

# ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

May 2, 2010

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>May 2</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>May 3</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>May 4</i>	10:30 am – Support Group for Young Mothers with Newborns, a.k.a. "J.P. Moms" (in the Guild Room)
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>May 6</i>	7:30 pm- JP Concerts presents the New England Spiritual Ensemble (see announcement below)
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>May 9</i>	10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism, with Child Care and Church School during the service and Coffee Hour and Post-earthquake Haiti discussion afterwards (see announcement below) 7:00 pm – Night Song

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** please join us to welcome our guest preacher, **The Rev'd John Finley**, head of the Epiphany School in Dorchester. The Rev'd Anne Fowler will be away at a professional conference from April 26<sup>th</sup>- May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **On Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** join a brief talk about post-earthquake Haiti. St. John's parishioner Brian McMichael made a medical mission to Haiti this past Easter Week. He is a physician training in the specialty of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation at Tufts Medical Center. On Sunday, May 9th, after the start of Coffee Hour, Brian will give a presentation on his experience and impressions on the hope and the on-going need in post-earthquake Haiti. The presentation will include background information and photographs. Please bring your curiosity, your concern and your refreshments.
- **St. John's Annual FUNdraiser- It's that time of year again to begin preparations! Please save the date for June 5th, an evening of fun, food & friends.** It's a time & a place where you are able to share your time, talents &/or treasures. Please start thinking about what you will contribute:
  - Do you brew beer during the year? Share it!
  - Are you an artist who wants to give tours? Share it!
  - Have you a winter or summer place to loan out for a weekend? Do it!
  - Are you a phenomenal baker? Donate three cakes to bake in a year!

If you have a donation or you want to help the committee, please contact Dawn at 617-477-9402 or dawn\_tess@hotmail.com We are looking for YOU!!! Do you like to plan parties? Do you want to make new friends? Want to demonstrate great networking or pick a crazy theme? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, then you are perfect to assist on the Auction Committee. Join me after church Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> to learn how.

- **Mark your Calendar for the last in a series of all day trainings for "Godly Play"** a Montessori-based Christian based curriculum for children. There is only one training left: **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!
- **Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:30 pm at St. John's: JP Concerts presents the New England Spiritual Ensemble.** Donations gratefully accepted, to help support the musicians. "Songs that soothe the soul" describes the traditional African American spiritual, which forms the New England Spiritual Ensemble's repertoire and frames its mission. Gospel which evolved from the traditional spirituals, can be more exuberant, but nothing touches the depths of the soul or connects with its yearnings more than the spirituals. Although not all of us learned them at the knee of a grandmother, the spirituals are part of the cultural experience of all of us – a uniquely American musical tradition born of suffering but infused with unshakable hope. The Boston-based New England Spiritual Ensemble was founded in 1994 by Vincent Dion Stringer, Myran Parker-Brass and Beverly Mosby. The members of the ensemble are conservatory trained professional musicians who are exceptional communicators – their performances are captivating and totally engrossing, always involving the audience emotionally. Modeled after the world-renowned Fisk Jubilee Singers, the ensemble is devoted to "preserving the art and tradition of Negro spirituals". As such, members have created several educational outreach programs over the years, including a summer music camp for high school students, a Spirituals symposium that aired online at WGBH, and a joint workshop with the Cantata Singers at Boston Arts Academy's Summer Institute for educators. In addition to national and international tours, the New England Spiritual Ensemble has appeared nationally on "CBS Sunday Morning", on National Public Radio's "Performance Today", and is the subject of several public television features. The ensemble's recording, "Comin Up Shouting", features the arrangements of spirituals and works of John Andrew Ross. According to the Boston Globe, the New England Spiritual Ensemble is "excellent...blessed with performers who own good voices...daringly expressive", and reported that their performance "brought a hush to the hall". For more information about JP Concerts including directions see [www.jpconcerts.org](http://www.jpconcerts.org).
- **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)

- **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.
- **Please Help with Collection and Distribution of AFM Boxes.** *The next distribution of boxes will be Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.*
- **Orders are now being taken for Angel Food Ministries (AFM) May Food Boxes. The order deadline is May 13<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](mailto:carolebelgrade@hotmail.com) if you can assist me in this matter.

### NOTES OF THANKS

- Thanks to this week's coffee hour hosts **Andrew Schieffelin and Maggie & Ed Stedman.**

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for **Joyce Brade (Lowell)** who suffered a stroke, was hospitalized and is now rehabilitating at the Sherrill House in JP.
- Prayers are requested for **Winnie Lyons** as she recuperates from hip replacement surgery.
- Please pray for **Louis Richardson**, father of Mark Richardson, who is receiving hospice care.
- 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 **Joanne Haskell Katz**, friend of John Travers.
- Prayers are requested for **Bill Dykes**, a friend of Dick and Claire Laton-Taylor's, who continues his ongoing treatment for 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.