



Views from the Mountain

SUMMER ON THE MOUNTAIN

Conover Parishes United Worship

Under the Tent

9 am Sunday, July 4
Moorland Farm
50 US-202
Far Hills

Join our friends from Sts Mark, Luke and Bernard on the hill at Moorland Farm.

Holy Eucharist
Captivating guest preacher
Professional brass sextet
Joint Choir
Light brunch

The Parishes are grateful to the Far Hills Race Meeting Association for their hospitality. There will not be 8 or 10am liturgies on the Mountain that morning.

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Second Summer Sunday Simple Supper & Short Service

We hope that wherever you roam during summer weekends that you'll return home to the Mountain for a catered meal and quick worship.

5 -6:15 pm on July 11 and August 15.

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

Make Sure We Sing Your Favorite Hymn

See how you can participate in selecting hymns sung at the
Summer 10 am Liturgies
on page 2.

MUSIC NEWS

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE HYMN

After nearly a year and a half of not being able to sing together, we are happy to have many of the Covid restrictions relaxed and to be able to sing hymns together as an assembly. Throughout the summer we will be highlighting parish favorites as we tune our voices for the Fall.

If you have favorite hymns that you would like to submit, please email your top 3 choices to hymns@sjotm.org with either the hymn number or title.

Each Sunday through July & August one of your favorites will be the closing hymn. On Labor Day weekend (September 5), the top vote getter will be highlighted as the closing hymn....followed by a Quiche & OJ Brunch in Parish Hall.

(Disclaimer: Hymns must be chosen from *The Hymnal 1982*).



THE CHOIR IS BACK

The choir had its first rehearsal since March 11, 2020 on May 23rd after the 10:00 a.m. liturgy. It was a surreal feeling to be united again after so much time apart. Zoom rehearsal is just not an acceptable substitute, as we've had to sing on mute and there is no way to all sing synchronously due to varying internet speeds and latency.

We are asking forward to welcoming back all of our current members, and also invite anyone else who enjoys singing to join us for the rest of this season. Please plan to stay after church on June 6 for rehearsal from about 11:15 to Noon. The full choir will be back to sing at the 10:00 liturgy on June 13 and June 20, before breaking for the summer. A musically-rich choral season will begin again in September. Please email [Christopher Harlow-Jennings](mailto:Christopher.Harlow-Jennings) if you want to join.

ABOUT THE PIPE ORGAN

The pipe organ is one of the most complex instruments in existence. The earliest instruments were powered by water wheels as a means of producing wind for the bellows. Many instruments were also powered by large pumps which can be pedaled like a very large bicycle. The stories of Johann Sebastian Bach practicing by himself late at night are, of course, impossible because he needed at least 1-2 people to pump the organ, and perhaps 1-2 others to help control stops or hold candles.

The Moeller pipe organ in the church is an "electropneumatic" or electric action instrument, and the Fisk pipe organ in the chapel is a 'tracker' or mechanical action instrument. Electropneumatic organs have cables and wires that help the console (keyboard where the organist sits) talk to the pipes by means of a series of electronic signals. These are mini light switches flashing on and off as keys are depressed and signals are sent to all of the various wind chests to produce sound. Tracker organs are controlled entirely by mechanical levers, usually wooden. These levers can control with great clarity and precision how the pallets under each pipe are opened. Both styles of organbuilding are still in use today and both have their strengths. Obviously the mechanical action instruments are more long-lasting because there is never a need to upgrade their wiring or electronics. They also can be contained in a single cabinet or case (like our chapel instrument) for ease of access for tuning, etc., and for helping to unify the instrument's overall sound.

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

THE GARDEN AT ROSS FARM

Thank you to Nina Dixon for planting the bean plants that were started by our confirmation students earlier this spring.

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

*Alexandra Wiley, Jack Morris,
Caroline Lewis, John Tober,
Max Wulfekuhler, Chandler Glickman,
Sarah Gudgion, Dylan Palma
and Beatrice Putnam*



The Confirmation Class has been meeting in person at SJOTM

ST. JOHN NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

*The 2020-2021 school year has come to a close -
all things considered a successful and fun school experience.
Many thanks to the teachers and school administrators for all they accomplished this year!*



End of year car parade for the 2 year old class



Spring preschool fun

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2021

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Jackson Anderson is graduating from Seton Hall Prep, going to college, still torn between University of Tampa & College of Charleston.

Emmy Baird is graduating from The Pingry School and will be attending Bates College.

Juliana DeMarco is graduating from Bernard's High School and will be attending Penn State University.

Sarah Gudgion is graduating from Bernard's High School and will be majoring in Psychology at Delaware University.

Sean Robinson is graduating from Bernard's High School and will be attending Lafayette College to study Chemical Engineering. He will be a member of their swim team as well.

