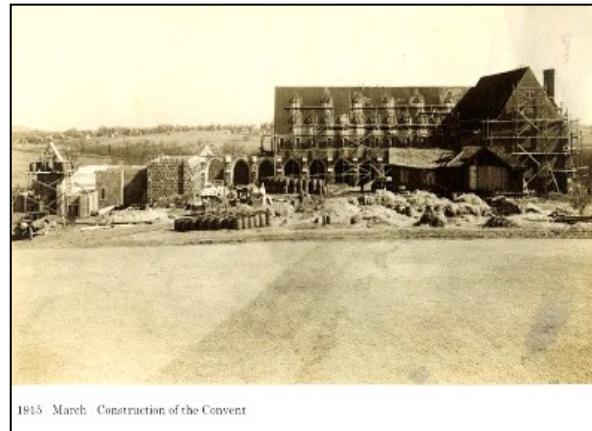


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# Renewing Our Ministry

## Capital Campaign Report

### The Nun Better Golf Outing—April 27

Our first Golf Outing, organized by Sr. Pamela and Sheila Mulholland, aided by a dedicated committee, has been a great success. Forty-seven golfers came to play, and many more sent sponsorships. The weather was clear and mild, and a beautiful dinner was served at the Spring Brook Country Club. All profits benefited the Capital Campaign.



Sr. Pamela and Sheila Mulholland organize the prizes



### The Adelphi Chamber Ensemble: Baroque Festival

The Adelphi Chamber Ensemble performed here on March 1 under the direction of Michael Whittenburg, featuring our friend, Robert Deutsch on cello and bass violin. They performed works by Couperin, Quartz, Bach and Vatall. The concert was well attended, and proceeds were added to the fund for rebuilding of the cemetery wall.



### Cemetery Wall Restoration

Progress is being made toward the restoration of the Cemetery wall. Plans are being designed by our architect that will go to the Morris County Historic Preservation Fund Board for review, and if accepted, a grant will be awarded with an 80-20 % match. Thanks to our golf outing success, the funding for this process will be available to move forward later in 2015.



### Memorial Pavers

The pavers are here now and are being installed. It has been a long wait, but the path will be beautiful when finished! There are still spaces open for more pavers, since the blank bricks will be removable. If you wish to purchase a paver, Please email or phone Sr. Barbara Jean, who will take your order. Phone 973-543-4641 ext. 1 or email [srbj@csjb.org](mailto:srbj@csjb.org). An order form will be sent to you.

### 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.

# One Hundred Years in Mendham

The year 1915 was a very special year in the life of the Community of St. John Baptist. During that year, all of the Sisters gradually moved into the new Convent, as parts of it were completed. The Sisters held a service of dedication in their new chapel on June 8, 1916, and the Bishop, chaplain, Sisters and guests walked through the corridors and blessed each room with holy water and incense. Our Sr. Mary Joan was professed on the same day, the first profession here in Mendham Township. She was a nurse, and her services would have been greatly needed by the many Sisters and girls that moved here. (Sister Mary Joan, who was known by some of us, died in 1970 at a great age.) With this transition, a new chapter in the history of the Community had begun.

In honor of this milestone, we are happy to announce that our friend the Rev. Valerie Bonham has agreed to undertake the project of writing an updated version of our history. Valerie is the author of five books; two on the history of parishes in England and three on the history of our English Community. The first of two books, *Living Stones*, will be published next year.



Valerie Bonham and Sr. Monica Clare examine a School yearbook



St. Marguerite's children 1909



Former house at 312 Mendham Road West, purchased by Sisters in 1902, used for mothers and children from New York in the summer & then St. John Baptist School



Dormitory for St. Anna's, a home for teenage girls at the Convent 1915-1946. Located on 4th floor, today an apartment.



Photo taken from 2nd floor of St. Marguerite's, of a procession of St. Anna's girls to chapel. The roof of the chapel was not completed till the 1970's.

# NEWS OF THE SISTERS

**Sr. Eleanor Francis** has led three retreats—a Lenten retreat for our Associates, a Lenten retreat for parishioners at Church of the Messiah, Chester, and a program on *lectio divina* for the Methodist Order of St. Luke. She attended the CAROA Leaders’ Conference at the Community of the Transfiguration in Cincinnati, Ohio. She also preached at the memorial service for our Oblate, the Rev. John Negrotto.



