



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

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

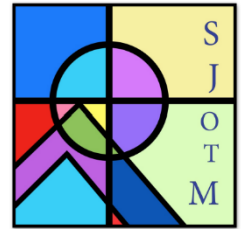
October 4, 2026

11:00 am Holy Eucharist at St. Bernard's Church

The Feast of St. Francis: Blessing of the Animals

Thank you for sharing in our worship today.

Hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.



PRELUDE

The assembly stands as able to sing the hymn

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 405

All things bright and beautiful

Royal Oak

*Refrain All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

2 The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky. *Refrain*

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colors,
he made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one. *Refrain*

4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *Refrain*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Assembly **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE, HYMN 390 (v. 1 & 4) *sung by all* Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *Lobe den Herren*

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health
and salvation: join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath come now with
praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for ever adore him.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Collect for St. Francis of Assisi

Presider The Lord be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities
of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole
creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who makes known your love. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated for the lessons

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 9 am: Lynda Stadtmueller; 11 am: Michelle Esposito-Edwards

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out
of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol,
whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the
water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD
will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days
you shall labor and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long
in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands to sing the hymn setting of the psalm

HYMN 431 (*setting of Psalm 19*)

The stars declare his glory

Aldine

1 The stars declare his glory;
the vault of heaven springs
mute witness of the Master's hand
in all created things,
and through the silences of space
their soundless music sings.

2 The dawn returns in splendor,
the heavens burn and blaze,
the rising sun renews the race
that measures all our days
and writes in fire across the skies
God's majesty and praise.

3 So shine the Lord's commandments
to make the simple wise;
more sweet than honey to the taste,
more rich than any prize,
a law of love within our hearts,
a light before our eyes.

4 So order too this life of mine,
direct it all my days;
the meditations of my heart
be innocence and praise,
my rock, and my redeeming Lord,
in all my words and ways.

CHAPTER XII of the *Little Flowers of Francis of Assisi* *Read by Paul Edwards* anonymous, 14th century
St. Francis, desiring to humble Friar Masseo, to the end that he might not become puffed up by reason of the many gifts and graces which God was giving him, but by virtue of humility might increase thereby from virtue to virtue; once when he was dwelling in a solitary place with those true saints, his first companions, among whom was the said Friar Masseo, he spoke on a day to Friar Masseo before all his companions, saying: "O Friar Masseo, all these your companions have the grace of contemplation and of prayer; but you have the grace of preaching the Word of God to the satisfying of the people; and therefore, to the end that these your companions may be able to give themselves to contemplation, I will that you perform the office of the gate and of alms-giving and of the kitchen; and when the other friars shall eat you will eat outside the gate of the Place, so that you may satisfy those who come to the Place with some good works of God or ever they have knocked; thus it will not be necessary for any other to go forth save you alone; and this you do for the merit of holy obedience." Thereupon, Friar Masseo drew back his cowl and bowed his head and humbly received this obedience and persevered therein for many days, performing the office of the gate, of almsgiving and of the kitchen. Wherefore his companions, as men illuminated of God, began to feel great remorse in their hearts, considering that Friar Masseo was a man of great perfection even as they or more so, and upon him was laid all the burden of the Place and not on them. For which cause they were all moved with one desire and went to beseech the holy father that he would be pleased to distribute among them those offices; inasmuch as their consciences might in no way bear that Friar Masseo should endure so great a labor. Hearing this St. Francis inclined his ear to their counsels and consented to their wish. Calling Friar Masseo, he spoke to him after this manner: "Friar Masseo, your companions desire to share the offices which I have given you; and therefore I will that they be divided among them." Said Friar Masseo, with great humility and patience: "Father, that which you lay upon me, whether in whole or in part, I esteem it altogether done of God." Then St. Francis, beholding the charity of those others and the humility of Friar Masseo, preached to them a marvelous sermon touching most holy humility; teaching them that the greater the gifts and graces which God bestows upon us, the greater should our humility be; because without humility no virtue is acceptable to God. And when he had finished preaching, he distributed the offices with very great love.

