



Views from the Mountain

RECTOR ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with great pleasure that we announce the Reverend David Lyall Jones has been elevated to Rector at the Church of St John on the Mountain. He has been our Priest-in-Charge since July 2019.

A special meeting of the Vestry was held on Sunday, April 3 where a vote was taken. It was a unanimous decision to make Dave our Rector.

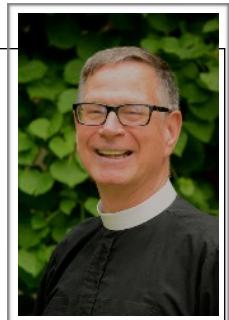
A subsequent meeting was held with Bishop Stokes on Tuesday, April 19 with the Vestry and the Transition Ministry representative for the Diocese where we shared our mutual love and respect for Dave and he for us. The Bishop gave his blessing with great joy and commendation for the work done by the Vestry.

We are working with the Office of the Bishop to plan a Celebration of Ministry for Dave some time in the Fall of 2022. We have a lot to celebrate!

So "come and see" all the good things Dave is doing.

Thanks be to God,

*Susan Kennedy and Pete Vollmar
Wardens*



MAUNDY MONEY 2022

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Since the fourth or fifth century, church leaders have followed Communion on Maundy Thursday with the washing of the feet of the poor. The first monarch known to combine that with the distribution of alms was John in 1210.

We celebrated Maundy Thursday differently this year. Desiring to continue in our church-wide Fast from Isolation and Despair, instead of washing feet, we chose to love one another by learning about and tangibly assisting others throughout the world. Food from those places was served at dinner, Maundy money was collected and the music of the Service of Table that followed borrowed eastern harmonies and liturgies.

Kyiv - \$3424

Homemade Borscht, Chicken Kyiv and Ukrainian salad were made by Dave Jones and Bob Dannhauser.

Funds were donated to Hungarian Interchurch Aid. They have set up an assistance point near the Beregsurany-Astyria border crossing on the Ukrainian side. They provide food, tea, blankets, hygiene items, baby care items, warming shelters and mobile toilets to refugees who must wait for hours.

Jerusalem - \$1000

"Food that Jesus liked" was created and served by Hilary Thomas and Sue Ely

The Episcopal Church created new relationships with and among the people of the Middle East following World War I. Beginning in 1922, a designated offering has been taken each year which focuses on relief work, ecumenical relations and the support of St. George's Cathedral.

Memphis - \$1000

Memphis style pork ribs, Memphis pulled pork and Memphis Cole-Slaw were picked up at Minuteman BBQ and plated by Mary Courtemanche.

Memphis is home of St Mary's Cathedral, the location of Dr ML King's murder and the "most dangerous city in America," according to some surveys. It is understandable that in such a setting, The Very Rev. Jean Vargo, interim dean, is the fifth position holder in four years. We have asked her to spend her Maundy Money not on an institutional need but on whatever will personally give her hope.

IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR LIVE-STREAMING OF THE LITURGY

Peter Iossa and John Tober have been hired (Good guys, lousy pay.) to always be present for live-streaming. They *still* need the help of the Tech Crew.

Tim Manning of Wavelength Audio-Video on Olcott Square will have proposed improvements to the audio portion by the time you read this. An easier-to-use video switcher has been ordered.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 13TH BISHOP OF NEW JERSEY

**Nominations Now Open for the 13th Bishop
of the Diocese of New Jersey;
Diocesan Profile Released**

In your travels, have you met an impressive priest?
The nomination period for the 13th Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey is now open and will remain open until May 9. The call for nominations and profile can be viewed on njbishopsearch.org.

Between now and May 9, any member of The Episcopal Church may submit the name of a candidate they believe should be considered for nomination. Interested candidates may also submit their own names to enter into a process of mutual discernment.

May Birthday Wishes to

*Jim Christie, Alan Enos,
Cookie Goulding
& Craig Johnston*





MUSIC NEWS

by Christopher Harlow-Jennings

Choral Evensong, Sunday, May 22, 4:00 p.m. @ SJOTM

Music by Roland Martin, Judith Weir, Howard Helvey, and Charles V. Stamford, the SJOTM Choir joins with the Choir of St. Luke's Gladstone to cap off our choral season together as we sing Evensong for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, "Rogation Sunday" – the day when the church has traditionally blessed the crops. All are invited to join the choirs to sing and pray this beautiful liturgy together where we all experience the holiness of beauty in our beloved Anglican tradition.

EVENING PRAYER

Summer Time Change for Wednesday Night Evening Prayer on May 25.
We will begin at 5:00 pm.

God joins whoever gathers in the Approaching Calmness of the Dusk.
Your participation is unexpected so it is always a gift.

PARISH REGISTER

We Pray God to Grant Eternal Rest



Stuart Brunet
Fred Kellogg



Last Wednesday choir rehearsal is May 18th

MISSION OUTREACH

BLESSING OF THE GARDEN

At Ross Farm
May 22, 2022, 11:15 am

The people and priests of St Bernard's, St Marks and St John will gather at Ross Farm immediately after their individual 10am services on Sunday, May 22. The garden will be blessed, refreshments will be served and beans that were potted by our church school will be planted in the garden

The schedule for garden work is available on our website, sjotm.org.

SATURDAYS IN APRIL

At The Food Bank



A big thank you to all the volunteers that gave their Saturday mornings to the Food Bank in Somerville.

207 N. FINLEY AVE. PROJECT



A generous (and anonymous) member of our parish has purchased 207 N Finley. After renovation, it will become available through the New Jersey Affordable Housing Program. Skilled renovations are within the project budget.

There is work that is not within the budget. We are invited to participate through participating in low and nonskilled (mostly landscaping) work.

