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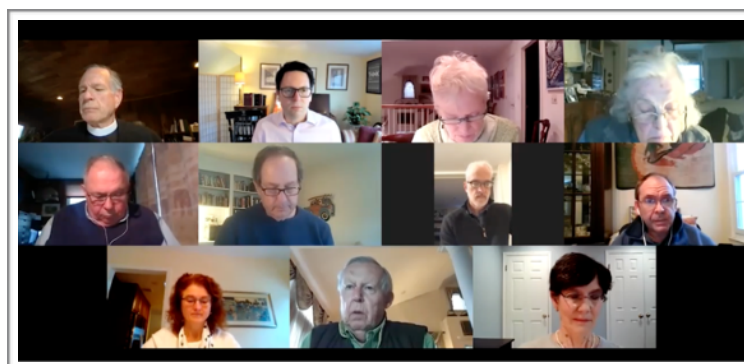
SCENES FROM HOLY WEEK 2021

EASTER SUNDAY



Jody Flegal distributes Communion on the Parish Hall Lawn

GOOD FRIDAY



The reading of the Passion according to Mark on Good Friday. More than one thousand-four hundred people have viewed that liturgy on Facebook.

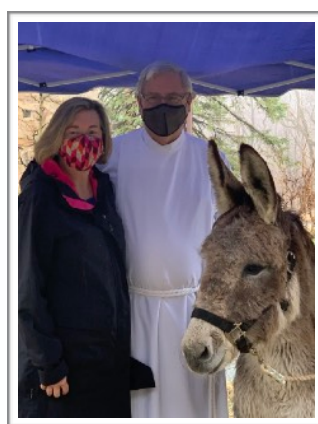
EASTER VIGIL at St. Mark's



PALM SUNDAY



Dominique the Donkey arrived at SJOTM and led the Palm Sunday procession.



Mary and Bob Courtemanche welcome Dominique to SJOTM

WORSHIP NEWS

A BLESSING OF HOLY TEXTILES



*Kathy Connolly Christie, Kathy Christie
and Jim Christie
In front of the new frontal*

A Blessing of Holy Textiles took place after the 10am service on March 21. In the past year, J. Wippell & Co of Exeter, England painstakingly removed the original hand embroidery devices from the 1964 frontal. They were then placed and hand-sewn on new silk. The white silk is in the Tudor Rose pattern, first created by May Morris in 1892. A chasuble of all new material was also constructed. These were given to the Altar Guild of St. John on the Mountain in loving memory of Sheila and Stuart Christie by their children.



ALTAR GUILD NEWS



Many members of the Altar Guild gathered on Holy Saturday to set up for Easter. The flowers were exquisite and we were honored to use the new frontal for the first time.

FOR THE VESTRY

Thank you to members of the vestry who with "warm hearts" and "strong backs" set up and greet us on Sunday morning!

Morning Prayer Continues

10 am Tuesday & Thursday in the Chapel

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



*Great day for an Easter egg Hunt!
Many thanks to all the kids who found the Easter Eggs*

If you happen to have any empty plastic eggs from the Easter egg hunt, please return them to the church office, so we can reuse them next year.



ALLELUIA SIGNS



Thank you for coloring and returning your "Alleluia" signs. They looked beautiful on the church windows on Easter Sunday.

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

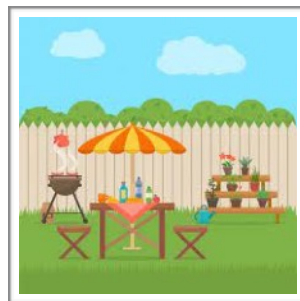
Daniel Daggett, Nathaniel Wulfekuhler,
Sarah Lewis, Camille Chatwin,
Emerson Davidson, Sophia Gudgion,
Katie Vollmar,
Benjamin Wiley, and William Gilmartin



FELLOWSHIP NEWS

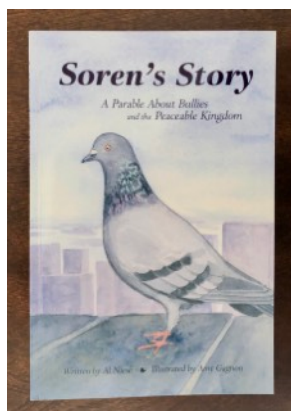
SOS (SIMPLE OUTDOOR SUPPERS)

Now that the weather is becoming warmer, and isolating restrictions are being lifted at long last, many of us want to find ways to renew friendships by getting together in person! What better way to reconnect with your church family than by participating in Simple Outdoor Suppers (or brunches)? If you agree and want to join in, and especially if you have space outside and are willing to host a group, please sign up by contacting Wendy Argent-Belcher by phone (908-766-1011), email (wargentb@msn.com) or text (908-872-7167) or Lisa Coakley in the church office (office@sjotm.org). You can raise questions and make suggestions in the same way. The goal is to be able to get started in early May, so don't delay.



