

# ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

Sunday, November 23rd, 2008

Last Sunday in Pentecost, "Christ the King" Sunday

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	Nov 23	9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Sunday School & Nursery Care during the service and Coffee Hour afterwards
Monday	Nov 24	6:30 pm – Yoga (in Parish Hall) 8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in Guild Room)
Tuesday	Nov 25	10:30 am – Support Group for Mothers with Newborns ("J.P. Moms") 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Service
Friday	Nov 28	11:00 am – Support Group for Lesbian & Gay Parents with Small Kids
Saturday	Nov 29	10:00 am -- Christmas Tree Sale Begins through Dec 21. (See insert)
Sunday	Nov 30	9:00 am -- Advent Study Group (See Announcement) 9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Sunday School & Nursery Care

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our Special Thanksgiving Service will be on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Come ye thankful people, come!
- Churches across Massachusetts are Ringing Their Bells 350 Times Today to Draw Attention to Global Warming. Bishop Bud Cederholm says that the bell-ringing is "a sign of our commitment to the poor, who are most vulnerable to the effects of climate change, and our concern for future generations, who depend on us to leave them a habitable world. It's time to sound the alarm and to take effective action." For more information, go to [www.350.org](http://www.350.org).
- Advent Study Group Waiting will be the theme of an Advent Study Group led by Steve Domienik, Marie Campbell, and Anne Fowler. What does it mean to wait as an individual? As a community? What is spiritual waiting? What does it mean to wait for the Birth of Christ? We will explore these questions using the Gospels assigned for Advent (Year B in the Revised Common Lectionary.) Please join us in the Guildroom at 9.00 a.m. on the Sundays of Advent. All are welcome at any or all sessions.
- Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharists. Please join us on the Wednesdays of Advent, December 3, 10, and 17, for an intimate service of Holy Eucharist with music at 6.30 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- Advent Lessons & Carols on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>: The Sisters of the Society of St. Margaret are offering a special service at their convent, 17 Highland Park St. in Roxbury. The service will be followed by supper. RSVP by November 25. For more information or to register call 617-445-8961 or go to [www.ssmbos.com](http://www.ssmbos.com).
- St. John's is a sponsor of "Las Posadas" downtown on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. This is the second annual holiday parade and fiesta that commemorates the "immigrant journey" of Mary and Joseph. It will start from the Park Street "T" Station on Boston Common at 3 p.m., go on to St. Paul's Cathedral, and end with fellowship, music and food at the offices of Local 615 of the Service Employees International Union. For more information, talk to Tom Ward or contact Jennifer Chow at 617-246-3509.
- The first "Night Song" will also be December 7<sup>th</sup>. St. John's will host a new Sunday service at 7 p.m. in a joint ministry with the Sisters of the Society of St. Margaret. It starts the Second Sunday in Advent and will be an hour of meditative jazz, chant and Renaissance music together with the office of Compline. The December 7<sup>th</sup> program will feature jazz pianist Ben Schwendener on piano with Bhub Rainey on

saxophone, as well as a quarter of men singing “Rorate Caeli” by Francisco Guerrero, “Ne Timeas Maria” by Tomás Luis de Victoria, and “Purge Me, O Lord” by Thomas Tallis.

- 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: St. John's has gotten 100 copies of *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, an African American hymnal, in loving memory of The Very Rev'd. Perry Williams. We are still taking contributions to help defray their cost. Hymnals are \$18.00 apiece. Please send checks, payable to St John's and with "Perry Williams Memorial" in the memo line, and to Andrew Schieffelin, 24 Alveston St., Jamaica Plain, 02130.
- 2008 Altar Flowers: A sign-up sheet is posted at the back of the church. Donations of \$30 for flowers can be in honor or memory of loved ones and will be acknowledged in the bulletin. Give Georgia Buck a check marked “flowers” before your selected date.
- Coffee Hour Rota: Please let Evan Smith know at [evanmcsmith@comcast.net](mailto:evanmcsmith@comcast.net) or 617-477-9231 if you switch coffee hour dates with someone so he can thank the correct individuals in the bulletin.
- Yoga meets every Monday, 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome! Contact Suzanne Wolk at 617-327-7083 or [grindstone2@verizon.net](mailto:grindstone2@verizon.net) for more information.
- An ounce of prevention: Don't leave anything valuable where it can be seen in your parked car outside the church.

### NOTES OF THANKS

- Thanks to this week's coffee hour team of Marc Butler and Christopher Yulo, Katherine Hitchcock and Ginnie Smith.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for Timothy O'Brien, friend of the Fowler family who is suffering from the effects of a brain aneurism.
- Please offer prayers for Carol Ann McCullough who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Prayers are requested for Martha Waldorf who is undergoing intensive treatment and receiving 24 hour care.
- Please sustain your prayers for Ann Davis Goodrum and David Goodrum as David continues a renewed course of treatment for the colon cancer found in his lungs..
- Please pray 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.
- Please give thanks to God and rejoice! Ivan Borja was sworn in as a citizen of the United States of America this past Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.