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

The assembly stands as able for the hymn and Gospel

SEQUENCE HYMN 407

Most High, omnipotent, good Lord

Lukkason

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| 1 Most High, omnipotent, good Lord,
to thee be ceaseless praise outpoured,
and blessing without measure.
From thee alone all creatures came;
no one is worthy thee to name. | 2 My Lord be praised by brother sun
who through the skies his course doth run,
and shines in brilliant splendor:
with brightness he doth fill the day,
and signifies thy boundless sway. |
| 3 My Lord be praised by sister moon
and all the stars, that with her soon
will point the glittering heavens.
Let wind and air and cloud and calm
and weathers all, repeat the psalm. | 4 By sister water be thou blessed,
most humble, useful, precious, chaste;
be praised by brother fire;
jocund is he, robust and bright,
and strong to lighten all the night. |
| 5 By mother earth my Lord be praised;
governed by thee she hath upraised
what for our life is needful.
Sustained by thee, through every hour,
she bringeth forth fruit, herb, and flower. | 6 My Lord be praised by those who prove
in free forgivingness their love,
nor shrink from tribulation.
Happy, who peaceably endure;
with thee, Lord, their reward is sure. |
| 7 For death our sister, praised be,
from whom no one alive can flee.
Woe to the unprepared!
But blest be they who do thy will
and follow thy commandments still. | 8 Most High, omnipotent, good Lord,
to thee be ceaseless praise outpoured,
and blessing without measure.
Let creatures all give thanks to thee,
and serve in great humility. |

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

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

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Beth Rauen Sciaino

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

BOS p. 105

Presider God's animals inhabit the skies, the land, and the sea; we share the earth with them, and like them rely on God's blessing to sustain and preserve us. We gather today in communion and friendship with Francis of Assisi who preached to animals and moved throughout the known world sharing God's unconditional love for all beings. Remembering Francis' love for all God's creatures, we bless the animals entrusted to your care.

Pastor Beth will bless animals in church and then on our Zoom slideshow.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please stand as you are able.

Voices United

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form I

led by Frank Curtis

BCP pp. 383-385

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying
"Lord, have mercy."

Intercessor For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity
of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For our Bishop Sally, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to
the Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For this region of the Somerset Hills, for every city and community, and for those who
live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,
let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the
suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all on our parish Prayer Lists, including: *(read names)*. Let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and
captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us
pray to the Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to
the Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach,
let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor In the communion of all of the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and
all our life, to Christ our God.

Assembly **To thee, O Lord our God.**

The Deacon offers a concluding Collect.

KYRIE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP p. 360

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

Deacon Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:
Lord, have mercy.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon You are loving to all and your mercy is over all your creation: Christ, have mercy.

Assembly **Christ, have mercy.**

Deacon Your faithful servants bless your name and speak of the glory of your kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider 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.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

BCP p. 830, Prayer 50 (*adapted*)

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ who makes known your love. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Grant us your peace

arr. of Mendelssohn

The assembly stands to sing the hymn

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS - HYMN 397, v. 1

Nun danket alle Gott

**Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices, who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices; who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2, *Enriching Our Worship* 1

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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are 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.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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

sung by all

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

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are welcome to say A Prayer for Spiritual Communion found below during Communion.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(Diocese of Oxford, England)

Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.

You wait for me and only I can let you in.

I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.