**Sr. Barbara Jean** conducted a retreat for the people of St. Stephen’s Millburn at the Retreat House. She also conducted a funeral for Eileen Jost at St. Peter’s in Morristown. She helps at St. Mark’s Church in Mendham and serves on the Community’s Development Board. She is in charge of the Search Program, which was held in February for those interested in the Religious Life, and is Novice Director of the Community.

Sr. Eleanor Francis is re-installed as Superior



**Sr. Suzanne Elizabeth** conducted a retreat for altar guild members in St. Petersburg, Florida in March. She also conducted a workshop for Province II Altar Guild members at the Convent. She attended the Diocese of Newark’s Convention in January.

Sr. Barbara Jean with children at St. Mark’s

**Sr. Deborah Francis** is Assistant Superior of the Community. At this time she is in New York City with Sr. Laura Katharine working with the staff of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. Her work includes visiting the sick, collecting food and clothing for the needy, and offering spiritual direction. She also assists at services.

**Sr. Laura Katharine** is the Sacristan at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in New York. She has oversight of arrangements for the services, which include the daily Eucharists and daily Morning and Evening Prayer. She works with volunteers and staff who help with setting up for services. She also is a chalice bearer and reader.



Sr. Suzanne Elizabeth with a young shopper



Srs. Deborah Francis and Laura Katharine  
at St. Mary’s in New York

**Back Row:** Sr. Margo Elizabeth, Sr. Mary Lynne, the Rev. Bernard Poppe, Sr. Eleanor Francis, Sr. Suzanne Elizabeth, Sr. Linda Clare, Bishop Prince Singh, Sr. Victoria Michelle. **Front Row:** Sr. Barbara Jean, Sr. Monica Clare, Sr. Deborah Francis, Sr. Laura Katharine, Sr. Pamela, with Jennie.

**Sr. Pamela** has been working with a committee on the Nun Better Golf Outing that was held April 27. This was a new venture for the Community and was very successful. It will benefit our renovation project. She also is in charge of convention display tables. This year she has attended the conventions of the Diocese of Newark and the Diocese of New Jersey. Another project of hers is arranging concerts in the Main Chapel.

**Sr. Mary Lynne** left for Good Shepherd Home in Cameroon and will be there for two months. In the past year she has visited numerous parishes to give presentations on the Home. This benefits the children through sponsorships and donations. Sr. Mary Lynne is also in charge of the Nun Better Shop at the Convent. She supplies the shop with unique jewelry and cards. Her latest art project has been quilling, raised designs made of rolled color paper.

**Sr. Linda Clare**, in her capacity as Buildings and Grounds Sister, works with our maintenance crew. This position also includes working on our Construction Committee, which plans the projects that are funded through the Capital Campaign Committee. The latest endeavor is the repair of the cemetery walls. Sr. Linda Clare recently wrote a grant request to the Morris County Historic Preservation Fund Board for restoration of the cemetery wall. She also helps the Superior with scheduling of Convent activities.

**Sr. Margo Elizabeth** is preparing for her annual trip to Ireland with Celtic Journeyers in May. A second Celtic Journey to Cornwall and Southwest England to be held in September still has open enrollment. She also schedules the groups who come to the Convent and Retreat House and offers spiritual direction. Sr. Margo makes beautiful photo cards for the Nun Better Shop, and she has organized two concerts to benefit the Community.

**Sr. Victoria Michelle** is helping at the Church of the Messiah in Chester. She works with the Church School, Altar Guild, and the thrift shop. She assists with the display table at the Convention of the Diocese of Newark. At the Convent, she works in the sacristy, setting up for services and caring for sacred vessels and linens. Sr. Victoria also attends two local Bible study groups.

**Sr. Monica Clare** attends All Saints' Church in Millington and sings in the choir. She also makes pastoral visits to the sick and shut-ins. She maintains the Community's Facebook page with many beautiful photographs, including historic ones that especially delight our St. John Baptist School Alumnae. She is our Community archivist, and has discovered a number of historic documents and photographs that had laid hidden for years.



