutions to help hungry people. The arks should be returned anytime between Easter Sunday and April 12th.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Children of all ages are invited to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday morning, April 5th, immediately following the 10 am service. Weather permitting, we will hold the hunt outside.



VBS SUMMER CAMP



SAVE THE DATE
June 22nd – 26th

Children ages 3 through rising 4th graders are welcome to join us from 9:30 am – 12:00 noon. Kids will learn, create, and have fun at G-Force. Join us for sports, games, music, snacks, Bible stories, and cool crafts! The cost is \$60 per child (with a \$150 cap per family). [Click Here to Register](#)

VBS SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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.

Best Wishes as you celebrate your birthday in April

Daniel Daggett, Isabel Gibson, Sarah Lewis, Camille Chatwin, Sophie Ray, Sophia Gudgion, Caroline and Gabrielle Sullivan, Katie Vollmar, and William Gilmartin



ST. JOHN'S NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Spring has sprung at St. John's Nursery School! We are patiently awaiting the arrival of our chick egg delivery soon. Then, more patience as we witness twelve fuzzy chick hatching! Another lesson in the miracles of nature will include the observation of our fuzzy caterpillars, as they transform into beautiful painted lady butterflies!

Our children had such a fun time bringing their Dads to school for a short Saturday visit of play, craft, snack, story, and songs- all of that in just one hour!

Our pre-K children loved taking a school bus ride to the RVCC Planetarium last month.

Our other classes are planning a trip to Fosterfields later this month.

The SJNS Teachers and parents are excited for our upcoming SJOTM-SJNS fundraiser! All of our volunteers are putting forth much effort to make this a huge success!

We are still accepting new student registrations for the fall. If interested, please contact the nursery school director, Jeanne Williams, at (908) 766-0374 or jwilliams@sjotm.org.

WORSHIP NEWS**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 chapel, with babysitting
Festal Reception Immediately Following

EASTER SUNDAY

*The Feast of the Resurrection of
our Lord Jesus Christ*
April 5th

8:00 am Holy Eucharist with Hymns in the Chapel
10:00 am Festal Holy Eucharist with Choir in the Church
11:15 am Easter Egg Hunt, Outside

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Fridays at 9:15 am

The Women's Bible Study group will resume on Friday, April 10th and once again begin meeting every Friday in the Parish House Meeting Room at 9:15 am.

HEALING SERVICE
Thursday, April 30th

The Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing will take place on Thursday, April 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.

**A MESSAGE FROM
THE WARDENS**

Bob Courtemanche & Heather Leef

We are looking forward to strong Parish participation at our joint fundraiser with the Nursery School coming up on April 18th. This is an important event as we bring the Parish and the Nursery School closer together which benefits us all.

As you know from the Annual Meeting and the follow-up in Views, we have our set of budgetary challenges this year based on reduced pledge income. The Nursery School also has financial challenges this year. Both your Vestry and the Nursery School Board voted to allocate one third of the proceeds from the Spring Fundraiser to the Church operating fund, the Nursery School operating fund and the St. Johns Scholarship fund respectively. This decision gives us the opportunity to reduce our operating deficit while

continuing to support the mission of funding scholarships for deserving students from the area to give them a great educational start to life. We hope you attend and support the Church, the Nursery School, and one of our important missions generously.

Also, please mark your calendars to stay after the 10 am service on April 12th for our first town hall meeting of 2015. We plan on providing an update on our financial picture and have a conversation on fundraising plans for the balance of 2015 and beyond.

Faithfully yours,



COMMUNITY/FELLOWSHIP NEWS**LADIES' LUNCHEON**

Thursday, April 16th

All are invited to the *Ladies' Luncheon* on Thursday, April 16th at noon at the home of Gerry-Jo Cranmer 320 Hardscrabble Road, Bernardsville. Please bring a sandwich; beverages and dessert will be provided. We hope to see you there. RSVP to Gerry-Jo at 908-400-2346.

SAVE THE DATE!

2nd Annual
St. John Nursery School & SJOTM
Fundraiser



**ST. JOHN ON THE MOUNTAIN AND
ST. JOHN'S NURSERY SCHOOL**

INVITE YOU TO THE

**2ND ANNUAL
ST. JOHN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND
SPRING FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH
6:30 TO 9:30 P.M.**

**ST. JOHN ON THE MOUNTAIN PARISH HALL
379 MT. HARMONY ROAD, BERNARDSVILLE, NJ**

**WINE AND BEER, HEAVY HOR D'OEURVES
AND DESSERTS WILL BE SERVED**

MUSIC, SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE

PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 3RD

**PROCEEDS FROM THE EVENT BENEFIT THE MISSION OF THE
CHURCH, THE NURSERY SCHOOL AND THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**RSVP
ASAP
so we can plan
accordingly**

**MEN'S LUNCHEON**

Thursday, April 2nd

Please join us on Thursday, April 2nd 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.

