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In Memory of Sister Lura Grace

We are sorry to bring you the news that our Sister Lura Grace passed away peacefully this past summer on July 14th. Although she had not been well for some time, it was not until the end of May that she received a diagnosis of cancer. This was further clarified in June as advanced pancreatic cancer. We cared for her at home with the help of a dedicated hospice team. Her funeral was on July 26, and her ashes are buried in the Convent cemetery.



Lura Hastings Lane entered the Community on January 1, 2002 and made her final Vows on November 4, 2007. She chose Grace, her mother's name, as her second name in Religious Life. Before entering the Community, Lura held positions in business, and was executive director of Chambers of Commerce in Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. She also owned her own book store. During this time she was married and divorced, and raised her son, Scott. As time passed, Lura began to sense a call to a life of silence and prayer, and looked into Episcopal religious orders. It was the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 that sparked her sense that if she wished to enter the Religious Life, she should not delay.

During her time in Community, Sr. Lura Grace served at St. Mark's in Mendham and St. John's in Dover. She had a great interest in helping the homeless, and worked as an intern at the John Heuss House in downtown Manhattan, which was sponsored by Trinity Church. This was a homeless drop-in center that provided meals and social services to its clients. When the house closed, Sr. Lura Grace turned her attention to the homeless in Morristown and Dover. She served at Our Place, a drop-in center at the Baptist Church on Washington Street in Morristown. She was on the boards of Our Place and of Family Promise of Morris County.

In 2009, Sr. Lura Grace began a three-year program in spiritual direction at Mallinckrodt Convent in



Sr. Lura Grace assisted the Our Place staff

Mendham, and received her certificate in 2012. She also studied the mystics with the Rev. Robert Corin Morris of Interweave. She was Assistant Superior of the Community of St. John Baptist from 2010-2013. Her ministry expanded to giving retreats and offering spiritual direction. She was a compassionate listener and a friend to many who sought her guidance. Her friendships included former clients from the shelters where she served, who attained independence and self-reliance with her assistance. She had a vast network of email and Facebook friends, and loved to share bits of wisdom gleaned from her years of reading.

Over 100 people attended her funeral: her family, Associates and friends, members of the parishes she served, the boards on which she sat, her spirituality classmates, and several Religious. The celebrant and preacher was our dear friend and Associate Bishop Herbert Donovan. Her loss has been deeply felt by all. May she rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory.

Renewing Our Ministry

Capital Campaign and Construction Report

Capital Campaign News

Our GOOD NEWS, as can be seen below, is that the Convent roof is nearing completion. We are grateful to all who have contributed to the "100 Club." We have received enough one-time gifts to bring our total to \$70,000 for the roof. The remaining \$30,000 will be needed to complete our match of the Morris County grant. We go forward in faith.

Going Forward

Many of you, over the years, have had occasion to visit our cemetery. You may have noticed that the 100-year-old walls are in urgent need of repair. Our Preservation Plan estimates that the wall repair will include site work, concrete footings, metal reinforcements, and rebuilding of the masonry walls. Our unique cemetery is a work of art and an architectural masterpiece, designed by the Convent architect, William Cordingly. It is also a

sanctuary for prayer and meditation. We hope to

restore it to its original



beauty.

Exterior cemetery wall

Interior wall

Roof project goal

Progress on the Convent Roof

Work on the front roof restoration is progressing well. All of the old tiles have been removed and those that will be reused have been cleaned and tested for durability. There will be a mix of old and new tiles as on the rear roof. Much of the front roof decking is in good condition and will need little repair. New gutters have been installed on the north side and the ice and water shield now covers that section of the roof and the dormers. The stucco repair on the dormers is progressing well. All the dormer leaded glass windows have been removed and are at the glass studio for restoration.

We have made our first payment to the general contractor. That bill and the necessary accompanying documents have been submitted to Morris County for reimbursement in accordance with our grant. We hope to receive our



repayment in the near future. -- Sr Linda Clare

RECENT EVENTS

Daytop Graduation

On June 15, Daytop Preparatory School conducted graduation exercises for eighteen high school graduates and one middle school graduate. The ceremony was held on the front lawn of Daytop. Sr. Barbara Jean was present to offer the invocation. The preparatory school works with the high schools of the residents to make sure that each student fulfills requirements for graduation. Each then can receive a diploma from his or her own high school. This is key to acceptance in college or the work force. Some of the residents instead enter the GED program offered by Daytop. The Daytop Preparatory School is named for the Rev. Joseph H. Hennen, the recently retired founder of the facility housed in the former St. John Baptist School. We are blessed to have these young people here, and we welcome their volunteer work at the Convent.



