

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

March 7, 2010

Third Sunday in Lent

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

<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
<i>Monday</i>	<i>March 8</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 9</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 10</i>	6:30 pm – Lenten Service 7:30 pm - Choir Practice 7:30 pm – Vestry Meeting
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>March 11</i>	7:30 pm- JP Concert (see announcement below)
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>March 13</i>	10:00am – 1:00 pm- Community Workshop: Finding Your Spiritual Home (see announcement below)
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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
- **Mark your Calendar for the upcoming series of all day trainings for "Godly Play"** a Montessori-based Christian based curriculum for children that will be held on: March 13th (Sacred Stories), April 18th (Parables) and May 8th (Liturgical Lessons). The series cost \$75 (normally \$250) per person and will be held in Belmont. If you would like to attend just one the cost is \$35 per person/per class. Please join a small group of St. John's parishioners who

are planning to attend one or all of these upcoming trainings (Ellen and Kate, Jim Ellis, Amy Trueblood, Linda McMahan). Carpooling is definitely an option, for those with no car. All are welcome to join - you do not have to be a current Sunday School teacher to attend! Please come if you are interested in teaching, Christian education or Montessori teaching techniques. There will be forms at the back of the church for you to take. Please contact Rebecca or Amy with any questions at rebeccayoung04@gmail.com or amycoolj@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there!

- **Contributions for lilies and flowers for Easter are now being collected.** Donations in any amount would be greatly appreciated. Please email Georgia Buck (gbuck27@yahoo.com) with the amount you would like to contribute and the name (or names) in which you would like the donation to be made. A list of those who have donated and their intention (in memory of, in honor of, in thanksgiving for, etc) will be printed for the Easter Sunday bulletin. In addition,
- **There are many open slots available for weekly Sunday flower donations in 2010.** If you are interested, please sign up at the back of the church. Please make checks payable to St. John's for \$30.00 and place in the offertory plate (marked 'Flowers' in the memo line) or you can also give it to Georgia Buck.
- **JP Concert on Thursday, March 11th at 7:30 pm** at St. John's; JP Concerts presents the fourth performance of the Inter-NEC Collective, featuring Ben Stepner and friends; the Borromeo String Quartet playing Gunther Schuller's String Quartet #3; and the Nick Morrison Trio. The Borromeo String Quartet feature Nicholas Kitchen on first violin, Kristopher Tong on second violin, Mai Motobuchi on viola, and Yeesun Kim on cello. The Nick Morrison Trio is composed of Nick Morrison on guitar, Robin Unit on bass, and Moses Eder on drums. JP Concerts tickets are \$10 general admission at the door, \$5 for students.
- **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.

NOTES OF THANKS

- Thanks to **Deb & Steve Michener and Marnie Musante** for providing refreshments for Sunday's coffee hour.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for **Louis Richardson**, father of Mark Richardson, who is receiving hospice care.
- 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.