BOOK RELEASE PARTY with FR. AL NIESE

April 11, after 10 am Liturgy



Soren's Story:

A Parable about Bullies and the Peaceable Kingdom

Join us on Zoom to celebrate the recent publication of Al's new book. He will greet friends and read a selection. Sunday, April 11, after the 10 am liturgy.

The Rev Alfred Niese was the Rector of St. John on the Mountain from 1979 to 1997. Having retired to Maine with his wife Bronwyn, Al remains an advisor to Priests and friend to members

Al has given us signed copies of his book. If you would like one, please contact the [church office](#). You are invited to make a donation to the Grace Church Sock Drive in his honor.

VESTRY NEWS

We welcome Joy Baird to the Very Class of 2023. Joy and her late husband, Denny, joined St. John on the Mountain in 1993 when they moved to New Vernon. Their youngest son, Andrew, was confirmed the next year. In 2002, their oldest son, Chip and his wife Tressa, moved to Bernardsville and began attending SJOTM. Their three children, Liam, Emmy and Owen all attended St. John's Nursery School. Liam and Emmy have been confirmed and Owen will be confirmed next fall at SJOTM. Five of Joy's eight grandchildren were baptized at SJOTM. Joy has mostly been involved with Pastoral Care, but she is also a member of the Altar Guild and serves as a LEM. Outside of Church, she is involved with the Garden Club of Madison and the Summit Speech School.



April Birthday Wishes to

Greg Davidson, Eleanor Dean, Kit Falcon,
Stephanie Haveis,
Wood Huntley, John Kean, Peter Mercer,
David Powell, Jane Putnam, Michelle Ray,
Lindley Scarlett, Steven Swartz,
and Jeff Vernimb

MUSIC NEWS



Singers rehearse together for the first time in 15 months!

We are grateful to our staff singers who lead the music on Sunday and look forward to the day that our full choir can be reunited, once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Men's Luncheon Resumes

Thursday April 8
12:15 pm Morristown Club
RSVP to Peter Mercer at
jpmercer@comcast.net

MISSION OUTREACH



Members of the Confirmation Class and their families help distribute food at the Shiloh Pentecostal Food Pantry in Somerville.



Grace & Joh Tober with 50 packages of diapers for CASA SHaW

During the Lenten season, we collected more than 150 pairs of socks for homeless people on behalf of Grace Church, Plainfield. We received over 50 packages of diapers for CASA SHaW. We delivered 83 hams, chickens and lasagna to the Food Bank Network of Somerville County. We donated about 250 lbs of dry black beans, Masca flour, chicken bouillon packets, and 5 lbs bags of long grain rice to God's Co-Op Pantry.

There is still opportunities to volunteer at the Food Bank on April 10, 17, 24. Contact Hilary at hilarity3121@gmail.com for details.

Many thanks to the many people of our parish that donated items to our Lenten Outreach.

ST. JOHN'S NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Activity has been abuzz at SJNS! The unit of study on Reduce, Reuse, Recycle is finishing up this week and after spring break a brand new unit of study, Exercise, will begin. While our children have been busy as bees learning in our classroom, our dedicated staff have diligently undertaken their own learning with many hours of professional development. It is important to note that throughout the year, our teachers work tirelessly towards their 10-20 hour state mandated professional development requirements. Courses that have been attended on a wide variety of topics including: Celebrating Learning - Reflecting on the Year; The Child Assessment Evolution; Intentionality With Loose Parts; Seasonal Science - Spring. Additionally, staff will be attending a retraining on CPR and First Aid at the end of April.

Every so often, there is a webinar that really hits home. Last week, numerous staff participated in a webinar with our former consultant, Cindy Terebush, titled "Great Successes and Overwhelming Challenges: A Year in Review." Discussion was had around mental health strategies for students, families, and teachers and categorized things that individuals can and can not control. One of the items that can be controlled is what and how we teach. Cindy left the group pondering, "Can we become a culture of inquiry and growth rather than product and perfection as we move forward?"