Sr. Barbara Jean with Former Board member Harry Moore and Executive Director Jim Curtin



The Class of 2013

Diaconate Ordination

On June 18, our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith, ordained three new transitional deacons for the Diocese of Newark at Trinity and St. Philip's Cathedral. Two of these (Timothy Carr, left and Ellen Kohn-Perry, center) are Associates of our Community. Ronald Young was also ordained. Tim is now serving at St. John's in Boonton as Deacon in charge, and Ellen is serving at Christ Church in Short Hills. Joyce Bearden McGirr, a seminary student in preparation for ordination, was on hand to congratulate Ellen, a fellow graduate of Sr. John Baptist School.



We are proud to have two of our graduates "in the process." They are pictured here with Bishop Mark M. Beckwith. Several Sisters attended this event. Sr. Pamela presented Tim and Sister Barbara Jean presented Ellen.



Commemoration Day

Commemoration Day this year was held on June 22nd. Nearly 100 people attended the annual celebration of the Nativity of John the Baptist. The festive Eucharist was followed by a luncheon on the cloister. Our celebrant was the Rt. Rev. Andrew Dietsche, Bishop of New York, and the preacher was the Rt. Rev. Herbert Donovan. Six Associates were received: The Rev. Douglas Bendall, Alina Gonzalez, Cathy Heintz, Geri Livengood, the Rev. Elizabeth Myers, and Victoria Shurtleff. Associates who have departed this life in the past year were remembered at the service: Elizabeth Robinson, Anna Margaret Field, the Rev. Canon John Luce, Helen Holmes, and the Rev. Deacon William Bailey.



Bishop Dietsche addressed the congregation



Lunch was a time to greet friends old and new

Summer Outreach

During the summer, Sr. Victoria Michelle took part in two projects with members of the Church of the Messiah in Chester. In July she spent a week in the town of New Dorp on Staten Island, helping to rebuild houses destroyed by Superstorm Sandy. The churches of New Dorp have coordinated the restoration project, each one helping to house and feed volunteers all summer long. During her week the group was housed at the Moravian church. The volunteers were part of a large project that restored 15 houses, laying sheetrock, puttying and painting walls.

In August Sr. Victoria assisted in the Vacation Bible School at the Church of the Messiah, working with young children in art and recreation.



House repair on Staten Island: Sr. Victoria is second from left.



Vacation Bible School: time for a song

Excerpts from a Sermon by Catherine E. Brunson, Deacon and Oblate of CSJB



TRAVELING LIGHT

Most of us have had an opportunity to travel, whether to another state like California or Florida, perhaps to Europe or to Africa, perhaps to visit relatives in a far-off location.

If you are like me, getting ready for a long trip is usually a challenge! What you take and how much are important questions. You want to take enough stuff, toiletries, medications, shoes, extra clothes, so that you will be comfortable, but not so much that you over pack and end up dragging unnecessary weight. As someone once stated, “There are two kinds of people: those who travel light and those who wish they had!”

Jesus took almost nothing, just His cloak, a walking stick and sandals, as he headed for Jerusalem. He had no accommodations, made no advance reservations and carried no extra baggage. Jesus said, “Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.” He was on a mission to fulfill God’s will, totally focused, traveling light.

But that journey to Jerusalem did not start well. Jesus wanted to stay overnight in a Samaritan village. But the villagers refused Him. There were 800 years of bad blood between Jews and Samaritans. Jesus was a Jew on His way to Jerusalem. So the Samaritans would not open their homes to Him. Right at the start of Jesus’ journey, racial and ethnic prejudice reared its ugly head. Then, as if cold rejection was not enough, two of Jesus’ disciples had hot tempered reactions. They just did not get it and wanted God to make toast out of that Samaritan village, just for being unwelcoming.

