

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

Sunday, March 22, 2009

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

<i>Today</i>	<i>Mar 22</i>	9:00 am – Lenten Discussion Group (in the Guild Room) 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 23</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 24</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 25</i>	6:30 pm – Lenten Mid-Week Holy Eucharist 7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Mar 27</i>	11:00 am – Support Group for Lesbian & Gay New Parents (in the Guild Room)
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Mar 28</i>	9:30 am – Parish Work Day (see announcement below) 11:00 am – Angel Food Ministries Box Pick-Up (see announcement)
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Mar 29</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 & Special Reception (see announcement)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We Welcome Daryl Bichel as our Guest Organist Today.** Ken Brooks will be back next Sunday.
- **Help Needed!!!** Come for an hour or come for the whole morning. Our next **Parish Work Day** will be this coming Saturday. 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 and getting the grounds ready for the Easter Egg Hunt. 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.
- **Playful Parenting-** A local "JPMom" has organized a workshop for parents presented by Larry Cohen, the author of Playful Parenting. It will be held at St. John's on April 23rd from 6-9 pm. There are approximately 5 slots open. We would love to offer them to members of St. John's! If all 5 of those spots are filled, the cost will be about \$20/family (it is \$20 whether it is one parent or caregiver or two). Interested parties should email Bridget at rollergirl@zoominternet.net

- **Angel Food Ministries at St. John's Moves Ahead.** Great news! Our application to be an AFM distribution center has been approved. Starting in April, volunteers from St. John's will be collecting food from the regional AFM warehouse, processing orders and distributing boxes. This month, we are still on the old system. Orders for March will be ready for pick-up at the church this coming Saturday, March 28th around 11:00 a.m. If you placed an order by last Monday's deadline, please don't forget to collect your box(es).
- **Night Song is This Evening at 7 p.m.:** The choir of men and women, under the direction of Daryl Bichel, will once more sing the full Compline service. Motets on the program are "Adoramus te" by Matteo Asola and "A New Comandment" by Thomas Tallis. The Kyrie will be plainchant from the Missa Marialis. For more information on this evening's program, go to www.stjohnsip.org/currentEvents/nightSong.shtml or www.nightsong.org.
- **Special Night Song & Reception Next Sunday:** The program for March 29th will truly be exceptional. It features "Crucifixus" by New Jersey composer John F. Cavallaro. The work is seven meditations on the crucifixion sung *a cappella*, based on themes from Gregorian Chant. Each meditation will be paired with a poem by Irene Zimmerman and a jazz improvisation by Ben Schwendener on piano, accompanied by Uwe Steinmetz, our guest saxophonist from Berlin, Germany. Members of St. John's are hosting a reception after the program. If you can contribute refreshments, please contact Rebecca Young at 617-327-9322 or rebeccayoung04@gmail.com.
- **"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.
- **The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be After Church on Easter Sunday, April 12th:** Once again, the lawn in front of St. John's will be planted with multi-colored plastic eggs contained treats for our children. Plan on staying after the service to enjoy the fun, as the kids line up and then head off to search for eggs. Contributions of healthful treats to put in the eggs are now being solicited. If you can help out, contact Dawn Tesorero at 508-473-8224 or dawn_tess@hotmail.com.
- **Easter Lilies!** Donations are now being solicited for altar flowers to decorate the sanctuary 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 service bulletins.
- **Easter Sunday Coffee Hour:** We expect more of a crowd than usual at the service on Easter Sunday, April 12th and it is too much to expect just the folks who have been assigned responsibility for Coffee Hour for 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 **Marcus Butler & Chris Yulo** and **Katherine Hitchcock, Ginnie & Brendan Smith** for providing today's Coffee Hour refreshments.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for **Margaret Stedman** as she undergoes tests to diagnosis an undetermined health problem.
- Prayers are requested for **Jae Saul**, friend of Dawn Tesorero and Pat Race, who is suffering from a rare blood disease.
- 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.