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Capital Campaign Report



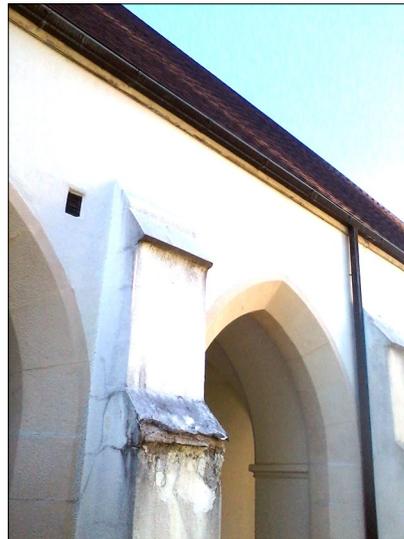
Memorial Path Installed

On Commemoration Day, June 20, our Bishop the Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith blessed our new Memorial Path. It leads from the Retreat House to the parking lot. It has been two years in the planning, and in that time, many people have purchased small and large sized pavers for the path. **There is still room for more!** If you would like to purchase a paver for the path, please email:

office@csjb.org or call 973-543-4641 ext. 0.



Funding is needed for architectural plans for the restoration of the cemetery wall, so that we can apply for a construction grant.



New gutters and drainpipes are needed for the Main Chapel, to preserve the stucco walls.

Main Chapel Interior and Exterior Water Damage

The Sisters are very grateful to all who have supported our projects since the Campaign was initiated in 2007. **Miracles have happened, thanks to all of you.** As we begin this new program year, our goals are to preserve the Main Chapel and the cemetery. The gutters are urgent. The new gutters and drainpipes on the Convent are preventing damage from overflow of ice and water. **Now it is time to do the same for the Main Chapel.** An estimate on the work will soon be available.

Remember the Community of St. John Baptist

Planned giving is the means by which persons may make use of their resources by supporting the Community through **Bequests, Life Income gifts, Life Insurance, A Life Estate, or Appreciated Property.** Income from an Endowment Fund will be available for programs of retreat, worship, education, or special projects, as well as the future support of the Sisters.

For further information, please contact Sr. Barbara Jean at 973-543-4641 ext. 1 or srbj@csjb.org

NEWS OF THE SISTERS

The First Profession of Sr. Monica Clare

On May 26 our Bishop Visitor, the Rt. Rev. Prince Singh received the First Vows of Sr. Monica Clare. In this service a Sister makes Vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience for one year. She receives the cross, cincture and veil of a Professed Sister. These Vows are renewed at least twice more before Final Profession. The service was attended by members of her family and many friends. Sr. Monica has been serving at All Saints Church in Millington. She also works in the Convent Chapel and has archived many photos of the Community's history. She also manages the "Community of St. John Baptist" Facebook page. In the Fall she will begin work at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in New York.

Sr. Monica Clare receives the cincture, a part of the habit of a Professed Sister, from the Bishop.



Commemoration Day



The Procession



Bishop Beckwith blessed the pavers on the new path

Commemoration Day this year was held on June 20. The day commemorates the birth of our Patron, John the Baptist. About 125 people attended the Eucharist and outdoor luncheon. This year's celebration also included the blessing of our path of memorial pavers. It has taken several years to complete this path with pavers containing messages, quotes, and memorials to loved ones. Some of the pavers are blank, and there is plenty of room for more messages. More information on the path is on page 2.

Bishop Mark Beckwith was the celebrant and preacher at the Eucharist, which was followed by reports on the Community's outreach. We heard stirring messages about the young people at Daytop, the children at Good Shepherd Home, the progress of our Capital Campaign, and a summary of each Sister's ministry. Afterward we walked to the path for the blessing and then shared a festive lunch on the cloister. New Associates received that day were the Rev. Bernard Poppe, Christine Brodeur, Lynda Condie, Karen Cerreta, and Kathy Bryan,

An excerpt from Bishop Mark's message

"Through the history of this Community there has been a pairing of prayer and mission: for women in distress, girls in school, kids daring to live in recovery at Daytop, orphans in Cameroon, and seekers from northern New Jersey and beyond.

