



Views from the Mountain

The Right Revered Jack Marston McKelvey
the VII Bishop of Rochester

Confirmed the following persons in the Episcopal Church

Sunday, September 26, 2021

*Owen McCluskey Baird
Georgia Simmons Kissel
Jane Alexandra Lewis
Sarah Virginia Lewis
Meredith Hazel Mitchell*

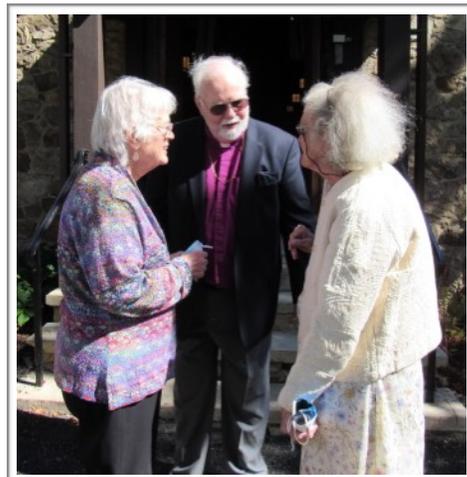
*Sumner Catlin Putnam, III
Reagan Elizabeth Panik
Jack Thomas Rutz
Caspar Aristides Freiherr von Hollen
Kyle Kim-Hays*



Bishop McKelvey and Lynn Mitchell with our Confirmation Class



The Confirmation Class and Father Dave say the Blessing over the water that will soon be used in the liturgy



Bishop and Linda McKelvey with Sue Ely. Heavy-duty reminiscing here! Linda McKelvey's father was the manager of Little Brook Farm, the Babbitt estate. Sue Ely was a close friend of Dr and Mrs Babbitt and sang at Dr Babbitt's funeral.

ALL SAINTS' EVENSONG & REMEMBRANCES

Sunday, November 7, 10 am & 4 pm
by Christopher Jennings

The Feast of All Saints' is one of the great "red letter days" of our church calendar. We transfer the Nov. 1 holiday to the first Sunday of November as we commemorate all of the saints — past, present, and future — who help us along in our Christian journey. This feast day is not just a celebration of the "official" saints the church recognizes (St. John, St. Michael, etc.) a celebration of all of our own baptismal covenants. As the hymn goes, "They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still; the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will."

We will commemorate All Saints' Day at SJOTM this year with a Festal Eucharist in the morning and Choral Evensong in the afternoon. Both liturgies will include the reading of the Necrology, as we call to mind those who have gone before us since our last in-person, pre-pandemic celebration of All Saints' Day.

At Choral Evensong, the Choir will sing several interesting and moving musical settings. The canticles (Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis) are by early twentieth-century composer Herbert Sumsion. They lilt along peacefully as they call us to prayer as we remember the words that Mary sang when she was to be with child ("My soul doth magnify the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour") and those of Simeon after meeting Jesus at his presentation in the Temple ("Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace...").

We will also Stephen Paulus' "Pilgrims' Hymn", a stirring poem by Michael Browne, "Even with darkness sealing us in, We breathe Your name, And through all the days that follow so fast, We trust in You; Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, Beyond all mortal dream."

Finally the Choir is preparing Craig Phillips' Setting of the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes is the traditional Gospel reading of All Saints' Day and Phillips's setting is quite thrilling to hear (and quite a challenge to sing). Set in mixed meter with a recurring melodic theme woven throughout, he modulates through several keys until ending triumphantly with a final Alleluia.

Join us for Choral Evensong on Nov. 7 at 4:00 p.m. for prayer, music and scripture to commemorate All Saints' Day.

**Nuns write good books?
Nuns make tiktok vids?
Our nuns do!!!**

Sr. Margo Elizabeth (Jody's sister) has written a book about pony, the "runaway pony that escaped its owners, police, a professional rodeo roper and a veterinarian who shot it five times with tranquilizers and found sanctuary with the only humans it trusted - a convent of nuns." ("pony" is its name and all lower-case is how it wants to be described.)

. . . *not just another pony* will be available beginning this week. [Click here](#) for the book's Amazon link.

Sr. Monica Clare entered CSJB after a career in Hollywood. *nonsenseforthepeople* is where she can be found on tiktok.

The Community of Saint John Baptist seeks to prepare a place where hearts may be open to receive God's love through a life centered in prayer and worship. Begun in England in 1852, the community began the Mendham convent in 1900.

Once the sponsors of large institutions such as St Marguerite's Orphanage and the School of St John Baptist, the Sisters now work in a variety of settings, including parish ministry and leading of workshops, retreats, tours and holy days.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
Sunday, October 3



MISSION OUTREACH*by Hilary Thomas Dorer***Hunger Never Takes A Vacation**

This sign hangs in the warehouse of the Food Bank Network of Somerset County. For me it is a fitting reminder of three things; my good fortune, the tragedy of hunger in the United States and around the world, and the dedication of so many people who work tirelessly to try to feed them.