Feed me with your Body and unite me in your Blood,

that I may be your blessing to a world in need. **Amen.**

Presider Let us stand and pray.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

THE BLESSING

St. Clare of Assisi

Presider Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 400

All creatures of our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen

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| <p>1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
<i>O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</i></p> | <p>2 Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice,
<i>Refrain</i></p> |
| <p>3 Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
<i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>4 Dear mother earth, you day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show:
<i>Refrain</i></p> |
| <p>5 All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing now: Alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, and cast on him your care:
<i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>6 And even you, most gentle death,
waiting to hush our final breath,
O praise him, Alleluia!
You lead back home the child of God,
for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
<i>Refrain</i></p> |
| <p>7 Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia! Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One: <i>Refrain</i></p> | |

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Assembly **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

Assisting today at ST. JOHN ON THE MOUNTAIN		Assisting today at ST. BERNARD'S	
<i>Presider & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Beth Rauen Sciaino	<i>Presider & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Beth Rauen Sciaino
<i>Organist</i>	William Rehwinkel	<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Karen B. Lewis, Deacon
<i>St. John's Choir</i>		<i>Director of Music & Organist</i>	Tyler Weakland
<i>Lectors</i>	Peter Mercer (7:45); Lynda Stadtmueller (9)	<i>Soloists</i>	Jocelyn Alam, Jason Robinette
<i>LEMs</i>	Sue Kennedy (7:45); Mike Ewing (9)	<i>Lectors</i>	Michelle Esposito-Edwards, Paul Edwards,
<i>Usher</i>	Stephanie Haueis (9)		Frank Curtis
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Captain: Kathy Christie, Jane Mercer,	<i>Chalicist</i>	Pamela Kenworthy
	Barbara Scillia	<i>Usher</i>	Frank Curtis
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Charlie and Jeanie Chapin	<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Kempen, Cathy Ferrara
		<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Jane Rauen

CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS - October 4, 2026

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

October 4, The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

celebrating the Feast of St. Francis with blessing of animals

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I, St. John's Chapel
- 8:30 am St. John's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. John's, Church
- 9:00 am Sunday School, St. John's Atrium
- 9:45 am St. Bernard's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour, St. John's
- 10:15-11 am Confirmation Class, St. John's Parish House
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. Bernard's, *with Blessing of the Animals (slideshow & in church)*
- 12:00 pm Coffee Hour, St. Bernard's
- 2:00 pm Blessing of the Animals, St. John's Lawn

October 7, Wednesday

- 8:00 am The Open Table, Zoom

October 8, Thursday

- 6-9 pm ECS-NJ Gala, Pines Manor, Edison, NJ

October 11, The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I, St. John's Chapel
- 8:30 am St. John's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. John's, Church
- 9:00 am Sunday School, St. John's Atrium
- 9:45 am St. Bernard's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour, St. John's
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. Bernard's
- 12:00 pm Coffee Hour, St. Bernard's

October 14, Wednesday

- 8:00 am The Open Table, Zoom
- 7:00 pm St. Bernard's Vestry Meeting, Zoom

October 15, Thursday

- 6-8:30 pm Game Night, St. Bernard's Parish Hall

October 18, The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

- 10:00 am Joint Holy Eucharist at Ross Farm
bring a chair and a friend or neighbor

October 20, Tuesday

- 7:00 pm St. John's Vestry Meeting

October 21, Wednesday

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

October 25, The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I, St. John's Chapel
- 8:30 am St. John's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. John's, Church
- 9:00 am Sunday School, St. John's Atrium
- 9:45 am St. Bernard's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour, St. John's
- 10:15-11 am Confirmation Class, St. John's Parish House
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. Bernard's
- 12:00 pm Coffee Hour, St. Bernard's

October 28, Wednesday

- 8:00 am The Open Table, Zoom

November 1, All Saints' Day

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I, St. John's Chapel
- 8:30 am St. John's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. John's, Church
- 9:00 am Sunday School, St. John's Atrium
- 9:45 am St. Bernard's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour, St. John's
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist & Baptism, St. Bernard's
- 12:00 pm Coffee Hour, St. Bernard's