Your prayer has been deep, consistent and honest. You know about illusion, distraction and disappointment. You have chosen—over and over again, to go out rather than to stay in, to pair prayer and mission. ...That is why there are 400 plus Associates.....We are grateful for your commitment and witness. Thank you and God bless you."

Sr. Monica Clare Arrives in New York



Sr. Laura Katharine greets Sr. Monica Clare as she arrives for her new assignment at St. Mary the Virgin in New York.

Vacation Bible School in Chester



About 25 children gathered for Vacation Bible School at the Church of the Messiah in Chester. Sr. Victoria Michelle (back row, far right) assisted with the small children. She also serves on the altar guild and works in the thrift shop.

St. Marguerite's Retreat House



St. Marguerite's Retreat House opened in August with a busy schedule for the Fall. The Convent also has many bookings for Saturday groups. The Retreat House is available for weekday business lunches and sessions such as Yoga, prayer groups, meetings and classes. It hosts people of many faiths and secular groups. Hospitality there has increased since some retreat houses in the area have closed. We can house about 35 people between the Retreat House, Convent and guest apartment..

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St. Mark's in Mendham



Our Associate Fr. Shawn Carty baptizes a child at St. Mark's in Mendham, where Sr. Barbara Jean also serves.

Daytop Graduation



Sr. Barbara Jean offered the invocation at the Daytop Graduation, held June 13. Twenty-one students received high school diplomas from the Daytop Preparatory School. Sixteen were from the Mendham school and five from the branch in Pittsgrove in southern New Jersey.

What is an Alongsider?

By Sr. Eleanor Francis

An Alongsider is a person, male or female, lay or ordained, who lives as a member of a religious community for a temporary length of time. An Alongsider lives, works, and prays with the Sisters at the Convent. The Alongsider may be of any Christian denomination. They may use their time as an Alongsider for sabbatical, spiritual renewal or study, to respond to a specific need, or to take time to discern where their life is leading next.

Last fall, through the kindness of one of our English Sisters, I had the opportunity to visit two communities in England who have Alongsiders. The “original” Alongsider Community, The Community of St. John the Divine, is in Birmingham. (It is also the original “Call the Midwife” community). Some thirteen years ago, due to the vision of their Superior, Sr. Christine, they began an Alongsiders program. They have had to learn through trial and error, but have had a series of Alongsiders who have enriched their lives. Sr. Christine was so generous with her time and materials to help us if we should like to start an Alongsiders program.

I also was fortunate to visit Mucknell Abbey in Worcester, a co-ed Benedictine community. It is certainly one of the most forward-looking communities I have met. Their leader, Abbot Stuart, has decided that everyone who comes new to the community enters as an Alongsider. They may either leave after a temporary period or apply to stay on as Novice monks or nuns.

Last fall, Sr. Constance Joanna, SSJD, came down from Toronto to tell all of us about the Alongsider program in her community, which is the only established program so far in North America.

Now, we at CSJB are hoping to begin an Alongsiders program. We have designed a brochure that is on the website and are hoping that some of you may want to consider trying out life as an Alongsider. Perhaps you have a friend who would be interested. Please write (sref@csjb.org) or phone (973-543-4641 ex. 3) if you have any questions or comments.

The Search Program

Each year the Community holds two Search Programs, one in February on Presidents’ Weekend, and one in August for twelve days. This year in August we had two full-time attendees: Deborah Carapezza from Salt Lake City and Ellen Bateman from Philadelphia. A Searcher from the February program also came for a weekend visit. The programs are for people who are interested in our Community, inquiring about being Sisters, Oblates, Associates or Alongsiders. During the Search Program we had guided prayer sessions every day, with a variety of types of prayer being taught. Also included were talks on our work, introductions to Oblates and Associates, and tours of the Convent, Retreat House, and Daytop. There also was a visit to our house in New York.



