

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

Sunday, May 3, 2009

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

<i>Today</i>	<i>May 3</i>	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
<i>Monday</i>	<i>May 4</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>May 5</i>	10:30 am – Support Group for Young Mothers with Newborns, a.k.a. "J.P. Moms" (in the Guild Room)
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>May 7</i>	7:30 pm – Performance of "Soldiers' Stories Untold" (see announcement below)
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>May 9</i>	9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Sunday School & Nursery Care during the service 7:00 pm – Night Song

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Please Welcome the Rev'd. Anne Mansfield Minton!** Today is Anne M's first Sunday as our priest. She will be helping to lead the St. John's community during the four months that the Rev'd. Anne Fowler (Anne F) is away on sabbatical (May through July) and vacation (August). There are short biographies of Anne available at the back of the church. But the best way to get to know her is to introduce yourself to Anne and start a conversation!
- **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 be 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.
- **Night Song at 7 p.m. This Evening!** Night Song offers an hour of contemplative music and provides a setting for meditation, for comfort and strength, and for moments of clarity. For more information, check out the Night Song website: www.nightsong.org.
- **The Support Group for Lesbian & Gay Parents Has Suspended Meeting for Now.** The sponsoring agency, Jewish Family & Children's Services of Boston, the group facilitator, Tracy Rich, and the group organizer, Debbie Whitehill, want to thank the St. John's community for having hosted this group on Fridays as well as continuing to host the Support Group for Young Mothers with Newborns (a.k.a. "J.P. Moms") which meets on Tuesdays.

- **"Soldiers' Tales Untold"** will be performed at St. John's this Thursday evening, May 7th, 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 attend, and tell your family and friends. We hope to have a good crowd and a thoughtful discussion afterwards. For more information, contact Ken Brooks at ken.brooks@me.com, or view the trailer on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5VGYaxpjrM>.
- **Angel Food Ministries at St. John's is Now Live on the AFM website!** May orders can be placed directly online, specifying St John's as the pickup location from the menu of "host sites". May selections include not only the wonderful new seafood box (this month with haddock, perch and tilapia) but a "Latin Flavors" fresh fruit and vegetable box (which this month includes calabacitas, chayote squash, Hass avocados, key limes and jalapeno peppers). Order at www.angelfoodministries.com.
- **Volunteers Needed for Collection & Distribution of AFM Food Boxes:** Folks 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 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 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 **Alexandra England & Chuck Pratt** and **Natasha Callender & Jenna Wilsey** who provided today's Coffee Hour refreshments.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for **Franklyn Salimbene**
- Continued prayers for **Emilia Borja**, Ivan's mother, who underwent ovarian surgery and is suffering complications.
- 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.