



Views from the Mountain

From the Rector

The Reverend Susan R. Ironside

My neighbors switched their flag from the Patriots to the Red Sox. (They are from New England, of course.) That's how I really knew that spring was coming. It's still light when I drive home. Another sign! Today I am working with my window open. But tomorrow it will be cold and wet again. Today I don't need a coat. Tomorrow I will need my boots again. March is very strange.

Only a few weeks ago we started Lent together. And the whole strange month of March stretches out before us. The peculiar, fickle oddness of March is a good backdrop for Lent. Cold days and warm days. Muddy days and icy days. Days when you don't know if you should wear boots or sandals. Turn on the air conditioner? Or crank up the heat?

Lent can feel like that. Do we lament our brokenness and the vast distance that we place between us and the Lord who loves us? Or do we relish in wonder at the knowledge that nothing—not even death—can keep God away? Do we give something up? Take something on? Are we sorry enough? Are we wallowing in remorse? Do we take ourselves too seriously? Or not seriously enough?

Every morning in March we wake up and wonder what to wear in this strange month when it is not quite winter and not quite spring.

So we do our best. We put on what we think we might need, and are prepared to shed some layers or add some layers as the day unfolds. And we do that every day. Until April 1.

And every morning in Lent we wake up and wonder what to pray, or say, or do.

So we do our best. We tell Jesus we are sorry because we mess up all the time. And we tell Jesus how giddy we are to be in this season that yearly reminds us that we were claimed forever in baptism. And we are prepared to shed layers through confession and add layers through praise. And we do that every day. Until April 1. Easter.

Susan +

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

March 25

8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
10 am Holy Eucharist with choir in the Church,

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 29

7pm Holy Eucharist, at St. Mark's, Basking Ridge

GOOD FRIDAY

March 30

7 pm Good Friday in the Church

HOLY SATURDAY & EASTER EVE

March 31

7 pm The Great Vigil of Easter at St. Mark's, Basking Ridge

The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ: **EASTER DAY**

April 1

8 am Holy Eucharist with hymns in the chapel
10 am Festal Holy Eucharist with choir in the church,
Children's Message and childcare
11:15am Easter Egg Hunt, Outside

WORSHIP NEWS

*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 29, 30, & 31
7 PM each evening*

*Families are enthusiastically welcome at each service
Special Music each Evening by the combined choirs of St. Mark's and St. John's*

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 in Bernardsville, 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 St. Mark's in Basking Ridge. We will light the new fire and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter together.

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

RECONCILIATION IN LENT AND HOLY WEEK

The Book of Common Prayer includes two forms for a private rite of Reconciliation, found on page 447. This is an ancient practice of the Church, and is available to all who desire it, and is particularly fitting in Lent. If you would like to reconcile yourself with God before Easter, please contact Mother Susan at rector@sjotm.org or 908-766-2282.

PARISH REGISTER

**We welcomed into the Household of God
through Holy Baptism**

*Courtney Morgan Sikes
William Joseph Sikes
Christina Davison Falk
Robert Edward Falk, Jr.*



LISTEN TO LENTEN MEDITATIONS



Miss worship? Pray with us wherever you are!

Visit our sound cloud website by clicking [here](https://soundcloud.com/user-95310121) (<https://soundcloud.com/user-95310121>) where you can listen to sermons and some music so that you can pray and be mindful of God's presence throughout the week.

Questions? Call Lisa at the office and she can help you!

COMMUNITY/FELLOWSHIP NEWS**LADIES' LUNCHEON**

Thursday, March 15th

All are invited to the *Ladies' Luncheon* on Thursday, March 15th 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 908-239-8262

MEN'S LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 1st

Please join us on Thursday, March 1st 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.

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.

**2018 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.

2018 Dates for Holy Baptism

Saturday, March 31	7 pm	The Great Vigil of Easter
Sunday, May 20	10 am	The Day of Pentecost
Sunday, Nov 4	10 am	All Saints' Sunday

**March Birthday Wishes
to**

*Mother Susan, Bob Kielley,
Mary Mason, Diane Morash,
Dottie Vernimb, and Marion White*



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY
& PANCAKE SUPPER**

We held two successful fundraisers in February. At coffee hour on Feb. 4th there were five delicious soups made by the confirmation students and their families for everyone to taste and purchase. On Tuesday, Feb. 13th families enjoyed pancakes and sausages at the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. All proceeds from both events were matched by Outreach for a total of \$449.37, and this will be donated to the Food Bank Network of Somerset County.

ALLELUIA BANNER

Children decorated the *Alleluia Banner* during the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Feb. 13th. This banner was "buried" in the church, and it will be hung in Parish Hall on Easter Sunday.

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

Caroline Zanardi, Juliana DeMarco,
Gracie Morais, Trevor McKeon, Caroline Grant,
Oyinda Emuleomo, and
Andrew Lippman



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

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COLLECTING COINS DURING LENT

Sunday school students will be collecting coins in mini-M&M tubes for the "Brighten Your Future" tutoring and homework help program run through the Somerset Hills YMCA at St. Bernard's Church. All money collected will be used to purchase workbooks, reading books, puzzles, coloring books, etc . . . for the children who attend the program. Tubes full of coins can be turned in to Lynn Mitchell anytime between now and Easter Sunday.



Scenes from Souper Bowl Sunday, February 4, 2018



EASTER EGG HUNT

Children of all ages are invited to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday morning, April 1st, immediately following the 10 am service. Weather permitting, we will hold the hunt outside.

ST. JOHN'S NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

There have been a number of little visitors with parents receiving tours of our bright and cheerful nursery school. Classes are filling up quickly for the 2018-19 school year.

March highlights include several interesting visitors. We received an informative visit from Dr. Kuitens, a local dentist. "Otto the Auto" came to SJNS, a AAA sponsored child car safety program. The classes celebrated St. Patrick's Day and Easter with special parent planned parties. One of our students' favorite events is Dads Day on a Saturday morning in March. The children are thrilled to have Dad join them to play at school!

Please call the nursery school (908-766-0374) or email the director (jwilliams@sjotm.org) for further information on class openings for next year or to schedule a nursery school tour.

MISSION OUTREACH

GRACE SOUP KITCHEN

Friday, March 30th
600 Cleveland Ave, 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, March 30th from 10 am – 1 pm. The dates for the remainder of 2018 (all Fridays) are: April 27th; June 29th; July 27th; September 28th; October 26th; November 30th, December 28th. For more info, email Graham Argent-Belcher at gabelcher@msn.com.



Don't forget to *spring ahead* on Sunday, March 11th! Be sure to set those clocks one hour ahead!

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.

EASTER HAM COLLECTION

The Outreach Committee is gladly accepting hams every Sunday through March 25.

Any questions? Contact Sue Kennedy at 908-234-0267



"If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find him in the chalice."
~ St. John Chrysostom

FOOD PANTRY Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to staff the food pantry Saturdays in April from 9:30 to noon (April 7, 14, 21, 28). 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



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 Monday, March 26th. 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 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 _____

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908-766-2282 [Directions](#)
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March 4, The Third Sunday in Lent
8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I, Chapel
9:00 am Nursery Care, Room 2, Lower Level
Parish Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Confirmation Class, Meeting Room
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir, Church
Sunday School, Lower Level
11:15 am Coffee Hour, Church

SJOTM is handicap accessible



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