

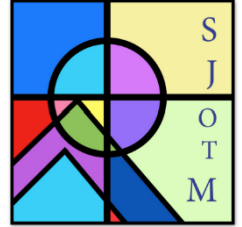


St. Bernard's Episcopal Church St. John on the Mountain

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST FESTAL HOLY EUCHARIST

December 24, 2025, 6:00 pm

The Church of St. John on the Mountain, Bernardsville, NJ



PRELUDES

Song of Cradle Love

Quentin Thomas (b. 1972)

I Wonder as I Wander

John Jacob Niles (1892 – 1980)

Saira Alam, mezzo-soprano

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
how Jesus, the Savior, had come for to die
for poor on'ry people, like you and like I;
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall
with wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all,
but high in God's heaven a star's light did fall,
and the promise of ages, it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
a star in the sky or a bird on the wing,
or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing,
he surely could have it, for he was the King!

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
how Jesus, the Savior, had come for to die
for poor on'ry people like you and like I;
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

The assembly stands as able for the Processional Carol

ENTRANCE RITES

PROCESSIONAL CAROL 83 v. 1-3, 6

Adeste Fideles (Willcocks)

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;

Refrain
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
 dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

CHRISTMAS EVE OPENING ACCLAMATION

by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art

Presider If you are like Joseph, and you are seeking truth,

Assembly **There is room here for you.**

Presider If you are like Mary, and you are seeking rest,

Assembly **There is a seat here for you.**

Presider If you are like the Magi, the wise men, and you are looking for a sign,

Assembly **These candles are here for you.**

Presider If you are like the angels, and you cannot help but sing,

Assembly **There is a melody here for you.**

Presider Come in. You are in God's house. Love was born tonight, and there is love here for you.

Assembly **Let us worship the God of love.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

Presider The Lord be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. God of glory, your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem, where the Light of the world is humbly born into the darkness of human night. Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world, so that we, like Jesus Christ, may become beacons of your love, hope, and peace, and defenders of all for whom there is no room. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The assembly is seated for the readings

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

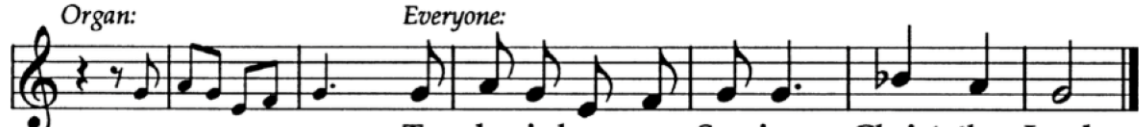
PSALM 96:1-4, 11-12

sung with the choir

Peter R. Hallock

ANTIPHON

Luke 2: 11
Organ: *Everyone:*



To - day is born our Sav-ior, Christ the Lord.

Choir: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the whole earth. Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples. For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein. Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

SECOND LESSON: Titus 2:11-14

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

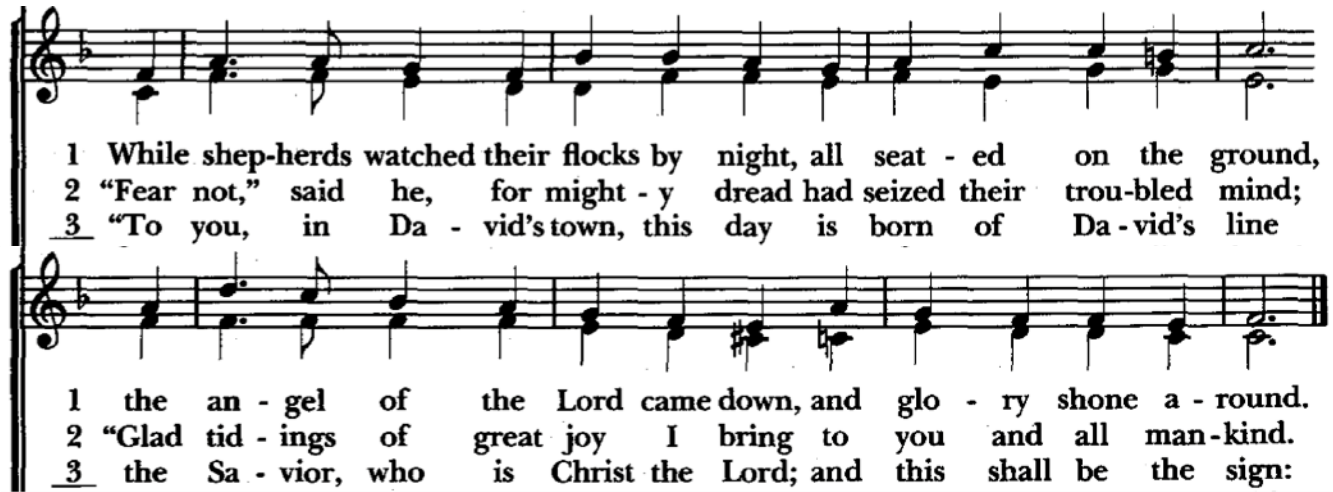
Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT – *Children (and parents) are welcome to come forward for a brief story*