Sr. Pamela with Adelphi Chamber Ensemble



Srs. Mary Lynne and Suzanne Elizabeth at Convention



Sr. Margo with Traonach Ceili band



Srs. Victoria Michelle & Eleanor Francis at Retreat House



Sr. Monica Clare & Junia Nicholas at the Search Program

## News From Good Shepherd Home



Sister Mary Lynn left for Cameroon in April and she will return in June. She reports that the children are doing well. Recently a 12-year-old girl arrived at the Batibo house with her two young siblings. Their father and mother had both died within the past year, and the oldest sister had to leave school to care for the young ones and to support them. Sr. Mary Lawrence welcomed them in. The Sisters will care for the young ones and their older sister will be able to return to school.

Since school will be ending soon, some of the graduates will be entering college or seeking work. All of the children and young adults still consider Good Shepherd Home to be their home and family. Many will work on the Community farms to provide food for all of the children and to sell in the market. They also help to care for the new babies who arrive. Please keep our newest children in your prayers.

The medical clinic in Bamenda (pictured on the left) will soon be furnished with beds, chairs, tables and cupboards. We are now seeking donations for medical supplies. Funds have been set aside for salaries for a head nurse and nursing assistants.

## Province II Altar Guild Gathering 2015

By Sr. Suzanne Elizabeth

Jane Ames, past president of the National Altar Guild and Sr. Suzanne Elizabeth, organized the second Province II Altar Guild workshop held at the Convent of St. John Baptist in the Diocese of Newark with the theme "Care and Restoration of Soul and Vestments." On March 20, 2015, some attendees gathered in the afternoon for retreat and also to arrive before the snow came all the rest of the night. Saturday Morning, thirty attendees gathered from the Diocese of New Jersey, Newark and Virginia (the new Province III Chair of NAGA, Sharon Nachman) for refreshments, followed by prayer and meditation on altar guild ministry, as our prayerful response

to God as our calling or vocation. Reflecting on the symbolism of each article we handle to prepare for the Eucharist, such as the wine and bread, consecrated the Blood and Body of Christ, the linens used to wrap Christ's body for burial, the two altar candles, the light of Christ for His humanity and divinity, we go about preparing the table for the Feast as our act of prayer and devotion. A booklet of Prayers was given out and used to begin and end each part of the day that emphasized that this work can be a way of going about our ministry at the church as well as bringing this back into our homes and relationships wherever we are. Many reflected that this was the highlight of their day. Emphasizing and encouraging them in how this pattern of prayer could be a habit of their daily devotion and in practice, helped them to realize how possible it would be for them to do it. This tool was appreciated as setting the tone for the rest of the workshop.

Carol Homer presented many of her embroideries made with silk and metal threads, demonstrating how vestments and frontals are made and need to be cared for and restored. Carol brought many used linens to show how they should be cared for, possible ways to recycle them, and ways to dispose of them when needed. There was great excitement using their imagination in ways to preserve and reuse the beautiful stitchery, and many took home linens they needed for altar and cross covers, etc.

After luncheon, we went on a tour of the sacristy to show precious articles used for Benediction and Communion for the sick not commonly used today. Then we moved to a workroom where copes are hung in the wall closet using Tybeck to line the cupboard to protect the fabric from the acid of the wood. We discussed other ways to care and protect fabrics from dust, bugs, and general wear and tear of these precious articles entrusted to our care. Ideas were shared how they care and preserve items in their parishes. One altar guild gives every new member Kosher soap to wash lipstick out of linens! (I asked our Jewish pharmacist if they had any, to which he said they would order some and that it is coconut oil in the soap that gets out these stains!)

All were very grateful for the unique fellowship that was shared with those in this particular ministry that often is practiced alone in their parish. The meditations were calming and helped them to focus and open them to information shared, as well as to help them in this stressful time and the rest of the winter we all have been having. They realized the many special talents and gifts needed and used in this work, and how to help bring these gifts out in their congregations and encourage individuals to help in the areas where their gifts are needed.

Appreciation for the day was expressed with hopes that another workshop would be organized in the not too distant future.



**Sarah Hill and Sr. Suzanne Elizabeth**

## Prayers, Poetry and Song

A word on prayer: Shared by Sr. Victoria Michelle

"Oh, dear heart, what is your condition? Are you torn with anguish? Are you sorely distressed? Are you lonely? Are you pushed aside? Then cry to GOD. No one else can help you. GOD is the only hope. Wonderful hope! Cry to GOD, who can help you. I tell you, in that cry of yours will be the pure and true worship that GOD desires. GOD desires a sincere cry far more than all the work and toil. See then, poor, weeping, and distracted ones, that it is not in ritual, it is not the performance of ceremonies, it is not in bowing and struggling, it is not in using certain words, but it is in crying to GOD in the hour of need and trouble that is the most acceptable sacrifice that your spirit can bring before the throne of GOD. "



Setting moon at 6 a.m. Easter Day, at the Vigil on the cloister

### NEW MOON (A Love Letter) By Kit King Rockwell, Oblate and SJBS '41 Alumna

Dear Lord,

The New Moon shines brightly. Its silver luminosity lights up the woods. Its beauty is awe-inspiring.

