

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

Sunday, September 28, 2008

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	Sept 28	10:00 am – Choir Practice 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Sunday School & Nursery Care during the service and Coffee Hour afterwards
Monday	Sept 29	6:30 pm – Yoga (in Parish Hall) 8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in Guild Room)
Tuesday	Sept 30	10:30 am – Support Group for Mothers with Newborns ("J.P. Moms")
Thursday	Oct 2	7:30 pm – Choir Practice
Sunday	Oct 5	10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Sunday School & Nursery Care during the service and Coffee Hour afterwards 2:00 pm - Annual Blessing of the Animals (See announcement)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sunday School & Nursery Care: 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 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. Please see the insert that asks for your preference for how to manage this important function in our church life.
- 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

- Thank you to Claire and Dick Laton-Taylor who provided refreshments for this morning's coffee hour.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please offer prayers for Ann Davis Goodrum and David Goodrum Please offer prayers for Ann Davis Goodrum and David Goodrum as David begins a new course of treatment for lung cancer.
- 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 Dana Tesorero, his wife, and their young daughters. Dana, brother of Dawn Tesorero is in Iraq for his second tour of duty as an Air Reservist and serves as an Air Base firefighter.
- 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.