The assembly stands for the Sequence Carol and Gospel

SEQUENCE CAROL 94 v. 1-3

Winchester Old



1 While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,
2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou-bled mind;
3 "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is born of Da - vid's line

1 the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
2 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man-kind.
3 the Sa - vior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Assembly **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!"

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Beth Rauen Sciaino

THE NICENE CREED

The assembly stands for the Creed and Prayers

BCP p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and our salvation

he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again
 in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form VI, BCP p. 392

<i>Intercessor</i>	In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;
<i>Assembly</i>	For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those are alone.
<i>Intercessor</i>	For this community, the nation, and world;
<i>Assembly</i>	For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
<i>Intercessor</i>	For the just and proper use of your creation;
<i>Assembly</i>	For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
<i>Intercessor</i>	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
<i>Assembly</i>	For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
<i>Intercessor</i>	For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
<i>Assembly</i>	For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
<i>Intercessor</i>	For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Sally our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
<i>Assembly</i>	For all who serve God in God's church.
<i>Intercessor</i>	For the special needs and concerns of our parishes, especially all on our parish Prayer Lists. <i>Silence. The assembly may add their own petitions.</i>
<i>Intercessor</i>	Hear us Lord;
<i>Assembly</i>	For your mercy is great.
<i>Intercessor</i>	We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. <i>Silence. The assembly may add their own thanksgivings.</i>
<i>Intercessor</i>	We will exalt you, O God our King;
<i>Assembly</i>	And praise your Name for ever and ever.
<i>Intercessor</i>	We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. <i>Silence. The assembly may add their own petitions.</i>
<i>Intercessor</i>	Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
<i>Assembly</i>	Who put their trust in you.
<i>Intercessor</i>	We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
<i>All</i>	Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
<i>Presider</i>	May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
Assembly **And also with you.**

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*During the Offertory Anthem an offering is collected for God's mission and ministry.
Thank you for your generosity.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sweet Little Jesus Boy Robert MacGimsey, arr. Jack Schrader

Sweet little Jesus boy,
they made you be born in a manger.
Sweet little holy child,
we didn't know who you were.
Didn't know you'd come to save us, Lord;
to take our sins away.
Our eyes were blind, we could not see,
we didn't know who you were.
Long time ago, you were born.
Born in a manger, Lord.
Sweet little Jesus boy.
The world treats you mean, Lord;
treats me mean, too.
But that's how things are down here,
we don't know who you are.

You have told us how,
we are trying.
Master, you have shown us how,
even when you were dying.
Just seems like we can't do right,
look how we treated you.
But please, sir, forgive us, Lord,
we didn't know it was you.
Sweet little Jesus boy,
born a long time ago.
Sweet little holy child,
we didn't know who you were.

The assembly stands to sing the Offertory Carol, and the offering is brought forward

OFFERTORY CAROL 87

Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

1 Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

*Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!*

3 Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! *Refrain*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p. 361

Presider The Lord be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

Assembly **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*The Proper Preface for Christmas is said.*) Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S 130

Franz Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The assembly stands or kneels

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation.... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and Assembly **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all.... By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP p. 364

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.*

FRACTION ANTHEM S 164

Agnus Dei

Franz Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive the real and living presence of the Body and Blood of Christ. The ushers will direct you. You are welcome to sip from the chalice or intinct (dip). Gluten-free Communion is available, please ask the priest.