SPRING FUNDRAISER

Call for Silent Auction Donations

The committee for the 2nd annual St. John's Spring Fundraiser on Saturday, April 18th is planning a wonderful event that will include delicious food, wine, music, silent auction, and raffle items. Please help support this event by attending and contributing silent auction and raffle items. Items can be dropped off in the Parish office. Please include your name, the item's value and any other information you would like to add. Additionally, the committee will gratefully accept monetary donations to underwrite general expenses for the event such as food and beverages. If you would like to make a contribution or have any questions, please contact Shellie Iossa at michelle.iossa@gmail.com or 908-752-2497. The proceeds from this event will be designated equally to three important causes: the ministry of the parish, the work of the school, and the funding of the Nursery School Scholarship program.

April Birthday Wishes to

*Denny Baird, Sue Catlett, Greg Davidson,
Eleanor Dean, Kit Falcon,
Stephanie Haveis, Wood Huntley,
Harry Jones, John Kean, Peter Mercer,
Sandy Millspaugh, Julie Nelson,
David Powell, Jane Putnam, Michelle Ray,
Lindley Scarlett, and Jeff Vernimb*



MISSION OUTREACH

FOOD BANK STAFFING

Saturdays in April

Volunteers are needed to staff the food pantry Saturdays in April from 9:30 to noon (April 4, 11, 18, 25). Tasks include interviewing clients, and bagging and distributing food. The pantry is located at the rear of the United Reformed Church, 100 West Main Street in Somerville. This is a great opportunity for older children, and community service hours will be given.



Sign-up sheets are located outside Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please call Sally Hespe at 908-875-1518 or email sallyhespe@aol.com

CONOVER CHURCHES COLLABORATIVE GARDEN PROJECT

The four Conover churches - St. John's, St. Mark's, St. Bernards and St. Luke's - will be joining forces this Spring at the Bernardsville Community Garden.

We have leased two plots at the garden, which is located at the Dunster property on Spring House Rd. off 202 in Bernardsville (across from Old Quarry Road). The group will grow fresh produce to distribute to area families in need.

Want to check out the garden and see how you can help? Join us on Sunday, April 19 from 12 - 1:30 p.m. at the garden. Contact Sally Hespe at sallyhespe@aol.com if you need additional information.

HEIFER MISSION TRIP

July 19-21

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Sixteen SJOTM youths and chaperones will be traveling to Heifer Farm in Rutland, MA Sunday, July 19 - Tuesday, July 21. Participants will work on the farm and stay in a global village, where they will assume the role of an impoverished family.

Want to join or need more information? Contact Sally Hespe at (908) 875-1518. There will be an informational meeting for interested youth and registered participants on Sunday, April 19, immediately following the 10 am service in the Meeting Room.



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.

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.

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

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

Teddy and Tom Murphy

Robbins Brook
10 Devon Drive
Acton, MA 01720
978-429-8470



James and Martha Higgins

1 Wapoos Trail
Chatham, MA 02633

EASTER PREPARATIONS

The kids have been busy preparing for Easter by decorating pots in which they planted Easter flowers. They also decorated an "Alleluia" banner, which was hidden away for Lent and will be brought out on Easter Sunday.



MUSIC NEWS

The Chorus of Communities 25th Annual Spring Concert

Saturday, April 25th 2015 at 7:30 PM
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Montclair, New Jersey

Richard Morgan, Artistic Director
Dr. Brian Harlow, Organist

Tickets for \$12 are available at the door

The Chorus of Communities

presents their
25th Annual Spring Concert

A Concert of Reflection, Reconciliation and Resurrection

In commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the end of WW II



Saturday, April 25th 2015 at 7:30 PM

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Montclair, New Jersey

Richard Morgan, Artistic Director – Dr. Brian Harlow, Organist

Requiem Mass – John Rutter
*A Song of Thanksgiving – Ralph Vaughan Williams
Three Alleluias – Thompson, Young, Hampton

* Commissioned by the BBC to commemorate the end of WW II.

