



Views from the Mountain

***The Clergy and Wardens of St. John on the Mountain, Bernardsville
request the honor of your presence at the Paschal Triduum***

April 14, 15, and 16

Families are enthusiastically welcome at each service

The Holy Triduum is one liturgy divided over three days: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil, and includes some of the most profound music, scripture, prayer, and liturgical acts of our tradition. It has been three years since we last prayed together in this way, and we hope that you will be able to join us on this sacred journey.

Maundy Thursday Dinner will be served at 6pm. The liturgy will begin at 7. We will share in the practice of the earliest Christians by sharing a meal as well as holy bread and wine. Rejoicing in the possibilities that Christ brings through his presence at table, we will eat food, sing songs and respond generously in support of ministries in Kyiv, Jerusalem and Memphis. The service ends with the stripping of the altar.

Good Friday observances include anthems from the choir, a reading of the Passion gospel, a form of intercession known as the solemn collects (dating from ancient Rome), and (optional) contemplation of the cross.

The Great Vigil of Easter (Saturday evening) is the celebration of life and light thwarting death and darkness. Friends from neighboring churches will join us as we light the new fire, reaffirm our baptisms, ring bells, sing with joy and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter.

Easter Festal Eucharist (Sunday morning at 10) includes sounds of brass and songs of joy. Children are especially invited. They will participate in the beginning of the liturgy and follow the crucifer to Parish Hall for special activities midway through, returning for communion. Of course they are invited to the Egg Hunt after the 10am service. Adults are invited to a reception in Parish Hall.

MUSIC DURING HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the busiest time of the year for the Choir of SJOTM. The choir gives an average of 3-5 volunteer hours weekly to our parish, and three times that during Holy Week. The Choir offers music from across the centuries that help us to know and experience more deeply the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

On **Palm Sunday** the Choir sings a spiritual by NYC composer Nancy Wertsch, "Ride On, King Jesus!" as well as a setting of the text *Christus Factus est* (Christ became obedient for us unto death) by Italian Renaissance composer Felice Anerio.

The music for **Maundy Thursday** includes a new setting of the *Tantum Ergo* text by Seattle composer Jessica French as well as a Ukrainian call and response prayer during the Liturgy of the Word. The liturgy ends with the Stripping of the Altar, as the text to Psalm 22 is chanted.

On **Good Friday** we are singing a setting of the Reproaches, a traditional text during the veneration of the cross, set by Victoria. We will also sing "We Adore You, O Christ" by Richard Proulx, and inspired by music from the Eastern rite.

Music During Holy Week cont'd >>>

MUSIC DURING HOLY WEEK, cont'd

Twenty-first century American composer John Repulski set the text to the *Exsultet* in a compelling setting that includes a quiet "Alleluia" ostinato underneath the ancient chant that begins the **Great Vigil** liturgy. It is the first strains of this joyful word that we hear after 40 days of fasting in the wilderness. We respond to each of the creation stories with Psalms and Canticles that tell of the creation, Israel's Deliverance from the Red Sea, and the story of Dry Bones. We surround the font singing Palestrina's exquisite setting of *Sicut cervus* ('As the hart longs for the water springs, so longs my soul for you, O God') as we receive the water of our baptism and renew our baptismal covenant. The Great Noise begins with bells and organ fanfares and the singing of the Gloria as we celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter.

On **Easter** morning, the choir offers Stanford's setting of Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem, Ray Urwin's Song of the Lamb, and a simple setting of the Easter carol "This Joyful Eastertide" along with festive brass arrangements of our favorite Easter hymns set by Boston composer Richard Webster. There is even music at 8 a.m., including the familiar Healy Willan mass and "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" from Handel's *Messiah*.

OUTREACH NEWS



Hand-knit Pocket Prayer Crosses by
the SJOTM Knitting Group

An Outreach effort, on the the part of members of Pastoral Care to offer Hospice patients under the Atlantic Visiting Nurse Association.

SATURDAYS IN APRIL AT THE SOMERSET COUNTY FOOD BANK

Saturday April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

We serve every Saturday in April. That's April 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th. Volunteer hours are from 8:30 am - 11:00 am. If you would like to donate your time on a Saturday morning, [click here to sign up](#). Youth are welcome!

Questions?? Please contact Hilary Thomas at hilarity3121@gmail.com.

EASTER HAM COLLECTION (chicken & lasagna too!)

Through April 15

We are collecting **small** Easter hams, whole chickens, and frozen lasagnas for the Somerset County Food Bank. You can drop off a ham, chicken or lasagna in the the freezer found in the church garage. Please, NO turkeys.

Food will be will be distributed at the Food Pantry on April 16th.

Any questions? Contact Sue Kennedy at 908-239-8262.



May 6, 2022

St. John on the Mountain & St. John Nursery School Fundraiser
Celebrating 60 Years of St. John's Nursery School

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children of all ages on Easter Sunday morning, April 17th, immediately following the 10:00am service. Weather permitting, we will hold the hunt outside.



COLLECTION DURING LENT

Keep filling your M&M tubes with coins for God's Co-op Food Pantry. If you haven't handed in your tubes yet, please do so by Easter.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us June 20th - 24th as we "explore how we put on the armor of God." If you are interested in being an **adult helper**, please see Lynn Mitchell or email her at lynnmitchell@sjotm.org. We are in need of helpers for arts and crafts, recreation/games, and snacks.

Best Wishes as you celebrate your birthday in April

Daniel Daggett, Nathaniel Wulfekuhler, Sarah Lewis, Emerson Davidson, Peter Kissel, Benjamin Wiley, and William Gilmartin



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

ST. JOHN'S NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

It has been wonderful the past few weeks being able to see all the children's beautiful smiles! Oh how we have missed that the past two years!! The excitement to see the faces of teachers and friends alike has been truly palpable and clearly visible.

We are very excited to be partnering with our local school district (Somerset Hills) and are so pleased to be welcoming 2 student volunteers, along with a teacher/chaperone, on Mondays from 12 pm to 2pm. These are two students who love working with children, have done so in other camps, and asked for an opportunity to come help at SJNS.

We are pleased to announce that our well-renowned SJNS summer camp, affectionately known as Summer Pals, will run this year as two one-week sessions from June 6-10 and June 13-17. Details will be announced after spring break.

We still have a few spaces open in our 3's class for next year. We always appreciate your referrals.



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Holy Week at St. John on the Mountain

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

April 10

8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I, in the Chapel

10 am Holy Eucharist with choir, in the Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 14

6pm Dinner w/foods from Kyiv, Jerusalem and Memphis, Parish Hall

7pm Abbreviated Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar, Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY

April 15

7 pm Good Friday Observances at St. John on the Mountain

HOLY SATURDAY *e* EASTER EVE

April 16

7 pm The Great Vigil of Easter at St. John on the Mountain

With friends from neighboring churches

The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

EASTER DAY

April 17

8 am Holy Eucharist with hymns, in the Chapel

10 am Festal Holy Eucharist with choir & brass, in the Church

11 am Easter Egg Hunt, Parish Hall Lawn

