



Views from the Mountain

From the Rector

The Reverend Susan R. Ironside

I will freely admit that I was disappointed to learn that our parish is neither a Pokestop nor a Pokemon Gym. I don't play Pokemon Go, but my son does as do many of my friends. Over the summer I envied other churches who had teenagers and assorted gamers hanging out on their front stoops all summer long, because the church was a helpful stop for catching rare Pokemon. I drove by a Methodist Church all summer long, and saw bikes and kids with iPhones, just hanging out at church! I would have loved to have the company of gamers in the quiet months of July and August!

In any event, the Nintendo Corporation did not give us this coveted designation, so I was forced to live with my disappointment.

(If you have no idea what I am writing about, you are a better person for it. Trust me.)

My temporary disappointment quickly gave way to excitement in remembering who we really are, our true designation.

We are a place where people gather for much more interesting reasons. We gather here to catch and train that which is elusive and treasured and rare. Children come up here to learn both the alphabet and learn about an unusual God who once created sea monsters and still creates wonder. People come up here to sing, and to hear the story of our ancestors, and to be fed. They come to find a community of people who will rejoice with them when things are amazing, and comfort them when things get hard. They come to be strengthened for the privilege of serving others.

And yes, some come to play Pokemon. Because even though we are not a designated Pokestop or Pokemon Gym, we have had Pokemon sightings all summer long. So I hope our Sunday School students can catch some when they come back in a few weeks. And I hope we can all catch the marvel of being alive and being together and being swept up into the grace that once caught us and continues to hold us.

See you in Church!



Regular Sunday Service Schedule begins Sunday, September 18th

8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the chapel

10 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music and childcare

Coffee Hour will immediately follow the 10 am worship service

Sunday, September 18th
First Day of Sunday School

WORSHIP NEWS**CONFIRMATION**

with Bishop Cuncell
on behalf of Bishop Stokes
 Sunday, October 2nd
 at 10 am

**PARISH REGISTER****We Pray God to Grant Eternal Rest**

† *Edmund P Rogers III*

The Memorial Service for Eddie Rogers
 will be on September 10th at 11:00 am
 at St John on the Mountain.

**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.

**OUTDOOR SERVICE &
 PICNIC AT ROSS FARM**
September 11th, 10:00 am

St. Mark's and St. John's on the Mountain will picnic together
 this year at the Ross Farm on North Maple Avenue in Basking
 Ridge. Please bring lawn chairs to suit your family, and a
 salad, side dish or dessert to share.

The Fellowship Commission will supply hamburgers and hot
 dogs to grill, water bottles and box drinks. Teens, this is a
 golden opportunity to volunteer to help. We will need adult
 assistance too. Please bring your family and join us for this
 fun and enriching service. Please contact Anne Post
annesandrapost@gmail.com

Please note that there will not be a worship service at the
 church that day.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

We are very pleased with the recent work in our beautiful
 Memorial Garden, where so many dear people rest. It is our
 honor to care for this sacred space.

*"O God, whose blessed Son was laid in a sepulcher in the garden:
 Bless, we pray, this grave, and grant that those who are buried
 here may dwell with Christ in paradise, and may come to your
 heavenly kingdom, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord."
 (Prayer for the Consecration of a Grave,
 Book of Common Prayer)*

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

Welcome Back!

September 18th is the first day of Sunday School.
We are looking forward to another great year with your kids.

Classroom Times and Locations

Confirmation Class of 2016 at 9 am	Meeting Room Parish House
*Pre-K/Kdg at 10 am	Classroom #4
*Grades 1/2/3 at 10 am	Classroom #3
*Grades 4/5/6 at 10 am	Meeting Room 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 18th. After a welcome, song, and prayer, students will move on to the classrooms listed above.

2016 Confirmation Class

On 9/25 all confirmands should meet in the church at 9 am with Mother Susan and Mrs. Mitchell to review confirmation service. Confirmation is October 2nd at 10 am

2017 Confirmation Class

Classes for the Confirmation Class of 2017 will begin at 9am on October 9th in the meeting room of Parish House. Confirmands for class of 2017 should plan to attend the Confirmation service on October 2nd so they can see what happens during this service.

Registration Forms

If you have never filled out a Sunday school registration form for your children, please consider doing so. You can find a form at http://storage.cloversites.com/stjohnonthemountain/documents/2016-17%20Sunday%20School%20Registration_2.pdf



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

Morgan Sikes, Gus Daggett, Jane Lewis, Brynn McKeon, Jack Gibson, Alexander Christie, Caroline Snyder, Bryce Lukacsko, Scott Lukacsko, and Ava DeMarco

NEW CONFIRMATION CLASS TO BEGIN

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.

COMMUNITY/FELLOWSHIP NEWS

WHAT DOES AN USHER DO?

We love our Ushers at SJOTM! They perform a valuable part of our 10 am worship service each Sunday. Anyone from age 12 to 112 can be an Usher - there is no age limit! The ushers are the first to greet the worshipers as they enter the church. They hand out bulletins, count the number of worshipers and records that number on the usher envelope. The offering is collected and placed in the usher envelope. After the service, the usher greets people as they depart or directs them to coffee hour. It's really that simple!

If you think that you want to give ushering a try, contact the [office](#). You will be assigned a Sunday to usher with a "veteran" to show you the ropes. Being an Usher is a great way to meet members of our community and it's an easy way to participate in our worship. Most ushers perform this ministry only once a month - and you can pick the Sunday you wish to Usher!



Best Wishes as you celebrate your birthday in September

*Kathy Christie, Beirne Donaldson, Mike Ewing,
Sue Kennedy, Jane Mercer, Dan Morash,
Rachel Mullen, Margaret-Ann Warlick,
✂ Paul Zanardi*

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS 2016-2017

Watch in the mail for the 2016-17 Coffee Hour Host schedule. In an effort to involve all families, Coffee Hour will be assigned to each family one time between the months of September 2016 and June 2017. If you can't make the Sunday that you're assigned, we kindly ask that you swap with another family. Preparations are minimal and implementation is easy.

We all love Coffee Hour and this is a vital part of Fellowship. By having everyone involved, we can all be a positive force for St. Johns!

If you have any questions, please contact the coordinator, [Paul Zanardi](#).

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Begins on Wednesday, September 14th

Please join us every Wednesday in the Parish House Meeting Room from 8:15 am - 9:15 am.

MEN'S LUNCHEON Thursday, September 8th

Please join us on (normally on) the first Thursday of each month at 12:15 pm at the Morristown Club at 27 Elm Street in Morristown. For the month of September due to the way in which Labor Day falls, this month's luncheon will be held on Thursday, September 8th. 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.

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

**A NOTE FROM
KATIE & JIM PORTER**

Dear Friends:

It is hard to believe that a little over a month ago we left our church of 53 years for new home in Maine. Our last drive down the mountain following our wonderful reception was a teary one!

Thank you for our special coffee hour. It is more than we deserve as we all have always worked as a team and counted on each other for input, ideas and support. Finally, we are recipients of a Sue Ely doggerel and proud of it! The photo of "our window" is a gift we cherish and have hanging in a location we see every day. Katie is proud to be a recipient of one of George Cuncell's signed baseballs. He too has been on our team at St. John's, and Katie is grateful for his support during her tenure as senior warden.

Yes, we have been members of the Church of St. John on the Mountain since the fall of 1963 when our son, James, was baptized. In those days there were private christenings. The present way of having babies welcomed into the church during a service is far better

We knew many of the people for whom windows in our church and chapel were given. We were the newbies, the new younger generation to join St. John's. Jim soon was elected to serve on the vestry. A few of you will remember the vestry parties in the rectory when Jimmie Johnson was our rector! Jim was on the fund raising committee for the building of the new church. We were outgrowing the chapel. For you newcomers look at the stone walls in the church and see where the old parish hall was made into our present church.

Our children all went through Sunday school at St. John's. Son, James, served as an acolyte and we remember hearing the collection plate clanging on the floor and Scot Kirby quietly saying to James "put your head between your knees and breathe!" James had fainted!

Clara and Peter Warlick led the youth group and we remember the teen dances and the Maundy Thursday vigils when we chaperoned.

