

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

Sunday, March 8, 2009

The Second Sunday in Lent

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

<i>Today</i>	<i>Mar 8</i>	9:00 am – Lenten Discussion Group (in the Guild Room) 9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with Sunday School & Nursery Care during the service, Coffee Hour afterwards 7:00 pm – Night Song
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Mar 9</i>	6:30 pm – Yoga (in the Parish Hall) 8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in the Guild Room)
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Mar 10</i>	10:30 am – Support Group for Young Mothers with Newborns, a.k.a. "J.P. Moms" (in the Guild Room)
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Mar 11</i>	6:30 pm – Lenten Mid-Week Holy Eucharist 7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Mar 13</i>	11:00 am – Support Group for Lesbian & Gay New Parents (in the Guild Room)
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Mar 15</i>	9:00 am – Lenten Discussion Group (in the Guild Room) 9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with Sunday School & Nursery Care during the service, Coffee Hour afterwards 7:00 pm – Night Song

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Angel Food Ministries at St. John's** - In February, we had 11 orders for a total of 25 boxes of food. We also learned a lot about the food distribution process in the early morning hours of February 28th. It's going to take a village to run this program when it finally takes flight. Anyone interested in learning or attending the process, please contact AFM@stjohns-jp.org. We are now taking orders for a March 28th delivery until March 16th online at www.angelfoodministries.com. Please use Fathers House Family Church in Raynham as the location and email a copy of your order to AFM@stjohns-jp.org. Please put a comment in the order that you would like it delivered to St. John's to ensure your order comes to the right location. If you have questions or comments about the program, please contact Rob Watters. Until our application is approved, our distribution location is: Fathers House Family Church, 770 Broadway, Raynham, MA 02767.
- "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 church-goers. 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.

- **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 or 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
- **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 so the bulletin will acknowledge the correct individuals.

NOTES OF THANKS

- Thanks to **Ken Brooks & Jim Ellis** and **Paul Cronin & Jon Swalboski** for providing today's Coffee Hour refreshments.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Sally Carroll Fowler**, 1920-2009, Anne's mother. A Memorial Service was held on Friday at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Falmouth, Maine. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
- Prayers are requested for **Jae Saul**, friend of Dawn Tesorero and Pat Race, who is suffering from a rare blood disease.
- Please pray for **William Smith**, father of Evan Smith, as he undergoes tests for an undetermined liver problem.
- 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.