

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

November 22nd, 2009

The Last Sunday After Pentecost:
Christ the King

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	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
Monday	November 23	6:30 pm – Yoga (in the Parish Hall) 8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in the Guild Room)
Tuesday	November 24	10:30 am – Support Group for Young Mothers with Newborns, a.k.a. "J.P. Moms" (in the Guild Room) 7:00 pm – Special Thanksgiving Service (see announcement)
Saturday	November 28	10:00 am – Annual St. John's Christmas Tree Sale Starts (on the grounds of the Loring-Greenough House, see announcement)
Sunday	November 29	9:30 am – Choir Practice 10:00 am – Christmas Tree Sale Resumes 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Child Care and Church School during the service and Coffee Hour afterwards

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today is Ingathering Sunday. Most of you should have received a Stewardship Brochure and Pledge Card by mail earlier this week. The Stewardship Campaign is the time for all parishioners to make their financial pledges to St. John's Operating Budget and to focus on how we use our gifts to support our mutual parish life. If you did not receive a brochure by mail, there are stewardship brochures and pledge cards located at the back of the church. Please, give as generously as you possibly can with your pledge this year.
- A Very Special Thanksgiving Service will at 7:00 pm on Tuesday. Our friend and Nightsong partner, Daryl Bichel, will play the organ. Children are welcome.
- St. John's Annual CHRISTMAS TREE SALE Returns: Your help is needed in selling trees down at the Loring-Greenough House on Saturdays and Sundays between now and Christmas. This is a community tradition and a great way to meet our neighbors. It is also one of the biggest fundraisers of the year for St. John's. Volunteer sign-up sheets are posted at the back of the church, or you can contact Andrew Schieffelin at 617-851-7387 or by email to aschieffelin@brkl.com.
- Bake Sale Today after the Service: For the past few 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 getting involved in this program by sponsoring a child, or maybe more. To raise money for this, the children will be hosting a Bake Sale after today's service, during Coffee Hour. You can help by buying some goodies!

- 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 by emailing Deb at deb.michener@stantec.com. There are only 15 lucky people who can benefit. Spots are going fast!
- You Can Also 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 keep growing. 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!
- 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.
- 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!

NOTES OF THANKS

- Thanks to all those who contributed to our Bake Sale today. Thanks to Jim Ellis for helping to coordinate this fundraiser and to Lori & Andrew Deane and Rob Watters & George McManus for providing beverages and additional refreshments for our enjoyment.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for Charles & Beatrice Glidden, father and mother of Fr. Aelred Glidden, OSB, Prior of St. Gregory's Episcopal, Three Rivers, MI who are both gravely ill.
- 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 is struggling to regain her equilibrium after several falls.
- 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.