



Views from the Mountain



*Our Tech Crew
make working the
controls look super
super easy!*



*Our youth group spruce
up the front lawn!*



*Our Sunday school kids
cook!*



ALL SAINTS' EVENSONG SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 4:00 p.m.

Join us for Choral Evensong celebrating the Feast of All Saints' Day
Music by Herbert Sumsion, Craig Philips, William Smith, and Stephen Paulus
Our first Evensong "in-person" in two years, followed by a festive reception.
Please join us and invite a friend.

WORSHIP NEWS

ADVENT & CHRISTMASTIDE on the Mountain

Sunday, November 28

The First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Choir
11:00 am Advent Wreath Making
11:00 am Coffee Hour

Sunday December 5

The Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Choir
11:00 am Advent Arts & Crafts
11:00 am Coffee Hour
4:00 pm Advent Choral Evensong

Sunday December 12

The Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Choir
11:00 am Coffee Hour

Sunday, December 19

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
10:00 am Holy Eucharist and Pageant
11:00 am Coffee Hour

Friday, December 24

The Eve of the Nativity

2:30 pm Choral Prelude
3:00 pm Children's Eucharist
4:30 pm Choral Prelude
5:00 pm Festal Eucharist

Saturday, December 25

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

9:00 am Holy Eucharist with Carols

Sunday, December 26

First Sunday after Christmas

10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Carols

Sunday, January 2

Second Sunday after Christmas

10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Choir

Sunday, January 9

The Epiphany of Our Lord (transferred)

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Choir
11:00 am Coffee Hour

STEWARDSHIP 2022

The **2022 Stewardship Campaign** is off to a strong start! If you have any questions about Stewardship, please contact [Bob Courtemanche](#). Please return your 2022 Pledge Card. Your generosity will determine the budget for the upcoming year. Extra pledge cards can be found in the office & narthex. For your convenience you may email your pledge information directly to our accountant, [Lisa Keenan](#).

Did You Know You Can Donate Your Stocks to SJOTM?

The tax advantages of giving stock, instead of cash, to church can make doing so very worthwhile. We would be happy to accept stock donations for 2022 as form of pledge payment. To learn more, please contact Lisa Keenan in the office at 908-766-2282 ext 13 or by email at L.Keenan@sjotm.org.

VESTRY NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The following people are soliciting nominations for the incoming Vestry Class of 2024. If you yourself or someone you know might consider serving as a member of the vestry, please contact :

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Fall Back

Don't forget to set you clocks on
Saturday, November 6

MUSIC NEWS

by Christopher Harlow-Jennings

ADVENT EVENSONG

December 5, 4:00 pm

Join us for Choral Evensong sung by the Choir of SJOTM
Music by Orlando Gibbons, Anthony Piccolo,
and Elizabeth Poston

FELLOWSHIP NEWS**SCARECROW NEWS**

*The Scarecrow
Walk sponsored by
"Downtown
Bernardsville"
included
scarecrows created
by St. John Nursery
School and the
youth group of
SJOTM*

**PROCESSIONS**

As we begin the season of Advent, a season filled with waiting and expectation, we will also begin processing again. Processions in the liturgy have several functions. They get the choir, acolytes, and clergy into the chancel, usually while singing a hymn. They organize the start of the liturgy and help us feel like we are transitioning from our outside world into a time of worship. And theologically, they represent the pilgrimage we are on in this earthly life. Processions have been on pause during the pandemic and we wait with great anticipation for this, one of the final pieces of "normalcy" to return to our Sunday morning Eucharist.

SUNDAY SUPPER & SHORT SERVICE

November 14, 5:00 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

LADIES' LUNCHEON

December 16, 12:00 pm

The next luncheon is the annual Christmas lunch at Roxiticus Country Club, December 16. Instead of a buffet, a shortened menu is available this year. The cost is approximately \$40. Details will be finalized and publish in the December Newsletter.

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.

MISSION OUTREACH

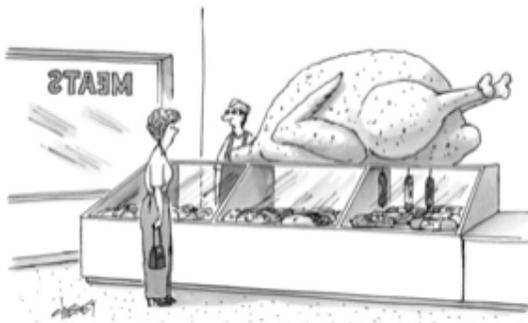
(SMALL) TURKEYS WANTED

A change from past years: Please donate **ONLY** small frozen turkeys (under 14 pounds), turkey breasts, small hams, frozen chickens, and lasagnas.

Many of the families we serve are sharing an oven with other families. We know that you want to give the largest turkey you can get for free, Please ask the store for two small turkeys or turkey breasts instead.

Please deposit your donation in or near the freezer in the garage by Friday, November 19.

Mega Turkeys NOT Needed



NON-PERISHABLE THANKSGIVING ITEMS NEEDED

Due to the overwhelming numbers of families in need in the Somerset County area, we are suspending our usual *Adopt a Family* program for Thanksgiving and Christmas this year so that we can provide for more families. Please purchase any kind of **non-perishable** "Thanksgiving type" item.

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| • disposable aluminum pans | aluminum foil |
| • plastic wrap | non-refrigerated milk (Parmalat) |
| • stuffing mix | plastic juice bottles |
| • cranberry sauce | canned fruit |
| • gravy packets (NO GLASS JARS) | canned vegetables |

SATURDAYS AT THE FOOD BANK

Volunteers are needed

At the Food Pantry in Somerville each Saturday morning in November (6th,13th,20th,27th) from 9 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Please email hilarity3121@gmail.com to sign up for one or more Saturdays.

