



Views from the Mountain

*The Clergy and Wardens of St. John on the Mountain, Bernardsville
and St. Mark's, Basking Ridge
request the honor of your presence at the Paschal Triduum*

*March 24, 25, and 26
7 PM each evening*

Families are enthusiastically welcome at each service

Maundy Thursday will be celebrated at St. Mark's in Basking Ridge. As a gathered community, we will enter into the Triduum by celebrating Holy Eucharist together, sharing in the foot washing, and setting Holy Food and Drink aside for Good Friday. We will be using an ancient form of worship from our ancestors. Early Christians celebrated Holy Communion with a meal, not just bread and wine. In the singing of prayers and sharing of food, Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Dinner will be incorporated in this service that follows a model of "Dinner Church" which is an adaptation of early Christians worship and is celebrated weekly by St. Lydia's Church in Brooklyn, NY.

Good Friday will be celebrated at St. John on the Mountain, and we will gather to celebrate Jesus' triumph over sin and death, and mark the solemn day by hearing again the story of the passion and death of our Savior, and venerating the Lord's cross.

The Great Vigil of Easter will be celebrated at Ross Farms, the site of our shared community garden. A few feet away from where 1,000 pounds of vegetables were grown so they could be given away to those in need, we will celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter together, and renew the promises made in baptism. Feasting will be involved!

You will hear more about our High Holy Days as they draw nearer, but please plan on sharing them with us!



*The Rectors of St. Mark's Basking Ridge
and St. John on the Mountain celebrating
Holy Communion together.*

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

ALLELUIA BANNER

Children decorated the *Alleluia Banner* during the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Feb. 9th. This banner was "buried" in the church on the First Sunday in Lent, and it will be hung in Parish Hall on Easter Sunday.



COLLECTING COINS DURING LENT

Sunday school students were given Heifer International banks to fill with coins during Lent. We hope to collect more than last year's total of \$210 to help buy a cow, pig, or some chicks to end hunger for a family in need. Banks can be turned in to Lynn Mitchell on Easter Sunday or the following Sunday.



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

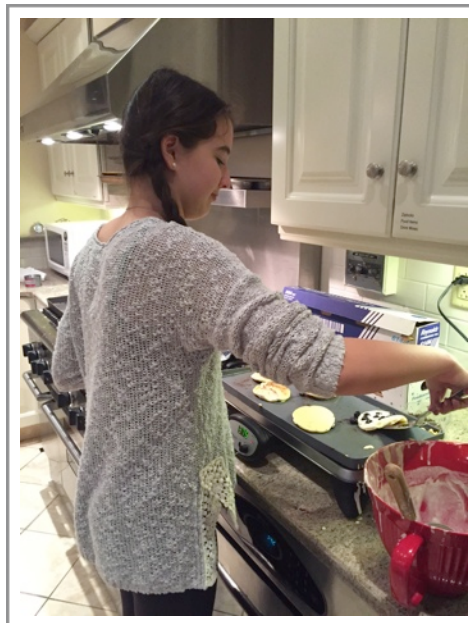
Caroline Zanardi, Juliana DeMarco,
Gracie Morais, Spencer Zanardi, Trevor McKeon,
Riordan Farley, Natasha Lukacsko,
Sydney Vollmar, Oyinda Emuleomo, and
Andrew Lippman

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY & PANCAKE SUPPER

The confirmation class held a successful soup tasting fund-raiser at coffee hour on Feb. 7th. They made six different soups to taste and purchase. On Tuesday, Feb. 9th confirmation students cooked pancakes and sausages at the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. A total of \$284.07 was collected for the Food Bank Network of Somerset County.



Confirmation class on Souper Bowl Sunday



Camille Chatwin making pancakes.

WORSHIP NEWS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 10:00 am

In the weeks of Lent, we will explore the Gospel of Luke together. We welcome Mother Anne Holt from Calvary Church, Flemington who will be our special guest and introduce us to this wonderful engagement with our sacred text. Please join us in the Parish House Meeting Room from 10 - 11 am each Wednesday during Lent.

EVENING PRAYER on TUESDAYS: *Praying in Lent*

March 1st, March 8th,
March 15th

On Tuesdays evenings at 6 pm, the community will gather for Evening Prayer in the Chapel, followed by a simple potluck supper. Members of our community will preside at this simple service of prayer. Bring a dish to share for supper, and come and allow the word of God to wash over you, and pray with the assembled community, as our ancestors did before us.

2016 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.

2016 Dates for Holy Baptism

Saturday, March 26	7 pm	The Great Vigil of Easter
Sunday, May 15	10 am	The Day of Pentecost
Sunday, Nov 6	10 am	All Saints' Sunday

USHERS NEEDED

Please consider joining this important ministry. Greeting people, distributing bulletins, conveying the sacred elements to the altar, and inviting parishioners to partake of Communion are central to our worship services. No experience needed. To sign-up or for more information contact the office at 908-766-2282 or office@sjotm.org.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mother Susan distributes Ashes during St. John Nursery School drop-off on Wednesday February 10th. We also celebrated Ash Wednesday at the Bernardsville Train Station.



