

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

December 6th, 2009

Second Sunday of Advent

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	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 – Angel Food Ministries In-Person Order-Taking (in the Parish Hall, see announcement) 7:00 pm – Second Night Song of the Season (see announcement)
Monday	December 7	6:30 pm – Yoga (in the Parish Hall) 8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in the Guild Room)
Tuesday	December 8	10:30 am – Support Group for Young Mothers with Newborns, a.k.a. "J.P. Moms" (in the Guild Room)
Wednesday	December 9	6:00 pm – AFM In-Person Order-Taking (this is the deadline for December orders, see announcement) 6:30 pm – Advent Holy Eucharist (see announcement) 7:30 pm – Vestry Meeting (in the Guild Room)
Thursday	December 10	7:30 pm – JP Concerts a Piano Recital by Prize-Winning Korean Pianists, MiJung & JungHee Park (in the Sanctuary, see announcement)
Saturday	December 12	10:00 am – Christmas Tree Sale Resumes (see announcement) 8:00 pm – JP Concerts Presents a Winter Music Holiday Concert, "One Light" by the Lorelei Ensemble & the Juventas New Music Ensemble (in the Sanctuary, see announcement)
Sunday	December 13	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 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.
- 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!
- Special for Advent: Holy Eucharist on Wednesday Evenings (December 2nd, 9th, and 16th) at 6:30 p.m.

- St. John's Annual CHRISTMAS TREE SALE Returns: Your help is needed in selling trees at the Loring-Greenough House, Saturdays and 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 contact Andrew Schieffelin at 617-851-7387 or aschieffelin@brkl.com. Also, please be sure to buy your tree from us!
 - "Be an Angel": Again this year, St. John's is providing Christmas presents for children in the care of the Massachusetts Department of Social Services. Members of the parish sign up to get gifts for children on the list provided. Please consider sponsoring a child. We have 6 more children in need: ages 4 to 18 years of age. Gifts need to be brought to the church no later than Sunday, 12/13. Please wrap & label your gifts for the children. This Sunday check with Dawn Tesorero to sign up or pass in gifts. If you have questions contact Dawn at dawn_tess@hotmail.com or 508-463-8224. Thanks for spreading the holiday cheer!
 - Help Decorate the Church for Christmas: Donations for poinsettias, flowers and greenery to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas services are welcomed. Suggested donations of \$20 or more can be given to Georgia Buck. Cash or checks payable to St. John's are accepted.
 - REMINDER! If you have signed up to donate flowers for Sunday service, but have forgotten to pay, please give a check for \$30 (payable to St. John's and marked "flowers") to Georgia Buck ASAP. The new sign up chart will soon be posted at the back of the church for 2010 flower donations in honor of, in thanksgiving for or in memory of someone special.
 - The Second 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 instrumental jazz with a duo improvising on plainchant and Renaissance music including:
 - "*Alma Redemptoris Mater*", by Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)
 - The Kyrie from the "*Mass for Four Voices*", by William Byrd(c. 1540-1623)
 - "*Remember, O Thou Man*", by Thomas Ravenscroft (c. 1582-c. 1635)
- Night Song continues through Advent and into May 2010. Programs through December 27th are given on blue fliers located at the back of the church. For more information, consult our website: www.stjohns-jp.org/currentEvents/nightSong.shtml.
- On Thursday, December 10th, JP Concerts Presents a Piano Recital at 7:30 p.m. The prize-winning Korean pianists MiJung and JungHee Park will perform a recital of two masterworks by Robert Schumann. MiJung will play the Fantasiestücke, Opus 12 (1837) and JungHee will perform the Kreisleriana, Opus 16 (1838). Help support the careers of these two brilliant young pianists! Tickets are \$10 at the door.
 - On December 12th, JP Concerts Presents "One Light", a Very Special Holiday Concert, at 8 p.m. The 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. The 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 www.juventasmusic.com for more information.

- Angel Food Ministries is Now Taking December Orders and the deadline is this Wednesday, December 9th. 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 and the different prices for each, go to the AFM website: www.angelfoodministries.org. You can either order on-line or in person in the Parish Hall after the service (11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.) or on Wednesday (6:00–7:30 p.m.).
- 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 19th. 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!
- SAVE THE DATE: Neighborhood Caroling on Saturday, December 19th! The Hospitality Committee is organizing a group to wander from the Loring-Greenough House up to church in the mid-afternoon, with hot cocoa and yummys at the Parish Hall afterwards. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. For more information, contact Lori Deane or Tom Ward: lbdeane@comcast.net or tward@auctive.com.
- The New Coffee Hour Rota Has Been Published. It covers Sundays 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.
- Our Stewardship Campaign Continues: If you have not turned in a pledge to support St. John’s in 2010, please do so. Thanks!

NOTES OF THANKS

- Praises be for Bishop Shaw's decision to open the sacrament of marriage in the Diocese of Massachusetts to same-sex couples.
- Thanks to Ellen Davis & Kate Dare-Winters and Mark Evans & Rebecca Gavin for providing Coffee Hour refreshments for our enjoyment.
- A heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped with unloading, setup, and weekend tree sales: Brian McMichael, Linda Kernohan, Liz Hill, Maddie Hernstrom, Carlos Alvarez, Pat Race, Dawn Tesorero, Claire & Dick Laton-Taylor, Ed Stedman, Jim Ellis, Ken Brooks, Georgia Buck, Natasha Callender-Wilsey, John Travers, Chris Ashley, Carole Belgrade and Tom Ward. And thank you to Andrew Schieffelin for once again running the show!
- Thank you to Deb Michener and family for baking 16 pies for parishioners for Thanksgiving and raising \$320 for St. John's annual fund!
- Thanks to all who participated in the November 22nd Special Coffee Hour Bake Sale which raised over \$200 to buy Christmas presents for children in the care of the DSS.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for Rebecca Young's newest nephew, Isaac Jackson, who is 3 months old and will be having heart surgery this week.
- Prayers are asked for Fr. Paul Bresnahan of St. Peter's in Salem.
- Please pray for the memory of Clara Landry, mother of a friend of Deborah Daccord.
- Please pray for Charles & Beatrice Glidden, parents 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 is recovering from bypass surgery.
- 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 with advanced dementia after several strokes and 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.
- Please pray for James Howard and his family, uncle of Rebecca Young, who is at home with hospice.
- 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.