

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

Sunday, January 4th, 2009

The Feast of the Epiphany

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	Jan 4	9:45 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with Sunday School & Nursery Care during the service, followed by Coffee Hour 7:00 pm – Night Song, followed by a Reception (see announcement)
Monday	Jan 5	6:30 pm – Yoga (in Parish Hall) 8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in Guild Room)
Tuesday	Jan 6	10:30 am – Support Group for Mothers with Newborns (“J.P. Moms”)
Friday	Jan 9	11:00 am – Support Group for Lesbian & Gay New Parents
Sunday	Jan 11	9:45 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with Sunday School & Nursery Care during the service, followed by Coffee Hour. Chris Beukman, Guest Preacher. (see announcement) 7:00 pm – Night Song

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Happy New Year!
- 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.
- Night Song Celebration This Twelfth Night of Christmas: Members of the morning congregation at St. John's will be offering hospitality after this evening's service, with special thanks to Daryl Bichel and all the talented musicians who have been offering their time and talents to make Night Song a reality. Please join us if you can! The service itself will feature:
 - Jazz Prelude: Ben Schwendener on piano and Bhub Rhainey on soprano saxophone
 - Music for Sung Compline: Tritone Setting by Daryl Bichel
 - Motets: “O Beata Maria” by Pedro Guerrero, “Resonet in Laudibus” by Jacob Handl, “Purge Me, O Lord” by Thomas Tallis
 - Hymn: “Christe Redemptor Omnium”, Plainsong, Mode 1
 - Psalm: 91, Qui Habitat, Tone IV.4, alternating with Anglican chant
 - Kyrie: From the “Mass for Four Voices” by William Byrd
 - Chant: “Puer Natus Est”, Mode 7

For more information, go to www.stjohns-jp.org/currentEvents/nightSong.shtml or to www.nightsong.org.

- “Chapter and Verse” on January 7th: The first in the winter/spring series of monthly literary reading series will be this Wednesday at 7:30 pm the Loring-Greenough House (12 South Street in Jamaica Plain, across from the Civil War monument – AKA, where we sell Christmas trees). The Rev’d. Anne Fowler is one of three women poets who will be featured, along with Jennifer Markell of Jamaica Plain and Ellen Steinbaum, the Boston Globe columnist. A donation of \$5.00 is suggested, and refreshments will be served afterwards. For more information, contact Dorothy Derifield at 617-325-8388 or dorothy.derifield@gmail.com.
- Next Sunday we will welcome as our guest preacher and coffee hour speaker Chris Beukman. A Candidate for the Vocational Diaconate in the Diocese of Massachusetts, Chris currently serves Linden Ponds Retirement Community in Hingham, a full-service Retirement Community for 1100 independent residents as the Pastoral Ministries Manager. A graduate of Harvard Divinity School and Andover-Newton Theological School, Chris also teaches Philosophy through Boston University's College Behind Bars program and Emmanuel College Boston. He is married and lives in Norwood, MA with his wife and two college-aged children. During Coffee Hour, Chris will speak to those interested in the guild room about his prison ministry.
- St. John’s Parish Annual Meeting will be January 25th, after the service. All members of the parish should have received a mailing with information on the 2009 budget as well as pledging. We will discuss the church’s finances and programs at the annual meeting, as well as elect new wardens and members of the Vestry. Andrew Schieffelin is in the process of finalizing the budget for 2009 right now. If you have not yet submitted a pledge form, please consider doing so now. Thanks!
- Coffee Hour Rota: The new system for providing Sunday coffee and refreshments seems to be working well. Thank you Dick Laton-Taylor for making this happen! If you are not currently on the list of St. John’s members helping out with Coffee Hour but are willing to pitch in, please contact Dick at 617-899-6019 or di.claire@verizon.net. And for those in the Coffee Hour Rota who arrange to switch dates with someone else, please let Evan Smith know at 617-477-9231 or evanmcsmith@comcast.net so he can acknowledge the correct individuals in the bulletin.
- Thanks to Everyone Who Helped Pay for Our Christmas Poinsettias! If you would like to make a donation of flowers for one Sunday in 2009, a new sign-up sheet has been posted in the back of the church near the coffee. You can make the donation in honor of, in memory of, or in thanksgiving for someone or some thing. Please give Georgia Buck the \$30.00 for the flowers or put your donation, marked “Flowers” into the collection plate before the Sunday for which you have signed up.
- An ounce of prevention: Don’t leave anything valuable where it can be seen in your parked car outside the church.

NOTE OF THANKS

- Thanks to this week’s coffee hour team of Jude Hutchinson and Helen Waldorf

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for Chris Healy, friend of John Travers and former JP resident, as she recovers from a serious ankle injury.
- Prayers are requested for Christine McQuaid, aunt of Franklyn Salimbene, who has been ill.
- Prayers are requested for Kim Daly, dear friend of Linda McMahan, and her family as her mom undergoes treatment for advanced stage cancer.
- Please pray for Timothy O'Brien, friend of the Fowler family who is suffering from the effects of a brain aneurism.
- 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 continue to 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.
- 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.
- Prayers are requested for Walt Borja, brother of Ivan Borja. Along with his Illinois Air National Guard unit, he was deployed to Iraq but is scheduled to return home this Thursday. Ivan and Tom Ward will be flying to Illinois for a delayed family Christmas celebration.
- Please pray for Christopher Cianflone, brother of Caitlin Cianflone. He is about to be deployed to Iraq with his unit.
- Give thanks to God for the safe delivery of baby Sasha, who was born on Northwest Airlines flight 59 from Amsterdam to Boston on New Year's Eve. Gerhard von Hauenschild, who worshipped with us at St. John's last Sunday, was the Purser on the flight and assisted in the delivery – despite knowing “nothing about birthing no babies!”