

St. John's Parish Weekly

Sunday, September 14, 2008 The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

This Week at St. John's

Today	Sept 14	10:00 am – Choir Practice 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Sunday School & Nursery Care during the service and Coffee Hour afterwards 12:15 pm – Finance Committee Meeting (in Guild Room)
Monday	Sept 15	6:30 pm – Yoga (in Parish Hall) 7:00 pm – Long-Range Planning Task Force Meeting 8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in Guild Room)
Tuesday	Sept 16	10:30 am – Support Group for Mothers with Newborns ("J.P. Moms")
Wednesday	Sept 17	7:30 pm – Vestry Meeting (in Guild Room)
Thursday	Sept 18	7:30 pm – Choir Practice
Sunday	Sept 21	10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Sunday School & Nursery Care during the service and Coffee Hour afterwards

Announcements

- Sunday School & Nursery Care are back! All children ages 4 to 12 are invited to attend the classes taught downstairs by our dedicated teaching staff. There is also child care for infants and children up to 3 years of age. But just as Jesus welcomed the little ones, children of any age are welcome to sit with their parents in the sanctuary throughout our worship services.
- Memorial for Perry Williams: In loving memory of The Very Rev'd Perry Williams, we at St John's are establishing a fund to purchase *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, an African American Hymnal, which will expand our musical offerings. We believe that Perry would be pleased and enthusiastic about such a tribute. Hymnals are \$18.00 apiece. Please make checks payable to St John's, with "Perry Williams memorial" in the memo line, and send them to Andrew Schieffelin, 24 Alveston St. Jamaica Plain, 02130.
- The Annual St. John's Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, September 27th. Please start gathering any donations that you might have. Items for the Yard Sale can be stored on the stage in the Parish Hall. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks. A sign up sheet is up in the back of the church. You can also contact Jim Ellis (978-806-1906 or jellisboston@yahoo.com) if you have questions or suggestions.
- Red Sox Ticket Raffle under way with the winner to be selected at the Yard Sale! Poland Spring has again donated tickets, this time 2 seats to the final home game of the regular season between the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox, Sunday, September 28th (yes, the day after the Yard Sale). Members of the Buildings & Grounds Committee will be selling raffle tickets between now and then.
- The Annual Blessing of the Animals will be Sunday, October 5th at 2 p.m. Members of the parish, friends, neighbors, and pets of all kinds will again gather on the lawn in front of the church. Tom Ward and Vira DeFilippo are helping to organize the event. If you would like to help advertise or organize the Blessing, please contact Tom or Vira (tward@auctive.com or vira67@aol.com).
- The Installation of Matthew Cadwell will be on Thursday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m. "The Wardens, Vestry & People of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Wakefield, Massachusetts request your prayers and presence at the Celebration of New Ministry & Installation of their Rector, the Rev'd Matthew Peter Cadwell, Thursday, 9 October 2008, 7:00 p.m., the Right Rev'd Roy F. Cederholm, Officiant." The church is located at 5 Bryant St. For more information, e-mail eecw@verizon.net or call 781-245-1375.
- It's time for the Annual Progressive Dinner on Saturday, October 18th. Join us for fun, food and fellowship. The Progressive Dinner will begin with appetizers at the home of one parishioner at 6:00 p.m. Then at 7:00 p.m. we will move on to a second home for salads. Desserts will be served at 8:00 p.m. at the Rectory. We hope to see you. Please contact Lori Deane to help with arrangements, provide food or ask questions (lbdeane@comcast.net).

- St. John's welcomes Night Chant! In a joint ministry with the Sisters of the Society of St. Margaret, St. John will host a new Sunday evening service starting later in the fall, based on the office of Compline in the Book of Common Prayer. It will be a peaceful and spiritual refuge of beauty through the fusion of ancient and modern music. Auditions for vocalists were conducted earlier in the summer, and rehearsals will start soon. Stay tuned for more news about Night Chant.
- The Support Group for Lesbian & Gay Parents with Small Children is taking two weeks off. It will resume on Friday, October 3rd at the usual time of 11:00 a.m. For more information, contact Christine Sweeney at the Parent Connection office, 617-667-2229 or csweeney@bidmc.harvard.edu.
- Proposed New Arrangements for Coffee Hour: The Vestry is asking the parish to consider a new system for rotating the responsibility for providing coffee hour among a larger group than the small core that has been shouldering it recently. Details of the proposal will be announced soon. Please give them your thoughtful consideration.
- 2008 Altar Flowers: A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Donations of \$30 for altar flowers in honor or memory of friends or loved ones will be acknowledged in the bulletin. Give a check marked "flowers" to Georgia Buck before the date of your sponsorship.
- Volunteer Opportunity: St. John's Communications committee is looking for individuals to assist with all or any of the following: Press releases, editing, and/or promotions. Anyone interested should contact Vira DeFilippo at vira67@aol.com.
- 2008 Membership Directories are available at the back of the church.
- An ounce of prevention: A reminder to not leave anything valuable in your car where it can be seen.

Notes of Thanks

- Thanks to Jeff and Amy Trueblood who provided the refreshments for today's Coffee Hour.

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Cipolla, mother of John Cipolla, who passed away peacefully in her sleep on September 5th due to pancreatic cancer.
- Please offer prayers for Ann Davis Goodrum and David Goodrum as they digest the results of a lung biopsy performed on David on August 26th and deliberate on the next steps in his treatment.
- Please pray for healing for Lila Rose, the 2-month-old daughter of a "JP Moms" group member. Lila is currently undergoing treatment for leukemia.
- Please offer prayers for Matteo Torres Singer, who is suffering from a rare brain affliction. Matteo is the son of our former associate priest The Rev'd. Michele Torres and her partner Emily. Matteo.
- Continued prayers are requested for Lloyd Dixon who is being treated for cancer.
- Please pray for healing for Faith Waltman who is being treated for acute leukemia.
- Prayers are requested for Cindy Beardslee, friend of Dawn Tesorero who has been diagnosed with a brain tumor.
- Prayers are requested for Anthony Young, brother of Dawn Tesorero. Please pray for Anthony's emotional and spiritual health.
- Please pray for Ed Winkowski and his family. Ed is currently serving with the Massachusetts National Guard in Afghanistan as part of Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix VII.
- Please offer prayers for Christopher Cianflone, brother of Caitlin Cianflone. Christopher is currently serving with the 82nd Airborne Infantry in the United States Army.