It looks like a holy host held up for us to adore. It made me think that just as the new moon lights up the woods in my ravine, the consecrated host illuminates our hearts and gives us light to guide us.

However, unlike the inconstant moon, the host stays with us - unchanged, faithful. For it is you, my Lord, and you have promised to be with us always, until the end of time. Amen.

### Peonies

I rush from my room  
half dressed and barefoot  
and begin to gather  
the pink and white blossoms  
of the peonies  
heavy with dew.  
I marvel at the tiny  
black ants crawling among  
the lacy petals.  
I've heard that peonies  
cannot open their tight  
little fists without  
the help of the ants  
to loosen their waxy  
coated fingers.  
I bury my nose  
in the blossoms  
and inhale their sweet perfume.  
Such bliss!  
I take my armload into the kitchen  
and begin to trim and arrange  
the stalks as if Georgia O'Keefe  
were watching.  
Alas, even she cannot capture  
their beauty.  
Oh, sweet blossoms of delight  
held but for a moment  
on this beautiful spring day.



By Janet Thomas, Oblate

**"Praise God in the timbrels and dances;;  
praise God on the strings and pipe."**

**Ps. 150:4**



Thomas Robertello performs a flute concert May 3



Irish Dancers at Traonach Ceili March 16

# OBLATE AND ASSOCIATE NEWS

## Four New Associates Received at the Epiphany Party

At Vespers on January 3 before the Epiphany Party, we received the Rev. Wade Renn, his wife Mary Ann, Deacon Barbara Jensen, and the Rev. Shawn Carty. About 50 people attended the party, and we all enjoyed the singing afterwards. Here is a little about the new Associates.

**Wade Renn** has been a priest of the Diocese of Newark for many years. He was rector of Grace Church in Nutley for 23 years and served several other churches after his retirement from Nutley. He celebrated 50 years in the priesthood this year. He and his wife Mary Ann have been married for 45 years. They have two daughters and two grandchildren.

**Mary Ann Lewis Renn** is a graduate of St. John Baptist School and has been close to the Sisters for many years. She writes, “I rejoice in how the ministry of the Sisters has impacted my life over the years. ...for the past six years I have had the joy of bringing my two grandchildren (who live in Mendham and attend St. Mark's) to the convent, to run and play, to visit Pony and the Sisters and to listen and experience the peace of God which is in this place. The ministry of the Sisters continues to a new generation. I am deeply grateful.”

**Barbara Jensen** is a deacon in the Diocese of New Jersey. She was ordained in 2002. She and her husband live six months in New Jersey and six months in Vermont. They have three children and three grandchildren. Barbara fell in love with CSJB in 1997 during her first retreat here. She is a former English teacher and trained chaplain. Each year she leads a retreat at our retreat house the weekend before Thanksgiving. Everyone is welcome to join the retreat.

**Shawn Carty** is the present Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Mendham. He began his ministry there on Palm Sunday in 2014. A graduate of Drew University Theological School, Shawn entered the ministry as a Methodist pastor. He found the Episcopal Church through a retreat at Holy Cross Monastery some years ago. He and his wife Jeanne are natives of the Seattle area. Sr. Barbara Jean assists him at St. Mark's.

### New Oblate Received

On March 7, at Noonday Prayer, **Deacon Barbara Harriman** was received as an Oblate of the Community. Barbara has been a deacon of the Diocese of Newark for ten years. She learned about our Community many years ago at a mission church in West Milford, through Sr. Suzanne Elizabeth. Today she serves at St. Alban's Church, Oakland. As a deacon, she assists in conducting services and serves as a prison and hospital chaplain.