Katie Vollmar is graduating from Ridge High School and will be attending Northeastern University.



COLLEGE GRADUATES

Devon McKeon graduated from Tufts University where she completed majors in Computer Science and Cognitive & Brain Sciences and a minor in Child Study & Human Development. Next year, she will be pursuing a Masters in Human Factors Engineering at Tufts.

Sydney Vollmar graduated from the University of Michigan with a major in Information Science and a minor with the Ross School of Business. She plans to work for Sapient in New York City as a UX Designer this September.



Warden Pete Vollmar congratulates his daughter Sydney for graduating Michigan

Prayer For Young Persons

Book of Common Prayer

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If you know of a member of our parish that graduated high school or college with the Class of 2021, please contact the office at office@sjotm.org so we may recognize his or her achievement in the Summer Newsletter.

OUTREACH NEWS

At its May meeting, the Outreach Committee discussed allocation of the remainder of this year's budget. So far, we have donated \$1000 to Grace's Kitchen in Plainfield, \$250 to support the Giving Garden, and \$1000 to the Food Bank of Somerset County in honor of the late Craig Ferrante, with whom we worked at the Food Pantry. We voted to allocate \$1000 to purchase books in honor of Sally Hespe for the library for which she is working in Vermont. And we put aside \$3000 to be used for the CASA SHAW "first night" bags that will be our Advent project again this year.

Commitments to date total \$7,250. We have \$12,750 remaining in our budget. We plan to use some of it to support the Affordable Housing Project described below.

We are open to suggestions from parishioners as to how we spend the balance. If you know of a charity that needs help, please let us know at hilarity3121@gmail.com, and we will consider supporting it. Our focus is on smaller, local charities where donations of \$1000 or so will make a real difference. We also welcome opportunities to volunteer.

GIVING GARDEN AT ROSS FARM

As of May 28th, 94 lbs. of fresh lettuces, bok choy, spinach, cilantro, thyme, oregano, and garlic scapes have been delivered to the Food Bank in Somerville and to the Veterans Hospital program for homeless veterans. The pole bean and bush bean seedlings provided by the Sunday School and Nursery School students have all been planted and are growing nicely. The garden is completely planted so activity is focused on weed and pest control plus harvesting.

Contact Nina Dixon (rosinadixon@verizon.net) if you wish to volunteer or want directions to visit the garden.



GOD'S COOP PANTRY

Did you know that there are more than 1,500 people living below the poverty line in Bernardsville, 800 in Basking Ridge, and 110 in Peapack-Gladstone? Our neighbors and friends need food today. You may drop off crucial food items at the church office or in the Narthex. They will be taken to the Pantry, a shared ministry that supports families and individuals in our area. The Pantry is also a weekly recipient of produce from our Giving Garden.

Requested items are:

- 5 lb bags of long grain rice
- 1 lb bags of dry black beans
- Powered chicken bouillon
- Canned chicken

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

A private donor is funding the acquisition of a two-family house in Bernardsville that will be renovated and then sold as affordable housing.

Once the purchase is complete we shall need volunteers to help clean up the yard, remove old carpeting, clean and repaint, etc. Watch this space and weekly emails for more information.

SPRING FUNDRAISER May 21, 2021



*Scenes from the
St. John on the Mountain and
St. John Nursery School
Spring Fundraiser
May 21, 2021*



*Fr. Dave introduced the
school directors.*



Current School Administrators, Kathy Tober (l) and Lauren Deimar (r) thank Pat Moody for creating the Nursery school 60 years ago.



*Pat Moody, founder of the Nursery School,
was honored at the event*



*Casey Mahoney, outgoing
school board president, said a
few words to the guests.*



*Hand-made art created by pre-school students were popular
auction items*

JULY & AUGUST LITURGY SCHEDULE

8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Chapel

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church

DAILY OFFICE

5 pm Wednesday Evening Prayer, Zoom

Tuesday and Thursday Morning Prayer concludes on June 29

HELP US MAKE A GOOD THING BETTER

Please quickly respond to a survey in which the Strategic Planning Committee will ask for input on your online experience. The Committee wants to increase their understanding of what technology works and what is an impediment to the our relationship with God and each other.



Wisteria blooms outside the church Parish Office

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

The church office is in the process of updating parishioner contact information and need your help. If you have moved, changed phone numbers or have a new email address, please contact the [office](#) with your changes so we may keep you informed.



June Birthday Wishes to

Jeanie Chapin,

Bob Courtemanche, June Enos,

Jody Flegal, Lindsay Kielley,

Lynn Mitchell, and Rich Sullivan

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JOIN US SUNDAYS

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II

DAILY OFFICE

5:00 pm	Wednesday Evening Prayer
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED