



Views from the Mountain

From the Rector

The Reverend Susan R. Ironside

The Community Garden at Ross Farms yielded 1,000 pounds of produce. Partnering with neighboring Episcopal parishes, those vegetables were raised by faithful gardeners, and donated to area Food Banks. So when Fr. Rick Morley, the Rector of St. Mark's in Basking Ridge and I started to make plans for High Holy Days, we wondered about that plot of earth, frozen and fallow in the weeks of Lent. We wondered what it would be like to celebrate the First Eucharist of Easter and be fed by God a few feet away from where our communities, by God's grace, had experienced the privilege of feeding others.

That is how it came to pass that we found ourselves in a barn on the Highest Holy night of the year, joined with about 70 members of the community who gathered around the new fire and then huddled in the barn to listen the ancient story of salvation, to renew the promises of baptism using an evergreen branch that had been cut from a tree just outside the barn, and to celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter with glowsticks and Christmas lights to be reminders of the Light of Christ.

Planning the days was a creative delight for us and for the musicians and lay leaders, especially Rick Morgan, whose inspiration shaped our celebration in remarkable ways. Our parishes collaborated to mark the Paschal Triduum together in a unique fashion.

Maundy Thursday was celebrated at St. Mark's, using one of the oldest Eucharistic prayers, and both communities sat at round tables together, shared a meal, and washed one another's feet; indulging in such intimacy with people that we had, in some cases, met just that evening. The evening ended with the our united community gathered around the consecrated Bread and Wine that would be shared on Good Friday. "Stay with me. Remain here with me. Watch and pray," we chanted together by candlelight.

On Good Friday the parishes gathered in our magnificent Parish Hall. Before a wooden cross was carried and placed in our midst and the Bread and Wine from the previous evening was shared, the Passion of Jesus was read by lectors from both congregations. Musicians from St. Mark's and St. John on the Mountain offered hauntingly beautiful expressions of the holiness of the night, and a Warden from each parish led the assembly in solemn prayer for the Church and the World.

On Saturday night, we were joined by our neighbors from St. Bernard's. Having shared a remarkable three days of prayer and worship, we sat side by side while the choir sang a Shaker tune that was probably best sung in a barn set to the text called "Lord of the Dance." It gave the words richer meaning.

*"Dance, then, wherever you may be.
'I am the Lord of the Dance,' said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be."*

It will be time to plant again soon. I wonder where the Lord will lead us next.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Susan +



WORSHIP NEWS

TRIDUUM 2016



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS**VBS SUMMER CAMP**

June 27th - July 1



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 Surf Shack. Join us for sports, games, music, snacks, Bible stories, and cool crafts! The cost is \$60 per child (with a \$150 cap per family). Registration forms are available on the church website and in the children's library.

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.

**EASTER EGG HUNT****COLLECTING COINS DURING LENT**

Sunday School children collected coins in their Heifer banks during Lent. The proceeds will benefit Heifer International. We were raising funds to support lasting solutions to help hungry people. The banks should be returned to Lynn Mitchell ASAP.

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**

SJNS Dads come to school in April! Once a year, on Saturday morning, the children bring their Dads to nursery school for a fun-filled hour. It's always such a special time for our children and their Dads! The SJNS staff is anticipating another successful fundraiser on April 16th! All of our fundraising volunteers are putting forth much effort to make this a fun and profitable event! Earth Day is celebrated with children's flowering plant contributions. Spring has sprung with the beauty of blooms in front of our classroom doors. Chick eggs arrive in April. We will watch and wait patiently until the birth of 12 fuzzy, peeping chicks!

SJNS has a teaching position available for the 2016-17 school year. Applicants should hold a certificate in Early Childhood Education or CDA license. Interested applicants please contact the nursery school director, see below. There is still a few spots remaining for the 2016-17 school year.

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

BUILDING THE H.O.P.E. TEAM **“Helping Other People Everyday”**

Our goal for 2016 is to gain 100% participation in Outreach!

What does that mean? It means that we are asking YOU and every other member of St John on the Mountain to join **The H.O.P.E. Team** “*Helping Other People Everyday*”.

No, you don’t have to help everyday. There are plenty of opportunities to help other people throughout the year and we are asking that everyone participate in some way. Of course, donating money counts as participation and we are grateful to everyone who does that. Did you know that you can include a designated donation to Outreach in your pledge envelope? Donations will directly increase the funds that we can contribute towards helping people in need. But we know that for many of you, actual participation in a worthwhile project will be much more rewarding. [For more opportunities to participate see the Outreach Notice Board outside the Kitchen, check each month’s issue of The View, or talk to a member of the Outreach team.]

GOD’S GIVING GARDEN

We are planning our second year at the garden we maintain with St Bernard’s and St Mark’s Churches. Our goal is to grow “A TON OF FOOD” for the Food Pantry, the patrons of which are begging for fresh vegetables. This is a big project and we need a lot of help from volunteers. Our Sunday School students have already started to help, planting seeds under a grow-light that you can see in the Atrium/Library at the church.

Days will be scheduled for planting over the next two months. Then, every third week from June to early October SJOTM will be responsible for caring for the garden and harvesting and delivering the crops to the Food Bank. A sign-up sheet will be on the Notice Board and more information will be published in future editions of The View from the Mountain. Please come and help and have some fun in the fresh air! The garden is located at the Boudinot-Ross Estate, 30 North Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge.



