

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

Sunday, March 15, 2009

The Third Sunday in Lent

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	Mar 15	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
Monday	Mar 16	6:30 pm – Yoga (in the Parish Hall) 8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in the Guild Room)
Tuesday	Mar 17	10:30 am – Support Group for Young Mothers with Newborns, a.k.a. "J.P. Moms" (in the Guild Room)
Wednesday	Mar 18	6:30 pm – Lenten Mid-Week Holy Eucharist 7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal
Friday	Mar 20	11:00 am – Support Group for Lesbian & Gay New Parents (in the Guild Room)
Sunday	Mar 22	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

- Help Needed!! Come for an hour or come for the whole morning. Our next Work Day will be March 28th. Join us to help with some basic maintenance and tidying around the church. We will probably be focusing on cleaning up the church for Easter. Help is needed anytime between 9:30 and 12:30. Pizza and soda will be provided. Please let Jim Ellis know (978-806-1906; jellisboston@yahoo.com) if you think you will be able to attend so that we can plan projects based on the number of hands.
- Angel Food Ministries at St. John's - 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.
- Third 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. This evening there will be a full complement of men and women singers. Four motets are on the program: "In manus tuas Domine" by William Byrd, "Super flumina" and "Sicut cervus" by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, and "Remember, O Thou Man" by Thomas Ravenscroft. For more about the program for Night Song, go to www.stjohnsjp.org/currentEvents/nightSong.shtml or www.nightsong.org.
- Easter Lilies! Donations are now being accepted for altar flowers at Easter. Please put a donation clearly marked "Easter flowers" into the offertory, or give it to Georgia Buck. A donation of 20\$ or more is appreciated. For more information, contact Georgia at gbuck@yahoo.com. A list of those being remembered will be published in the Easter bulletin.
- Easter Sunday Coffee Hour: We expect more of a crowd than usual at the Easter service on Sunday, April 12th and it is too much to expect the folks who have been assigned responsibility for Coffee Hour that Sunday to provide for everyone. Please consider bringing some delectable goodies to help feed the multitudes. Like the feeding of the 5,000, we hope to have more than enough to share (barley loaves are optional!).
- 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
- 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. The next round of assignments will be made in June, so if you are interested in signing up let Emily know. Thank you, everyone, for the wonderful Coffee Hour refreshments!
- 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 Linda McMahon and Margaret & Ed Stedman for providing today's Coffee Hour refreshments.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please give prayers of thanks for the birth of Sarah Emma Elizabeth Deane on 3/7/09. She was 5 lbs 15 oz. The Deane family is doing well.

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sally Carroll Fowler, 1920-2009, Anne's mother. 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 offer prayers of thanks that the tests William Smith, father of Evan Smith, underwent last week found nothing life-threatening.
- 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.