

# ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

Sunday, March 1, 2009

The First Sunday in Lent

## *THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S*

<i>Today</i>	<i>Mar 1</i>	<p>9:00 am – Lenten Discussion Group (in the Guild Room)</p> <p>9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with Sunday School &amp; Nursery Care during the service, Coffee Hour afterwards</p> <p>7:00 pm – Night Song</p>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Mar 2</i>	<p>6:30 pm – Yoga (in the Parish Hall)</p> <p>8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in the Guild Room)</p>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Mar 3</i>	<p>10:30 am – Support Group for Young Mothers with Newborns, a.k.a. "J.P. Moms" (in the Guild Room)</p>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Mar 4</i>	<p>6:30 pm – Lenten Mid-Week Holy Eucharist</p>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Mar 6</i>	<p>11:00 am – Support Group for Lesbian &amp; Gay New Parents (in the Guild Room)</p>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Mar 8</i>	<p>9:00 am – Lenten Discussion Group (in the Guild Room)</p> <p>9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with Sunday School &amp; Nursery Care during the service, Coffee Hour afterwards</p> <p>7:00 pm – Night Song</p>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **“So You Think You're Not Religious?” Lenten Discussion Group on Sundays, 9 AM in the Guild Room.** This may seem like an odd discussion topic for a group of churchgoers. But surely we all entertain questions and doubts about our Christian faith and practice. Do we believe in "the Virgin Birth"? In bodily Resurrection? Why do we, or don't we, say the Nicene Creed and what does it mean today? How do we use Scripture today? Is prayer effective, and if so, how? Who was Jesus of Nazareth, and what does it mean to say that he was God? Why come to Church at all? We will explore these and other topics with the help of excerpts from The Reverend Jim Adams's updated *So You Think You're Not Religious: A Thinking Person's Guide to the Church*. If you would like to join this discussion, please let the rector know at [annecfowler@mac.com](mailto:annecfowler@mac.com) so that we can provide enough copies of the readings.
- **Wednesday Evening Services in Lent:** Join us for this special Lenten discipline of prayer and communion, at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday.
- **First Lenten Night Song is This Evening at 7:00 p.m.** Experience Compline conducted with soothing and soulful music, thanks to talented instrumentalists and singers performing under the able direction of Daryl Bichel. For more about the program for Night Song, go to [www.stjohnsjp.org/currentEvents/nightSong.shtml](http://www.stjohnsjp.org/currentEvents/nightSong.shtml) or [www.nightsong.org](http://www.nightsong.org).

- **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.
- **Room needed to rent, April 15 - May 10.** A happy problem to have, but our house is under agreement and we should close 3+ weeks prior to the end of the semester. No car, so must have public transportation access. House and/or pet sitting a definite possibility. Please contact Ann Wetherilt at 617-477-9676 or [wetheri@emmanuel.edu](mailto:wetheri@emmanuel.edu)
- **Interested in Donating Flowers for a Coming Sunday?** A sign-up sheet is posted at the back of the church. You can make the donation in honor of, in memory of, or in thanksgiving for someone or some thing. Please give Georgia Buck \$30.00 for the flowers OR put your donation, marked "Flowers", into the offertory before the Sunday for which you have signed up.
- **New Coffee Hour Rota:** The second round of assignments covering the period from February 22 to June 21 has been published. Copies are available at the back of the church. Reminder: If you arrange to switch dates with someone else, please let Emily Engeland know at 617-327-7825 or [EMEngeland@msn.com](mailto:EMEngeland@msn.com) so the bulletin will acknowledge the correct individuals.
- **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 **Chris Ashley**, and **Daniel Codiga & Katie Faulkner** for providing today's Coffee Hour refreshments.
- Thanks to **all those who helped out at yesterday's Parish Workday**. Blessed are the building maintainers and groundskeepers!
- Thanks to **the men and children of St. John's** for Tuesday's Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Ice Cream Supper. Over 60 members of the parish gathered for the celebration and made a joyful noise to the Lord.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for the healing and recovery of **Faith Waltman**, friend of Jude Hutchinson, after a bone marrow transplant
- Please pray 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 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.