Jesus must have felt terribly misunderstood sometimes, even lonely, with disciples like that. They were with Him for three years and still did not understand “Love your enemies,” or “Do unto others what you would have them do unto you.” Jesus moved on, still traveling light, His face set toward Jerusalem. He next gave three job interviews to disciple wannabes. The first man seemed enthusiastic enough. “I will follow you anywhere,” he told Jesus. But Jesus’ reply to him implies the man must have asked additional questions about travel arrangements that were not recorded in Scripture. This guy was asking about security and comfort on the journey of discipleship. Jesus told him that a fox in its den or a bird in its nest will be more comfortable on a rainy night than Jesus and His disciples on this journey. It is a warning: discipleship can lead to discomfort.

Jesus invited the second guy to follow Him. This man responded he would be glad to, but first he had to be sure he provided a proper burial for his father. That sure sounds legitimate. Except it does not actually say the man’s father was dead. So what the man was possibly saying was, “I will follow you, Jesus, but in my own good time, when everything else I want to do and need to do in my life is done.”

The third disciple wannabe was no better. He was willing to follow, but only after going back home to attend his own farewell party. Jesus told him what every farmer knows: you cannot plow a straight furrow if you keep looking back. Or to put it another way, you cannot drive straight in two lanes of heavy traffic on Rt 287 going 70 miles per hour if you keep turning your head to have a conversation with someone in the back seat. Do not look back.

Rejecting Samaritans, two angry disciples, and three disciple wannabes and still Jesus set His face to go to Jerusalem. He was traveling light, but everyone around Him had excess baggage. So much for the people of Jesus’ day. What about us? We are not always much different from those three wannabe disciples with all the excuses. Jesus calls us to follow. We try to get out of it. “You know nothing is more important to me than our church,” we say, “and I would really love to serve on that committee. But right now I am in a bowling league.” Or “I know the church needs our financial support. But right now, we have a lot of bills.” Or, “I would really love to help with that project, but I’m kind of busy. Could you ask me next year?”

Often these sound like good excuses. But, as someone said, “The good is often the enemy of the best.” The best thing is always to follow Christ. When we get our priorities straight and put first things first, all other things will eventually and inevitably fall in line. Some of them must have, or you and I would not be here today. It is in following Him that our lives finally work and make sense. The best thing in the entire world you can do for yourself is to lay down all that other stuff and follow Jesus.



Mary Mulholland Advocate of Substance Abuse Recovery and Friend to Daytop and CSJB

1928 - 2013

By Sr. Barbara Jean

Mary Mulholland has been a familiar figure here in Morris County for many years due to her tireless efforts to aid persons who need rehabilitation from substance abuse. I first got to know Mary when we welcomed "The Shire," the first drug treatment center to lease our school building, in 1985. The Sisters had stipulated that the new center be devoted to helping teens on the road to recovery. I was invited to serve on the board and met Mary, who was ready to roll up her sleeves to aid this new venture to assist young people in trouble. Before long I learned about the DOPE OPEN annual golf tournament, which raised funds for substance abuse treatment, founded by Mary in 1968, Hope House in Dover, founded by Mary in 1971, and many other charitable institutions that had felt her touch. Several years later, however, it was clear that The Shire and its successor "The Steps" were unable to continue here. Mary took the lead in the effort to bring Daytop New York to Mendham. Daytop began here as a very small program and has grown into a successful facility with a new school building on the property and a second facility in southern New Jersey. Without her efforts this might not have happened.

During the many years that I served on the Daytop board with Mary, and after her retirement, I learned much from her. "Never take 'no' for an answer," she would say, as she tirelessly twisted arms and pulled strings to elicit support for her many needy causes. She faithfully supported our Community by serving on our Development Board in its early days and offering assistance whenever possible.

Mary battled many illnesses in her life, and always went on to support another cause, attend another meeting, hold another event. Finally, on June 6, 2013, the Lord called her home. I am sure that Jesus was ready to welcome her with the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." We in the Community are grateful for her encouragement and assistance, especially for her help in bringing Daytop to our school building. Our prayers go out for her family in bereavement. "Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her."