If the coronavirus pandemic brought any benefits, one may be the increased awareness among Americans who do not live in poverty of the fate of those who do. Our parish has demonstrated not only that awareness but willingness to act. We have received hundreds of donations and raised unprecedented funds for those living with food insecurity in our area. Thank you!

Despite pandemic restrictions, some members of our community have spent countless hours laboring in the Giving Garden, transporting food to the Food Banks, and helping at the Food Pantries. Now that restrictions are lifting a bit and vaccinations are available, it is time to get out again and VOLUNTEER.

Many organizations are in need of volunteer help. The Outreach Commission is compiling a list of local non-profits that could use a few hours of your time. If you know of one, please let me know. And our own Garden needs more volunteers for the fall harvests – we have already reached 2000 pounds (ONE TON!) and still have lots of squash and pumpkins to bring in. Need to get the kids out of the house? Harvesting is a fun family activity and weeding develops patience and persistence!

In October, workdays are every Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. St John on the Mountain is "Leader" for the weeks beginning October 9th and October 30th. This means that we need extra SJOTM hands to show up then. For more information contact me or Nina Dixon. (hilarity3121@gmail.com or rosinadixon12342@gmail.com.)

We are seeking volunteers to serve at the Food Pantry on Saturday mornings in November. A sign-up sheet will be sent out by email but if you know which Saturday you can help, please email hilarity3121@gmail.com. We will collect turkey breasts, small hams and frozen lasagnas for Thanksgiving starting on November 7th.

Shelter: SJOTM Mission Commission Housing Project

After weeks of inaction, Bernardsville has provided a draft of a supplemental zoning overlay to make the property a legal, two-family house. The draft is scheduled for a preliminary hearing October 12 and could be final as early as October 25 if there are no delays by the Planning Board. Otherwise, it could be approved November 8th. An architect has been scheduled to visit the house on October 1 to provide the floor plans that are needed to show that the property will conform to R-3 zoning. A survey of the property will also be needed and is being scheduled. Once the zoning question has been resolved, we can quickly proceed to a contract and closing.

Our annual **First Night Program** will be running through Advent, (November 28th to December 24th.) We will be collecting items for children being taken into Foster Care. A detailed list on which you can sign up to donate items will be available in November. Contact Kathy Tober for more information. (kathleentober@gmail.com.)

We plan to donate \$1000 to **HomeSharing Inc.**, a local non-profit that we have supported for years. It matches "donors", who have room to share in their homes, with "seekers", who need an affordable place to live. Last year, HomeSharing recognized SJOTM for its many years of support. We will be represented at this year's gala by Wendy and Graham Argent-Belcher. Wendy has been an active volunteer for a number of years.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Coffee Hour Host Schedule

Is Available

[Click Here>>](#)

The 2021-22 [Coffee Hour Host schedule](#) is here! Copies of the schedule are available in the narthex and kitchen. In an effort to involve all families, Coffee Hour will be assigned to each family one time between the months of September 2021 and June 2022. 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. [Click here](#) for Coffee Hour Hosting Instructions.

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!

LADIES' LUNCHEON Thursday, December 16th

The women of SJOTM will continue to meet for lunch quarterly, instead of monthly. The next luncheon will be the annual Christmas buffet at Roxiticus Country Club, December 16, so save the date. More details will be available next month.

The women will meet for lunch again during the winter and spring. Contact Wendy Argent-Belcher at 908-766-1101 for more information regarding the Ladies' Luncheon.



After a long Covid-related hiatus, the women of SJOTM met for lunch on September 16 and celebrated Sue Kennedy's birthday.

MEN'S LUNCHEON Thursday, October 7th Morristown Club RSVP to [Peter Mercer](#)

VASES WANTED ! An Altar Guild Request

The Altar Guild would love it if members would bring old floral vases they no longer wanted to St John's so we would have them to give bouquets away on Sundays.

STOCK DONATIONS

We have a new account to accept donations of stock. Below are the new DTC instructions. Please be sure to notify [Lisa Keenan](#) in the office before you make the transfer.

Fidelity Investments DTC #226

F/B/O Church of St John on the Mountain account #628-308267

SUNDAY SUPPER & SHORT SERVICE Sunday, October 17th, 5 pm

- Free catered meal (No work. No charge)
- Reservations will help avoid wasting food
- Parish Hall or Parish Hall lawn
- Lemonade and Soda provided
- BYOWhatever else

AMAZON SMILE

Have you started your online Christmas shopping?
Remember to use the *Amazon Smile* program!

Amazon Smile is a program on the Amazon.com website by which you can donate a percentage of your eligible order to our church. It is a *very small* amount (one half of one percent of eligible items) but doesn't increase any cost to you and is very easy to do.

[Click here](#) to go to the Amazon Smile page and change/designate our church as your Amazon Smile recipient. It's that easy.

ST. JOHN'S NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

School is off to a great start at SJNS with 50 children enrolled over 5 classes! The smiles, excitement, and tears (when they did NOT want to go home) are what makes this the happiest place to be!

