

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY
November 15th, 2009
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	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
Monday	November 16	6:30 pm – Yoga (in the Parish Hall) 8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in the Guild Room)
Tuesday	November 17	10:30 am – Support Group for Young Mothers with Newborns, a.k.a. "J.P. Moms" (in the Guild Room)
Thursday	November 19	7:30 pm – JP Concerts Presents a Solo Piano Recital by Ai-Ying Chiu (in the Sanctuary, see announcement)
Saturday	November 21	9:00 am – Angel Food Ministries Distribution of November Boxes & Special Thanksgiving Holiday Boxes (see announcement) 9:30 am – Annual Lawn Clean-Up (see announcement) 7:30 pm – JP Concerts Presents "An Evening at the Opera" with Elizabeth Gondek, Scott Nicholas & Peter Terry (in the Sanctuary, see announcement)
Sunday	November 22	9:30 am – Choir Practice 10:30 am – Ingathering Sunday and Holy Eucharist, with Child Care and Church School during the service and Special Coffee Hour Bake Sale 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 teachers. Children and caregivers come upstairs to join the service at the Peace so they can fully participate in the Eucharist. If you prefer to keep your children upstairs for the entire service, that's also great!
- Bake Sale! November 22nd after the Service. For the past number of years, St. John's has participated in a program where we receive names and purchase Christmas gifts for young people (infants through teens) who are in DSS care. We will be participating in this program again this year. The Sunday school children are planning on being actively involved in this program by sponsoring a child, or maybe more. To raise money for this, the Sunday school children will be hosting a Bake Sale on November 22nd during Coffee Hour. You can help in two ways: (1) Bring some baked goods for the Bake Sale; or (2) Come ready to buy some goodies! Please contact Jim Ellis (978-806-1906 or jellisboston@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

- 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 clean up around the tower. 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.
- Pies Fundraiser just in time for Thanksgiving! Nate and Deb Michener have generously donated their pie making services to help raise money for St. John's. There are two selections available: pumpkin pie and apple cranberry pie. Pick up will be on the Tuesday night or Wednesday day before Thanksgiving. Pies will be sold for a suggested \$20 each to benefit St. John's. People can either give their own pie plates to use or they will use a disposable aluminum plate. Sign up will be at the back of church. Please sign up now. There are only 15 lucky people who can benefit. Spots are sure to go fast!
- Our special Thanksgiving service will at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 24. Our friend and Nightsong partner, Daryl Bichel, will play the organ. Children are more than welcome to attend.
- You Can Also Help with the Collection & Distribution of AFM Food Boxes Next Saturday. 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 keep growing. 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 Solo Piano Recital by Ai-Ying Chiu at 7:30 p.m. this Thursday at St. John's. Ms. Chiu will be playing Beethoven's Sonata Op.57, Rachmaninoff's Variations on a theme of Corelli, Ginastera's Danzas Argentinas, and Chopin's Ballade No.1. She has appeared as both a soloist and chamber pianist at concert halls in Germany and France, as well as Town Hall in New York City, Walter Hall in Toronto, the Basilica San Francesco in Assisi and Chih-Shan Hall in Kaohsiung City (Taiwan). In pursuit of her Master's degree and Graduate Performance Diploma, she studied with Michael Lewin at the Boston Conservatory of Music where she was the winner of the H. Wilfred Churchill Piano Scholarship Competition in 2006 and the Piano Honors Competition in 2007 and 2009. Tickets are \$10 for general admission at the door.
- Another JP Concerts Event at St. John's will be Next Saturday at 7 p.m.: "An Evening at the Opera". 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 Paul Cronin & Jon Swalboski and Mary Jo Kane & Shannon McCarthy who provided the Coffee Hour refreshments today.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Weiss, a friend of Sam Allen and Anne Fowler, who has died.
- Please pray for Joanne Haskell Katz, friend of John Travers.
- 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 James Howard and his family, uncle of Rebecca Young, who is at home with hospice.
- 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.