THE ELEMENTS OF THE EASTER ENVIRONMENT ARE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:



Our parents,
Ann and Bob Searing
by Jill and Beth Searing

Richard Herold
by Barbara Herold

George Mullen,
Timothy Mullen
by Rachel Mullen

Our parents,
Margaret F. and Oscar A. Gottscho
by Chris, Jon, Tilde, and Nick Gottscho

My grandparents,
Julia and Harold Haywood,
Joann and James Christie
by Kathy Christie

Judy Kastner Lewis,
Ginna McBride DeKorte
by Margot and Merritt Lewis

Philip Booth
by Sue Ely

William Gunnar Meekings
by the Kennedy Family

The Rev. John Andrew,
Rector Emeritus, St. Thomas Church
by Barbara Mushalko

Evelyn and Lawrence Van Ingen,
Marguerite and Howard Bock
by Mary and Bob Courtemanche

Christine Louise Stiger,
Jake Ballantine
by the Lichtenfeld Family

Robert Heitmann,
Genevieve Hall
by Betty Heitmann

Caroline Carothers Silverman
by Constance and Eric Silverman

Malcolm S. Forbes,
Roberta L. Forbes,
Gerardus Beekman
by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Forbes

William J. Catlett, Jr.
Helen V. Catlett,
by Sue and Bill Catlett

Catharine Musgrave,
Suzanne Musgrave,
Homer Musgrave,
by Eleanor Dean

Sidney C. Moody,
My parents
by Patricia Moody

Judy Johnson Jones
by Harry Jones, III

John Rowe,
Joella Malloy
by Mother Susan Ironside

Eugene W. Mason, Jr.,
Eugene W. Mason, III
by Mary Y. Mason

Katie's niece,
Jean Vicks
by Katie & Jim Porter

John Landon Lee,
John Ludlow Lee
by Binx Lee

Clarissa and Andrew Marckwald,
Katherine and Merrill Chapin,
Fay Todd
by Jeanie and Charlie Chapin

Letitia Millsbaugh,
Fenn Putman
by Joan and Sandy Millsbaugh

Robert Faux
by Dorothy Faux

Charles Mitchell
by Lynn and Michael Mitchell

Eugene W. Mason, Jr.,
Eugene W. Mason, IV,
Warren Keegan,
Allison Macheceron,
Libby and Cope Walbridge,
Harry Wise,
Helena and Frank Johnson,
Robert D. Johnson
by Mary and Frank Johnson

Mary Lou and Raymond Landry
by the Lippman Family

Our loved ones
by June and Alan Enos

Mr. and Mrs. Benton P. Bohannon,
Mr. Henry J. Brucker,
Kathryn M. Bohannon
by Debbie and Bob Brucker

AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

Family and friends
by Rachel Mullen

Our loving parents/grandparents,
Donna & Warren Evleth,
by the Rich Family

General thanksgiving
by Margaret and Brad Murphy

My children,
Carl, William, and Jack,
and Springtime
by Claire Chamberlain

The Rev. Susan Ironside,
The Rev. Dr. Patrick Malloy
by Mary and Bob Courtemanche

Our wonderful family,
Our cherished church friends
by the Kennedy Family

Family, good friends, and
Our many blessings
by Suzanne S. Brown and Family

Many dear friends
by Cam Cavanaugh

The community of St. John on
the Mountain
by Eleanor Dean

Our family and friends
by the Leef Family

Our family, our friends, and our
church staff
by Jane and Peter Mercer

Our community and our troops
by the Lichtenfeld Family

The Sunday School teachers,
musicians, and children
by Lynn Mitchell

The Choir's fellowship,
Rick Morgan
by Sue Ely

Family and friends
*by Beirne Donaldson and Wood
Huntley*

For my parents,
Harris and Helen Morgan
by Richard Morgan

For the the life of
George Peter Calas, Jr.
by Richard Morgan

For all the musicians of St. John
on the Mountain
by Richard Morgan

Our children,
Marshall and Meredith
by Sally and Bill Hespe

Our children,
Haley, Holly, and Andrew
by Patti and Adam Lippman

My family, friends, and
Collins Snyder,
by Patricia Moody

Our grandchildren,
Caroline, Tad, and Whitney
by June and Alan Enos

Family and friends
by Joan and David Powell

For the ministry of our Wardens,
Bob Courtemanche and Heather
Leef
by Mother Susan Ironside

Our daughter,
Christina Mason Johnson,
Friends and family
by Mary and Frank Johnson

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 9:00 am Nursery Care, Room 2 Lower Level

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