Debby Carapezza, Ellen Bateman, Sr. Laura Katharine, Fr. Stephen Gerth, Sr. Barbara Jean

The Community Garden

Our Community Garden has done very well this year. Due to favorable weather conditions, there has been a steady crop of healthy vegetables. Our faithful gardeners have been Sr. Linda Clare, Sr. Victoria Michelle, and Donna MacKenzie. Vegetables produced have been peas, beans, tomatoes, quash, eggplants, and cucumbers. All produce from this garden has been donated to the Interfaith Food Pantry in Morristown.

The Food Pantry aids hundreds of families each year. From spring to fall their clients receive fresh vegetables in addition to the usual non-perishables. The fresh vegetables are donated by area farmers and community gardens such as ours.



Sr. Victoria Michelle picks a ripe tomato

Sisters at General Convention

The General Convention of the Episcopal Church was held June 25-July 3, in Salt Lake City. It is the triennial meeting of bishops and deputies of the nationwide Church that is attended by up to 10,000 people.

Church organizations hold national meetings near the Convention site, and many display their ministries and items for sale in booths at the Exhibit Hall. Our Sisters Eleanor Francis and Suzanne Elizabeth attended the Convention. Sr. Eleanor Francis assisted at the booth for Religious Orders and Sr. Suzanne Elizabeth participated in the annual meeting of the National Altar Guild. Here are their messages.

Sr. Eleanor Francis writes:

The work of General Convention is carried out by clerical and lay deputies and by bishops, who consider a wide range of important issues. Many other important organizations within the Episcopal Church or serving the Episcopal Church also send representatives. My role at the convention was to serve as a representative of religious orders. We have a booth in which many flyers are available and where we can answer the questions of passers-by. New this year was a flyer we produced on "Alongsiders." Many people were curious to learn about Alongsiders and one of these attended our Search Program in August. (For more on Alongsiders, see p.5).



Because I only "worked" part-time, there was also plenty of time to experience other aspects of the convention. A great moment for me was to be present in the House of Bishops when they voted "yes" on Marriage Equality. I was impressed by the order and respect with which the vote was carried out.

It was very inspiring to be part of a march against gun violence in which 1,500 people lined up behind 79 bishops. Members of the crowd were advocates for sane gun legislation and included gunshot survivors. I was proud that our own bishop, The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith, was one of the organizers of the march.

Despite the 102 degree temperature, there were also chances to get to the nearby Temple Square, where the LDS (Mormon) church is headquartered. Within the immaculately kept-up square, there is the Mormon Tabernacle (open to visitors), a Visitors' Center, and the 21,000 seat Conference Center.

Of course, the height of the whole General Convention was the election of our new Presiding Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry. Let us pray for him as he takes up leadership of the Episcopal Church.

Sr. Suzanne Elizabeth writes:

My main responsibility at the Convention was to attend the meeting of the National Altar Guild and give a prayer workshop for the members. I have been connected to "NAGA" since 1976.

For many of the Altar Guild members the highlight for them was to set up the altar and Communion stations for the morning Eucharist at the General Convention hall for about 8000 to 10,000 attendees. At the end of one service that week I was interviewed by a radio station about the ministry of the altar guild, which was a wonderful experience.



A sidelight for me was the chance to spend some time with my family and Mormon cousins, some of whom I had not seen since I was a teenager. We had a grand tour of all the territory including the great Salt Lake, which is at the lowest point in its history. Only five years ago it was about to flood the city!

Now I am working on finding new persons to represent the Altar Guild on the National, Provincial, and Diocesan levels. It is important to continue the education of sacristans (those who prepare for church services and care for linens, vestments and vessels.) Sacristans are responsible for the highest level of care for all the precious things we handle when setting up for the Eucharist. The Eucharistic Feast is a celebration of Thanksgiving for Our Lord's presence among us and within us to the glory and praise of God. Amen, Alleluia!

