



Views from the Mountain

From the Rector

The Reverend Susan R. Ironside

September went by quickly and was loads of fun! We enjoyed a picnic and worship at Ross Farms with our friends from St. Mark's in Basking Ridge. A new Sunday School year has begun, and our choir has already dazzled us with marvelous music in our worship. A magnificent party is being planned for October 22. There is so much to celebrate and so many reasons to rejoice!

I couldn't be more proud of the remarkable young people who were confirmed by Bishop George Cuncell on Sunday. They each bring unique gifts and passions into our parish community, and I am excited to have them among us. Please join me in celebrating the faithfulness of Emmy, Camille, Juliana, Rory, Jack, Mai Seay, Sarah, Caroline, Sean, and Katie, and giving thanks for their parents and godparents, whose promises made at their baptisms continue to bring forth new life for all of us.

It was truly an honor to have Bishop Cuncell preach, preside and confirm 10 members of our community. In his sermon, Bishop Cuncell shared a wonderful Maya Angelou poem that he wanted to pass on to our community. I drove home on Sunday, pondering the wonder of our common life and ministry, so very thankful that God has gathered us to stumble and find grace together!

See you in Church!

Susan



"I Am A Christian"

by

Maya Angelou

*When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin'".
I'm whispering "I was lost,
Now I'm found and forgiven."*

*When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble
and need Christ to be my guide.*

*When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak
And need His strength to carry on.*

*When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed
And need God to clean my mess.*

*When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not claiming to be perfect,
My flaws are far too visible
But, God believes I am worth it.*

*When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches
So I call upon His name.*

*When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not holier than thou,
I'm just a simple sinner
Who received God's good grace, somehow*

WORSHIP NEWS**PARISH REGISTER & UPDATES**

The Right Reverend George E. Cuncell
the XI Bishop of New Jersey

Confirmed the following persons in the Episcopal Church

Sunday, October 2, 2016

*Emília Joy Baird
 Camille Johnston Chatwin
 Juliana Lenore DeMarco
 Rory Marie Ewing*

*Jonathan William Gibson, Jr
 Mona Mai Seay Mennen Gibson
 Sarah Elizabeth Gudgion
 Caroline Mary Lewis*

*Sean Christopher Robinson
 Katrina Isabel Vollmar*

**PRAYER LIST**

The next Pastoral Care meeting is October 6th. 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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursday at 10:00 am

Women's Bible Study will resume on Thursday mornings at 10 AM beginning on October 13. This fall we will explore the women of the Old Testament, whose rich stories are often forgotten or misunderstood. This study is influenced and inspired by the work of friend of the parish, Mother Ann Holt, whom we hope will be able to join us for some sessions. Join us! No previous experience with the Bible needed!

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.

FALL FUNDRAISER



ST JOHN ON THE MOUNTAIN
invites you to our

FUN FALL FESTIVAL
with Arts & Crafts

Saturday, October 22
3 pm - 5 pm

Interactive Fun for All Ages
Art Lesson (ages 10+)
Photo Scavenger Hunt
Activities for Children

And the fun continues with
A "Kick Back, Relax & Spend" Party!
5:30 pm- 9 pm

Hors d'oeuvres & Wine
Art, Jewelry and Crafts For Sale
Silent Auction, Wine Pull
Even More Activities for Children!

All money raised will support the ministries of
St. John on the Mountain

Advance reservations are preferred
Tickets available at the door



MUSIC NEWS*by Christopher Jennings, Organist***Children & Youth Choir Meet and Greet
October 30th at 11:15 am**

Parents, children, and youth: Grab a cup of coffee and meet our new Director of Music, Christopher Jennings in the Choir Room after the 10 am liturgy on Sunday, October 30th. We are eager to begin a new music program for children and youth and want your input and ideas. If you cannot attend but are interested in learning more, please contact Christopher at cjennings@sjotm.org.

**Intergenerational Choir for
Christmas Eve**

Adults, children and youth 3rd grade and up are invited to join us to form a special Intergenerational Choir for our 5pm Christmas Eve Eucharist. We will help lead congregational singing and learn a few new carols to sing. This is a great family activity that will be fun and engaging for all ages. We will rehearse on Sunday December 11th, from 11:15 am to Noon (after church) and/or December 20th 5-6 pm. Please try to attend at least one of these rehearsals. To sign-up, just show up, or contact Christopher Jennings at cjennings@sjotm.org.

LADIES' LUNCHEON

Thursday, October 20th

All are welcome to join the Ladies Luncheon on Thursday, October 20th at noon at the home of June Enos 115 Willow Dr, Bedminster. Please bring a sandwich; beverages and dessert will be provided. We hope to see you there. Please RSVP to June at 908-234-1321.



*Best Wishes as you celebrate
your birthday in October*

*Stuart Brunet, Cam Cavanaugh, Charlie Chapin, Kathy Christie,
Percy Chubb, Ward Dorer, Dan Ely,
Abby Kean, Anne Kearns,
Patti Lippman, Joe Ray, Christine Scarlett,
Patty Vollmar, & Valerie Zanardi*

MEN'S LUNCHEON

Thursday, October 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.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN
BULBS**

Over the summer landscaping work around the Memorial Garden has made it a more private and tranquil space. A level walk around the walled enclosure was created, drainage was improved and the nursery school playground and neighboring homes were screened with new plantings. We encourage you to visit there. We would like plant spring bulbs in late autumn to continue to enhance the setting. Donations are welcomed for the selections listed below. Additional contributions will go into the *Memorial Garden Fund* for future plantings and for its regular care. Here are some bulbs we would like to add with prices to give an idea of cost. See photos of these selections on poster in the Narthex.

