

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

Sunday, April 19, 2009

The Second Sunday of Easter

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	April 19	9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Sunday School & Nursery Care during the service and Coffee Hour afterwards 7:00 pm – Night Song
Monday	Apr 20	6:30 pm – Yoga (in the Parish Hall) 8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in the Guild Room)
Tuesday	Apr 21	10:30 am – Support Group for Young Mothers with Newborns, a.k.a. "J.P. Moms" (in the Guild Room)
Thursday	Apr 23	6:00 pm – Workshop on "Playful Parenting" (see the announcement below)
Friday	Apr 24	11:00 am – Support Group for Lesbian & Gay New Parents (in the Guild Room)
Saturday	April 25	9:30 am – Parish Buildings & Grounds Workday (see announcement) 10:30 am – Angel Food Ministries Distribution of Food Boxes
Sunday	Apr 26	9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Sunday School & Nursery Care during the service 7:00 pm – Night Song

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We Welcome Visitors to St. John's! If you are new to the community or just visiting the neighborhood, you are invited to join us after the service for 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.
- 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.
- "Soldiers' Tales Untold" will be performed at St. John's on Thursday evening, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. "Soldier's Tales Untold" is a unique mix of narration, interactive theatre, improvised music, and classical music that seeks to engage diverse audiences in both contemplation and critical thinking. It is a musical examination of the impact of war on soldiers' lives and is a de-construction of the Igor Stravinsky 1918 classic, "L'Histoire du Soldat" (The Soldier's Tale). Selected scenes from "L'Histoire" are juxtaposed with, and interrupted by, actual commentary and reflections of 20th-century soldiers, set to improvised music. The piece is 45 minutes long with a 30-minute discussion period afterward. Please plan to attend, and tell your family and friends. We hope to have a good crowd and a thoughtful discussion afterwards. For more information, please contact Ken Brooks at ken.brooks@me.com, or view the video trailer on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5VGYxpxjM>

- Night Song This Evening! Night Song offers an hour of contemplative music - providing a setting for meditation, for comfort and strength, and for moments of clarity. The program will include:
 - Compline sung by a mixed ensemble directed by Sr. Carolyn Darr.
 - Chant and Renaissance choral music to include Alleluia by John Taverner, Regina caeli by Cristobal Morales, Exultate justi by Ludovico Da Viadana and Christus factus est by Felice Anerio.
 - Organ music by Daryl Bichel.
 - “Playful Parenting” – A local "JP Mom" has organized a workshop for parents with Dr. Larry Cohen, author of *Playful Parenting* (www.playfulparenting.com). Dr. Cohen will focus on fundamentals of child-rearing and using play to connect with children and to help them work through conflicts. It will be held at St. John's this Thursday, April 23rd from 6-9 pm. Approximately 5 slots are being offered to members of St. John's. If all 5 of those spots are filled, the cost to attend will be about \$20/family (it is \$20 whether it is one parent/caregiver or two). Interested parties should email Bridget Colvin at rollergirl@zoominternet.net.
 - Parish Building & Grounds Workday is this Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Spring has sprung, and there is a lot to do to clean up around the church. If you can help out for a few hours on April 25th, let Jim Ellis know at jellisboston@yahoo.com.
 - April Distribution of Angel Food Ministries Food Boxes is also this Saturday. If you placed an order this month, please be sure to come by the church to pick up your box (or boxes) of food between 10:30 am and 12 pm. Thank you!
 - Angel Food Ministries at St. John's is now Live on the AFM website! May orders can now be placed online, picking St John's as the pickup location from the menu. Volunteers from St. John's will be collecting food directly from the regional AFM warehouse, processing orders, and distributing boxes. There are several practical issues that we need to address now to make AFM at St. John's a success:
 - ✓ We need to arrange a regular rental of a trailer (small U-haul) or a small truck (14 ft box truck) at a discounted rate each month for Angel Food pick-up and delivery. We need to shop for the best deal, so if anyone has contacts in this area, please contact Rob Watters.
 - ✓ We need to find boxes to use 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. 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 to take the truck out to Hudson, MA, pick up our orders and bring the food back to JP. We would have to meet in JP by 4 am. We also will need approx 10–12 volunteers in JP for the actual distribution of food boxes at St. Johns. This would mean at St. John's for 8 am to meet the truck, help unload it, and organize boxes for pick-up. The need for more volunteers may increase as the project grows. If you would like to volunteer, let Rob know.
 - ✓ A volunteer to take special orders once a month on a non-distribution Saturday at the church. We will be advertising that there will be set hours for placing orders in person for people who are not able to place orders online, or who are using food stamps.
- If you have ideas on any of these items, see Rob or send an email to AFM@stjohns-jp.org.

- 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 acknowledges 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. Over the winter, there were break-ins of some cars parked outside.

NOTES OF THANKS

- Thanks to Daniel & Abra Verinder and Mary Windham who provided today's Coffee Hour refreshments.
- Thanks to Dawn Tesorero, Kate Dare-Winters, Ellen Davis, as well as all the Sunday School teachers and parent volunteers for helping to organize last Sunday's Easter Egg Hunt.
- Thanks to all the members of the St. John's community who donated money for the Easter lilies decorating the sanctuary and/or who brought refreshments for the special Easter Coffee Hour.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for Emilia Borja, Ivan's mother, who underwent ovarian surgery this past Thursday.
- 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.