Sunday school students plant lettuce and bean seeds for God's Giving Garden.

HEIFER MISSION TRIP **July 15-17**

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Join us from Friday July 15th – Sunday, July 17th in Rutland, MA at the Heifer 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, including transportation. Want to join or need more information? Contact Sally Hespe at (908) 875-1518 or email sallyhespe@aol.com.

MISSION OUTREACH

GRACE SOUP KITCHEN

Friday, April 29th
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, April 29th from 10 am – 1 pm. The dates for the remainder of 2016 (all Fridays) are: May 27th; July 29th; August 26th; September 30th; October 28th; November 25th; December 30th. For more info, email Graham Argent-Belcher at gabelcher@msn.com.

Why are these people smiling so broadly? They just completed preparing and serving lunch to 150 hungry people at Grace Church, Plainfield on a recent Friday. Why don't you volunteer to help the team the next time we're scheduled to serve at Grace's Kitchen!



Parishioners (l-r): Jane Mercer, Paul Zanardi, Sandy Millsbaugh, and Graham Argent-Belcher.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

This Easter St John on the Mountain "adopted" ten needy families. Ten parish families delivered uncooked ingredients for Easter meals to families registered with the Food Bank who would not have enough to eat for the holiday. This is a generous and much appreciated act that SJOTM families have undertaken each Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas for many years. There are often more needy families than families willing and able to deliver the meals. Could you help? It is usually very straightforward and pleasant, as was our visit to Bound Brook this year. There have been a few occasions when donors couldn't make contact or had difficulty finding an address but these are rare. GPS helps a lot! Please contact Hilary Thomas (hilarity31@gmail.com) or Sue Kennedy (gdirak@aol.com) if you would be willing to join us in November and/or December and become a part of THE H.O.P.E. TEAM 2016.

FOOD BANK STAFFING Saturdays in April

SJOTM staffs the Food Pantry in Somerville each Saturday in April and November. This is an important outreach ministry to the needy in our community and is an excellent opportunity for families to serve together and for youth to earn community service hours. We need volunteers now for Saturday April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Serving time is from 9:15 a.m. until about 11:30 p.m. 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. If you would like to sign up or need further information please contact Sally Hesper at sallyhespe@aol.com or (908) 875-1518.



COMMUNITY/FELLOWSHIP NEWS**SAVE THE DATE!**

3rd Annual
St. John Nursery School & SJOTM Fundraiser
Saturday April 16th

The committee for the 3rd annual St. John's Spring Fundraiser is planning a wonderful event that will include delicious food, wine, music, silent auction, wine pull and raffle items. Please help support this event by attending AND contributing silent auction and wine pull. Items can be dropped off to Lisa Coakley in the Parish office. Please include your name, the item's value and any other information you would like to add. For the wine pull, we are accepting wine bottle donations of \$20-\$100. Additionally, the committee will gratefully accept monetary donations to underwrite general expenses for the event such as food and beverages. Please contact Kim McLean at kimmybteach@gmail.com or 908-797-5392 if you would like to make a contribution or have any questions. All proceeds from the event benefit the mission of the church, the nursery school and scholarship fund. We thank you in advance for your support!



Please Join SJOTM and SJNS
For Our 3rd Annual
**St. John's
Scholarship Fund
Spring Fundraiser Fiesta**

Saturday, April 16th
6:30 p.m.

St. John on the Mountain Parish Hall
379 Mt. Harmony Road ♦ Bernardsville, NJ

Sangria, wine and beer, heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served
Silent auction, raffle, wine pull and live music

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 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 908-766-2282 or email the Parish Office office@sjotm.org.

MEN'S LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 7th

Please join us on Thursday, April 7th 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.

April Birthday Wishes to

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

**PARISH REGISTER**

We Pray God to Grant Eternal Rest

✠ Alan Shaw

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



George & Timothy Mullen,
Percy Chubb
by Rachel Mullen

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

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

John Low Baldwin,
Patsy Richardo, Philip Booth
by Sue Ely

William Gunnar Meekings
by the Kennedy Family

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

Robert Heitmann
by Betty Heitmann

Caroline Carothers Silverman,
David Walter Flegal,
Carol Carothers Flegal
by Constance and Eric Silverman

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

Our parents
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by Jane and Peter Mercer

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Mr. & Mrs. and Merrill Chapin Jr.,

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My sister, Amy Ironside
by Mother Susan Ironside

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Fenn Putman
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by Mary and Frank Johnson

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Ethel May Buntz Judd
by Melinda Judd

Dr. Robert Faux
Alan and Margaret Shaw
by Dorothy Faux

AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

Family and friends,
by Rachel Mullen

Our church family, most
especially Katie and Jim Porter
by the Kennedy Family

Many dear friends,
by Cam Cavanaugh

Our family and friends
by the Leef Family

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

The Choir's fellowship,
Rick Morgan
by Sue Ely

Our children, grandchildren,
and friends
by Patricia Moody and Collins Snyder

My wonderful family
by Betty Heitman

Family & friends
by June and Alan Enos

Our wonderful friendships at St John's
by Katie and Jim Porter

Our 60 years of marriage
by Joan and David Powell

Jody Flegal
by Constance and Eric Silverman

Our daughter, Christina Mason
Johnson,
James K Young
by Mary and Frank Johnson

Isabel, Jack, Mai Seay,
Dietze and Bee Gibson
by the Gibson Family

Family, friends, and our many
blessings
by the Iossa Family

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