The focus of each class for the first few weeks is creating routines and relationships. Some children have been at school before and are moving to a new class, for others it is their first time in a school setting. Many children experience strong, age appropriate emotions-fear, anxiety, excitement, sadness or frustration. Routines offer the opportunity to build positive relationships with the children and build trust. In order for cognitive learning to take place, students need to feel safe and comfortable in their environment. By implementing a predictable schedule when children know what to expect next, they will naturally feel safe and secure.

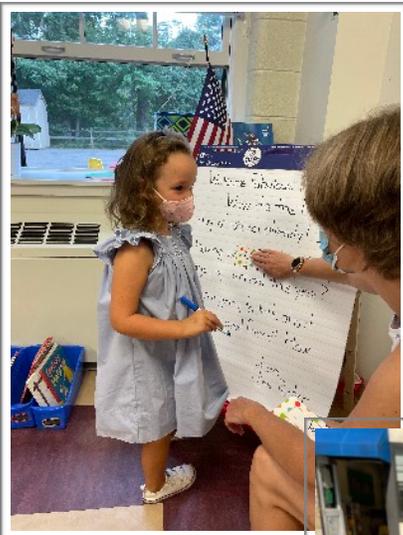
The 4/4+ classes have prior experience in group settings and have worked on the skills needed to be members of a classroom community. This age is still given guidance for things like gathering during morning meeting, taking interactive attendance, dealing with transitions, and various executive functioning skills.

In the 3's the children are learning where their hook is for their backpack, what cubby to put their snack in, how to sit as a group during morning meeting, where to sit for snack, how to walk in a line to the playground (a difficult concept at this age), and appropriate ways to ask for a toy that another friend might have. These are just a few of the social, emotional, and practical life skills that teachers repetitively model and discuss the first few months of school.

For the 2's, being away from their caregivers is the most difficult transition. During the past 18 months of COVID life, this age has been accustomed to always having parents around. Separation anxiety is a normal and developmentally appropriate reaction to the start of school at this age (especially during these unique times!). The teacher's goal is to enable children to develop a secure attachment by providing consistent routines and experiences mentioned above.

Children will have many questions as they navigate these new surroundings. We will use the following six questions to structure the classrooms conversations and learning during the first weeks of school; What names do we need to know at school?, What are our rules?, What should we do if we get sad or scared at school? How do we make and keep friends? How can we be a part of a group? and Who works at school?

We look forward to watching each and every student grow and develop over the course of the next 9 months.



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

Classroom Times and Locations

ChildCare	8:45-11:15 am	Lower Level
"Parable Project"	10:00 am	Parish Hall
Tech Crew	10:00 am	Flower Room

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

WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS AT ST. JOHN ON THE MOUNTAIN

It's never too late to sign-up for Sunday school. All pre-K – 5th graders are welcome to join us any Sunday in Parish Hall at 10am. Some upcoming highlights for the month of October include planting flower seeds and baking Eucharistic bread.

Best Wishes as you celebrate your birthday in October

Logan Palma, Samantha Morris, Rose Costello, Georgia Kissel, and Nathaniel Gilmartin



TECH CREW



Behind the scenes at Sunday's liturgy: Tech Crew member William Gilmartin works the sound board for the Zoom transmission .

THE FEAST OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI

As part of our celebration of the Feast of St. Francis on October 3rd, we collected items to donate to St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center. Thank you to everyone who donated canned dog and cat food, paper towels, and dish soap.

CHILD CARE

Sundays, 8:45 - 11:15 am

We are ecstatic that current members of our staff will be providing childcare on Sundays. Please greet and thanks these mature, experience, and kind people.

YOUTH GROUP

October 17, 5 pm

All 6th graders – 12th graders are welcome to join us in the Parish House for pizza, s'mores, and fun at 5pm on Oct. 17th.



Best Wishes as you celebrate your birthday in October

Stuart Brunet, Charlie Chapin, Kathy Christie, Ward Dorer, Dan Ely, Katy George, Abby Kean, Anne Kearns, Patti Lippman, Joe Ray, Christine Scarlett, Heather Swartz, Patty Vollmar, & Valerie Zanardi

All Saints' Day

November 7, 2021



An assurance of our faith is that the death of every being is acknowledged by the Divine. However, in the many months that have passed, we humans have not always been able to gather and acknowledge the lives of family members and friends. Unlike our usual tradition, we ask that you write below the full names of any who have died in the last *two years*. We will say their name aloud and thank God for them.

In addition to reading the necrology, we would like to include in print the names of those who have gone before. Those whose lives have especially touched or influenced you in your journey of faith. If you have those that you would like to be remembered, please include their names below.

(Please Print)

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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 Monday, November 1st to:

St. John on the Mountain
attn: All Saints' Dedication
379 Mount Harmony Road
Bernardsville, NJ 07924

Your Name _____

Phone number _____

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October Liturgical Schedule

- 8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Chapel
- 10 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Choir, Church

October 17

- 5 pm Sunday Supper & Short Service

Evening Prayer

- 6:30 pm Wednesdays, Chapel & Zoom

