

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

January 10, 2010

First Sunday after the Epiphany

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	January 10	9:30 am – Choir Practice 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 Ordering (at table in the Parish Hall, see announcement) 7:00 pm – Night Song (see announcement)
Monday	January 11	6:30 pm – Yoga (in the Parish Hall) 8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in the Guild Room)
Tuesday	January 12	10:30 am – Support Group for Young Mothers with Newborns, a.k.a. "J.P. Moms" (in the Guild Room)
Wednesday	January 13	6:30 pm – Angel Food Ministries In-Person Ordering (at table in the Parish Hall) 7:30 pm – Vestry Meeting (in the Guild Room)
Thursday	January 14	6:00 pm – Sunday School Curriculum Workshop (in the Parish Hall, see announcement)
Saturday	January 16	7:30 pm – JP Concerts Presents a Vocal Recital by Megan Roth & Jennifer Douville (in the Sanctuary, see announcement)
Sunday	January 17	9:30 am – Choir Practice 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Child Care during the service and Coffee Hour afterwards 7:00 pm – Night Song

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Parish Annual Meeting Will Take Place on Sunday, January 31st, starting after the morning service. All members of the St. John's community are encouraged to attend. We will be discussing plans and programs for the new year, electing officers, and finalizing the budget. A buffet lunch will be provided. If you can bring something (salads and desserts are specially needed), please contact Georgia Buck at gbuck27@yahoo.com or Tom Ward at tward@auctive.com. See you there!
- 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 the teachers and caregivers. 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!

- The Coffee Hour Rota NEEDS More Volunteers. It is almost time for the next coffee hour rota update, which will begin on February 21, 2010. There are currently 34 families/persons who have agreed to participate, so that our system of 2 co-hosts per Sunday results in a 17-week repeat interval. If we could enlist the aid of 18 more folks, the interval would stretch to 26 weeks, meaning that no one would be tasked more than 2 times per year. If you are not on the present list, and would be willing to participate, please call or email Dick Laton-Taylor with your contact information. Phone: (617) 522 9482(H) or (617) 817-7149(Cell). Email (preferred to avoid losing notes on a scrap of paper!) is di.claire@verizon.net.
- Night Song at 7:00 p.m. This Evening and Next Sunday: A sung service, Night Song is an hour of meditation and contemplation - a refuge from the stress and frantic pace of daily lives. Through the stillness of the evening, burning candles and incense, bells, sacred art, and most especially music, Night Song brings serene beauty and quiet peace into human lives. No words are spoken; everything is perceived through the senses. The music is a unique fusion of contemplative instrumental jazz with ancient and modern chant, as well as sacred motets from the Renaissance, and is offered within the framework of the monastic office of Compline. While Christian in nature, Night Song is open to all. Simply take from it what meets your needs and what expresses your hopes and concerns for others.
- Special Sunday School Curriculum Workshop is This Thursday, January 14th! The workshop will run from 6-8 pm in the Parish Hall. Come join a facilitated discussion with Amy Cook who is the Christian Formation Specialist and Resource Center Manager of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. Amy 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!
- JP Concerts Presents a Vocal Recital in the Sanctuary on Saturday, January 16th: Mezzo-soprano Megan Roth and collaborative pianist Jennifer Douville will perform a program including songs in the Shadow of the Blues by John Musto (b. 1954), Siete canciones populares españolas by Manuel De Falla (1876-1946), three songs by Richard Strauss (1864-1949), and three songs by Hugo Wolf (1860-1903). Tickets are \$10 at the door.
- The Deadline for January Orders of Angel Food Ministries Boxes is This Wednesday. You can either order on-line at www.angelfoodministries.org or in person when volunteers will be in the Parish Hall to help you:
 - Today, 11:30 am-12:30 pm
 - Wednesday, January 13th, 6-7:30 pm.

The menu options for January include the “Signature Box” (enough food to feed a family of four for a week), the “Senior/Convenience Box”, the “5 Lb. Allergen-Free Box” (now at an even lower price), a brand new “6 Lb. Seafood Box”, a “7 Lb. Assorted Meat Grill Box”, a “5 Lb. Assorted Meat & Chicken Combo Box”, a “10 Lb. Battered Chicken Wing Box”, a “7 Lb. Premium Meat Box”, and a “Premium Fresh Fruit & Veggie Box”. On-line ordered requires use of a credit or debit card. In-person orders can be paid with cash, checks, EBT cards and food stamps.
- Please Help with Collection and Distribution of AFM Boxes. The food ministry at St. John’s is really taking off. In the past three months, we have distributed over 300 boxes of food from AFM and we expect the number to keep on growing during the winter months. The next distribution of boxes will be Saturday, January 23rd. 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!
- 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.
- 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 Claire & Dick Laton-Taylor and Natasha & Jenna Callender-Wilsey for providing Coffee Hour refreshments for our enjoyment.

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.
- 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.
- 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.