

# ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

## March 28, 2010

### Palm Sunday

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>March 28</i>	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 29</i>	6:30 pm – Yoga (in the Parish Hall) 6:30 pm- Holy Week Service (in Sanctuary) 8:00 pm – AA Women's Step Group (in the Guild Room)
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>March 30</i>	10:30 am – Support Group for Young Mothers with Newborns, a.k.a. "J.P. Moms" (in the Guild Room) 6:30 pm- Holy Week Service (in Sanctuary)
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>March 31</i>	6:30 pm- Holy Week Service (in Sanctuary) 7:30 pm - Choir Practice
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>April 1</i>	7:30 pm– Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist and Footwashing
<i>Friday</i>	<i>April 2</i>	7:30 pm- Good Friday Liturgy (in Sanctuary)
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>April 3</i>	2:00 pm- JP Concert- A Far Cry 7:30 pm – The Great Vigil of Easter Service (in Sanctuary)
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>April 4</i>	10:30 am – Easter Service with Holy Eucharist, with Child Care and Church School during the service and Coffee Hour afterwards 7:00 pm – Night Song

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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 18<sup>th</sup> (Parables) and May 8<sup>th</sup> (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](mailto:rebeccayoung04@gmail.com) or [amycoolj@yahoo.com](mailto:amycoolj@yahoo.com). Hope to see you there!
- **BEHOLD: Her Story of Easter by Jim Grant with the Magdalene Ensemble (Cello, Soprano, Mezzo, Organ/Piano) on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 7:30 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church.** Tickets at the door only: General Admission: \$20 Seniors and Students \$15. "Behold" is a musical mystery play that celebrates the awakening of resurrection consciousness in our lives. Unlike the traditional narrative accounts of Easter, the story is seen through the eyes of the women who were there, and told through their words. The composer James Mathews Grant wanted to create a more emotionally intimate oratorio

form, without the large orchestra, and chorus. Like a three panel medieval altarpiece, the result is an ensemble piece in three movements for vocalists, cello, piano and organ, performed by an all female cast. The eclectic musical style ranges from the traditional Jewish Sabbath song, Catholic Gregorian Chant, and the soaring organ style of a Protestant Easter hymn. This form of spiritual drama has its roots in the ancient Greek mystery schools, and the mystical Christian teaching of the beatific vision, which signifies the transformative power of witnessing the risen Jesus. Those who experienced this vision were said to have been transported into a state of eternal beatitude. The purpose of "Behold" is to give the audience an aesthetic experience of this beatific effect, through music and ritual theater. The Magdalene Ensemble (Rachael Chagat, Soprano, Janine Hawley, Mezzo-Soprano, Elizabeth Latifa Noor Anderson, cello, Barbara McKenzie, organ and piano, Jim Grant Director and Composer and Iris Anne Grant, Set Designer and Graphics) was formed in 2007 as a collaborative creative ensemble of composers, musicians and artists who have specialized in creating sacred musical drama. For more information contact the Magdalene Ensemble at: 617-522-8035 or email: [thervision@aol.com](mailto:thervision@aol.com)

- **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](mailto: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 Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm** at St. John's; JP Concerts presents A Far Cry- Third in a Series. JP Concerts Tickets are \$10 at the door.
- **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 this Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.** 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](mailto:AFM@stjohns-jp.org). Thanks!
- **Orders are now being taken for Angel Food Ministries (AFM) April Food Boxes.** The deadline for ordering is **Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.** You can either order on line at [www.angelfoodministries.org](http://www.angelfoodministries.org) or in person on specific Sundays and Wednesdays in April (for details check the parish website, [www.stjohns-jp.org](http://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 **all those who helped with Angel Food distribution** on Saturday.
- Thanks to **Shannon Wiltsey Stirman** and **Jeanna Rex & Jess Haines** for providing refreshments for Sunday's coffee hour.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for **Brian McMichael** who is traveling on a medical mission to Haiti from April 3rd through April 10th. He will be serving people disabled through injury in the recent earthquake.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Annette Gerace**, Franklyn Salimbene's cousin, who passed away.
- 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.