You may also come forward for God's blessing in lieu of Communion,

indicating this by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Gloria Shayne

*At the conclusion of Holy Communion, all stand or kneel (as able)
to sing the carol as the lights are dimmed.*

POST COMMUNION CAROL 111

Silent night

Stille Nacht

1. Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven a-far,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

The assembly stands for the Post Communion Prayer

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Presider May Christ our infant Savior give you the joy of the Bethlehem shepherds,
the divine purpose of the angels, and the humility and love of the holy family;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL CAROL 100

Antioch

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the
ceive her King; let ev - every heart pre - pare him room, and
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
as the curse is found, far as the curse is
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
3 far as the curse is found, far
4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
peat the sound - ing joy,
as the curse is found,
won - ders of his love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Filled with joy and peace, let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

J. Wayne Kerr (b. 1958)

Assisting in our worship tonight

The Rev. Beth Rauen Sciaino, *Presider & Preacher*

Grant Mech, *Director of Music*

St. John's Choir

Jocelyn Alam, Saira Alam, Hilary Thomas Dorer, Mike Ewing, Daniel Greenfield,
Wood Huntley, Tina Johnson, Margot Lewis, Rachel Mullen, Francis Pratt, Joe Ray,
Dorothy Smullen, Kay Vollmar, Pete Vollmar, Paul Zanardi

Margaret Griggs, *Lector*

Patty Vollmar, Peter Clarke, *Lay Eucharistic Ministers*

Peter Mercer, *Usher*

Altar Guild Christmas Team

Joy Baird, Kathy Christie, Jeanne Clarke, Mary Courtemanche, Jody Flegel,
Jocelyn Gilmartin, Margaret Griggs, Tina Johnson, Susan Kennedy, Jane McKnight,
Jane Mercer, Lori Morris, Barbara Scillia, Lynda Stadtmueller, Gail Wragg

ANNOUNCEMENTS – December 24, 2025

WORSHIP & COMMUNITY

UPCOMING JOINT SERVICES AT ST. BERNARD'S & ST. JOHN ON THE MOUNTAIN

- Sunday, **Dec. 28, 10 am**, at St. John's, Lessons and Carols in the chapel. Please join us for this festive Christmas service followed by coffee hour.
- Sunday, **Feb. 8, 10 am**, at St. Bernard's, Souper Bowl Sunday: soups for sale to benefit the Food Bank

STEWARDSHIP FOR OUR FUTURE – Stewardship 2026

Stewardship is the belief that everything belongs to God, and we are called to manage and support all God's resources including our children, our community, and our buildings by using spiritual and material gifts for God's glory and living a life of Christian values. We invite you to prayerfully consider your giving estimate (pledge) for next year and return the card by mail or the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity.

EVENING PRAYER resumes Wednesday, Jan. 7, 5:30 pm. via Zoom

Join us for Evening Prayer and learn about a saint in this 20-minute service held on Zoom every other week. *Upcoming dates:* Jan. 7 and 21, Feb. 4. Evening Prayer will shift back to weekly during Lent starting Feb. 25.

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

St. Bernard's and St. John's parish offices will be closed from Wed., Dec. 24, through Fri., Jan. 2, for the Christmas & New Year holidays. They will re-open on Monday, January 5, 2026. Please contact Pastor Beth directly by cell for any pastoral emergencies.

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Pastor Beth will offer developmentally appropriate and interactive classes on Baptism for children who have not yet received the Sacrament of Baptism. The classes will be adapted to the group. Please reach out to her if you are interested, priest@sjotm.org. Note: Baptism does not occur during the Season of Lent, Feb. 18-April 3, 2026.

CROSS ROADS DAY CAMP: July 6-10

Kids entering Kindergarten-6th grade are invited to join us for the week of July 6-10, 9:00 am-3:00 pm at St. Bernard's Episcopal Church, 88 Claremont Road, Bernardsville, for a wonderful Day Camp led by young adult staff from our Episcopal and Lutheran camp (crossroadsretreat.com). Cost is \$50/child for the week with snack and lunch provided. We had a great experience last year. To pre-register, please email Alison Davidson, admin@StBernardsNJ.org. Cross Roads Day Camp is sponsored by St. John's, St. Bernard's, and St. Mark's, BR.

