

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

January 31, 2010

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

<i>Today</i>	<i>January 31</i>	9:30 am – Choir Practice 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Child Care and Church School during the service Noon – St. John's Annual Meeting, with Special Buffet Lunch Provided (see announcement below) 7:00 pm – Night Song (see announcement below)
<i>Monday</i>	<i>February 1</i>	6:30 pm – Yoga (in the Parish Hall) 8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in the Guild Room)
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>February 2</i>	10:30 am – Support Group for Young Mothers with Newborns, a.k.a. "J.P. Moms" (in the Guild Room)
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>February 7</i>	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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Parish Annual Meeting Will Take Place Today After the Service.** A buffet lunch will be provided, including Guatemalan dishes from Pollo Campero in Chelsea as well as salads, sides and desserts contributed by folks in the congregation. Please join us! 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.
- **Night Song will be at 7:00 p.m This Evening.** Daryl Bichel will conduct the Mixed Quintet in performing:
 - *Alma Redemptoris Mater* by Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611)
 - *Almighty God, the Foundation of All Wisdom* by Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)
 - *Christe qui Lux es et Dies* by Robert White (1538-1574)
 - *Lumen ad Revelationem Gentium* by William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)
 - *O Magnum Mysterium* by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

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!
- **Lenten Study Group:** Rev'd Fowler is assessing whether there is sufficient interest to form a Lenten discussion group to meet at 9.00 on the Sunday mornings of Lent this year. We have traditionally held a study group at this time of the church year. However, attendance has been slight for the last couple of years. The book we would use is *Reading Jesus*, by Mary Gordon, who is not a theologian but a fine novelist and sometime Roman Catholic. The book sells for about \$17 on Amazon. The group would run for five Sundays, February 21st through March 21st. Please let Anne know by tomorrow, Monday, February 1st, if you would like to participate and would like Anne to order a book for you.

- **Mark Your Calendars: Saturday, February 13th from 5 to 9 pm Will be Ken Brooks' Birthday Open House & Fund Raiser for St. John's!** Join us as we celebrate Ken Brooks' first 50 years on the planet, 42 years of music since that first piano lesson with Mrs. Beverly Emerson in Bolivar, Tennessee way back in 1968, and FOUR years as Minister of Music at St. John's, Jamaica Plain. Don't bring any presents, but we hope you'll give generously to support JP Concerts (www.jpconcerts.org), Night Song (www.nightsong.org), and music programs here at St. John's. There will be music, a jester, contests, a silent auction, games, food, friends, and fellowship. For more info, or to RSVP, contact Tiny or Jim at (617) 291-6855 or jellisboston@yahoo.com.
- **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 volunteers for taking orders in person for people who are not able to place orders online or who are using food stamps. This is twice a month on a Wednesday evening at the church.
 - ✓ 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!
- **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.

NOTES OF THANKS

- Thank you, **everyone who agreed to stand for election at this year's Annual Meeting!**
- Thanks to **all those who contributed dishes and beverages to today's special buffet lunch after the service, including** Georgia Buck, Emily Engeland & Kelly Emmett, Claire & Dick Laton-Taylor, Amy & Jeff Trueblood & Tom Ward.
- Thank you, **everyone who gave to the special collections for relief and recovery efforts in Haiti** the last two Sundays at both the morning service and at Night Song.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nicole Parson's godmother, **Marita Thomas**, who died this past week.
- Please pray for **Martha Wakefield Falcone**, Tom Ward's aunt, Ben Mahnke's great-aunt and Anna Joy and Sarah Elisabeth Derby Mahnke's great-great-aunt. Martha fell last week, fracturing her tailbone.
- Prayers are requested for **Jason Fowler**, a friend of Kelly Emmett's, who underwent multiple surgeries last week due to an infection and remains in the hospital.
- 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.