In Search of New Monasticism

By Sr. Suzanne Elizabeth

Two years ago Sr. Eleanor Francis gathered a few Oblates and Sisters together to read John Michael Talbot's book, *The Universal Monk*. Sister encouraged others to read the book also. Our Community has been looking into a more structured form of life for those who wish to live alongside the vowed life of the Sisters.

The Universal Monk tells the story of the founding of Little Portion Hermitage in Berryville, Arkansas. Thirty years ago the Roman Catholic singer John Michael Talbot gathered single men and women, couples and families together on his land in Arkansas. There, they built hermitages and a main building with a refectory, kitchen, library and offices. They also constructed a small chapel nearby. Their life was built around simple Gospel living, integrating solitude and community with a contemplative base and active ministry.

The Brothers and Sisters of Charity today integrate charismatic and contemplative, liturgical and spontaneous spiritualities. Their community includes those who live in their own homes and are called Domestics. These are living a similar life to that of the Monastics, practicing the prayer and meditation that will lead them to deeper understanding of Jesus, the Church and our place in the modern world. Potential members choose whichever of these forms of religious life will bring them closer to Jesus and change and renew their lives through meditative prayer in community.

Sr. Barbara Jean and I were invited to visit John Michael and Viola Talbot at their monastery in Arkansas, and we traveled there in mid July. We visited with the founders and their community members to share their life of worship, prayer, work and fellowship. We enjoyed walking their beautiful grounds in the high desert, landscaped and planted by a friend who lives the Domestic life near them.

All the members and others living there for longer or shorter periods of time gather daily for prayer, worship, meals, work assignments, study and instruction on the life. All take part in the work, using the gifts and talents of each, but where extra help is needed, all are called upon to pitch in. "A General Chapter is the supreme governing body of the community. The General Chapter consists of the permanent monastic and domestic members either personally or through delegates." (*Rule*,Pg. 45)

Over the years the members have learned much about this lifestyle, what works and what does not. At this time there are no families residing at Little Portion Hermitage. However, this possibility is included in the Rule. One point of interest for me is the way they *all* gather daily for instruction on the Church's scripture, theology, philosophy or social issues. They discuss how to live their lives as committed Christians to God's glory and all creation.

John Michael's book is very open and honest in what has worked for them and what has not. The Brothers and Sisters of Charity have learned from their experience and mistakes, and they offer practical advice on community building. John Michael was equally open and honest with us as we met face to face. We found this meeting to be very helpful, as we begin a new program in CSJB with 'Alongsiders.' May we all "be of one mind and heart on the way to God." (*St. Augustine*)



**The Brothers and Sisters of Charity with Sr. Barbara Jean and Sr. Suzanne Elizabeth
John Michael Talbot is in the center with Viola to the right in the picture.**

A Poem by Carol Cymbala, Contributed by Sr. Victoria Michelle

When my heart had no song, when my strength was all gone,
Still in love He's proved faithful to me.
In my moments of fear, through every pain, every tear,
There's a GOD who's been faithful to me.
Every word He's promised is true;
 what I thought was impossible, I see my GOD do.
He's been faithful, faithful to me; looking back, his love and mercy I see
Though in my heart I have questioned, even failed to believe,
Yet GOD is faithful, faithful to me.

When my heart looked away,
The many times I could not pray,
Still my GOD was faithful to me.
The days I spent so selfishly,
 reaching out for what pleased me;
Even then GOD was faithful to me.
Every time I come back to him
He is waiting with open arms,
 and I see once again
GOD's been faithful, faithful to me.

GOOD SHEPHERD HOME NEWS

By Sr. Mary Lynne

I bring you greetings from the children of Good Shepherd Home, Sr. Jane and the Benedictine Sisters of Bethany. Approximately 150 children in 2 homes are cared for there with love. They are educated, fed, and given medical care. A new medical clinic for the children and neighborhood is in need of supplies before it can open. Donations for supplies would be much appreciated.

