

# ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKLY

May 9, 2010

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

<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
<i>Monday</i>	<i>May 10</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 11</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 13</i>	7:30 pm- BEHOLD: Her Story of Easter by Jim Grant with the Magdalene Ensemble (see announcement below)
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>May 16</i>	10:30 am –Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism, with Child Care and Church School during the service and Coffee Hour 7:00 pm – Night Song

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.
- **Upcoming Monthly Work Days– May 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 12:30 - Help Needed, all hands welcomed!** Come for an hour or come for the whole morning. Help is needed anytime between 9:30 and 12:30. Both days will focus on outdoor work: weeding, mulching, and spraying the walk to kill the weeds (non-toxic). Additionally, we will be digging a small ditch to bury a hose for a pump and a small landscaping project near the sacristy entrance. Food and drinks will be provided. Please let Ed Stedman know (617 543 8303; edstedman@gmail.com) if you think you will be able to attend so that we can plan projects based on the number of hands.
- **" Starry, Starry Night Auction"- Please Save the Date: June 5th, 5:30pm for a Starry, Starry Night.** We invite **YOU** to the St. John's Annual Dinner & Auction on Saturday, June 5th. This is our Annual FUNdraiser, where we join together in community to bid on gifts collected from local vendors (i.e. gift certificate from your favorite salon), weekend getaways, homemade pies & Red Sox tickets too! We hope that you will consider sharing your talents, treasures, &/or time! How can you help? Please consider giving, sharing,

dining & having fun. You may contact Dawn at dawn\_tess@hotmail.com to assist or to donate. Please contact Maria Mejia at mary11mejia@yahoo.com to bring food for our dinner. Thank you for being members of St. John's!

- **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
- **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 **Andy & Jess Dean and Deb & Tom Daccord.**

### 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.