

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY
Sunday, September 20th, 2009
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	September 20	9:30 am – Choir Practice 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Child Care & Church School during the service and Coffee Hour afterwards
Monday	September 21	6:30 pm – Yoga (in the Parish Hall) 8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in the Guild Room)
Tuesday	September 22	10:30 am – Support Group for Young Mothers with Newborns, a.k.a. "J.P. Moms" (in the Guild Room)
Wednesday	September 23	6:00 pm – Common Security Club Meeting (in the Parish Hall, see announcement below)
Thursday	September 24	7:30 pm – JP Concerts Piano Festival Recital (in the Sanctuary, see announcement below)
Saturday	September 26	9:00 am – Angel Food Ministries Food Box Distribution 9:00 am – Annual St. John's Yard Sale (goes to 2 pm; for more info see announcement below)
Sunday	September 27	9:30 am – Choir Practice 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Child Care & Church School during the service and Coffee Hour afterwards

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We Welcome Visitors! If you are new to the community or just visiting the neighborhood, please join us after the service for refreshments and conversation. If you would like to get more information about St. John's or to be in touch with a priest, please fill out a visitor's card. Cards can be located in the seatbacks of most pews. For more information about the St. John's community and planned events, you can visit our website: www.stjohns-jp.org.
- We Welcome Children! With the onset of fall, child care and church school have resumed downstairs. Newcomers and visitors with children are encouraged to go downstairs to check out the classrooms and meet the care-givers and teachers. Typically the children and their care-givers and teachers come upstairs to join the service at the exchange of the Peace and fully participate in the Eucharist. If you prefer to keep your children upstairs for the entire service, that's also great.
- More Sunday School Teachers Needed: Church School has started up again. If you might be interested in joining the rotating team of parents and parishioners who are leading the children's groups downstairs, please contact Rebecca at rebeccayoung04@gmail.com.
- Make a Joyful Noise! This is an open invitation to anyone interested in singing with the St. John's Choir to join us Sunday mornings before service at 9:30. We will go over hymns and prepare an easy-to-learn-in-one-rehearsal anthem for Communion. Don't worry about making a long-term commitment--just come when you can. Please contact Ken at ken.brooks@me.com or 617.461.9643 with any questions.

- Choir Practices Have Resumed on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Members of the Mighty St. John's Choir are gathering once more to prepare the special music we sing in the course of the service.
- Coffee Hour hosts needed! Dick Laton-Taylor will be updating the Rota for hosting coffee hour from late October into the New Year during the next couple of weeks. If you are not on the current Rota, but would like to help share in this important part of St. John's fellowship, please contact him at (617) 817-7149 or by email at di.claire@verizon.net.
- A JP "Piano Festival Recital" Will be Held at St. John's This Thursday. The prize-winning Korean pianist JungHee Park will perform compositions by Franz Joseph Haydn, Maurice Ravel and Sergey Prokofiev. This year JungHee received a doctorate in piano performance from Boston University after studying with Anthony di Bonaventura. She has performed with orchestras and in recital in Korea and Italy as well as in the United States. Tickets are \$10 at the door.
- The St. John's Annual Yard Sale is This Saturday, September 26th from 9am- 2pm. This is one of our most important annual fund-raisers. All proceeds go to the maintenance and operation of our beautiful old church (built in 1882)! Items for sale include: furniture, household goods, jewelry, clothes, baby toys, books, CDs, electronics, and much more! If you would like to donate items, you can bring them to the church any evening this week starting on Tuesday (the 22nd), or you can contact Jim Ellis (978-806-1906 or jellisboston@yahoo.com) to make arrangements to drop off items or to have larger items picked up at your home. Help is also needed to set up for the Yard Sale on Tuesday (the 22nd) through Friday (the 25th) in the evenings leading up to the Yard Sale, to work at the Yard Sale all day on Saturday, and to clean up on Sunday after church. If you would like to help, contact Jim Ellis ASAP.
- Common Security Club Meeting– Wednesday, September 23 at 6pm. Neighbors in Jamaica Plain are banding together to explore ways to support one another and tackle our shared economic challenges. Light refreshments will be served. Bring your own mug for tea and save a tree! For more information, call Daniel Verinder at 617-522-6135.
- Needed: Room to Rent. MaryFrances Davis, a visitor to St. John's, who lives in Fairhaven is looking for someone in our congregation who would be willing to rent out a room (with access to a shared bathroom) at a reasonable rate for a night or a few nights at a time when she is in town. Please contact her at maryfrances9@verizon.net if you have any leads.
- Piano Lessons. St. John's parishioner, Cissa Champion, musician and composer, has openings in her fall piano teaching schedule. Lessons taught on Walnut Street in Brookline. Best for all but first-time students. Great references. Come have fun on those 88's! 617-734-7087 or nrcampion@yahoo.com.
- **You Can Help with the Collection & Distribution of Angel Food Ministries Boxes!**
 - ✓ We have had some interest in donating food for those in need. From time to time there are inquires from those unable to pay. Please consider making a donation.
 - ✓ We are looking for additional volunteers to take special orders once a month on a Wednesday evening at the church. We have these hours for taking orders in person for people who are not able to place orders online or who are using food stamps.
 - ✓ We now want to spread the word about Angel Food to the greater community. Let us know if you have ideas about how to get the word out or contacts for media coverage. To follow up, see Rob or send an email to AFM@stjohns-jp.org. Thanks!

NOTES OF THANKS

- Thanks to George McManus, Rob Watters and John Travers who provided the Coffee Hour refreshments today.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for Sister Carolyn Darr of the Sisters of St. Margaret, our partner in the Night Song ministry, who will have back surgery on Monday, September 21.
- Please pray for Linda Campbell, Rodney Campbell's mother.
- Prayers are requested for Daniel Verinder's Uncle Syd and Aunt Laura, St. John's Episcopal Church of Madagascar and the people of Madagascar. Syd and Laura are headed on a mission trip to Madagascar at the end of this month.
- Please pray for Jeanne Howland, Erin Cote-Hartford's aunt and godmother, who is recovering from breast cancer surgery and is beginning chemotherapy and radiation soon.
- Prayers are requested for Amanda Mahnke, Ben's sister. Amanda was struck by a bus in D.C. while she was out jogging and remains hospitalized in critical condition with many fractures, subdural bleeding and a collapsed lung. The family is praying that the long road ahead leads to full recovery.
- Please pray for Joan Weiss, a friend of Sam Allen and Anne Fowler, who is battling cancer.
- Please pray for James Howard, uncle of Rebecca Young, who is being treated for cancer.
- Continued prayers are requested 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 Hodgkin's lymphoma and is currently undergoing treatment.
- Prayers are requested for Jae Saul, friend of Dawn Tesorero and Pat Race, who is suffering from a rare blood disease.
- 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.
- -Continued prayers for Lloyd Dickson who continues his treatment for cancer.