

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

Sunday, January 11th, 2009

The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	Jan 11	9:45 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with Sunday School & Nursery Care during the service, followed by Coffee Hour and Discussion with Our Special Guest, Chris Beukman (see announcement) 7:00 pm – Night Song
Monday	Jan 12	6:30 pm – Yoga (in Parish Hall) 8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in Guild Room)
Tuesday	Jan 13	10:30 am – Support Group for Mothers with Newborns (“J.P. Moms”)
Wednesday	Jan 14	7:30 pm – Vestry Meeting (in Guild Room)
Friday	Jan 15	11:00 am – Support Group for Lesbian & Gay New Parents
Sunday	Jan 17	9:45 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with Sunday School & Nursery Care during the service, followed by Coffee Hour & Announcements 7:00 pm – Night Song

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today 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 our Coffee Hour, Chris will speak to those interested in the Guild Room about his prison ministry.
- Night Song This Evening: The marvelous music continues! The jazz will be fully integrated with the Compline service this evening as was the case in some of the December services. Ben Schwendener will be on the piano, Bhub Rainey will be on the saxophone, and Darl Bichel will lead a quartet of men. The program will include:
 - Music for Sung Compline: Adaptation of plainchant hymns by Daryl Bichel
 - Motets: “Tribus miraculis” by Luca Marenzio, “Alma Redemptoris Mater” by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, and “Purge Me, O Lord” by Thomas Tallis
 - Hymn: “Nunc Sancte nobis Spiritus”, from the Liber Usualis
 - Psalm: 4, “Cum invocarem”, Tone 8, alternating with Anglican chant
 - Chant: “In excelso throno”, from the Liber Usualis

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

- Angel Food Ministries food collection and distribution will be on January 24th. For everyone who ordered one or more boxes of food, please mark the date and be

prepared to collect your order that afternoon. Food boxes will be distributed from the Parish Hall. For information on the Angel Food program at St. John's, contact Rob Watters at 617-429-4439 or rob.watters@verizon.net. You can also find out more at the website, www.angelfoodministries.com.

- Our next Parish Work Day will be January 24th from 9:30 to 12:30. The focus is on cleaning up and organizing the Parish Hall and the back of the church. Please contact Jim Ellis at jellisboston@yahoo.com or (978) 806-1906 if you have any questions.
- St. John's Parish Annual Meeting will be January 25th, after the service. 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 our budget for 2009 right now. Members of the parish should have gotten information on the 2009 budget in the mail, as well as about pledge forms for this new year. If you did not receive one or the other, or need more copies, they can be found on a table at the back of the church. If you have not yet submitted a pledge form, please consider doing so right away. It really would be a great help us finalize plans and programs. Thank you!
- 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.
- 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. It will be time to put together a new rotation starting February 23rd, so additional participants can be worked into the system then.
Also, this reminder: If for any reason you arrange to switch dates with someone else in the Coffee Hour Rota, please be sure to let Evan Smith know at 617-477-9231 or evanmcsmith@comcast.net so the bulletin will acknowledge the correct individuals.
- Thanks to Everyone Who Helped to Pay for Our Beautiful 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 Alexandra England & Chuck Pratt, and Elisa Derby & Ben Mahnke.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for Chris Healy, a friend of John Travers and former JP resident, as she recovers from a serious ankle injury.
- Prayers are requested Christine McQuaid, aunt of Franklyn Salimbene, who has been ill.
- Please pray for Kim Daly, dear friend of Linda McMahan, and her family as her mom undergoes treatment for advanced stage cancer.
- Prayers are requested 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.
- Please pray for Christopher Cianflone, brother of Caitlin Cianflone. He is about to be deployed to Iraq with his unit.
- Give thanks for the safe return of Walt Borja, Ivan's brother, from a third tour of duty with the Illinois Air National Guard in Iraq. Ivan and Tom Ward have flown out to celebrate with Ivan's extended family.