SJS Alumnae News

- 1960** Jane Bramhall Carter and her husband, Dick, recently traveled to Spain to serve as "hospitaleros" on the Camino do Santiago. A pilgrimage route "in the steps of St. James." They served meals at a hostel for those walking the route for two weeks and found it to be an inspiring experience. They had walked the route in a previous year.
- 1960** Chris Chrystal came to the Convent to join Sr. Margo and a group of travelers on a journey to Scotland. Chris is enjoying retirement and hopes to visit more often..
- 1961** MaryAnn Lewis Renn came to visit recently with her grandchildren, Karl and Emma.
- 1965** Lynn Wilder Mullin continues to serve as a member of the St. John Baptist School Corporation board and as a member of the Sisters' Capital Campaign committee. As a hobby, she is studying upholstery and furniture restoration. She works full-time for Novartis and enjoys keeping up with her classmates.
- 1966** Peggy Salter Barrus and her husband, Michael, have recently moved to Las Vegas.
- 1968** Elizabeth Cumming Gheno and her husband, Ken have attended both the Austrailian Open and the French Open in the past year. Liz continues to play competitive tennis.
- 1969** We have recently learned that Kaaren Kapp Furman passed away on October 14, 2012, after a long battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband and her son, both named James. She had a 30-year career with Avon and lived in Morristown.
- 1971** Carmen Bowser traveled to France and saw the Bayeux Tapestry that she remembers learning about at St. John's in ninth grade. Her father died this past year, and she is caring for her mother. She continues to live in New York.
- 1983** Terry Swartout Boos has recently moved back to the US from Germany. She is studying nursing at Delaware Community College. She has two sons, age 10 and 12.

GOOD SHEPHERD HOME

New School Planned

Recent news from Good Shepherd Home is about the progress on a new school, to be called Good Shepherd Academy. Sr. Jane is pictured here looking over the land where the Sisters are preparing to build. This secondary school has been a dream of Sr. Jane since the very beginning. Their high school students now walk miles each day to attend a variety of schools in the Bamenda area. Help has been gradually growing. First, the people of St. Peter's in Essex Fells began a school fund that has been invested for several years. Then, the Rev. Elizabeth Geitz and Ms. Brenda Ruello of St. John and Good Shepherd in Milford, PA traveled to Good Shepherd Home and returned, determined to begin a foundation dedicated to building the school. That foundation is now a reality! It is called the **Good Shepherd Sustainable Learning Foundation**. The plan is to create a residential bi-lingual school for 1200 students. The land has been surveyed, bulldozing is complete, and construction will begin, hopefully, by the end of this year.



Creative Arts at Good Shepherd Home

The young people at Good Shepherd Home have been given many opportunities to express themselves in art, music, writing and videos. Sr. Mary Lynne brought back some examples of their work when she returned from her Spring trip. Here are two selections.

"LIFE" by Erica

What is life all about?

It is a matter of death and birth.

No! It is a process;

a race we all take part in,

a race in which all of us must have an accident,
though we know not when the accident will come.

Yet, these are special doors to a real life.

Birth, like summer, you are full of beauty and love.

Mr. Death, who, really, are you?

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What is life without a woman? She who brings smiles -

Receive them like stars that cannot be counted.

You are like the trees which produce sweet fruits to the world.

Oh! Life, you come and disappear immediately.

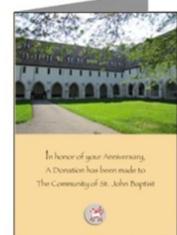
What really is life all about?



"The children's dorm" by Franklin

CSJB Tribute Cards

You can now give a tax-deductible donation to the Community of St. John Baptist in memory of a loved one, or to honor a birth, marriage, birthday or graduation of a special person. Just send your request to office@csjb.org for details and we'll send out a Tribute Card that lists you as the donor. Call our Business Manager Maureen for more info. at: 973-543-4641 Extension 0.



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.

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For further information, please contact Sr. Barbara Jean at 973-543-4641 ext. 1.

Animal Stories

Hello Everyone,

I hope you have all had a lovely summer. It has gone by so quickly for me - I expect that is because I have been so busy. I am now two and a bit, so naturally I feel I am growing up quite quickly. I now feel very protective of my home and Sisters. And those who have visited recently will no doubt have heard my bark! But, as the saying goes, my Sisters say to people who come that my bark is MUCH worse than my bite! Once I have welcomed all who come they are my friends. Naturally I love some more than others, like the UPS Lady who always has a cookie for me! Jack is now my best buddy, but I almost fell out with him when I found him happily settled on MY bed in the library. I could not look at him while I thought out a plan of action. In the end I decided to push my way under the bed and managed to get him off. Naturally I immediately took up residence. In the end he



did not appear to mind! With Love and Licks, **Jennie**

From Jack:

Hello everyone! The summer has gone by much too fast! Cannot believe that Fall is just around the corner. They are working on the roof again and it is noisy under the eaves of the fourth floor. So much for the quiet, solitude of convent life! I went downstairs and tried to go out the front door to check "the kingdom" but there were so many construction crew and even more noise so I decided to stay put. Can't seem to find a quiet spot anywhere during the daytime!



