

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY
January 24, 2010
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	January 24	9:30 am – Choir Practice 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 below)
Monday	January 25	6:30 pm – Yoga (in the Parish Hall) 8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in the Guild Room)
Tuesday	January 26	10:30 am – Support Group for Young Mothers with Newborns, a.k.a. "J.P. Moms" (in the Guild Room)
Saturday	January 30	4:00 pm – JP Concerts Presents "The Lover", Second in the Performance Series by A Far Cry (in the Sanctuary, see announcement below)
Sunday	January 31	9:30 am – Choir Practice 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Child Care and Church School during the service and Coffee Hour afterwards Noon – St. John's Annual Meeting, with Buffet Lunch Provided (see announcement below) 7:00 pm – Night Song

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Parish Annual Meeting Will Take Place Next Sunday, January 31st, starting after the morning service. All members of the St. John's community are encouraged to attend, newcomers and old-timers alike. We will be discussing our plans and programs for this new year, electing parish officers and finalizing the 2010 budget. A buffet lunch will be provided. If you can bring something for the buffet table (salads and desserts are specially needed), please contact Georgia Buck at gbuck27@yahoo.com or Tom Ward at tward@auctive.com. We hope to see you there!
- Our Stewardship Campaign Continues: If you have not turned in a pledge to support St. John's in 2010, please do so. We need to hear from everyone in the parish before next Sunday's Annual Meeting. Thanks!
- 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 and caregivers. Children and adults join the service upstairs 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!
- Seeking a house share or room for rent in the JP/Roslindale/West Roxbury area. I am a female professional (40 something) who is quiet, responsible and clean. Need to be accessible to public transportation and shopping. Please feel free to contact me, Carole, at carolebelgrade@hotmail.com if you can assist me in this matter.

- Exhibition of Anthony Apesos landscapes at the Arnold Arboretum- Summer in Winter: Paintings by Anthony Apesos. Saturday, January 9, 2010 through Saturday, March 6, 2010. Public Reception: February 20th, 1:00 pm and Artist Talk: February 25th, 6:30 pm at the Hunnewell Building, Arnold Arboretum, 125 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, MA; Weekdays 9 am – 4 pm, Saturdays 10 am - 4 pm, Sundays noon – 4 pm. Closed holidays. Please call to confirm the gallery is open before your visit: (617) 524-1718.
- Night Song is at 7:00 p.m This Evening. Daryl Bichel will be the organist and the “Men of Night Song”, directed by Scott Metcalfe, will sing:
 - *Magi Vigerunt Stellum* and *Senex Puerum Portabat* by Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611)
 - *Purge Me, O Lord, From All My Sin* by Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)
 - The *Kyrie* from the *Mass for Four Voices* by William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

The Compline service is an occasion for contemplation, meditation and great music. Night Song is a wonderful way to end the weekend, and to get a start on the week ahead!

- JP Concerts Presents “The Lover”, Second in the Series of Performances by A Far Cry on Saturday, January 30th at 4:00 pm. A Far Cry is the "talented and intrepid" (as described by the Boston Globe) self-conducted string orchestra. "The Lover" is the second concert cycle in their season, "The Lunatic, The Lover, The Poet," inspired by the quote from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, "The lunatic, the lover, and the poet/ Are of imagination all compact." Tickets are \$10 general admission at the door. The Lover" celebrates the romance of Italy as seen through the eyes of a German, Hugo Wolf, and a Russian, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, as well as investigating the passionate and sensuous music of Alberto Ginastera's *Argentina*. Wolf's mercurial and offbeat "Italian Serenade" will open the concert. This work tears through the archetypes of courtly romance at lightning speed and with biting wit. Next on the program is Ginastera's monumental *Concerto for Strings*, op. 33. This piece started its life as his *Second String Quartet* (1958) and was recreated into a work for string orchestra in 1965. The final work is Tchaikovsky's "Souvenir de Florence," his beloved string sextet op. 70. It was written in part during a sojourn to Florence and here is recast as a work for string orchestra. All three pieces on the program are chamber compositions, presenting a welcome challenge to A Far Cry, which by its very nature is always striving to unite the intimacy and versatility of a string quartet with the power of an orchestral sound. Tickets are \$10 general admission at the door. You can also purchase tickets in advance on the web at www.afarcry.org or by phone 1-800-838-3006. Children under 12 receive free admission for either series.
- Angel Food Ministries (AFM) is Now Taking Orders for February Food Boxes. The deadline for ordering is Thursday, February 18th. Menu options in February include the Signature Box (enough food to feed a family of four for a week), the Senior/Convenience Box (with 10 prepared dinners), the 5-Lb Allergen-Free Food Box, the 6-Lb Premium Seafood Variety Pack (with Alaskan Snow Crab Legs, Popcorn Shrimp, and Stuffed Crabs in natural shells), the 6.5-Lb Assorted Meal Grill Box, the 5-Lb Assorted Meat & Chicken Combo, the Stuffed Chicken Variety Pack, the Super Value Fajita Kit, and the Premium Fresh Fruit & Veggie Box (with apples, cabbage, carrots, grapefruit, onions, oranges, pears, pinto beans, plums, potatoes, raisins and tangerines). You can either order on line at www.angelfoodministries.org or in person on Sundays and Wednesdays in February (watch for details in future issues of this bulletin or check the parish website, www.stjohns-jp.org).

- Please Help with Collection and Distribution of AFM Boxes. The food ministry at St. John's is taking off! In the past five months, we have distributed over 500 boxes of food to members of St. John's, folks from our partner in ministry, St. Patrick's Church in Roxbury, and the wider community. As a result of the tough economic times and the value of the food provided by AFM, we expect the number to keep on growing. Next distribution of boxes will be February 27th. 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!

NOTES OF THANKS

- Thanks to Carol Belgrade and Margaret Paget for providing Coffee Hour refreshments.
- Thank you, everyone who gave to last Sunday's special collection for relief and recovery efforts in Haiti.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for Jim Emmett, brother of Kelly Emmett, who was hospitalized last weekend after a cardiac event and is undergoing tests.
- 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.