Not to become too absurd, but Jesus seems to be telling his disciples that when they housed the homeless, they were doing it to him. That seems to mean that it's Jesus' weeds that need pulling and his exterior stairs that need painting.

ST. JOHN ON THE MOUNTAIN ANGELS

SJOTM is the sponsor of our own Little League team! The Angels will be playing against other local little league teams. We will update with scores as the season gets under way

Let's Go Angels!



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! WE ARE HEADING INTO A BUSY TIME OF YEAR!!

May 15 th	Last Youth Group gathering at 207 N. Finley Ave in Basking Ridge (Look for an email with more information.)
May 22 nd	Join us at Ross Farms in Basking Ridge after church to plant seedlings
May 23 rd	Deadline to register for "Knights of North Castle" VBS
May 29 th	No Sunday School – Memorial Day Weekend
June 12 ^h	Last day of Sunday School
June 20 th – 24 th	All children ages 3 through rising 4th graders are invited to join us from 9:30am - 12:00pm for "Knights of North Castle" VBS. Adult and teen volunteers are still needed. Please contact Lynn Mitchell if you are interested lynnmitchell@sjotm.org .

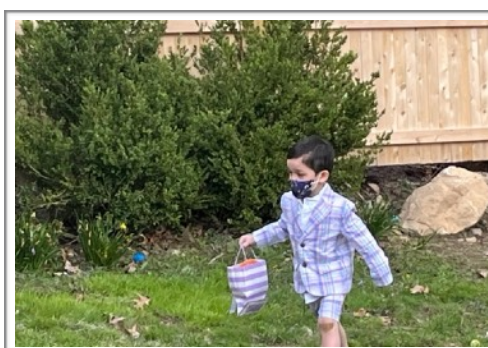
Best Wishes as you celebrate your birthday in May

*James Bohr, Mason Bohr, Michael Sullivan,
Charlie Lichtenfeld, Meredith Mitchell,
Xavier Harlow-Jennings, Alexandra Hays,
Zachary Hays and Sarah Iossa*



EASTER EGG HUNT

April 17, 2022

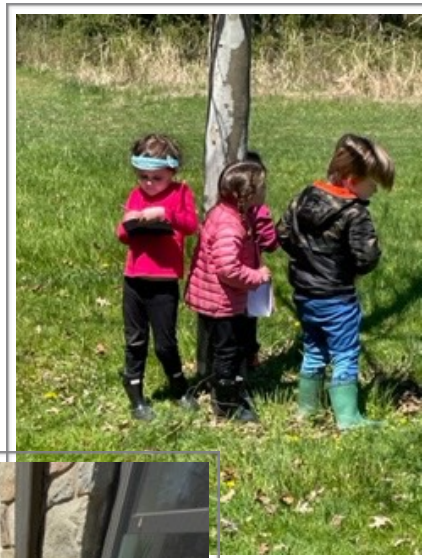


ST. JOHN'S NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

SJNS students and staff had a wonderful way to return from spring break by having a field trip to Raritan Headwaters in the middle of week! Many thanks to Lauren Diemar who coordinated the whole event. The children seemed to have loads of fun learning and exploring and a better day could not have been had for our first class trip of the year (and post-Covid!). The 3's, 4's and 4+'s students and staff arrived on the 170 acre headquarters of Raritan Headwaters in Bedminster on a sunny and crisp morning. The classes were divided into small groups which rotated through three stations headed by RHA educators. The first stop was the butterfly garden. This was a colorfully alive space filled with native plants that provide food for birds, nectar for butterflies, leaves for caterpillars and habitat for hundreds of species of pollinators and other critters. Students were invited to "become" butterflies and created a craft out of pasta shapes to symbolize caterpillar metamorphosis! The middle station focused on grasses. Worms, roots, stems, flowers and seeds were investigated with magnifying glasses and binoculars (these accessories were definitely a highlight). They read the book "In the Tall, Tall Grass" and then were able to explore the field behind the barn to search for pollinator habitats. The third, and overwhelmingly favorite stop, was The Fairy Garden where students explored super soils. Students examined the composition of different soil types found in New Jersey to learn what soil is made of and how soil type affects vegetation and habitat. This was the messiest and most magical part of the campus.

Back at school, we are in full swing with our garden study. We introduced the topic by exploring books and materials related to gardening. We were also able to tie in Earth Day to our beginning classroom discussions. The classes have all been busy harvesting cherry tomato plants (4+), strawberries (4's), carrots (3 day 3's), grasses (5 day/3's) and beans (2's). Each class also planted colorful flowers in the beds outside of their classroom doors. Huge thanks to all the families who sent in a flower/plant for earth day. The students had fun planting and the front of our school looks beautiful. Lastly, the 5 day 3's class will be starting a compost pile with recycled kitchen scraps (egg shells, vegetables, and coffee grinds..) They will be exploring the healthy soil that comes from this experiment. We have been LOVING this hands on, messy, and sensory focused study so far....! The next few weeks, we will be exploring-What grows in gardens? Who helps grow gardens? And How do gardens help people and the environment?

Last Friday the children were able to take a "storywalk" through campus. A storywalk is a book that is transformed into signs for an outside path or trail. Thanks to Sue Kennedy, The Peapack Library shared their copy of "The Curious Garden", by Peter Brown. The children loved finding the next "page" in the outdoors. This model is a perfect combination of kinesthetic, visual and auditory learning.



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



James A. Kennedy,
by the Kennedy family

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by Patricia Moody-Snyder

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My beautiful family,
by Bette Gaver

Family,
by Sam Murphy & the Murphy Family

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JOIN US SUNDAYS

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist (Spoken), Rite I
10:00 am	Holy Eucharist with Choir, Rite II
11:00 am	Coffee Hour