My person was away for three long weeks and I was a bit lonely--- so I made up my mind to visit Maureen in the business office and to attend recreation with Jennie and the Sisters. Jennie was a good pup but when I took residence in HER bed she didn't think much of it. I was really happy to see my person return home! PUrrrrrrrrred sooo hard and so loud my person said she was surprised I didn't break in half! That's all my news this time. Love, **Jack**

PONY'S POINT OF VIEW

It's once again time for a newsletter! I get the feeling you all have heard so much of this before. I don't want to bore you with repetition. Yet, living out here in the back enclosure can be, well, rather routine. You know, just hanging out, day after day. But, on the other hand, one can learn a lot from living simply. I have everything I need, really... shelter from the wind and rain; plenty of grass, fresh water and hay; protection from the flies (they spray me twice a day in the hot weather). Back to basics, I always say... So when all my needs are met, I can spend more time contemplating God's creation! I love watching the sunrise. I try to stand in just the right spot for that breaking of a new day. Oh, and listening for the first bird each morning. Sometimes it's a robin, or maybe a blue jay... and of course, just around sunset from May through July one can almost be transported by the sound of the thrush. I just love the thrush's song, don't you? So quieting... I hope you all had a wonderful summer. It was lovely actually, wasn't it? Of course, the humidity can get somewhat irksome in New Jersey. But here we are already in September, and the quality of the light is different. Have you noticed? It's purer, the light... the sun more intense. Before long, the leaves will be changing colors and the air will be crisp, clean, and invigorating. Ahhh, can't wait! Enjoy the autumn. Be grateful Carpe diem. Love, **pOnY**



Dear Cat Lovers,

Finally it is Fall and the weather is cooler! The pigeons have spent the Summer on our window sills hatching babies, very amusing creatures. The best part is that my humans are both back in residence from their alternate vacations [whatever that is] and normality has set in. Occasionally I get a cat toy, as if I don't have enough. I especially like the sparkly balls best. Although I purrfer to stick to my usual routines; snacking comes in first, but I also like change in some things. I have several boxes to choose from for naps and on the bathroom rug. As the rug is in front of the sink, I get extra attention [as I am in the way] when they are brushing

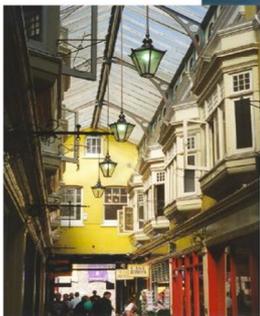
their teeth, etc. I hope you have a wonderful Autumn and try to do something new or different; it is good for the Soul. Love from New York, **Kookie**

CELTIC JOURNEYS 2014

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Dublin Book of Kells Glendalough
Kildare (St Brigid) Clonmacnoise
Westport (Croagh Patrick) Connemara (Kylemore Abbey)
Aran Islands Galway Bay
Cliffs of Moher the Burren
Kerry Dingle Peninsula

(\$2475 including airfare)



WALES and NORTHUMBRIA sept 9 19

Lindisfarne (Holy Island)
Durham Cathedral Whitby
Rievaulx York Minster Chester
Holywell (St Winifred) Snowdonia
Anglesey Beaumaris Castle
St Davids (Cathedral, Bishops Palace)
Cardiff

(\$2690 including airfare)

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Manuscript Illumination Retreat

With Patricia Miranda

October 9-11 (Wed. noon – Fri. 4 p.m.)
\$325 Full Board \$270 (Day & Meals)

For information contact Sr. Pamela 973-543-4641 ext. 9
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The Newark School of Theology presents:

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For lay or ordained chaplains or aspirants

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Presented by the Rev. John Negrotto, Credentialed & Certified ICPC Instructor

Registration: \$70 total both days Payable to Newark School of Theology 2 Park Place, Newark, NJ 07102

Info: the Rev. Douglas Bendall 201-407-4047 or the Rev. John Negrotto 609-242-7637

CLASSICAL JAZZ QUARTET

Sunday, December 1, 4 p.m.