The Community has 19 Oblates at the present time. Oblates meet regularly for meetings and keep a Rule of Life, based on these criteria:

Regular church attendance	Service to the Church and to the Sisters
Regular prayers at home	Meeting with a spiritual director
A plan for spiritual growth	A report to the Oblate director every six months



**The Rev. Barbara Crafton conducted the Oblates' Lenten retreat.**

### Departed Associate Shirley Grier

Shirley Grier departed this life on April 4. She was the wife of William (“Bill”) Grier Jr., who predeceased her. They both became Associates in 1985. He was caretaker of the Convent buildings and grounds 1945-1995. Bill and Shirley raised their three sons (Bill III, Jack, and Jim) here. Shirley drove a bus for the local school system, and in later life became recreation director for Holly Manor, a senior citizen residence in Mendham. She and Bill were members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Gladstone. May she rest in peace.

## SJBS ALUMNAE NEWS

**1946** **Faith Speyser Adair** phoned in February. She lives two miles north of the USA border in Ontario, Canada. In her long life she had ten children, many of whom have children and grandchildren. Altogether, she has 85 descendants (so far). She now lives alone, but one daughter is her caregiver and her son lives next door.

**1950** **Valerie Bratt Hymes** continues to be active in her church and her diocese, serving in prison ministry. She has a blog on line on prison reform. She sends best wishes to the Sisters and the Alumnae.

**1959** **Barbara Belet Sampson** enjoys the *Community Notes* and sends congratulations to Joyce Bearden McGirr for her ordination. Barbara practices Tai Chi and volunteers in a library bookstore.

**1961** **Mary Ann Lewis Renn** and her husband Wade wrote a Christmas letter celebrating Wade's retirement after 50 years of ministry. We are happy to say that now Wade volunteers here at the Convent chapel. We also see them at St. Mark's in Mendham where their grandchildren attend.

**1961** **Joyce Bearden McGirr** lost her husband, John on January 20. after a long illness. He had seen her through her long preparation for ordination, and lived long enough to know that the goal had been reached. She was ordained to the priesthood on January 10th, at the Church of the Atonement in Tenafly, NJ. She has had a temporary assignment at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Verona. Her classmates **Mary Ann Lewis Renn**, **Marian Shilstone**, **Garland Talmage Riggs**, as well as **Ellen Kohn Perry '80** (also a priest) and the Sisters attended. We now have three Alumnae who are priests. The third is Martha Gobdel Blacklock '57.

**1964** **Pamela White Hull** serves on the Convent's Development Board, and assists in fundraising activities. Most recently, the Sisters held their first Golf Outing to benefit the construction fund to renovate the buildings and the cemetery wall.

**1964** **Lynn Wilder Mullin** serves on the Community's Development Board as secretary. She also continues to be the President of the Alumnae Association.

**1972** **Chris Brodeur MacClellan** is very active in her church. She has also been caring for her mother, who has moved into a home near her. She is taking EFM, a 4-year course in the Episcopal Church, and the Church History at SJBS has really helped!



Marian Shilstone, Frannie Bramhall Wittgens, Sarah Hill,  
Jane Bramhall Carter



Garland Talmage Riggs, Ellen Kohn-Perry, Sr. Barbara Jean,  
Joyce Bearden McGirr, Marian Shilstone, Mary Ann Lewis Renn

### Come to the Alumnae Reunion Picnic

**Saturday, June 27, 1-5**

**At the brick building opposite the Convent**

**Bring a dish to share**

**Plan to meet old friends. Overnight accommodation available.**

**For overnight, contact Sr. Barbara Jean at [srbj@csjb.org](mailto:srbj@csjb.org) or 973-543-4641x1**

### Departed Associates

#### The Rev. Mary Willow

We have recently learned that Mary Willow passed away on March 10, 2014. She was 87, and had been an Associate since 1970. Mary resided in Linden, NJ until she and her husband retired to Spring Hill, Florida. In her younger years she was very helpful to the Sisters in Jersey City. After her move to Spring Hill, Mary entered diaconate training and was ordained in the Diocese of South Florida, where she served as a deacon in parishes. She is survived by her son and grandchildren. Let us give thanks for her life of service.

#### Virginia Gebauer

Virginia Gebauer, an Associate since 1992, passed away on January 26, 2015. The Sisters attended her memorial service, which was held at St. Peter's in Morristown on May 2. Virginia was a graduate of the Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School and was an administrative assistant for Peter Frelinghuysen, Jr. and Millicent Fenwick, both of whom served in the US House of Representatives. She was an active member of St. Peter's Church and served on the altar guild. She is survived by her children, step-children, and many grand and great-grandchildren. May she rest in peace.