November 4, Wednesday

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

November 5, Thursday

- 12:15 pm Men's Lunch, Morristown Club

November 8, The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I, St. John's Chapel
- 8:30 am St. John's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. John's, Church
- 9:00 am Sunday School, St. John's Atrium
- 9:45 am St. Bernard's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour, St. John's
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. Bernard's
- 12:00 pm Coffee Hour, St. Bernard's

November 11, Wednesday

- 8:00 am The Open Table, Zoom
- 7:00 pm St. Bernard's Vestry Meeting, Zoom

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS, BLESSING OF ANIMALS, SUN., OCT 4, at St. John on the Mountain

Blessing of the Animals TODAY: All are welcome to bring your pets or stuffed animals for the brief service of Blessing of the Animals on St. John's front lawn at 2 pm on Sunday, Oct. 4.

SPONSOR PASTOR BETH FOR RALLY FOR CROSS ROADS

Pastor Beth walked in the Rally for Cross Roads, a 5K fundraiser for Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center on Oct. 3. There is still time to donate to support Cross Roads which welcomes all ages to connect with God, nature, and community, and to grow their faith. Thank you for considering a donation by check to Cross Roads Camp or online: <https://rallyforcrossroads.itsyourrace.com/donate/BETHSCIAINO-5014160> Thank you for everyone's generosity.

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

Evening Prayer continues on Wed. Oct. 7 at 5:30 pm over Zoom. Join us and learn about a saint in this 20-min. service. It will continue on alternate Wed. through Nov. 18. It will be held weekly in Advent.

GAME NIGHT at St. Bernard's, Thur., Oct. 15, 6:00-8:30 pm

Join us for our monthly Game Night on Thur., Oct. 15, from 6-8:30 pm in St. Bernard's Parish Hall. All ages welcome for collaborative games, pizza, and fun. Upcoming dates: 10/15, 11/19 & 12/10.

JOINT OUTDOOR SERVICE: Sunday, Oct. 18, at Ross Farm, 135 N. Maple Ave., Basking Ridge

Come join us on **Sunday, October 18**, at 10:00 am, for a joint outdoor service at Ross Farm in Basking Ridge with our two parishes and St. Mark's, Basking Ridge, next to God's Giving Garden. The music will be provided by the Devin McGuire. Bring a chair and enjoy God's beautiful creation. *Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 25.*

VOLUNTEER AT THE GARDEN and HONEY SALE DURING COFFEE HOUR

Volunteer at the garden! Sessions run: Tues., Thurs., Sat., 9 am – 12 pm. Cathy Ferrara, cathyhf2@gmail.com.

ANGEL'S CLOSET: DONATIONS, SORTING DAYS & SET UP DAY, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Donations: Being accepted through Oct. 23: Clothing (all ages/sizes); Accessories; Toys; Bikes & sporting equip.; housewares; bags (all types). All donations must be clean and in great condition. Drop-off at the St. John's Parish House, 379 Mt. Harmony Road, Bernardsville. **Volunteer for Sorting & Set-up Days:** Sorting at St. John's: **Sat., Oct. 24** from 10 am-4 pm. Set up day at Bedwell Elementary School: **Sat., Nov. 14**, followed by Angels' Closet distribution day on Sun., Nov. 15. For more info. call Parish Administrator at St. John's: 908-766-2282 or office@sjotm.org.

CASA SHaW BABY BOXES COLLECTION

SJOTM are collecting baby items on behalf of CASA SHaW to help provide parents with a starter kit for their new babies. Items needed: Diaper bags; baby blankets; A&D rash ointment; bottles; clothes 0-3m; baby towels & washcloths; bibs; swaddling blankets; baby books & toys; diapers, and baby wipes. Items can be left in the Narthex until October 11th.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE, MON., NOVEMBER 23, 7 pm

The **Community Thanksgiving Service** will be held at the Islamic Society of Basking Ridge, 124 Church St., Basking Ridge, on Monday, Nov. 23, at 7:00 pm. All are welcome, invite a neighbor. The masjid (prayer room) is worth coming to see.

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