The timing of the webinar helped draw the connection between conferences (to be held at SJNS on April 1) and the goals for our children during this surreal time. Newly released early childhood data stresses the importance of brain development between the ages of birth-5, shares increased data on how children grow and learn, and continues to show the long term benefits of high quality early childhood experiences. Our teachers have been trained to use the most valid assessment, which is observational evidence. The teachers collect data in an authentic environment, during a longer window of time, with familiar adults (their teachers). The teachers then interpret and reflect upon these actions and behaviors in order to present an accurate description of the child in a school setting. They also take this information and use it to determine the best way to support learning and evaluate the curriculum and where it should lead. Nationally, in the past, early childhood educators had good intentions, but unfortunately focused too much on the "product and perfection". Data wasn't collected in a way that was respectful of children's learning (for example, often nursery school teachers would remove a student from their class to test with an unfamiliar adult, in an unfamiliar setting). This wasn't an accurate snapshot of the child's knowledge.

We at SJNS pride ourselves on using valid assessment tools that measure what they intend to, reliably produce consistent results and are aligned with a purpose. The hands-on activities that support our studies are always planned with objectives in mind that include physical, cognitive, language and social/emotional.



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



George Mullen,
Ned Felton,
by Rachel Mullen

William G. Meekings,
Helen McCloskey
James Kennedy
by the Kennedy family

Todd M Anderson,
by Dorota Anderson

Lawrence & Evelyn Van Ingen,
Marguerite & Howard Bock,
Pamela Cromey,
by Mary & Bob Courtemanche

Denny Baird,
by Joy Baird

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Ely,
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Ely, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. G. Christian Bromberg,
by Dan & Deborah Ely

John Low Baldwin, Nancy Strong,
by Sue Ely

Sheila & Stuart Christie,
by Kathy Christie

Margaret Thomson Jones,
Mary Thomson,
by Dave Jones & Bob Dannhauser

Katherine & Merrill Chapin,
Clarissa & Andrew Marckwald,
by Charlie & Jeanie Chapin

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene W. Mason, Jr.,
Eugene W. Mason, IV,
by Frank & Jo Johnson

Jim Porter,
by Katie Porter

Maureen d'Amboise,
by Allison d'Amboise

My parents, Jim & Lillian Hardesty
and my brother Peter,
by Doris Aufschlager

Loved ones,
by Bill & Jane McKnight

Sid Moody & Collins Snyder,
by Patricia Moody Snyder

David W. Flegal, Caroline Silverman,
Arnold & Julia Kolkebeck,
by Jody Flegal

Barbara Ann Vollmar,
Patricia Ann Schueler,
by Pete & Patty Vollmar

Sandy Millsbaugh,
Vicky Shurtleff
by Joan Millsbaugh

Patricia W. Leef,
by the Leef family

Peter Giles,
R. Bradford Murphy,
and all those we love,
by Margaret Murphy

Taryn Kennedy,
by Jane & Peter Mercer

Mary Elizabeth Mayo Bell,
Louise Mohr McGlynn,
by Rich & Vicky McGlynn

AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

The Vestry of the Church of St. John
on the Mountain,
by the Kennedy family

Family and friends,
by Andrew & Jocelyn Gilmartin

My family & friends,
by Patricia Moody-Snyder

For the unfailing dedication to our
music by Christopher Harlow-
Jennings and the Choir,
by Hilary Thomas & Ward Dorer

Helena & Tony Nacimiento,
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene W. Mason, Sr.,
Christina Mason Johnson,
by Frank & Jo Johnson

Family, friends, health and
humankind,
by the Iossa family

Dear friends, near and far,
our St. John's community, particularly
Dave & Bob who kept us connected
during Covid,
by Jane & Bill McKnight

For the generosity of our parishioners
to those in need, and to all who
volunteer to support our Outreach
ministry,
by Hilary Thomas Dorer

SJOTM friendships,
by Katie Porter

David L. Jones,
St. John on the Mountain,
by Sue Ely

Dr. Walter & Rosemary Dannhauser,
by Dave Jones & Bob Dannhauser

All our family's good health,
by Betsey Blair

All that is heart-felt and life-giving,
by Jody Flegal

Lisa, Lisa, Lynn, Kathy, Carey,
Lauren, & Christopher,
by Dave Jones

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JOIN US SUNDAYS

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 am Sung Morning Prayer, Rite II
10:45 am Coffee Hour in the Zoom Room

MIDWEEK

10:00 am Tuesday Morning Prayer
5:00 pm Wednesday Evening Prayer
10:00 am Thursday Morning Prayer

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