# News From Our Furry Friends

## Pony's Point of View



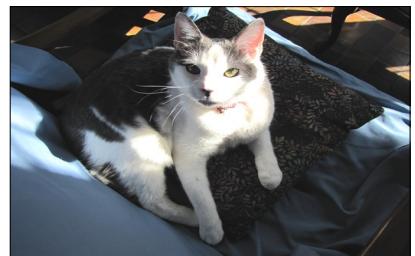
Greetings dear friends! Well, we thought the previous winter was brutal, yet the one we just managed to get through was equally as bad. I think the snow was covering the ground from around the third week of January to the middle of March. It seemed to take forever for the flowers to begin to come up from the hard earth. And although Spring has begun to bloom, the warmth of the season is taking its sweet time! Yesterday we had a few white particles drifting down from the sky (I chose to continue grazing and managed to ignore that...) Yet, they say the things we have to wait for are worth more! At least it will be a slow gradual emerging of new life rather than going quickly from winter to summer.

Hm... regardless of how many Springs I've experienced, every year it's an absolute miracle. Especially when all still appears to be dead from the grips of winter, here and there emerges some green shoots, the first signs of new life... ah, if that's not Resurrection I don't know what is!

Enjoy each new day. Celebrate life. -----Love, **pOnY**

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Hello everyone! **BOB here**. Spring has finally come after a very long winter. The birdies are busy at the feeder and I have a new secret spot for watching them. I sit on top of the bookcase in the sitting room close to the window near the bird feeders...and I am sure one of those birdies is going to fly into my mouth! I spend all day in the sitting room waiting and watching the birdies. Oh, and napping in my favorite chair. Sometimes I curl up tight in a ball and other times I spread out in the sunshine and feel as though I were melting into the cushion like the rays of the sun itself. Sisters and guests can find me in the sitting room almost everyday-- be sure to stop by and say hello and enjoy a little bird watching with me.



**NEWS FROM NEW YORK:** I can always tell when spring is approaching. I pay very close attention to the pigeons that congregate on the window sills. I like to watch from a hidden spot, behind the curtain and suddenly jump at them when they least expect it. I am usually rewarded by the sight of them fleeing away. It makes me feel very close to my cousins, the big cats. The Sisters tell me the pigeons know that I can't reach them through the window pane. Apparently they don't take any chances.



In the spring, pigeons can be seen carrying feathers & sticks in their beaks for building nests one top of our air conditioners. Before long, eggs have been laid. Soon, baby birds peeping sounds will be heard and I can hardly wait.

The Sisters tell me that preparing for the church for special festivals involves much time & work, but that there is interior work as well. They spend time seeking Jesus within their hearts and making a place for Him to bring new life. It has been a long winter this year. It is good to see the birds (especially pigeons!) return. Love, **Kookie**

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**HI EVERYONE!** Well the Spring is really here now and the grass is growing fast, tastes delicious and Oooh so good to roll in! Speaking of green – have you tried those treats called *Greenies*? They are shaped like a toothbrush with lots of vitamins and other good things and they taste heavenly. It is such a good thing Bob will not eat anything but his kibble as I have no fear of him having it! Since the snow has gone all the usual “critters” around the convent have emerged and I need to remember that they are not all worthy of playing with! Bob is always a good friend to chase and we enjoy the occasional romp up and down the Convent stairs, regardless of whoever may be in the way! We also have time out together – although the picture shows Bob still in a playful mood for which I was very wary! There have been lots of interesting things happening here of late and many people visiting. I always alert the Sisters when someone comes – even before the doorbell rings. I am really quite proud of myself. I also know when to behave, like when we have a concert in the Main Chapel. Music is very soothing. Although I am not a “bragger” I really am looking forward to my birthday on July 7<sup>th</sup> – I hope I have a party like last year, when my friends joined me and we had such fun! -----Love and licks, **Jennie**



# *Coming Events*

**CONVENT OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST: Spring-Summer 2015**

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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](mailto:srbj@csjb.org).

**FABRIC OF FAITH** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 10-3. Learn about ecclesiastical embroidery and the preservation of church vestments. \$10 includes lunch. Contact Sr. Suzanne Elizabeth at [srse@csjb.org](mailto:srse@csjb.org) or 973 -543-4641 ext. 5.

