

# ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

## November 29<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

### First Sunday of Advent

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	November 29	9:30 am – Choir Practice 10:00 am – Christmas Tree Sale Resumes (on the grounds of the Loring-Greenough House, see announcement) 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Child Care and Church School during the service and Coffee Hour afterwards 7:00 pm – First Night Song of the Season (see announcement)
Monday	November 30	6:30 pm – Yoga (in the Parish Hall) 8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in the Guild Room)
Tuesday	December 1	10:30 am – Support Group for Young Mothers with Newborns, a.k.a. "J.P. Moms" (in the Guild Room)
Wednesday	December 2	6:30 pm – Angel Food Ministries (AFM) In-Person Order-Taking (in the Parish Hall, see announcement)
Thursday	December 3	7:30 pm – JP Concerts "First Thursday" Concert (in the Sanctuary, see announcement) 7:30 pm – "Social Responsibility of the Scientist" Forum at MIT with the Most Rev. Katharine Jeffords Schori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church (see announcement)
Saturday	December 5	10:00 am – Christmas Tree Sale Resumes (see announcement)
Sunday	December 6	9:30 am – Choir Practice 10:00 am – Christmas Tree Sale Resumes (see announcement) 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Child Care and Church School during the service and Coffee Hour afterwards 11:30 am – AFM In-Person Order-Taking (see announcement) 7:00 pm – Night Song

#### 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](http://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!
- St. John's Annual CHRISTMAS TREE SALE Returns: Your help is needed in selling trees at the Loring-Greenough House, Saturdays & Sundays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. between now and December 20th. This is a long-standing 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 [aschieffelin@brkl.com](mailto:aschieffelin@brkl.com). Also, please be sure to buy your tree from us...

- The First Night Song of the Season is This Evening! Daryl Bichel and the talented singers he leads will be conducting Compline once again on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. This evening's program includes music for Advent played by Daryl and choral chants:
  - "*Rejoice in the Lord*" and "*Show us, O Lord, the Light of Thy Countenance*", by Thomas Causton (1522-1569)
  - "*Virgine Matre Salus*", by Orlando di Lasso (c. 1532-1594)
  - "*Conditio Alme Siderum*" and the Kyrie from "*Missa Aeterna Christi Munera*", by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)
- JP Concerts Presents a Piano Recital by Calin Clark on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. A promising concert pianist, Clark will perform compositions by J.S. Bach, F. J. Haydn, A.N. Scriabin and G. Enesco. Clark is currently a graduate student at New England Conservatory pursuing his M.M. in piano performance. Entry is free, but donations are always gratefully welcomed.
- "The Social Responsibility of the Scientist" will be the Subject of a Public Forum: The Most Rev. Katharine Jeffords Schori, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, Dr. George Daley, Director of Stem Cell Transplantation Program, Children's Hospital Boston and Dr. David Urion, Associate Professor of Neurology and Director of the Division of Service Learning, Harvard Medical School will undertake a fascinating panel discussion on the social responsibility of the scientist as MIT celebrates its Technology & Culture Forum's 45th anniversary. The forum is this Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7–9 p.m. at MIT, Building 10, Room 250.
- Angel Food Ministries is Now Taking Orders for December Food Boxes. The menu includes the AFM "Signature Box" (which feeds a family of four for a week for \$30), the "Senior/Convenience Box", the "5 Lb. Allergen-Free Box", the "4.5 Lb. Steak Combo Box", the "10 Lb. Assorted Poultry Box", the "Premium Fresh Fruit & Veggie Box", and two holiday special boxes: the "Meat & Cheese Christmas Gift Box" and the "Assorted Christmas Fruit Box". For more details on what is in each box, as well as the different prices for each, go to the AFM website: [www.angelfoodministries.org](http://www.angelfoodministries.org). You can either order on-line or in person in the Parish Hall one of the three days when volunteers will be at a table ready to help you: Today, right after the service (11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.); Wednesday (6:30–7:30 p.m.); and again, next Sunday, after the service.
- 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. Each of the past two months, we have distributed over 100 boxes of food and we expect the number to keep growing. The next distribution of boxes will be Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:AFM@stjohns-jp.org). Thanks!

- The New Coffee Hour Rota Has Been Published. It covers Sundays from October 25<sup>th</sup> through February 14<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:di.claire@verizon.net).
- Available NOW - Apartment in Two Family House on Roslindale/West Roxbury line Only \$1500 including: 2 bedrooms; full eat in kitchen with new refrigerator and large pantry; formal dining room with french doors and leaded glass china cabinets; large living room with adjoining porch; master bedroom on main floor and two smaller sunny rooms upstairs - (Potential guest room and home office/study); full attic great for storage and extended closet space. Window treatments included; beautiful hardwood floors; access to washer and dryer in basement with storage and clothes lines. Hot water included. Landscaped grounds and yard, wrap around porch and free off street parking space. Minutes to commuter train and T - really close to trendy shops and restaurants and activities in West Roxbury, Roslindale Village, JP and Brookline. Not far to bike paths and to Arnold Arboretum. Less than 15 minutes to downtown Boston by train. Close to all the major routes -128 and Jamaica Way. Plan to Move in by Dec 1. Lovely Victorian architecture in desirable section with gracious full house feeling. Call 781-246-1965 for info.
- Upcoming Event: Juventas New Music Ensemble on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. Lorelei Ensemble and Juventas New Music Ensemble will join forces for "One Light," the world premiere of seven holiday works for women's choir with chamber ensemble. "One Light" is a concert about holiday traditions as experienced in our place and time. The entire program was written in 2009 by young composers with Boston connections. Program includes:
  - Oliver Caplan: Every Iridescent Chip of Ice (2009)
  - Julia Carey: The Maid Servant at the Inn (2009)
  - Heather Gilligan: Winter Wind (2009)
  - Erin Huelskamp: Surely Happiness is Reflective (2009)
  - Mary Montgomery Koppel: Hymn to the Sun (2009)
  - Scott Ordway: This is the Month of Dreams (2009)
  - Rudolf Rojahn: Christ/Anti-Christ (2009)

Visit <http://www.juventasmusic.com/> for more information.

### *NOTES OF THANKS*

- Thanks to Marcus Butler & Chris Yulo and Liz Paulson & Rebecca Young for providing Coffee Hour 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.