



# Views from the Mountain

## From the Rector

*The Reverend Susan R. Ironside*

"Rejoice at all times," St. Paul urged the church in Thessalonica.

We have tried to comply this spring. It has been a busy season on the Mountain, and our common life has been anything but dull, with many reasons to rejoice.

Our confirmation students and acolytes are studying for finals, and they sometimes look a little sleepy on Sunday mornings. (More so than usual.) But getting ready for final exams is a good—albeit exhausting—thing. I am inspired by teenagers who acolyte or come to church even when they are tired, and even when they may not want to come. They are living witnesses to grace. Some of them are going to be heading to the Heifer Farm this summer for a Mission Trip, and will have much to teach us when they return. We rejoice to have these inspiring young people among us!

Our Nursery School students are practicing for graduation, and getting ready to leave us. In the graduating class this year are three remarkable students whose education was fully funded by our Scholarship Fund. These students excelled in our program, and are now well equipped to take on the rigors of Kindergarten. We rejoice that we had the privilege of caring for these children, and rejoice that we have the ongoing opportunity to provide outstanding early childhood education through our school!

Joe Ray continues to astound us with his amazing feat of strength. Seriously. Most of us would be in the hospital. We rejoice in his passion for cycling and his devotion to our community. We rejoice, too, in the two anonymous donors who are matching new and increased pledges made during our summer giving challenge. How humbling it is when the people of our community love us so generously and so passionately!

Other members of our community have started working in the Community Garden, and in a few weeks we will have plants to tend as we partner with our neighbors in

other Episcopal Churches in the area to grow food for a Food Bank here in Bernardsville. We rejoice in growing friendships and growing vegetables.

The choir from St. Philip's Academy worshipped with us on Trinity Sunday. They sang for us and spent time with us after worship. It was a wonderful, inspiring morning. We rejoice, always, to meet new people and to celebrate with them, and learn from them.

But we had our share of sadness this spring. We lost our dear Denny Baird, and we gathered, too, for the funerals of Fred Reynolds and Carolyn Robinson. As much as we believe in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come, it is undeniably difficult to lose the people we love. That part of the month was just tough and there was no getting around it. It takes a courageous community to rejoice in the promise of resurrection even through tears, but we managed to do it.

Other parts of the spring have been bittersweet. We celebrated Fr. Malloy's ministry among us with a wonderful Coffee Hour, and he gifted us with more of the superb preaching we have enjoyed for so many years.

On his last Sunday before heading to Colorado where he will serve as Interim Dean at the Cathedral in Denver, I took Pat out to lunch, so we could celebrate what I called "Good Riddance Sunday!"

"I won't miss you at all," I told him. "In fact, I have been waiting for this day for ages."

It was just easier that way. Neither of us wanted a weepy scene at a restaurant.

And honestly, this is a good thing. A good thing for Fr. Malloy, and a good thing for Christ's Church.

So we rejoice.

You see what I mean? Anything but dull up here on Mount Harmony Road. All kinds of rejoicing up here.

## MISSION OUTREACH

### BACKPACK PROGRAM

**Last Push  
before school  
gets out**

We have recently learned that the Backpack program is still very much in need. Help the Food Bank Network of Somerset County fill backpacks, for disadvantaged students, with healthy snacks to be taken home by students who depend on school meal programs during the week and do not have enough to eat on the weekends.

#### PLEASE HELP BY PROVIDING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING

- Fruit/applesauce cups
- Raisins
- Box of oatmeal packets
- Box of granola bars
- Ramen noodles
- Juice boxes
- Chef Boyardee meals
- Individual serving-size boxes of cereal
- Easy Mac & Cheese
- Single serving milk boxes (non-perishable only)
- Gallon ziplock slider bags
- pudding snack packs (non-perishable only)



*A sample bag of food sent home in a backpack*

### GRACE SOUP KITCHEN

**Friday, June 26th**  
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, June 26th from 10 am – 1 pm. Sign-up sheets are on bulletin board outside kitchen or email Graham Argent-Belcher at [gabelcher@msn.com](mailto:gabelcher@msn.com).

### CONOVER COMMUNITY GARDEN



Pictured is Spencer Zanardi, who has been helping tend our community garden plot. Thank you Spencer!

More than half of the garden has been planted with herbs lettuces, beans, collards, radishes and bok choy. We will be harvesting the tender greens shortly for distribution to the local food pantry. A fifth grade class at St. Elizabeth's School has started tomato, eggplant and pepper plants from seed for us, and we will be planting the seedlings shortly.

To learn more about the Community Garden, watch this [YouTube](#) video.

St. John on the Mountain is scheduled to tend the plots the following weeks: **June 6th, July 4th, August 29th, and September 20th.** Tasks will included weeding, watering and harvesting produce. If you are interested in helping those weeks, please contact Sally Hespe at [sallyhespe@aol.com](mailto:sallyhespe@aol.com).

### Bake Sale

*Thank You*

Thank you to all who supported our Bake Sale (bakers and buyers!) on Sunday, May 31st to help offset the cost of the upcoming youth trip to Heifer International camp in Massachusetts. With your help, we raised over \$240! Pictured below were one of the big hits of the day, Monkey Cupcakes.



**CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS****COMMUNION INSTRUCTION**

Sunday, June 14th



All the baptized are always welcome to receive the Holy Food and Drink, including infants! But many children want to learn more about the Sacrament. On Sunday, June 14 from 9:00-9:30 AM, Mother Susan will meet in the Chapel with any child (2nd grade-6th grade) who

wants to learn more about Holy Communion. All children are welcome, whether they have received Holy Communion before and wish to learn more about it, or if they have yet to receive Holy Communion. Please email Lynn Mitchell ([lynnmitchell@sjotm.org](mailto:lynnmitchell@sjotm.org)) to reserve a spot for your child.

**THANK YOU!**

**Thank You to All Who Work with the Children and Youth of the Parish**

*Louise Asper, Vicki Bosie, Lisa Costello, Sally Hespe, Clyde Leef, Heather Leef, Max Leef, Holly Lippman, Brynn McKeon, Jeff McKeon, Devon McKeon, Robin McKeon, Pam Mayer, Katie Morash, Christina Rutz, Melissa Sharron, Trish Sullivan, and Spencer Zanardi*

**ST. JOHN'S NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS**

May was filled with blooming flowers, given to our nursery school from our children and their families. Each Earth Day is spent with children and teachers planting their flowering plants outside of our classroom doors. Many thanks to the Shockley family for the flower bed clean up!

On Mother's Day week, our children honored their Mothers inviting them to join us in a very special morning of singing and play.

The children from the three year-old classes enjoyed a trip to the Environmental Education Center at Lord Stirling Park. There they discovered small miracles of nature along a wooded trail.

Later in the month, our annual children's circus returned to the mountain, "Under the Big Top" stars were our very own amazing performers! Our children's Art Show followed the circus performance. Many thanks to our teachers for a spectacular day!

With the end of school around the corner, our future kindergarteners will graduate in the sanctuary on June 5th.

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

On Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 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's such a wonderful place for kids!

**VBS SUMMER CAMP ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Adult Volunteers Are Needed for Camp "G-Force: God's Love in Action" at SJOTM**

June 22nd – 26th from 9:15 am - 12:15 am. Please contact Lynn Mitchell if you are interested [lynnmitchell@sjotm.org](mailto:lynnmitchell@sjotm.org).

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

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



We will truly miss them (many of which we have taught for three years), but know they are well prepared to enter the "big" school!

You will continue to hear children's laughter into the month of June, as Preschool Pals Summer Camp will be in session for two weeks following the end of our school year.

On behalf of all of our staff here at SJNS, we would like to thank those of you who have given your love and assistance throughout this school year- Mother Susan, Patti Lippman, Lisa Keenan, Edward Jené, Beirne Donaldson, Blake Putnam, our dedicated board members, and so many others...

Have a great summer!

*Jeanne Williams  
Karen Skoglund  
Denise Hawkins  
Janet Moose  
Susan DeGasparis*

## WORSHIP NEWS

### SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE



The Summer Sunday Service Schedule  
begins on Sunday, June 28th

✝ 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.

### 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](mailto:office@sjotm.org).

### NEW DATE

**SUMMER BAPTISM at**  
St. John on the Mountain  
Sunday, July 12th

We will be celebrating Baptism on Sunday, July 12th at 9:30 am. Questions about baptism? Please contact the office 908-766-2282 or [office@sjotm.org](mailto:office@sjotm.org). After that, the next opportunity (and last date in 2015) for Baptism will be on Sunday, November 1st at 10 am during the All Saints' Sunday service.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
Wednesdays at 8:15 am  
(Last Session on June 10th)

Please join us every Wednesday in the Parish House Meeting Room from 8:15 am - 9:15 am. Our last meeting before summer break will be on Wednesday, June 10th

## SUMMER 2015 GIVING CHALLENGE

By now you should have received a letter about our *Summer 2015 Giving Challenge*. Two Generous Donors are matching all new and increased pledges that are made over the summer. Please consider participating in this exciting program! Questions? Contact Mother Susan [rector@sjotm.org](mailto:rector@sjotm.org), Bob Courtemanche [bob.courtemanche@gmail.com](mailto:bob.courtemanche@gmail.com), or Heather Leef [hmcbrideleef@deloitte.com](mailto:hmcbrideleef@deloitte.com). You can also make a pledge via email. Contact Lisa Keenan [L.Keenan@sjotm.org](mailto:L.Keenan@sjotm.org).



Yes! In joyful thanksgiving for this community and to further God's work on the Mountain, I will participate in the *Summer 2015 Giving Challenge*!

\_\_\_\_\_ I will increase my 2015 pledge to the parish to \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a first time pledger, and want to pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have pledged in the past, but had yet to make a pledge for 2015, and will pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNITY/FELLOWSHIP NEWS****LADIES' LUNCHEON**

Thursday, June 18th

All are invited to the *Ladies' Luncheon* on Thursday, June 18th at noon at the home of Sue Kennedy 18 Brook Hollow Road, Gladstone. Please bring a sandwich; beverages and dessert will be provided. We hope to see you there. RSVP to Sue at 908-234-0267.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

Please note that beginning Monday, June 15th the office hours will be  
**Monday - Thursday**  
**8 am - 1 pm**

**PARISH REGISTER**

**We Pray God to Grant Eternal Rest**

† *Denny Baird*

**New Contact Information for**

**Bobbie Herold**

553 Hill Terrace, Winnetka, IL 60093

**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.

**MEN'S LUNCHEON**

Thursday, June 4th

Please join us on Thursday, June 4th 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.

**LEMONADE HOUR**

Beginning Sunday, June 28th 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.

**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*



## MUSIC NEWS

### Summer Choir

The Choir of St. John on the Mountain invites you to join us during the summer Sundays of July and August! Rehearsals are brief, starting at 8:45 am in preparation for the 9:30 am Eucharist. During that time we will prepare hymns, service music, and a simple anthem for worship.

This is a great way to try the Choir (with no strings attached!) or to simply be a part of the choir if your schedule does not permit doing so during the year. Middle school and high school students are welcome, too

No advance notice is required. Just show up on any Sunday morning in the Choir Room at 8:45 am beginning Sunday, June 28th and enjoy the music making!

### A VIRTUOUS CYCLE Joe Ray Bikes for St. John's

#### A Message from Joe Ray:

I finished the first three and have one more ride left:

125 miles (200k) - 9 1/2 hrs April 18

187 miles (300k) - 14 1/2 hrs April 25

250 miles (400k) - 17 hrs May 16

I finished the 400k in a thunderstorm at 9pm with a non-working headlight -- a real confidence-builder!

375 miles (600k) - riding this one June 6-7

*Joe Ray on a stop for lunch on his  
April 25th ride. "Best tasting  
Quarter Pounder ever!"*



We are over \$10,000 in sponsor pledges now and I am in awe. I want to express my deep gratitude and, quite frankly, absolute astonishment at the response this has generated to everyone who pledged and all who have wished me luck. I never suspected that people, many of whom I know very well but some less so, would be so generous in their support of my effort. It is truly gratifying, and I am very excited as your Treasurer that so much of our much-needed fundraising could be accomplished this way!

*Joe*

#### A Virtuous Cycle to Benefit St. John on the Mountain

Parishioner, Joe Ray, will ride 1500 kilometers in four rides (April 18, 25, May 16 and June 6) in order to qualify to ride in the Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur ("PBP") which will be held this August in France. Each ride must be completed within a set time limit. The time limit includes stops for rest, flat tires, food and drink, etc. Rides are unsupported, so whatever you need you bring with you on the ride or you find it along the route. There is no "team car" handing out food and performance drinks. So, what makes this *Virtuous*? You!! Joe is inviting fellow parishioners to pledge \$x.xx per kilometer to sponsor him. All money raised at the end of the journey will be paid to St. John on the Mountain to support the church's operations for 2015. The total amount of money will be based on the total kilometers completed. Assuming Joe successfully completes all four rides, here are some examples of pledges:

| \$/km  | Total   | \$/km  | Total | \$/km  | Total |
|--------|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| \$1.00 | \$1,500 | \$0.50 | \$750 | \$0.20 | \$300 |
| \$0.75 | \$1,125 | \$0.33 | \$500 | \$0.10 | \$150 |
| \$0.67 | \$1,000 | \$0.25 | \$375 | \$0.05 | \$75  |



If you would like to pledge your support for Joe there are several ways to do so. Call in your pledge to the office 908-766-2282, email [office@sjotm.org](mailto:office@sjotm.org) or cut and return this portion of the newsletter. Please indicate your name \_\_\_\_\_ and the amount \$\_\_\_\_\_/km. Place your pledge in the offering plate on Sundays or mail to the office 379 Mount Harmony Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924. Thank you in advance!

## CONGRATULATIONS to the CLASS of 2015



### High School Graduates

#### Jack Eckert

Will graduate from The Eagle Hill School in Massachusetts and attend Chapman University in Orange, CA.

#### Beatrice Giordano

Will graduate from Bernards High School and attend Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA

#### Max Leef

Max will graduate from The Pingry School and attend Northwestern University in Evanston, IL.

#### Connor McKeon

Will graduate from Ridge High School and attend the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA.

#### Ricky Morash

Will graduate from The Pingry School and attend Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA.

### College Graduates

#### Philip Vernimb

Philip graduated from University of Vermont with a BS in Business Administration with an Entrepreneurial emphasis and Economics Minor.

#### Courtney Waite

Courtney graduated from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill with a double major in History and American Studies.

### Prayer For Young Persons

*Book of Common Prayer*

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



### VISIT FROM ST. PHILIP'S ACADEMY CHOIR

We had a blast with the choir from St. Philip's Academy on Sunday, May 31st during the 10 am worship service! "Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee." Best Trinity Sunday Ever!

**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF  
ST. JOHN ON THE MOUNTAIN**

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**Summer Sunday Service Schedule**

begins Sunday, June 28th

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

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