They have 2 fish ponds stocked with tilapia and catfish and a chicken farm known in Bamenda to be the best. In September it will house 8,000 day old chicks ready for sale in December. They also have a piggery and 2 farms producing a variety of vegetables for the children. Ten of the children attend university or an institution of higher learning.



The newly built Mission Hall in Kufllu: Sr. Mary Lynne, Sr. Jane, two fons (chiefs), and Fr. Emmanuel Yuh on the left, with eight postulants

Good Shepherd Academy hopes to break ground in about a year's time. Redeemer School, located on the GSH grounds (pre nursery thru primary school) finished a successful year. At this time Good Shepherd Home has 13 babies and 18 toddlers. Ages advance from there to age 24 (University Students) in both homes.

Sr. Jane has asked prayers for a five year program she is calling **Operation Faith in Action**, with particular emphasis on seeking new vocations to the Religious Life with a calling to care for the poorest of the poor. While I was visiting the village of Kufllu in Banso a new Anglican Missionary Hall was built and dedicated under Sr. Jane's guidance. Ten young women there have expressed a desire to be aspirants in the Anglican Community.

It was for me a privilege to be a part of all that is happening. The village is a four- hour drive deep in the African bush. The people are eager and excited to hear the Word of God and we have hired an Anglican priest who will instruct the people and aspirants in the liturgy and history of the Anglican Church. Sr. Jane will visit at least once a month for guidance and instruction. Please pray for this ministry and for the Anglican Church in Cameroon.

Remember the African word used in last General Convention: Unbuntu – I am because you are! We are all Gods people in God's World!



Ready for Preschool in Bamenda



Sr. Jane examines new clinic cabinets, ready for supplies

ST. JOHN BAPTIST SCHOOL ALUMNAE

- 1946 Faith Speyser Adair** phoned Feb. 17 to say "Hello." She lives in Fort Francis, Canada, on the Minnesota border, and is the mother of 10 children, five girls and five boys. She and her husband (now deceased) have 85 descendants. At age 87 she still lives in her own home, with help from a son and a daughter who live nearby. She enjoys receiving the newsletter and greets anyone who would have known her at the School.
- 1950 Valerie Bradt Hymes** phoned on June 13. She recently had open heart surgery, but continues to stay active. She maintains an online blog on criminal justice reform and is busy with church work. She also coordinates prison ministry in her diocese. Her health has improved since the surgery.
- 1951 Barbara Faust Ritter** Recently spoke with Sr. Barbara Jean. She now lives in Missouri near her son. She has three children, seven grandchildren and eight great grands. She is active in her church. Barbara sends greetings to those she knew in school.
- 1960 Chris Chrystal** came from Nevada to visit in early September. Before going on a trip to Cornwall in the UK with Sr. Margo, Chris spent several days in the cemetery cleaning the tombstones (crosses) of the deceased Sisters, Associates and friends.
- 1965 Lynn Wilder Mullin** is a senior administrative assistant in Regulatory affairs at Novartis. She has three sons and two grandchildren. In her "spare" time she serves as president of the Alumnae Association. She also is a member of the St. John Baptist School Corporation board. She has recently retired from our Capital Campaign Committee after many years of service.
- 1967 Margery Watts Hopper** came to the Alumnae picnic. She and her husband John (of St. Bernard's) have four children; no grandchildren yet. They spent their 45th wedding anniversary in Bermuda. She is active at St. Uriel's church in Sea Girt, NJ where she is president of the altar guild. She sends greetings from her sister, **Jane Watts Hanson '72**.
- 1969 Pamela Finn Nelson** has four children and eight grandchildren. She and her partner Sue drove down from upstate New York. Pam is a full-time home health nurse. Before this she was a psychiatric nurse for many years. At present she teaches aspiring home health nurses.
- 1972 Christine Brodeur MacClellan** has spent considerable time in recent months caring for her mother, who now lives near her in assisted living. Chris and her husband Don are frequent visitors at the Convent and often volunteer their help when we hold concerts. Chris serves on the Capital Campaign committee. She sends greetings from her former roommate, **Celia Kaltenbach Crotteau '72**.