COMMUNITY/FELLOWSHIP NEWS**LADIES' LUNCHEON**

Thursday, March 17th

All are invited to the *Ladies' Luncheon* on Thursday, March 17th (*St Patrick's Day*) at noon at the home of Joy Baird, 29 Long Hill Road New Vernon. Please bring a sandwich; beverages and dessert will be provided. We hope to see you there. RSVP to Joy at 973-539-8328

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.

PRAYER LIST

If you would like to have someone added to the Prayer List, please call 9098-766-2282 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 3rd

Please join us on Thursday, March 3rd 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.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, March 27th

We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children of all ages on Easter Sunday morning, March 27th, immediately following the 10:00am service. Weather permitting, we will hold the hunt outside.

SAVE THE DATE!

3rd Annual
St. John Nursery School & SJOTM
Fundraiser



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 Thursday, March 17th. 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

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In Thanksgiving for

Your Name _____ email _____ Daytime phone _____

MISSION OUTREACH

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

We are hoping to have another SJOTM trip to Heifer Farm in Rutland, MA, again this summer. This will be a 2 night weekend trip, date to be decided. Participants will work on the farm and stay in a global village, where they will assume the role of an impoverished family. Youth entering 6th grade and older are eligible as are adults who want to join. We are in the process of gauging interest. Please let Billy Webster, Lynn Mitchell or Sally Hespe know if you are interested or need further information.

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.

ST. JOHN'S NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Since the new year, we've been busy at SJNS with offering tours to new families, along with registration information for the next school year. It looks as though we will have a solid enrollment again in the 2016-17 school year. The pre-K classes will visit the RVCC Planetarium in March, taking a school bus as transportation! This is always so exciting for our four and five year-olds. During the month of March we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and Easter. So much fun!!

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

FOOD PANTRY

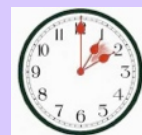
Volunteers are needed to staff the food pantry Saturdays in April from 9:30 to noon (April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30). Tasks include interviewing clients, and bagging and distributing food. The pantry is located at the rear of the United Reformed Church, 100 West Main Street in Somerville. This is a great opportunity for families; community service hours will be given. To sign up, please contact Sally Hespe (908) 875-1518 or sallyhespe@aol.com

THANK YOU !



A big thank you to our volunteers who helped with the Easter mailing at the office this week! We were excited to partner with our neighbors at Hope Autism Solutions, a life skills training program for adults living with autism.

Don't forget to *spring ahead*
on
Sunday, March 12th!
Be sure to set those clocks
one hour ahead!



GOD'S GIVING GARDEN

WHAT: The garden is a collaborative project of SJOTM, St. Bernard's and St. Mark's parishes. The purpose is to grow and distribute fresh produce to area residents in need. Last year over 1,000 pounds of vegetables were delivered to area food pantries.

WHERE: God's Giving Garden has 2 locations. There is a small plot at the Bernardsville Community Garden off Route 202, across from the Bernardsville Municipal Complex. A second larger site is located within the Boudinot Ross Estate on North Maple Avenue next to the Basking Ridge Country Club.

HOW You Can Help

DONATE: The following supplies are needed: cardboard egg cartons, small yogurt containers, popsicle sticks, small milk orange juice paper containers, heavy cardboard trays (from the bottom of canned good cases)

PLANT: Join the Sunday school in Parish Hall during church on Sunday, March 13, to start our seedlings.

GARDEN: We will be working from April through October in the garden, planting, weeding, harvesting and delivering to area food pantries. We need lots of volunteers of ALL ages. Contact Sally Hespe at sallyhespe@aol.com or (908) 875-1518 to sign up.



"A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'" When Jesus finished the story, he looked at his friends. "God is just like this gardener. God will not give up on you. God will always help you to grow."

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, a blue cross with a white center, and the text "St. John on the Mountain". Below the logo is a "Welcome" section with links for "St. John on the Mountain clergy & staff", "the wardens & vestry", "contact us", "directions", and "photo gallery". To the right of the welcome section is a "Worship & Music" section with links for "News & Info", "Children & Youth", "Parish Life", "Serving & Giving", "Mountain Art Show", and "St. John's Nursery School". The main content area is titled "St. John on the Mountain" and "The Episcopal Church of St. John on the Mountain Welcomes You". It provides the address: "379 Mount Harmony Road, Bernardsville, NJ 908-766-2282" and a link to "Directions". Below this is a section for "March 6th The Fourth Sunday in Lent" with a list of services: "8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I, Chapel", "9:00 am Nursery Care, Room 2 Lower Level", "Parish Choir rehearsal, Church", "Confirmation Class, Meeting Room", "10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir, Church", "Sunday School", and "11:15 am Coffee Hour, Parish Hall". At the bottom is a section for "Praying in Lent: Evening Prayer" with the text "Join us Tuesday Evenings at at 6 pm" and "March 1st, 8th, and 15th". On the right side of the screenshot is a vertical banner with the text "THE Episcopal CHURCH" and "St. John on the Mountain welcomes you".

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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