

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

February 28, 2010

Second Sunday in Lent

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

<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
<i>Monday</i>	<i>March 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>March 2</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>March 3</i>	6:30 pm – Lenten Service 7:30 pm - Choir Practice 6:00-7:30 pm – In-Person Angel Food Ordering in Parish Hall
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>March 4</i>	7:30 pm- First Thursday JP Concert (see announcement below)
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>March 6</i>	7:30 pm- JP Concert (see announcement below)
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>March 7</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.
- **Lenten Study Group:** Rev'd Fowler's Lenten discussion group is meeting 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.
- **Community Workshop: Finding Your Spiritual Home- Saturday March 13th from 10am – 1pm** (snack break included): Do you now or have you ever felt alienated from a religious community? Do you have difficulty trusting religious leaders or members of religious communities? Do you ever struggle with integrating your sexuality and spirituality? Have you ever wondered how to find a spiritual home? Jamaica Plain psychotherapists Veronica Akins and Shannon McCarthy will facilitate a supportive and safe environment where we can begin to explore the complexities of creating a spiritual self and community. We will discover together how authenticity and connection can begin to heal spiritual wounds. This is a free workshop where donations are welcomed. For more information or to register contact Veronica Akins at 617-331-5939/ Veronica.Akins@gmail.com or Shannon McCarthy at 617-524-4666/ Smccarthy111@gmail.com
- **JP Concert on Thursday, March 4th at 7:30 pm** at St. John's; JP Concerts presents Duo Aelia, with Egle Jarkova, violin (Lithuania) and Inesa Gegprifti, piano (Albania), both currently undergraduate students at The Boston Conservatory. They will perform Johannes Brahms (Scherzo for Violin and Piano in C minor), Sergey Prokofiev (Violin and Piano Sonata in Da Major) and Cesar Franck (Piano and Violin Sonata in A Major). They formed

a violin-piano duo (Duo Aelia) three years ago while studying in Italy near the United World College of the Adriatic. Their experience is varied and rich, including recitals in Italy, Albania, Lithuania, Slovenia, Austria and the United States. First Thursday concerts at St. John's are free, and contributions are welcomed to support the series and the artists. For more information including directions please see www.jpconcerts.org.

- **JP Concert on Saturday, March 6th at 7:30 pm** at St. John's; JP Concerts presents the Fifth Floor Collective (www.fifthfloorcollective.com) in a program of 7 original works by contemporary composers. The Fifth Floor Ensemble includes Emily Wilson (flute), Kathleen LeBlanc Hood (clarinet), Marina Krickler (horn), Ashley Ng (violin), Roselie Samter (viola), Luke Krafka (cello), and Daniel Jepson (piano). Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$8 for students. For more information including directions please see www.jpconcerts.org.
- **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, March 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!
- **Orders are now being taken for 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 **Ginnie & Brenda Smith** and **Chris Ashley** for proving refreshments for Sunday's coffee hour.
- Thanks to **everyone who helped out at the Parish Work Day and with Angel Food Box Distribution.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Prayers are requested for **Ellen Davis's sister Ann**, her husband JD and the rest of her family. Ann has been hospitalized with an infection that needs to be treated with intravenous antibiotics.
- Please pray for Kelly Emmett's friend, **April Philpot**, as she recovers from breast cancer surgery.
- **John Travers** will be having routine surgery on Wednesday, March 3rd and would appreciate prayers for a successful operation and quick recovery.
- 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.
- Prayers are requested for **Joyce and Jim Sharp**, Carole Belgrade's godparents. Joyce is recovering from bronchitis.
- Please pray for **Connie Tiffany**, a good friend of Carole Belgrade who is recovering from serious orthopedic injuries.
- 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.