Jim was senior warden when Al Niese was our rector. Katie was senior warden during Matt Englby's tenure and during the time of our latest church renovation. Jim was asked by Joe Frelinghuysen to take over from him to teach the confirmation class with Joe Wiley. What an honor! He loved having past students speak to him when they returned from college. Debbie Hennel took over from Joe Wiley and Jim and Debbie taught for 10-12 years. Jim and Katie hosted the class and their parents the afternoon before their confirmation at a reception at their home for many years. Katie was a co-chairman of the first Mountain Art Show along with Rachel Mullen and Kathy Scales. Both Jim and Katie have served as Lay Eucharistic Ministers and felt the honor and humility of serving at the altar and passing the chalice to our fellow members.

Jim will miss his men's weekly bible study; Katie will miss her 4th Sunday of the month altar guild group!

We encourage all of you to be a part of our beloved church – we are all stronger and happier when we work together. There is a depth to our friendships at St. John's that are not a part of our other friendships. Perhaps it is the bond developed by worshiping and praying together. St. John's will always be "our" church and someday in the future we will be there permanently in the memorial garden among our friends.

God speed to all of you, Katie and Jim

FALL FUNDRAISER

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, 2016

"NOT THE ANNUAL ART SHOW BUT...

A FUN FAMILY & FRIENDS ART-FEST FUNDRAISER!"

We are trying something new this year! Instead of a full-scale Art Show we are planning a one-day "ART-FEST" with PARTICIPATION and fun activities FOR ALL AGES. We hope you will come and BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

To keep up the tradition of our Art Show and hosting wonderful artists, some of them will be invited to put ART ON DISPLAY AND FOR SALE on Saturday and Sunday. Local High School students and all our parish YOUTH will also be invited to display and sell their paintings and photographs. There will be VENDORS with interesting and unusual wares for sale in the Parish Hall on Saturday afternoon and evening.

During Saturday afternoon we are planning ARTISTIC AND CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES for adults and children. You will be able to attend a PAINTING CLASS, take a fabulous PHOTOGRAPH, join a PHOTOGRAPHIC SCAVENGER HUNT or make a UNIQUE CRAFT.

And on Saturday evening it's PARTY TIME with live music, SILENT AUCTION, WINE PULL, wine and soft drinks and St John's usual fantastic HORS D'OEUVRES.

In September you will receive invitations for your family and for your friends. In the meantime....

**SAVE THE DATE FOR A FUN TIME WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH
SATURDAY, OCT. 22ND, 2016**

CAMPUS NEWS***Parish Hall is getting New Floors!***

The flooring in parish hall were damaged by water during the winter. The floors were ripped up last month. New flooring is being installed and will be completed by the first weeks of September.

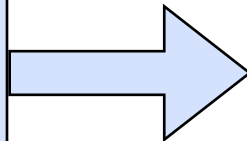
MISSION OUTREACH

COMMUNITY GARDEN



Our youngest volunteers harvesting some jumbo pole beans. Almost 50 pounds of fresh produce to area food pantries this week!

SJOTM encourages you to attend the Farm to Table event at Ross Farm.....featuring some of the produce we have grown!



GRACE SOUP KITCHEN

Friday, September 30
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, September 30th from 10 am – 1 pm. To sign-up email [Graham Argent-Belcher](mailto:Graham.Argent-Belcher).



ST. JOHN'S NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

The school year is off to a great start with a record high enrollment at SJNS. Our two and four year old classes are filled to capacity, with limited opening in our three and four year-old classes. Following the June retirement of Mrs. Denise Hawkins, we are welcoming the newest member to our teaching staff, 4+ Teacher Mrs. Julie Bosworth. Julie is a current SJNS parent, with a solid background in Early Childhood Education. We are pleased to additionally welcome two newly hired Teacher's Aides, Mrs. Joanne Marcus and Mrs. Carey Kane. Faculty members that have thankfully returned include: Mrs. Karen Skoglund and Mrs. Susan DeGasperis, 2's and 3's Teachers; 4's Teacher Mrs. Janet Moose, and Mrs. Lauren Diemar, Teacher's Aide. Lauren will also serve as our nursery school's first Director of Curriculum. This is an exciting time at SJNS as we celebrate the upcoming Fall season! Anyone that is interested in a nursery school tour and registration information, please contact the director, Jeanne Williams at jwilliams@sjotm.org.

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September 4th The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:45 am	Parish Choir rehearsal
9:00 am	Nursery Care, Room 2 Lower Level
9:30 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir, Church
10:30 am	Lemonade Hour, Courtyard

SJOTM is handicap accessible



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