

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

Sunday, May 24, 2009

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	May 24	9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am – Morning Prayer, with Sunday School & Nursery Care during the service and a “Special” Coffee Hour afterwards in the Parish Hall 7:00 pm – Night Song
Monday	May 25	8:00 pm – AA Women’s Step Group (in the Guild Room)
Tuesday	May 26	10:30 am – Support Group for Young Mothers with Newborns, a.k.a. “J.P. Moms” (in the Guild Room)
Saturday	May 30	9:30 am – Buildings & Grounds Parish Work Day 10:30 am – Angel Food Ministries food box distribution
Sunday	May 31	9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Sunday School & Nursery Care during the service and Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall 12:15 pm – Buildings & Grounds Meeting about future Work Days 7:00 pm – Night Song

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This morning, we are celebrating with Morning Prayer. Our sabbatical priest, the Rev'd. Anne Minton, away on a trip but will be leading our worship again next Sunday – her fourth Sunday as our priest. Anne M is 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 M available at the back of the church.
- If you have a pastoral emergency or are in need of a priest this week, please contact the Senior Warden, Nicole Valtz, at 617 524-7531 or nicole.valtz@finnegan.com. Nicole will be able to find you the help you need.
- Today we say goodbye to our Micah Project Intern, Marie Campbell, and thank her for her service to St. John's. Marie is coordinating a special Coffee Hour after the service in the Parish Hall. Please join us for this sad/happy occasion, and wish Marie well as she heads back to Nashville to start graduate school at Vanderbilt University.
- 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.

- Our Sabbatical Priest, Anne M, is happy to meet with anyone in the St. John's community who would like to speak with her or wants her counsel. Feel free to contact Anne M directly at amminton@comcast.net to find a time to get together.
- 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. This evening's program will include these motets and hymns performed by the mixed quartet of men and women:
 - Christe qui lux es by William Byrd
 - Call to Remembrance by Richard Farrant
 - Veni sponsa Christi by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
 - In manus tuas I by John Sheppard
 - In pace by John Sheppard

Sunday, May 31st will be the last Night Song service of the season. Discussions are under way as to whether Night Song will resume in September or December. For more information, check out the Night Song website: www.nightsong.org.

- Monthly Parish Work Day – This Saturday, May 30th from 9:30 to 12:30 – Your Help is Needed!! Come for an hour or come for the whole morning. Our next Work Day will be this coming Saturday. We will be focusing on general maintenance around the church, including some weed control (totally environmentally friendly) in the walkways, organization of our workroom area, and possibly some painting. 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.
- There will be a meeting next Sunday to discuss what to do at future Parish Work Days. There are obviously many needs for maintenance and repair of our beloved St. John's, and we are looking for ideas and inspiration. The meeting will take place right after the service. Grab a cup of coffee and join the discussion.
- The Annual St. John's Church Picnic will be on Sunday, June 7th: We will celebrate the end of the school year and the end of Sunday school, as well as the beginning of summer. Hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a salad or side dish, a dessert or paper products. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. For more information, contact Rebecca Young at rebeccayoung04@gmail.com.
- Sunday School Teachers are being sought for Next Fall. If you might be interested in joining the team of parents and parishioners who lead the children's groups downstairs, please contact Rebecca Young.
- SAVE THE DATE, Saturday, June 20th (6 pm) for St. John's Silent Auction, our Annual "FUN" draiser. We will have food, entertainment, Red Sox ticket lottery & stuff to bid on - with your help!
 - Do you have Fenway tickets or a cabin in the woods to raffle?
 - Do you have a treasure or a talent to donate?
 - We are collecting a committee to help. We need people who can collect private donations & personal parish donations.

To volunteer call Dawn Tesorero @ 508/463/8224 or e-mail: dawn_tess@hotmail.com or if you want to bring food: please contact Georgia Buck at gbuck27@yahoo.com or 617-524-1175.

- Angel Food Ministries at St. John's is Now Live on the AFM website! June orders can be placed directly online or on Sundays at the table set up in the Paris Hall. The June menu includes a special "Allergen-Free" Box which helps to avoid the eight most common food allergies (peanut, tree nuts, soybeans, milk, eggs, fish, shellfish and gluten) while still providing well-balanced nutrition. The popular Seafood Box is also again being offered in June, as is the "Latin Flavors" fresh fruit and vegetable box (with avocados, cantaloupe, jalapeno peppers, jicama, key limes, mangoes, plantains, yucca root and corn tortillas!). If you order on-line rather than in person, remember to select St John's as your pickup location from the menu of "host sites". (St. John's is the only option if you enter the 02130 zip code and limit the search to 10 miles!) For more information or to order, go to 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: 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 next round of assignments will be made in June. If you are interested in signing up for one Sunday sometime in the next four months, please let Emily Engeland know. Thank you, everyone, for the wonderful Coffee Hour refreshments! And thank you, Dick and Claire Laton-Taylor, for suggesting the rota system.
- 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 Marie Campbell, Georgia Buck & Mark Richardson, Claire & Dick Laton-Taylor and John Travers who provided today's Coffee Hour refreshments.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of John W. Cipolla, John Cipolla's father, who died on Monday, May 18, 2009. May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
- Please pray for James Howard, uncle of Rebecca Young, who is very ill and being treated for cancer.
- Please pray for Jeremy Jackson.
- 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 pray for Franklyn Salimbene.
- 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.