Non Grad

Sandy Stenner DiNicola has two children, ages nine and six. She has a full-time position with a company that deals in consumer products.



Sandy Stenner DiNicola, Sr. Barbara Jean, Margie Watts Hopper, Lynn Wilder Mullin, Chris Brodeur MacClellan, Barbara Knox, Pam Finn Nelson at the Alumnae Reunion

Faculty

Barbara Knox has been a social worker at our local nursing home, Holly Manor, for many years. She keeps up with some of her former students on Facebook. Barbara belongs to a prayer group that meets at the Convent and also serves on the St. John Baptist School Corporation. This corporation is the "landlord" for Daytop, which leases the school property from the Sisters.

Lucy Lanzetti is dedicated to caring for her daughter, Christina, who developed a rare disease as a young adult and is homebound. Lucy also has three other children, two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

From Liz Gheno '68: *The Alumnae account is low. Please help: checks made out to CSJB with "Alumnae Association" at bottom, To help with mailings.*

Departed Associates

Jean Brown passed away on January 28, 2015. She was 90 years old. Jean and her husband Alvah (also deceased) were frequent guests at the Convent. Jean was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Livingston. She was also a spiritual seeker and frequently visited the Shanti Mandir Ashram in Walden, NY. Swami Nityananda of the ashram took part in her funeral at St. Peter's. She is much missed by those who attended interfaith dinners at her home,

Richard "Dick" Hull, 92, died peacefully on May 16, 2015. He was 92. Dick became an Associate in 2001 with his wife, Pamela White Hull (SJBS grad 1964). Dick and Pam had been married in 1995. He was a lifelong member of St. Bernard's Church in Bernardsville. He also served in World War II and had a long career in banking. Dick and Pam supported many of our Community functions together, and he is greatly missed. May he rest in peace.

A Word From Our Furry Friends

Greetings Kookie in from New York!

The summer has been pretty pleasant for the most part. My day mostly consists of napping & eating, though sometimes I watch pigeons. If I really feel energetic, I might chase a ball down the hallway a couple of times. However, my feline personality is not muted, it's called 'tortoise-tude'. I can be sweet & friendly, but on my own terms, my humans are to remember "I'm boss".

The past few weeks have been trying as Sr. Deborah Francis has been preparing to move back to the Convent. Every day, something was in the wrong place or missing. Of course, they don't speak feline, so it's been unnerving for me, though I have had a lot of extra attention. At least my treats are still in the right place and forthcoming.

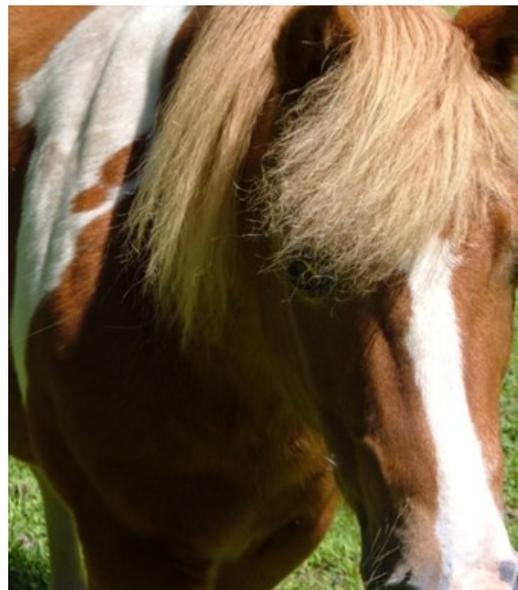


ing. My biggest challenge, is acquiring enough lap naps. I understand there is another 'cat' Sister coming. Hope you have a great & colorful autumn. Love, **Kookie**

