

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

Sunday, March 29, 2009

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

<i>Today</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)
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Mar 30</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 31</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>Apr 1</i>	6:30 pm – Lenten Mid-Week Holy Eucharist 7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Apr 3</i>	11:00 am – Support Group for Lesbian & Gay New Parents (in the Guild Room)
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Apr 5</i>	9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms & Procession Around the Block (Weather Permitting), Sunday School & Nursery Care during the service & Coffee Hour afterwards 7:00 pm – Night Song

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Very Special Night Song & Reception This Evening:** The program for March 29th will truly be exceptional. It features the world premiere of "Crucifixus" by New Jersey composer John F. Cavallaro. The work is seven meditations on the crucifixion sung *a cappella* by baritones, bass and tenor singer, based on themes from Gregorian Chant. Each meditation will be paired with a poem by Irene Zimmerman and there will also be jazz improvisations 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. And for more information on this evening's program, go to www.stjohnsjp.org/currentEvents/nightSong.shtml or www.nightsong.org.
- **Wednesday Evening Eucharist:** Join us for the last of these special Lenten services, featuring music, prayers and communion, at 6:30 p.m. on April 1st.
- **Prepare to Make a Joyful Noise!** Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and our tradition at St. John's is to start the service outdoors in front of the Parish Hall with the blessing of the palms and then process around the block (down Revere St. to Alveston St. and back on Roanoke Ave.). We sing hymns and make music as we march along, so bring instruments and noise-makers to help celebrate our Lord's jubilant entry into Jerusalem!

- **Playful Parenting-** A local "JPMom" has organized a workshop for parents presented by Dr. Larry Cohen, author of *Playful Parenting* (<http://www.playfulparenting.com>). He will be giving a lecture focusing on the fundamentals of his childrearing approach and using play to connect with children and help them work through conflicts. 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 Colvin at rollergirl@zoominternet.net.
- **Angel Food Ministries at St. John's Moves to the Next Level.** Great news! Our application to be an official AFM distribution center has been approved. Starting in another month or so, volunteers from St. John's will be collecting food directly from the regional AFM warehouse, processing orders and distributing boxes. If you are willing to help with the transportation and distribution of food in the AFM program, please be in touch with Rob Watters: 617-429-4439 or rob.watters@verizon.net.
- **April AFM Food Boxes:** We are now taking orders for a April 25th delivery until April 12th 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 online 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 we go live for May orders, our distribution location is: Fathers House Family Church, 770 Broadway, Raynham, MA 02767
- **The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be After Church on Easter Sunday, April 1st:** 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!** Georgia Buck is now accepting donations for flowers on Easter Sunday, April 12th. A sign up sheet will be at the back of the church starting next week for those who contribute to note "for whom" they are donating in memory of, in thanksgiving for, in honor of, etc. A list of those being remembered will be included in the Easter service bulletin. Please email Georgia at gbuck27@yahoo.com for more information.
- **Easter Sunday Coffee Hour:** We expect more of a crowd than usual at the service on Easter Sunday and it is too much to expect just the members of the parish who have been assigned responsibility in the Coffee Hour Rota to provide for everyone that Sunday. 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.
- **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 **Mary Jo Kane & Shannon McCarthy** and **Nicole Valtz & Geoffrey Parsons** for providing today's Coffee Hour refreshments.
- Many thanks to all who responded to my plea for a room during my final weeks in Boston. I am now all set- one more indication of the richness of this community. **Gratefully, Ann Wetherilt**

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for **Margaret and Ed Stedman**. Margaret has been diagnosed with lymphoma and they await a refined diagnosis and treatment recommendations.
- We pray for the repose of **Mrs. Bernice Hunt**, widow of the Rev. Warren Hunt who served as rector at St. John's, and longtime Church Periodical Club leader, age 97 who died in Walpole, MA on March 22.
- 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.