

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY
November 8th, 2009
Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	November 8	9:30 am – Choir Practice 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Child Care and Church School during the service and Coffee Hour afterwards 11:30 am – In-Person Order-Taking for November Angel Food Ministries Food Boxes (in the Parish Hall)
Monday	November 9	6:30 pm – Yoga (in the Parish Hall) 8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in the Guild Room)
Tuesday	November 10	10:30 am – Support Group for Young Mothers with Newborns, a.k.a. "J.P. Moms" (in the Guild Room)
Wednesday	November 11	6:30 pm – In-Person Order-Taking for November Angel Food Ministries Food Boxes (in the Guild Room) 7:30 pm – Vestry Meeting (in the Guild Room) Midnight – Deadline for On-Line Orders for November Angel Food Ministries Food Boxes
Thursday	November 12	7:30 pm – JP Concerts Featuring Piano Recital by Daniel Jepson (in the Sanctuary, see announcement)
Sunday	November 15	9:30 am – Choir Practice 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Child Care and 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, also visit our website: www.stjohns-jp.org.
- We Welcome Children: Child care and church school are provided downstairs. Visitors with children are encouraged to check out the classrooms and meet care-givers and teachers. Children, 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!
- St. John's Annual Fall Lawn Clean-up: Help Needed on Saturday, November 21st! It's been a beautiful fall, but that means lots of leaves!! Please lend a hand for a morning of raking and bring a rake if you have it. We will also be doing some work to get the church ready for winter and possibly some cleaning up around the tower area. Help is needed anytime between 9:30 and 12:30. 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.

- The Deadline for Ordering a November box from Angel Food Ministries is This Wednesday, November 11th! AFM options include the “Signature Box” designed to feed a family of four for a week, a “Senior/ Convenience Box”, a “5 Lb. Allergen Free Box”, a “7 Lb. Assorted Meat Grill Box”, a “4.5 Lb. Assorted Meat & Chicken Combo Box”, a “10 Lb. Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breast Box”, and a “Premium Fresh Fruit & Veggie Box”. For more details, go to the AFM website: www.angelfoodministries.org/menu_0911en2.asp. Or talk to volunteers from St. John’s who will be taking orders in the Parish Hall after the service. Volunteers will be back Wednesday evening for a final round of order-taking before the deadline.
- You Can Help with the Collection & Distribution of AFM Food Boxes. The food ministry at St. John’s and our new partnership with St. Patrick’s Church of Roxbury are taking off. In October, we distributed 124 boxes of food and we expect that number to grow. The next distribution of food, including the special holiday boxes for Thanksgiving, will be on Saturday, November 21st. Please consider helping out any way that you can.
 - ✓ We have had some interest in donating food for those in need. From time to time there are inquires from those unable to pay for a box. 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!
- JP Concerts presents a Piano Recital by Daniel Jepson this Thursday. Jepson will be playing from the Well-Tempered Clavier of J.S. Bach, along with two Preludes and Fugues of Dimitri Shostakovich and another by Felix Mendelssohn. The recital will conclude with Carnival by Robert Schumann. Jepson began studying piano at the age of four, in the UK. As a teenager, he frequently participated in the Woking and Kingston Music Festivals. After receiving a BA in Applied Mathematics from Harvard, he earned both a Master of Music and a Graduate Performance Degree in piano performance at Boston Conservatory, where he studied with Max Levinson. He was the recipient of the school’s Community Service Award in 2009. JP Concerts tickets are \$10 for general admission at the door. For more information about this and future concerts, check out the website: www.jpconcerts.org.
- The New Coffee Hour Rota Has Been Published. It covers Sundays from October 25th through February 14th, 2010. 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 at (617) 817-7149 or by email at di.claire@verizon.net.

NOTES OF THANKS

- Thanks to Ken Brooks & Jim Ellis and John Travers who provided the Coffee Hour refreshments today.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the repose of the soul of Leonard Katz, friend of John Travers, who passed away on Tuesday and his wife, Jan and their family.
- Please pray for Bill Dykes, a friend of Dick and Claire Laton-Taylor, who was recently diagnosed with an advanced form of cancer.
- Please pray for Joanne, friend of Lee Haller, whose breast cancer has recurred and who is facing more surgery and chemotherapy. Prayers also for her husband Ariel and son Daniel.
- Prayers are requested for Fr. Jude Bell, O.S.B., of St. Gregory's Episcopal Abbey, Three Rivers, MI who had triple bypass surgery this past Wednesday.
- Please pray for Carol Lyon, friend of Rebecca Young and Liz Pauslon, while she is hospitalized.
- Prayers are requested for Helen Percy, who is battling throat cancer.
- 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.
- Continued prayers are requested for Catharine Ward, Ben Mahnke's grandmother and Tom Ward's mother, who has again fallen, apparently due to a stroke, and is struggling to recover.
- Please pray for Linda Campbell, Rodney Campbell's mother.
- 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 is out of the hospital but faces many months of physical rehabilitation and speech therapy as she continues to recover.
- Please pray for Joan Weiss, a friend of Sam Allen and Anne Fowler, who is battling cancer.
- Please pray for James Howard and his family, uncle of Rebecca Young, who is at home with hospice.
- Pray for Erskine Callender, Natasha's father, who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- Please pray for Maggie and Ed Stedman. Margaret is undergoing treatment for Hodgkin's lymphoma.
- Prayers are requested for Jae Saul, friend of Dawn Tesorero and Pat Race, who is suffering from a rare blood disease.
- 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.