CASA SHaW UPDATE

SJOTM will not be assembling backpacks this Advent season; instead CASA SHaW is putting together a list of items needed for children in foster care. Please look for details in the coming weeks.

SOME OF OUR NEIGHBORS DON'T NEED TURKEYS

Many of the families of non-Western European origin, such as the ones we support at **God's Coop Pantry**, do not eat turkey. They have asked us to continue collecting:

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| • five-pound bags of rice, | canned fruit |
| • pasta, | maseca flour |
| • chicken bouillon cubes, | vegetable oil |
| • canned chicken, | dried black beans |



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

*Sarah Hitchcock-DeGregori,
Mary Johanna Mason Johnson, Francis E. Johnson,
Ron Kennedy & Dorothy Smullen*

ST. JOHN'S NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

by Kathy Tober

It has certainly been a busy but enjoyable fall so far at St. John's Nursery School. Halloween was celebrated last Friday with students dressed in their costumes enjoying some festive fun in our very own SJNS pumpkin and having the opportunity to trick-or-treat around campus.

We are proud to say that the 3's, 4's and 4+ classes have completed the six week beginning of the year unit. This provides the foundation for critical thinking and inquiry skills that will be used moving forward. Some of the highlights for this unit included finding the answer to the question "Who works at our school?" The term "community" was introduced as a group of people who work together to keep the school safe and happy. Not only do these people help the school, they also become familiar faces that the children see around the campus. To this end, the 4/4+ classes walked to the parish house to visit Lisa Coakley. They asked her questions about her job and most importantly learned how to use the xerox machine! The 3's, 4's, and 4+ classes took a trip to see Father Dave in his office. He read them a story about friendship called The Smeds and the Smoos and showed them around his office.

We are now entering our second unit of study. The 4/4+ classes are participating in our first ever music study. In preschool years, children are often interested in performing musically, understanding how music is made, and learning new ways to generate sound. This study offers many opportunities for children to investigate music making firsthand while they explore social studies and science concepts, experiment with and create instruments, interview musicians, and identify their feelings and preferences associated with different music experiences.

The 3's classes are using the nursery school campus to investigate trees. They will observe and compare trees to learn about what lives in them, what they are made from, and who cares for them. Trees are engaging tools for learning and discovery. They come in different shapes and sizes and are a wonderful way to study life cycles and parts of a whole. Math, science, literacy and art objectives are incorporated in a natural way through this study.

Every study will begin by exploring the topic to answer the two following questions: What do we know about the topic (trees/music)? What do we want to find out about (trees/music)? The children's questions help teachers decide what experiences to offer and which investigations to pursue. By responding to the children's ideas and following their lead as their thinking evolves, they have ownership and therefore learn best.

The 2's will take the next few weeks to work on learning their class routine, extending their morning meeting and solving problems through play. They will begin a mini-study of containers in mid November. This study will follow the same educational philosophy mentioned above, using children's natural curiosity and hands-on materials which provide an optimal learning environment.



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Please join us on Sunday, November 28th as we make Advent Wreaths (in Parish Hall). All materials will be supplied. A \$5 donation to help off-set the cost of supplies is greatly appreciated.

- Children will make their wreaths at 10:00 (in lieu of Sunday School).
- Adults are welcome to make theirs immediately following the 10:00am service.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 19th, 10:00 am

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

Get Your Forms In by November 21ST

This year the pageant will be open to all interested Pre-K – 12th grade students. Please take the time to discuss with your child(ren) the time commitments involved with each type of role and their willingness to perform it. In order to participate they must be able to attend the required practices. See below.

- Mandatory practice for all participants:
 - Sunday, December 5th at **10am** in Parish Hall
 - Sunday, December 12th at **10am** in Parish Hall (costumes will be distributed during coffee hour on Dec. 12th.)
 - Possible rehearsal, if needed, on Dec. 18th at 9am in the church

Beginning November 7th sign-up forms will be located on the table in the narthex, in the Parish House Church Office, on www.sjotm.org, or via email (lynnmitchell@sjotm.org). Forms must be returned no later than November 21st. Roles will be announced and scripts will be available on Sunday, November, 28th. **Parent volunteers are also needed to help with rehearsals, building of set, and Coffee Hour on Dec. 19th. Please email Lynn if interested.**



Best Wishes
as you celebrate your
birthday in November

Spencer Singlevich,
Konrad von Hollenn,
& Sumner Putnam

YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, November 14, 5:00 pm

All youth from 6th – 12th grade are invited to a youth group gathering in the Parish Office meeting room on Sunday, Nov. 14th from 5-6:15pm. Pizza will be served.

ADVENT ARTS & CRAFTS

Sunday, December 5

You won't want to miss Coffee Hour on December 5th! Please join us for some creative seasonal arts and crafts.

Have Any Leftover Candy
from Halloween?

Please bring it to Sunday School
on November. 7th.

We will be donating the candy to the
Food Bank on Nov. 13th.

HOLLYWOOD COMES TO THE MOUNTAIN

October 12, 2021

A production company filmed scenes for a mini series about boxer Mike Tyson on Bernardsville mountain last month. The SJOTM Parish Hall was used as a staging area for cast & crew - 1980s wardrobe and hair & makeup was recreated in our buildings.

The mini series, "Iron Mike" will "explore the wild, tragic, and controversial life and career of heavyweight Mike Tyson". It has received an eight episode order to be streamed on Hulu in 2022.



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November Liturgical Schedule

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

November 7

- 4 pm All Saints' Evensong, Church

November 14

- 5 pm Sunday Supper & Short Service

Evening Prayer

- 6:30 pm Wednesdays, Chapel & Zoom