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Name: _____ I would like to help plant bulbs: Y / N

I would like to contribute \$ _____ towards:
(check payable to SJOTM: memo Bulbs)

Please circle flower choice:

Glory of the Snow *Chionodoxa* 50/\$26.00; 100/\$43.25

Snowdrops *Galanthus* 50/\$17.75; 100/\$30.50

Miniature daffodils *Sabrosa* 50/\$19; *Sun Disc* 100/\$31; *Twinkling Yellow* 50/\$27

Additional plantings: *Epimedium* \$20/pot



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS

Classroom Times and Locations

Confirmation Class of 2017 at 9 am	Upstairs Classroom Parish House
*Pre-K/Kdgs at 10 am	Classroom #4
*Grades 1/2/3 at 10 am	Classroom #3
*Grades 4/5/6 at 10 am	Upstairs Classroom Parish House
Babysitting	Classroom #2

* Please note all Sunday School children (Pre-K – 6th Grades) should meet in the chapel at 10 am on the 13th. After a welcome, song, and prayer, students will move on to the classrooms listed above.

It's never too late to sign-up for Sunday school. Please join us any Sunday in these locations

BAPTISM on ALL SAINTS' DAY Sunday, November 6th

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. The next dates for Baptism are:

- Sunday, November 6th at 10 am
- Sunday, November 20th at 10 am
- Sunday, January 8th at 10 am

Questions about baptism? Please contact Mo. Susan at rector@sjotm.org.

NEW CONFIRMATION CLASS TO BEGIN Sunday, October 9th

We are excited to begin confirmation preparation with a fantastic group of young people! Confirmation Class will begin on October 9th at 9 am, and will meet weekly in the lounge on the 2nd floor of the Parish House. Your daughter or son is welcomed and encouraged to participate in this program, even if she or he is uncertain about confirmation at this time. It's normal and healthy to struggle with belief, and we welcome doubters! For more information or to learn more about the class, please contact Mother Susan at rector@sjotm.org or Lynn Mitchell at lynnmitchell@sjotm.org.



Best Wishes as you celebrate your birthday in October

*Samantha Morris, Jackson
Anderson, Michael Vessa, Rose
Costello, and Sophie Bosie*



ST. JOHN'S NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Our 61 preschoolers have settled into the routine of our school day, and are busy, busy, busy!

October special events include a school trip to Middle Valley Farm for a hayride, pumpkin picking, and a morning of farm fun. We have several special visits from our community this month - Patrolman Chertoff from the Bernardsville Police Department, Matt Kneafsey from the Bernardsville Fire Department, and Amy Montgomery from the Bernardsville Rescue Squad. Our 4+ class took a trip to the Bernardsville Police Station and Firehouse.

The nursery school is adorned with apple baskets of fall flowers! Many thanks to the fundraising efforts of Aimee Stull and Heather Swartz.

October will end with the traditional Halloween parade and class parties. What a great way to end this special month!

Anyone interested in obtaining a school tour, or more nursery school information, please contact the director, Jeanne Williams, at 908-766-0374, or jwilliams@sjotm.org

All Saints' Day



During the Sunday service on November 6th,
we will remember in prayer the names of those who have been buried from
St. John on the Mountain during the past year.

In addition to reading the list of names of those who died this year,
we invite you to share with us the names of those you have loved and lost.
Please send us those names, and we will remember them before God
when we celebrate the *Feast of All Saints*.

(Please Print names, without titles, using FIRST and LAST)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

It is not necessary, but if you would like to include a contribution in memory of those remembered,
kindly enclose your check made payable to St. John on the Mountain with a memo
"All Saints' Offering."

Please return your dedication by Friday, October 28th to:
St. John on the Mountain
attn: All Saints' Dedication
379 Mount Harmony Road
Bernardsville, NJ 07924

Your Name _____

Phone number _____

ST. JOHN ON THE MOUNTAIN ✱ 379 MOUNT HARMONY ROAD ✱ BERNARDSVILLE, NJ 07924

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MISSION OUTREACH

COMMUNITY GARDEN

There is still work and harvesting to be done. Help is needed during the week of October 2nd. The schedule is created based on the weather forecast. Please let Sally Hesse (sallyhespe@aol.com) know if you are able to help. This is a wonderful opportunity for the youth to earn community service hours. Many hands make light work! Please come and help and have some fun in the fresh air! The garden is located at the Boudinot-Ross Estate, 135 North Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge.



*Caroline and Sarah Lewis
at
the Community Garden*

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY

Saturdays in November

St. John on the Mountain will staff the Food Pantry in Somerville each Saturday in November. This is an important outreach ministry to the needy in our community and is an excellent opportunity for youth to earn community service hours. We need volunteers Saturday November 7, 14, 21, and 28th from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. The pantry is located in the rear of the United Reformed Church, [100 West Main Street, Somerville](#). There is municipal parking behind the church, near the entrance of the food pantry. Tasks involve bagging and distributing food and receiving and interviewing clients. To sign up or for more further information please contact Sally Hesse [\(908\) 875-1518](tel:908-875-1518).

GRACE SOUP KITCHEN

Friday, October 28

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, October 28th from 10 am – 1 pm. To sign-up email Graham Argent-Belcher at gabelcher@msn.com.

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908-766-2282 Directions
visit our facebook page
[Click here for Memorial Garden Flower Bulb Form](#)

October 9th The Twentieth First Sunday After Pentecost
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 am Nursery Care, Room 2 Lower Level
Confirmation Class, Meeting Room
Parish Choir rehearsal, Church
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir, Church
Sunday School
11:15 am Coffee Hour, Parish Hall

SJOTM is handicap accessible

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED