

ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

March 14, 2010

Fourth Sunday in Lent

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>March 14</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 15</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 16</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 17</i>	6:30 pm – Lenten Service 7:30 pm - Choir Practice
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>March 18</i>	7:30 pm- JP Concert (see announcement below)
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>March 20</i>	10:30am – Hugh Hanley Children's Event (see announcement below)
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>March 21</i>	9:00 am- Last 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.**
- **Hope in Action: LGBT + Homeless Youth Teach-In THIS SUNDAY, March 14th @ 5:30-7:30 pm in Brookline;** Come share dinner and a passion for justice with the Hope in Action @ The Crossing team. This crew of young leaders is helping our whole community to stand up for justice, especially supporting transgender civil rights and homeless LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) youth. On Sunday, we will learn together about 1) the scriptural and theological foundations for LGBT inclusion, 2) effective ways to advocate for and with LGBT youth, and 3) then write letters to the Mass. State Legislature. LOCATION: The Life Together House, 40 Prescott Street in Brookline. Green Line B (BU Central) or C (St. Mary's); RSVP to Chris Ashley at chris.ashley@gmail.com.
- **Mark your Calendar for the upcoming series of all day trainings for "Godly Play" a** Montessori-based Christian based curriculum for children. There are only two trainings left: April 18th (Parables) and May 8th (Liturgical Lessons). The series 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 18th at 7:30 pm** at St. John's; Inter-NEC Collective in its 5th concert features NEC's Liberal Arts department with multimedia work done by classes, and student composers. Compositions by Caroline Park, Nell Shaw-Cohen, plus the classes of Patrick Keppel, and Ruth Lepson.
- **Circle of Songs with Hugh Hanley- Saturday, March 20 at 10:30 a.m. at St. John's:** Tickets are \$5 at the door, and the program will benefit Horizons for Homeless Children. Hugh Hanley provides a hands-on music program for young children and their families. Toddlers Welcome!!
- **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 **Chuck Pratt & Alex England** for proving 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.
- Please pray for Ben Mahnke's cousin, **Nancy Paris**, who is starting treatment for a rare form of lung cancer. Please also pray for her young children, Madeleine and Simon, 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 **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.
- Continued prayers for **Lloyd Dickson** who continues his treatment for cancer.