

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY
December 13th, 2009
Third Sunday of Advent

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	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 (see announcement)
Monday	December 14	6:30 pm – Yoga (in the Parish Hall) 8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in the Guild Room)
Tuesday	December 15	10:30 am – Support Group for Young Mothers with Newborns, a.k.a. "J.P. Moms" (in the Guild Room)
Wednesday	December 16	6:30 pm – Advent Holy Eucharist (see announcement)
Thursday	December 17	7:30 pm – JP Concerts Presents a Violin Recital by Konstantin Rybakov with Piano Accompaniment by Raquel Gorgojo (see announcement)
Saturday	December 19	9:00 am – Angel Food Ministries December Food Box Distribution (see announcement) 10:00 am – Christmas Tree Sale Resumes (see announcement) 3:30 pm – Holiday Caroling "Walk-About" (starting at the Loring-Greenough House and ending at St. John's, see announcement) 8:00 pm – JP Concerts Presents the Voci Angelica Trio (see announcement)
Sunday	December 20	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

- Special for Advent: Holy Eucharist on Wednesday Evenings (December 2nd, 9th, and 16th) at 6:30 p.m.
- 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!

- St. John's has hired a new childcare worker- Sara Shikowitz. She will be with us starting TODAY! Please come introduce yourself and bring your babies and toddlers to meet her. She lives in JP and is a music teacher in Quincy. She comes with experience, warmth and ideas!
- 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!
- Neighborhood Caroling on Saturday, December 19th! The Hospitality Committee is organizing a group that will sing as we 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.
- 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. Please email her at gbuck27@yahoo.com to let her know how much you would like to contribute. We will need to know the budget this week in order to place the order this weekend. 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.
- Mark your Calendars! Christmas Services will be as follows:
 - Christmas Eve Service (kid-friendly): 12/24 at 4:00 pm
 - Christmas Eve Service (evening): 12/24 at 7:30 pm
 - Christmas Day Service: 12/25 at 10:30 am
- Save The Date: Sunday School Curriculum workshop with Amy Cook on January 14th from 6-8 pm in the Parish Hall. Come join a facilitated discussion with Amy who is the Christian Formation Specialist and Resource Center Manager from the Episcopal Diocese. She will focus on Sunday School mission & curriculum. We would like teachers, parents and potential Sunday School Committee members to please join us! Look forward to seeing you there!
- The Third *Night Song* of the Season is This Evening! Tonight is a Special Night Song focusing on The Great "O" Antiphons. The liturgy will use Gregorian chant, choral music, Scripture, the paintings hanging in the nave, and instrumental jazz to express the Christian church's profound yearning for her long expected Savior. The "O" Antiphons are theologically precise, moving from before the creation of the universe through the messianic prophecies of Israel, and culminating with the Incarnation and birth of Christ in Bethlehem. Each antiphon contains a different title for Christ, the Messiah. This evening's program includes:
 - "*Rorate Caeli*", by Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)
 - The "*Great 'O' Antiphons*", by Dr. Peter R. Hallock (long-time director of the Compline Choir at St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle)
 - "*Ecce Virgo Concipiet*", by Cristóbal de Morales (1500-1553)

Night Song continues through Advent and into May 2010. Programs through December 27th are outlined on blue fliers located at the back of the church. For more information, consult our website: www.stjohns-jp.org/currentEvents/nightSong.shtml.

- Needed: Night Song Readers! Five good (dramatic!) readers from St. John's are needed to read, along with some of the sisters from St. Margaret's Convent, eight passages from Scripture at Night tonight at 7 PM. We're departing from the usual Night Song format to have a service of Advent lessons based on the "O" Antiphons and using the paintings installed in the nave of the church. Please contact Daryl Bichel at daryl.bichel@aol.com or 617.312.8328 and he'll provide the details.
- Thurifer Training for Night Song: Any parishioner interested in training as a thurifer to serve at Night Song should contact Daryl Bichel at 617.312.8328 or daryl.bichel@aol.com, or come at 6 PM on Sunday, December 13th for a training session led by Bruce McLay from The Parish of All Saints, Ashmont.
- On Thursday, December 17th, JP Concerts Presents a Piano Recital at 7:30 p.m. JP Concerts presents Konstantin Rybakov, violin, with Raquel Gorgojo, piano, in a program including Sonata in F minor Op.80 by Sergei Prokofiev (1891-1953), the Allegro from the Violin Concerto in D Major Op.77 by Johannes Brahms (1833-1897), and the "Carmen" Fantasie by Franz Waxman (1906-1967). JP Concerts tickets are \$10, general admission.
- On December 19th, JP Concerts Presents the Voci Angelica Trio at 7:30 pm. This Saturday, JP Concerts presents a trio comprised of Meena Malik, Jodi Hitzhusen and Aristides Rivas, performing Christmas season songs in English, French, German, Latin and Spanish. These selections have been uniquely arranged for two sopranos, cello, piano, and percussion. Members of Voci Angelica are professional musicians holding Masters degrees from New England Conservatory and have performed as soloists all over the world. Check them out at www.myspace.com/vociangelicatrio. JP Concerts tickets are \$10, general admission at the door.
- Please Help with the Collection & Distribution of AFM December 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 grow over the winter months. The next distribution of boxes will be this Saturday, December 19th. Please consider assisting us 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 Watters or send an email to AFM@stjohns-jp.org. Thanks!
- 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

- Thanks to Elisa Derby & Ben Mahnke for providing Coffee Hour refreshments for our enjoyment.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with weekend sales of Christmas trees in the rain and snow! Almost 200 trees were sold thanks to Dick & Claire Laton-Taylor, Georgia Buck, Tom Ward, Jim Ellis, Ken Brooks, Natasha Seaman (and Helen), Pat Race, Ed Stedman, Chuck Pratt, Kelly Emmett, Mark Richardson, Natasha & Jenna Callender-Wilsey, Liz Paulson and Brian Gallagher. And thanks to Andrew Schieffelin for once again doing an amazing job heading this fundraiser!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Prayers are requested for John Goodman, a friend of Natasha and Jenna Callender-Wilsey, who was recently diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.
- Please pray for Erskine Callender, Natasha's father, who has early stage kidney disease.
- Prayers are asked for Fr. Paul Bresnahan of St. Peter's in Salem.
- 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.
- 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.