

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY
Sunday, October 4th, 2009
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	October 4	9:30 am – Choir Practice 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist and Baptism, with Child Care & Church School during the service and Coffee Hour afterwards 1:00 pm – Blessing of the Animals (on the lawn in front of the church, see announcement below)
Monday	October 5	6:30 pm – Yoga (in the Parish Hall) 8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in the Guild Room)
Tuesday	October 6	10:30 am – Support Group for Young Mothers with Newborns, a.k.a. "J.P. Moms" (in the Guild Room)
Wednesday	October 7	6:00 pm – Angel Food Ministries October Box Ordering & Payment with Cash & Food Stamps (in the Parish Hall, see announcement below)
Saturday	October 10	7:30 pm – JP Concerts Presents the Boston Public Quartet & Special Guest Michael Norsworthy Performing Works by Brahms & Mendelssohn (in the Sanctuary, see announcement below)
Sunday	October 11	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! 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 caregivers 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.
- The Annual Blessing of the Animals is Today at 1:00 pm. October 4th is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi and in keeping with longstanding Christian tradition all pets, live, stuffed, or pictures thereof, will be welcomed and blessed in a special service on the lawn in front of the church. This event is open to all, from any religious tradition or from none. Last year about 30 humans and 40 dogs, cats and other animals attended. Please join us!
- JP Concerts Presents the Boston Public Quartet & Special Guest Michael Norsworthy at St. John's on Saturday, October 10. The BPQ will perform the String Quartet in A Minor, Op. 13, No. 2 by Felix Mendelssohn and also will be joined by Michael Norsworthy in a performance of the Clarinet Quintet in B Minor, Op. 115 by Johannes Brahms. The concert will start at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the door.

- 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 to prepare the special music we sing in the course of the service.
- The New Coffee Hour Rota Has Just Been Published. It covers the Sundays from October 25th through February 14th, 2010. Electronic copies of the rota were e-mailed to folks in the Parish Directory, and a hard copy is posted at the back of the church. 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 Dick Laton-Taylor at (617) 817-7149 or by email at di.claire@verizon.net.
- Need a house cleaner? The woman who cleans at the rectory is looking for more jobs, and she does superb work - she's thorough, quiet, reliable and willing to undertake whatever chores she's asked to do. She uses public transportation and so needs to be able to walk - probably from the Orange Line. Her name is Gloria Pineda and her email is glosu37@hotmail.com. Email is the best way to communicate with her, as her English is a work in progress.
- Orders are Now Being Taken for Angel Food Ministries October Menu! Once again, in addition to the AFM "Signature Box" of mixed food items that can feed a family of four for a week, options include:
 - "Senior/Convenience Box" of ten perfectly seasoned, nutritionally balanced, fully cooked meals
 - "Five-Pound Allergen-Free Box" of foods processed to eliminate 8 of the most common food allergens: Peanuts, tree nuts, gluten, soybeans, milk, eggs, fish and shellfish.
 - "Seven-Pound Meat Grill Box"
 - "Four-and-a-Half-Pound Steak Combo Box"
 - "Ten Pound Breaded Chicken Combo Box"
 - "Fresh Fruit and Veggie Box"

There is also a special "Thanksgiving Holiday Box" that can be ordered now for delivery next month just before the holiday. To look at all the menu options or to order on-line, go to www.angelfoodministries.com. There will also be volunteers manning a table in the Parish Hall this Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in order to take orders in person, which allows for payment in cash and use of food stamps.

- You Can Help with the Collection & Distribution of AFM Food Boxes. The next distribution will be on Saturday, October 24th.
 - ✓ 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 Margaret Paget and Amy & Jeff Jensen-Trueblood who provided the Coffee Hour refreshments today.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Prayers are requested for Helen Percy, who is battling a stage III cancer.
- Prayers are requested for Harold Benson, the father of a friend of Carol Belgrade, who has been hospitalized with heart problems.
- Please pray for Sister Carolyn Darr of the Sisters of St. Margaret, our partner in the Night Song ministry, who is recovering from back surgery.
- 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 on a mission trip in Madagascar now.
- Please pray for Jeanne Howland, Erin Cote-Hartford's aunt and godmother, who is being treated for breast cancer.
- Prayers are requested for Amanda Mahnke, Ben's sister, who continues to recover after being struck by a bus while out jogging in D.C.
- 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, Natasha's father, 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.