

# ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

Sunday, April 5, 2009

Palm Sunday

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

<i>Today</i>	<i>April 5</i>	9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am – Blessing of the Palms, Palm Sunday Procession & Holy Eucharist, with Sunday School & Nursery Care during the service and Coffee Hour afterwards 7:00 pm – Night Song
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Apr 6</i>	6:30 pm – Holy Eucharist (in the Sanctuary) 6:30 pm – Yoga (in the Parish Hall) 8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in the Guild Room)
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Apr 7</i>	10:30 am – Support Group for Young Mothers with Newborns, a.k.a. "J.P. Moms" (in the Guild Room) 6:30 pm – Holy Eucharist (in the Sanctuary)
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Apr 8</i>	6:30 pm – Holy Eucharist (in the Sanctuary) 7:30 pm – Vestry Meeting (in the Guild Room) 7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal (in the Sanctuary)
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Apr 9</i>	7:30 pm – Maundy Thursday Service, with the Ritual Washing of Feet
<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Apr 10</i>	11:00 am – Support Group for Lesbian & Gay New Parents (in the Guild Room) 7:30 pm – Good Friday Service, with the Stations of the Cross
<i>Easter Eve</i>	<i>Apr 11</i>	7:30 pm – Great Vigil of Easter & Holy Eucharist
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	<i>Apr 12</i>	9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am – Celebration of the Resurrection & Holy Eucharist, with Sunday School & Nursery Care during the service and a Special Coffee Hour afterwards in the Parish Hall 12:15 pm – Easter Egg Hunt (on the Lawn) 7:00 pm – Night Song

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Holy Week Services:** There will be evening services at St. John's every day throughout this week. These are special occasions that commemorate the remarkable events of Holy Week. Come to as many of these services as you can, as we walk together with Our Lord and the Disciples along the way to Gethsemane, Calvary and the Resurrection. Please note the different times for these services: 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday BUT 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
- **We Welcome Visitors to St. John's!** If you are new to the community or just visiting in the area, please join us after the service for Coffee Hour refreshments and conversation. If you would like to get more information about St. John's or be in touch with the Rector, please fill out a visitor's card. They can be located in the seatbacks of most pews.
- **The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be After Church on Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>:** 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](mailto:dawn_tess@hotmail.com).

- **Easter Lilies!** Georgia Buck is now accepting donations for flowers on Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. A sign up sheet is posted at the back of the church for those who contribute to note whom or what they are donating “in memory of”, “in thanksgiving for”, “in honor of”, etc. A list of those being remembered or celebrated will be included in the Easter service bulletin. Please email Georgia at [gbuck27@yahoo.com](mailto:gbuck27@yahoo.com) for more information or talk to her after today’s service.
- **Special Easter Sunday Coffee Hour:** We expect more of a crowd than usual at next Sunday’s service on. It is too much to expect just those members of the parish who have been assigned responsibility in the Coffee Hour Rota to provide for everyone. Please consider bringing some delectable goodies to help feed the multitudes. Tables will be set up for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall in order both to squeeze more seats into the Sanctuary and to allow for easier mixing and mingling during refreshments after next Sunday’s service. Like the feeding of the 5,000, we hope to have more than enough to share (barley loaves are optional!).
- **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](mailto: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. As we prepare to go live, we have some upcoming needs for Angel Food Project at St. Johns:
  - ✓ We need to secure a regular rental company to rent a trailer (small U-haul) or a small truck (14 ft box truck) at a discounted rate each month for Angel Food delivery. We need to shop for the best deal, so if anyone has contacts in this area, please contact Rob.
  - ✓ We need to find a source for boxes each month. We will require each person to bring a box, laundry basket or such for exchange but we will need some boxes to get us started each month. We probably need to start with 20-30 medium size boxes, like the size diapers come in from BJ’s or Costco. If anyone has a line on boxes, please contact Rob.
  - ✓ We need volunteers for two different shifts: Starting with the May distribution, we will need at least 3 volunteers for a 5 am shift in Hudson, MA to meet the truck, sort the delivery and bring the delivery back to JP. We would probably meet in JP before 4 am. We also will need approx 10–12 volunteers in JP for the actual distribution process. This would require being at St. John’s for 8 am to meet, help unload and organize our delivery. The need for more volunteers may grow as the project grows.
  - ✓ A volunteer to take orders once a month on a non-distribution Saturday at the church. We will be advertising that there will be set hours to take orders in person for those who cannot make them online, or who use food stamps.

For all of these items, see Rob Watters or send an email to [AFM@stjohns-jp.org](mailto:AFM@stjohns-jp.org).

- **April AFM Food Boxes:** We are now taking orders for a April 25th delivery until April 12th online at [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com). Note that this month there is the new option of a “Seafood Box” as a basic order. It sounds terrific! Until we go live for May orders, our host location is: Fathers House Family Church, 770 Broadway, Raynham, MA 02767. So please specify Fathers House Family Church in Raynham as the host. Please put a comment in the online order that you would like it to go to St. John’s to ensure that your order comes here for distribution. Also e-mail a copy of your order to [AFM@stjohns-jp.org](mailto:AFM@stjohns-jp.org). If you have questions or comments about the program, please contact Rob Watters.
- **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](mailto: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 **Anne Wetherilt & Peg Huff** and **Andrew Schieffelin** for providing today’s Coffee Hour refreshments.
- Special thanks to the volunteers who collected and distributed food boxes for Angel Food Ministries last Saturday, for the members of the Parish who cleaned the Sanctuary in preparation for Easter as part of the Buildings & Grounds Committee Work Day, and for the additional volunteers who organized and hosted the special reception after the Night Song service last Sunday evening.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Prayers are requested for **Erskine Callender**, father of Natasha Callender, who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- Please pray for **Margaret and Ed Stedman**. Margaret has been diagnosed with lymphoma and they await a refined diagnosis and treatment recommendations.
- 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.