JENNIE'S MESSAGE: Hi Everyone, It's that time of year again when I am required to write my article. Well, since Easter my human has not been too well. She finally had major surgery and now I have been playing *Nurse Jennie fuzzy wuzzy* to the best of my ability! I decided when she came home I had to be on bed rest too, as the strain of not having her here and not being able to visit really wore me out! I am glad to say she is now feeling much better, so I am able to do other jobs too.... Such as look after Brother Bob! We still love playing together, especially as he has insisted he is NOT going to be an indoor cat any longer! We have been enjoying walks and romps together, especially in and out of the bushes. The other day we were both called out of the bushes and a deer popped out instead! We then often flop down together exhausted! Hope you all have had a happy and healthy Summer.

Love, and licks, **JENNIE**

A WORD FROM BOB: It has been a great summer and I have been enjoying daily walks with Jennie-dog. YES.... I have managed to win over the "indoor only" contingency and am now outside with my sister Jennie-dog a good portion of the day! I had been persistent in my plea. I found an open window on the first floor stairwell and that was an easy escape. Then I began pushing the screen door open. I found a way to push it open with my head. I celebrated my two year birthday on August 27 and my person says she has noticed that I am getting a "Tom Cat" face; broader and full cheeks. You may catch me outside when you come for a visit. I love hanging out with sister Jennie and Pony. I've explored the Stations of the Cross and the old mouse hole. But I am a good boy and do come in at night and say my prayers before bed. Good night everyone...**BOB**



PONY'S POINT OF VIEW

Greetings to all our friends this rather hot and muggy September day! We hope that you all enjoyed your summers and had a chance to get away to a favorite place. Yet we always know when summer is coming to a close when we can hear the sound of the crickets at night, in the beginning of August. Quite frankly, don't know about you, but I really look forward to the autumn... those crisp mornings when you can see the vapor of your breath, the shuffling through the dried leaves, the changing colors of the trees, the almost iridescent blue sky. Ah, it's good to be alive on those days. And the night skies! Oh, the night skies, when you can almost reach up and touch the stars. Yes, it's good to be alive.

Sending much love, **pOnY**

Coming Events Fall 2015

CONVENT OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST

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CENTERING PRAYER Thursdays 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. Join us for a quiet hour and learn a new way to pray. Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. For info, call Sr. Barbara Jean 973-543-4641 ext. 1 or srbj@csjb.org.

FABRIC OF FAITH 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10-3. Learn about ecclesiastical embroidery and the preservation of church vestments. \$10 includes lunch. Contact Sr. Suzanne Elizabeth at srse@csjb.org or 973-543-4641 ext.5

LABYRINTH WALKS Sept. 5,19; Oct. 10, 24; Nov. 7,21. Dec. 5, 2-4 p.m. Walk our labyrinth and learn about this ancient way of prayer. Special arrangements for groups may be made. Phone Sr. Barbara Jean at 973-543-4641 ext. 1 or e-mail srbj@csjb.org. Meet at the white Convent building. Indoor labyrinth for winter. Group rate \$25.

YOGA AT THE CONVENT at St. Marguerite's Retreat House. Join us Mondays from 4:45 - 6:00 p.m. for gentle Yoga. Experience how Yoga can benefit your overall well-being. \$12.00 per class ~ Classes are subject to change. Contact: Jean Marie @ 908-850-6475. Send us your email address and we will add you to the update list.

BUDDHAMIND/CHRISTMIND Explorations into the Art of Godmanship. Sept. 19. Oct. 17, Nov. 19, Dec. 17. 2016: Jan. 9-10 (Retreat)* Feb. 20, Mar. 19, Apr. 16, May 21. In this series of intensive, retreat-like sessions, we will explore these paths as two aspects of one Pattern. We will use as basic texts Jack Kornfield's *A Path with Heart: A Guide through the Perils and Promises of Spiritual Life* and Robert Corin Morris' *Wrestling with Grace: A Spirituality for the Rough Edges of Daily Life*. A Training Course in Nine Monthly Mini-Retreat Sessions. Info at 908-277-2120 or www.interweave.org.