**LABYRINTH WALKS** June 6,13, July 11, 25, Aug. 8 22, Sept. 5, 19

2-4 p.m. Walk our labyrinth and learn about this ancient way of prayer. Phone Sr. Barbara Jean at 973-543-4641 ext. 1 or e-mail [srbj@csjb.org](mailto:srbj@csjb.org) Meet at the white Convent building.

**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 class update list.*

**DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE - Harmony and Healing in Movement** Sat. June 13, 10 am – 12 noon. In the Convent Main Chapel. Rejuvenate your spirit and open your heart with sacred circle dancing and joyous group singing honoring the world's mystical traditions. Participation, not presentation, is the focus. No musical or dance experience of any kind required. Led by Andre Bernard, a Certified Leader of the Dances of Universal Peace. Info at 908-277-2120 or [www.interweave.org](http://www.interweave.org)

**COMMEMORATION DAY** Sat. June 20 at 10:30 a.m. Mark the date now for our Community's annual celebration with Associates and friends. Solemn Eucharist, Lunch and fellowship on the cloister. Celebrant and Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Mark M. Beckwith, Bishop of Newark. RSVP-Sr.Eleanor Francis 973-543-4641x3, [sref@csjb.org](mailto:sref@csjb.org)

**ST. JOHN BAPTIST SCHOOL ALUMNAE REUNION** : Friday night-Saturday, June 26-27. For all Alumnae, former students and staff of St. John Baptist School - Mark the date now for an overnight retreat, great picnic and the chance to see old friends. Family and friends welcome. Bring a dish to share. RSVP Lynn Mullin 908-879-9382. Or [fablyn@aol.com](mailto:fablyn@aol.com)

**AUGUST SEARCH PROGRAM** For those seeking God's call in their lives August 17-28. A live-in with the Sisters to experience the Religious Life. Write or e-mail Sr. Barbara Jean 973-543-4641 ext. 1 or [srbj@csjb.org](mailto:srbj@csjb.org)

**CURSILLO WEEKEND** Sept. 17-20. Sponsored by the Diocese of NJ. Others welcome. For further information contact Darlene Watson at: [watson451@comcast.net](mailto:watson451@comcast.net) or [info@njepiscopalcursillo.org](mailto:info@njepiscopalcursillo.org). Arrive 6 p.m. Thursday, leave Sunday at 4. **Make a friend; Be a friend; Bring a friend to Christ!**

**ICON WRITING RETREAT** Oct. 20-23 With Patricia Miranda at St. Marguerite's Retreat House. Cost: \$410 full board, \$350 (Day only) & all meals. For more information, call Sister Pamela, CSJB 973-543-4641 ext 9 or [sr-pamela@csjb.org](mailto:sr-pamela@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. For information, please contact Sr. Eleanor Francis at 973-543-4641 ext. 3 or [sref@csjb.org](mailto:sref@csjb.org)

# Commemoration Day

*Celebrating 100 Years in the Diocese of Newark*

Saturday, June 20, 2015 + 10:30 a.m.

*Eucharist + Greetings + Luncheon*

Celebrant and Preacher

The Rt. Rev. Mark M. Beckwith, Bishop of Newark

Clergy: White Stoles

R.S.V.P. The Rev. Sister Superior

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## Dances of Universal Peace

*Sat. June 13, 10 am - 12 noon*

*Harmony and Healing in Movement, with Andre Bernard*

*In the Convent Chapel*

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## CURSILLO Weekend

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### The Roberto Rovere Clinic:

A Clinic for the Good Shepherd Home

Sr. Jane has a dream...

To convert an existing building adjacent to the grounds into a clinic to address the medical needs of the children at GSH and the surrounding town of Abangoh. This building, is currently vacant and in need of much work. Including finishing, windows, plumbing and electrification before it can serve as a clinic. *The estimated cost of this renovation was \$35,000.* We give thanks to the Church of Redeemer, Morristown, George Jordan and his partner Peter Arney for all their fund raising efforts to make this dream come true.

**WE HAVE COMPLETED THE ROBERTO ROVERE CLINIC !!!!!**

Now we need to fill the clinic with supplies and furniture..

If you would like to support this wonderful project or if you have any contacts in the

Pharmaceutical Industry, please email our Business Manager-

Maureen Woods-office@csjb.org

Thank you