

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

Sunday, October 26th, 2008

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

<i>Today</i>	<i>Oct 26</i>	9:30 am – Choir Practice 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Sunday School & Nursery Care during the service and Coffee Hour afterwards 12:30 pm – Strategic Planning Workshop & Potluck Lunch
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Oct 27</i>	6:30 pm – Yoga (in Parish Hall) 8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in Guild Room)
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Oct 28</i>	10:30 am – Support Group for Mothers with Newborns ("J.P. Moms")
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Oct 31</i>	11:00 am – Support Group for Lesbian & Gay Parents with Small Kids
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Nov 2</i>	10:30 am – All Saints Sunday (See announcement) Holy Eucharist, with Sunday School & Nursery Care during the service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **A discussion on building our worship community & potluck lunch will follow the service today.** Our good friend, the Rev'd. Frank Fornaro, will facilitate a wide-ranging discussion of what directions St. John's should go now that the downstairs space has been renovated. We will be meeting over a potluck lunch. Please plan to join this important discussion. We need everyone's input!
- **Next Sunday is All Saints Sunday.** Our tradition at St. John's is to remember departed loved ones by lifting up their names before God and each other. Please send the names of those you would like to have read aloud and memorialized to Evan at evanmcsmith@comcast.net by Friday at noon. You can also call Evan at 617-477-9231.
- **Diocesan Convention is scheduled for Friday, November 7th, and Saturday, November 8th in Hyannis.** If you have any concerns, issues or questions about the convention agenda, please speak to our delegates and alternates: Anne Fowler, Chris Yule and Helen Waldorf.
- **Parish Work Day.** The next parish workday will be on Saturday, November 15th at 9:30 am. The focus will be on some serious yard work! Contact Jim Ellis at (978) 806-1906 jellisboston@yahoo.com.
- **Sunday School & Nursery Care:** All children ages 4 to 12 are invited to attend 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 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.

- **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 soon. Based on the office of Compline in the Book of Common Prayer, it will be a fusion of ancient and modern music. Auditions for vocalists were conducted earlier in the summer, and rehearsals have started. Stay tuned for more news about Night Chant.
- **Coffee Hour Notes:** Many of you received the new coffee hour hosting schedule via email this past week. There are also some copies at the back of the church. Thanks to Dick Layton-Taylor for taking this project on. If you have any questions please contact him at di.claire@verizon.net or 617-817-7149.
- **2008 Altar Flowers:** A sign-up sheet is posted 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.
- **2008 Membership Directories are available at the back of the church.**
- **An ounce of prevention:** Don't leave anything valuable where it can be seen in your parked car outside the church.

NOTES OF THANKS

- Thank you to everyone who provided food and drink for today's potluck lunch.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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 serving with the Massachusetts National Guard in Afghanistan as part of Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix VII.