BOOK REFLECTION GROUP on *Jesus Sophia* by Sally Douglas

Join us to read and reflect on *Jesus Sophia: Returning to Woman Wisdom in the Bible Practice and Prayer* by scholar/pastor Sally Douglas of Australia. She explores early Christian use of the Wisdom tradition in Scripture, personified as a female divine, to understand what God is doing in Jesus' ministry. In doing so, Douglas explores the implications on our own day to day faith lives and practices. We will meet over Zoom most Wed. from 7-8 pm starting on Jan. 21 with the Introduction and Chapter 1. Books will be available for purchase from the parish, or you can purchase the Kindle version. **Meeting dates: Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 25, March 4, 18, 25, and April 1.**

WATCHUNG CONVOCATION: RETIRING MEDICAL DEBT

Thanks to your generosity the **Watchung Convocation has raised over \$33,000 for this effort!** (This means approximately \$3.3 million of medical debt will be retired. A donation of \$1 retires \$100 of medical debt.) One of the leading causes of bankruptcy in the US is medical debt. Existing medical debt also prevents people from seeking the help they need to stay healthy. Our Convocation (16 Episcopal churches in our region) has taken on the challenge this fall to help retire medical debt. In NJ, the state used leftover federal Covid relief funds to work with Undue Medical Debt to retire the debt of NJ residents. We pooled our resources to buy medical debt for pennies on the dollar to give relief to people in Navajoland (3 counties in New Mexico) and El Paso County, TX. To give online: <https://unduemedicaldebt.org/campaign/episcopal-diocese-of-new-jersey/> (Most churches and individuals gave via check which is not reflected in the online total.)

GAME NIGHT at St. Bernard's Church, Thursday, Jan. 15, 6-8 pm

Join us for our monthly Game Night on Thursday, Jan. 15, from 6-8 pm in St. Bernard's Parish Hall. All ages are welcome for the collaborative games, pizza, and fun.

ST. BERNARD'S AND ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

December 24, Wednesday, Christmas Eve

8:00 am The Open Table, Zoom
 4:00 pm Family Holy Eucharist, St. Bernard's
 6:00 pm Festal Holy Eucharist, St. John's
 8:00 pm Festal Holy Eucharist, St. Bernard's

December 25, Thursday, Christmas Day

10:00 am Joint Holy Eucharist, St. Bernard's

December 28, The First Sunday after Christmas

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal, St. John's Choir Room
 10:00 am Joint Lessons & Carols, St. John's Chapel
 11:00 am Coffee Hour, St. John's

December 31, Wednesday

8:00 am The Open Table, Zoom

January 4, The Second Sunday after Christmas/

The Epiphany

7:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite I, St. John's Chapel
No St. John's Choir rehearsal
 8:45 am Childcare, Lower Level
 9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II, St. John's Church
 9:00 am Sunday School, St. John's Parish Hall
 10:00 am Coffee Hour, St. John's
 9:30 am St. Bernard's Choir Rehearsal
 11:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II, St. Bernard's
 12:00 pm Coffee Hour, St. Bernard's

January 7, Wednesday

8:00 am The Open Table, Zoom
 5:30 pm Evening Prayer, Zoom

St. John's Prayer List *Helena Beinstock, Joan Dill, Luz Feieira, Frank, Al Haueis, Binx Lee, Rusty Mickelson, Barbara Mushalko, Suzanna Rosen, Scott, Tony Villa, Bill Young, Beirne Donaldson, Pat, Jack Morra, Eloise, Max, June, Kathy, Wood, Kathy Falcon*

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Christmas Day, Dec. 25,

Joint 10:00 am at *St. Bernard's* with soloist

Sunday, Dec. 28, The First Sunday after Christmas

Joint 10:00 am *Lessons & Carols* in *St. John's Chapel*

Sunday, Jan. 4, The Second Sunday after Christmas/The Epiphany

7:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite I, *Chapel*

9:00 Holy Eucharist Rite II, *Church*

Sunday School and Childcare returns

11:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II, *St. Bernard's*

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