A GATHERING OF GUIDES: Sustenance for the Journeys. Sat. Oct. 3, 9 am - 4:40 pm. A day of training and reflection for spiritual guides, directors, companions, and those who are in some way pastors of souls led by experienced spiritual guide and retreat master Father Jim Warnke. \$90 includes Lunch, \$75 Interweave members. Info at 908-277-2120 or www.interweave.org

ICON WRITING RETREAT Oct. 21-23 (Wed. at 11—Fri. at 3:30) With Patricia Miranda at St. Marguerite's Retreat House. \$385 full board; \$325 Day (all meals.) For more information, call Sister Pamela, CSJB 973-543-4641 ext 9 or srpamela@csjb.org

ASSOCIATES' RETREAT Oct. 24, 9-3:30. "THE CHURCH YEAR AND THE HYMNAL" Conducted by the Rev. Ann Holt. Optional Associates' meeting afterward. \$65 includes lunch. Scholarships available. To register, please contact Sr. Eleanor Francis at 973-543-4641 ext. 3 or sref@csjb.org

BACH CONCERT By Joao Kouyoumdjian, Brazilian Guitarist Sunday, October 25 at 4 p.m. in the Convent Main Chapel. Featuring Bach Cello Suite No. 1 BWV 1007, Violin Sonata No. 3BVW 1005. Transcribed for guitar by the artist. Suggested donation \$25 to aid Convent Restoration Fund.

RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNICATION: Developing and Maintaining Intimacy and Spiritual Connection. A Workshop with Ruth Altamura-Roll. Sat. Nov. 7, 9-3. Lunch included. \$45. Contact Sr. Suzanne Elizabeth 973-543-4641 ext. 5 or srse@csjb.org.

THE EPIPHANY PARTY! Sunday, January 3, 5:00 p.m. This event is for old and new friends of the Community. Enjoy an evening of music and fellowship with the Sisters. Vespers and Reception of Associates -4 p.m. Informal Supper and Musical Evening at 5. Bring hors d'oeuvres, veggie platter, finger food or dessert. Come when you can!

WINTER SEARCH PROGRAM February 12-15 2016 For those seeking God's Call in their lives. A Live-in with the Sisters to experience the Religious Life and the opportunity to learn about any vocation in the Church. Write or e-mail Sr. Barbara Jean 973-543-4641 ext. 1 or srbj@csjb.org

"DOES GOD PLAY DICE?" Quantum Physics and Theology. Thursdays, Feb. 11—May 19, 2016 at 7 p.m. By the Rev. Dr. Douglas Bendall, Ph.D. This course explores Christian theology in relation to relativity theory in quantum physics. Areas of discussion will be divine activity in nature, the mystery of the Triune God, and our experience of God. Finally, we speak of Emmanuel. \$540. Scholarships available. Checks made out to the Newark School of Theology. Info: Contact Sr. Barbara Jean srbj@csjb.org or 973-543-4641 ext. 1.

CELTIC JOURNEYS 2016 IRELAND May 10-21 SCOTLAND September 6-15 and 18-27

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ICON WRITING RETREAT

Oct. 21-23 (Wed. at 11—Fri. at 3:30)

With Patricia Miranda at St. Marguerite's Retreat House.

ASSOCIATES' RETREAT

THE CHURCH YEAR AND THE HYMNAL

Conducted by the Rev. Ann Holt. Oct. 24, 9-3:30.

Optional Associates' meeting afterward

BACH CONCERT

By Joao Kouyoumdjian, Brazilian Guitarist

Sunday, October 25 at 4 p.m. In Convent Main Chapel

RELATIONSHIPS and COMMUNICATION

Developing and Maintaining Intimacy and Spiritual Connection

A Workshop With Ruth Altamura-Roll

Saturday, November 7, 10—3

THE EPIPHANY PARTY!

Sunday, January 3, 5:00 p.m. in the Convent. Bring a dish and enjoy the music!