*Begin the Holiday Season with Some Light Music
Refreshments following*

Info: Sr. Pamela 973-543-4641 ext. 9 sr-pamela@csjb.org



Coming Events

CONVENT OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST: *Fall 2013*

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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.

LABYRINTH WALKS Saturdays 2-4 p.m. Oct. 5, 26; Nov. 2, 16, 30; Dec. 14; Jan. 11, 25; Feb. 8, 22; March 8, 22. Walk our labyrinth and learn about this ancient way of prayer. Phone Sr. Barbara Jean or e-mail srbj@csjb.org Meet at the white Convent Building. Winter walks in Main Chapel.

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 x 5.

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. (In the fall, we will offer Levels 1 / 2 from 6:15 to 7:30) Suggested donation: \$10.00 per class ~ Please bring a Yoga mat ~ Classes are subject to change. Send us your email address and we will add you to the class update list. Contact: Jean Marie at 908-850-6475

ALL ANGELS ALL THE TIME: Those Whom God Appoints to Serve Retreat Weekend with Barbara Crafton Sept. 27-29. \$250 Overnight & meals. \$150 Meals only. Call Sr. Pamela 973-543-4641 ext. 9 or sr-pamela@csjb.org for information. See website at www.csjb.org.

CONCERT: HARMONIUM OUTREACH CHORUS Sunday, September 29 at 4 p.m. Conducted by Dr. Anne Matlack, the Harmonium Chorus will present a diverse program about light, angels, peace and singing, including works by Gwyneth Walker, Orlando di Lasso, Moses Hogan and more. Everyone is invited for refreshments with the performers after the concert. All proceeds are for the Convent's renovation fund. For info contact Sr. Pamela@973-543-4641 ext. 9 or sr-pamela@csjb.org.

ASSOCIATES' RETREAT: "Concrete Approaches to Prayer" Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013. 9:00-3:00. Led by Barbara Crafton. Explore concrete approaches to getting beyond obstacles. Call Sr. Eleanor Francis at 973-543-4641 ex.3 or sref@csjb.org. Donation: \$65. Luncheon served.

MANUSCRIPT ILLUMINATION RETREAT October 9-11, 2013 Led by Patricia Miranda. For more information contact Sr. Pamela 973-543-4641 X 9 or email sr-pamela@csjb.org

CHAPLAINCY TRAINING: Certification for Police, Fire, EMS & Rescue Chaplains & Aspirants Thursdays, Oct. 10 & 17, 9:30-3:30. Presented by the Newark School of Theology. Presenter: the Rev. John J. Negrotto, Certified ICPC Instructor. \$70 for both days includes lunch. For info call the Rev. Douglas Bendall 201-407-4047 or Rev. John Negrotto at 609-242-7637.

CONCERT: CLASSICAL JAZZ QUARTET Sunday, December 1, 4 p.m. Begin the holiday season with an afternoon of light music. Everyone is invited for refreshments with the performers after the concert. All proceeds are for the Convent's renovation fund. Info: sr-pamela@csjb.org or 973-543-4641ex 9

THE EPIPHANY PARTY! Sunday, January 5, 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!

JOINT CLERGY RETREAT (Dioceses of Newark & NJ) Jan. 6th at 2 p.m. - Jan. 8th at 2 p.m. Led by the Rev. Dennis McNally SJ, PhD. Info: fr_negrotto@yahoo.com or call 609-242-7637. \$150 for 2 nights, 5 meals. Register by Dec. 17.

WINTER SEARCH PROGRAM For those seeking God's Call in their lives.

February 14-17, 2014. 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

CELTIC JOURNEYS 2014 With Sister Margo. Ireland May 4-14, Wales and Northumbria September 9-19. Please see announcement on page 10.



ALL ANGELS ALL THE TIME

Those Whom God Appoints to Serve

Weekend Retreat with Barbara Crafton - - Sept. 27-29.

Call Sr. Pamela 973-543-4641x9 sr-pamela@csjb.org for info.

\$250 overnight & meals. \$150 meals only. More on website www.csjb.org.

THE HARMONIUM OUTREACH CHORUS

*Performing Works About
Light, Angels and Peace*

Sunday, September 29, at 4 p.m.
In the Convent Chapel



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With The Rev. Barbara Crafton

“Explore concrete approaches to prayer.”

Saturday, October 5, 9-3

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\$65 includes Lunch