

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

February 21, 2010
First Sunday of Lent

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>February 21</i>	9:00 am- Lenten Discussion Group (in the Guild Room) 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist and Baptism, with Child Care and Church School during the service and Coffee Hour afterwards noon- Grant Writing Meeting (see announcement below) 7:00 pm – Night Song
<i>Monday</i>	<i>February 22</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 23</i>	10:30 am – Support Group for Young Mothers with Newborns, a.k.a. "J.P. Moms" (in the Guild Room)
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>February 24</i>	6:30 pm – Lenten Service 7:30 pm - Choir Practice
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>February 27</i>	9:30 am -12:30 pm- Parish Work Day (see announcement below) 8:30 - 10:30 am- AFM Box distribution
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>February 28</i>	9:00 am- Lenten Discussion Group (in the Guild Room) 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with Child Care and Church School during the service and Coffee Hour afterwards 7:00 pm – Night Song

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Lenten Service will be held every Wednesday Evening during Lent at 6:30 pm.**
- **Grant Writing Meeting Sunday after the Service:** There will be a grant writing meeting to help raise funds for building repairs today after the service. All are welcome to attend. Please bring advice, creativity, and able hands as we tackle this challenge together to rescue our beloved building from falling into disrepair. We will be discussing the Massachusetts Historical Commission and other grants. Please respond to Maggie Stedman: mstedman2@gmail.com or 617-201-7855 if you plan to attend.
- **Monthly Parish Work Day – February 27th from 9:30 to 12:30 - Help Needed,** all hands welcomed! Come for an hour or come for the whole morning. We will be focusing on materials and labor needed for covering the damaged arch, working on the door hinges and polishing the brass in preparation for Easter. Help is needed anytime between 9:30 and 12:30. Food and drinks will be provided. Please let Ed Stedman know ([617 543 8303](tel:6175438303); edstedman@gmail.com) if you think you will be able to attend so that we can plan projects based on the number of hands.
- **Lenten Study Group:** Rev'd Fowler's Lenten discussion group will meet at 9:00am on Sundays during Lent. The book we are using is *Reading Jesus*, by Mary Gordon, who is not a theologian but a fine novelist and sometime Roman Catholic. The group will run for five Sundays, February 21st through March 21st.
- **Please Help with Collection and Distribution of AFM Boxes.** The food ministry at St. John's is taking off! **Next distribution of boxes will be Saturday, 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!
- **Angel Food Ministries (AFM) March Food Boxes.** The deadline for ordering is Thursday, March 18th. Menu options in March 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 Box and the After School Box. **Specials this month:** the 6-Lb Assorted Meal Grill Box, the 4.5-Lb Assorted Meat & Chicken Combo, the 10-Lb Chicken Breast Box, the *New* 4X4 Family Meal Kit, and the Premium Fresh Fruit & Veggie Box. You can either order on line at www.angelfoodministries.org or in person on Sundays and Wednesdays in March (for details check the parish website, www.stjohns-jp.org).
- **Night Song will be at 7:00 p.m. This Sunday Evening.** 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!
- **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

- Thanks to **Lee Haller** and **Daniel Codiga & Katie Faulkner** for proving refreshments for today's coffee hour.
- Thanks to **Lee Haller, Susie Sargent, Kirsten Palm and Vira DeFilippo** for their donations of medical equipment for the people of Haiti.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for Ben Mahnke's cousin, **Nancy Paris**, who has been diagnosed with cancer in her lungs, likely spread from elsewhere, as she learns more about her diagnosis and prognosis in the coming weeks. Please also pray for her young children, Madeleine and Simon (who is also having health issues), and her husband Charles.
- 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.
- 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 **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.