

# Saints Alive!

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### The Mission of All Saints Parish

is to be a Community — *searching* to know and accept God's purpose for us, *uplifted* by worship together, *sustained* by a senses of Christ being in our midst, and *inspired* by the Holy Spirit to become more than we are, here and in the world.

### Statement of Policy

The policy of All Saints Parish is to welcome all people who seek the love of God, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnic background, socio-economic status, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, or age. We welcome all people on the basis of our Baptismal Covenant in which we promise to "seek and serve Christ in all persons" and "respect the dignity of every human being."

## SUMMER READING

For your summer reading we suggest *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder. At the center of the book stands Paul Farmer. Doctor, Harvard professor, renowned infectious-disease specialist, anthropologist, recipient of a MacArthur Foundation "genius grant," and world-class Robin Hood, Farmer was brought up in a bus and on a boat; in medical school he found his life's calling: to diagnose and cure infectious diseases and to bring the lifesaving tools of modern medicine to those who need them most. This magnificent book shows how radical change can be fostered in situations that seem insurmountable, and it also shows how a meaningful life can be created. *Mountains Beyond Mountains* takes us from Harvard to Haiti, Peru, Cuba, and Russia as Farmer changes minds and practices through his dedication to the philosophy that "the only real nation is humanity" - a philosophy that is embodied in the small public charity he founded, Partners In Health. "*Mountains Beyond Mountains* unfolds with the force of a gathering revelation," says Annie Dillard, and Jonathan Harr says, "[Farmer] wants to change the world. Certainly this luminous and powerful book will change the way you see it."

The Women's Reading Circle and Men's Group will discuss the book separately on Saturdays, September 16 and 30 (women at 8:30 am, men at 8:00 am), and then jointly on October 14 at 8:15 am. Copies of the book are available on the bureau in the Guild Room; pick up a copy now for stimulating summer reading and join us for the discussion in the fall. For information about the Women's Circle, contact Lu Bunting at [lu7@mac.com](mailto:lu7@mac.com) and for the Men's Group, contact Peter Stringham at [peter.stringham@gmail.com](mailto:peter.stringham@gmail.com)

*The All Saints Spirituality and Justice Award was presented to the Honorable Byron Rushing on May 7.*

*Pictured are Representative Rushing and the Rector. (See page 2 for the award citation).*

*Photo by Chuck McVinney*



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## From the Rector

### THANK YOU, STEFANI

Stefani Schatz has served our parish these past two and a half years as Director of Religious Education. On June 11 we thanked Stefani for the many ways that she enriched our parish life and presented her with the All Saints Distinguished Service Award. August 20 will be Stefani's last actual day with us before she and her husband Joseph Duggan move to England, where Joe will pursue doctoral studies at the University of Manchester. We will miss Stefani's outstanding leadership of our Church School and Youth Ministry, her gifted preaching and compassionate pastoral care. The Vestry and I thank Stefani also for serving as Summer Priest-in-Charge while I am away on vacation and a mini-sabbatical.

### WELCOME, BECKY!

I am pleased to announce that Becky Taylor has accepted our invitation to be the new Director of Children's, Youth and Family Ministries beginning in August. Becky received her Masters in Religious Education from Andover Newton Theological School and is currently the full-time Director of Religious Education at the Church of the Epiphany, Winchester. She served as a field education student at All Saints in 2000-2001. Many thanks to the Search Committee: Roberta Schnoor, Liz Beattie, Meg Bridge and Eileen Sweeney, who were joined in the interviewing process by Keith Glavash, Anne Short and Linda Cutting-Whited. Please join me in welcoming Becky to the staff of All Saints Parish!

### CONGRATULATIONS, KEITH AND SCHOLA!

All Saints Parish's outstanding children's music program was begun in September 1981. The Vestry and the Rector, the Rev. W. Christian Koch, understood the beauty and importance of music in the lives of children and they engaged Keith Glavash to be the first director. That was 25 years ago! Keith has grown and improved the program over the years so that today the All Saints Schola is regarded as the finest church-based children's and youth choir in the area. We will celebrate Keith's and the Schola's silver anniversary on Sunday, September 24, at the 10:30 am worship service and the parish picnic that will follow. We also will recognize the Schola and their alumni during the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve service and will commemorate the 25th anniversary in other ways as well, including the sale of Schola CDs. Thank you, Keith and Schola for making beautiful music at All Saints for 25 years. Happy anniversary!

### CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

**Eighth Grade:** Annelise Baker-Noble & Greenough; Tanya Beattie-Driscoll; Jeffrey Besancon-Kennedy Middle School, Natick; Amy Bridge-Winsor; Anita Chu-Pierce; Mahlon Henderson-Noble & Greenough; Laura Potter-Winsor; Sam Stambaugh-River Valley Charter School, Newburyport. **High School:** Colin Downes-Scituate High; Jack McLellan-Brookline High; Emily Reid-Noble & Greenough; Daniel Rigg-Boston Latin; Mary Schnoor-Winsor. **College:** Grace Faturoti-Boston College; Kristine Ruiz-Boston University. **Graduate School:** Joseph Duggan-Episcopal Divinity School; Christine Jugueta-New York University; Jane Ross-Gordon-Conwell Seminary. (Please send additional names/schools to Mary Downes: [office@allsaintsbrookline.org](mailto:office@allsaintsbrookline.org))

### SPIRITUALITY AND JUSTICE AWARD

On May 7 we presented the All Saints Spirituality and Justice Award to the Honorable Byron Rushing, Second Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and a distinguished leader in the Episcopal Church. The citation on the award read: "Your deep spiritual faith is expressed in your advocacy for equal rights for all of God's children for many years in the Massachusetts

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# GOOD NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**Education for Ministry (EFM)** is a wonderful program for those who want to understand our rich Scriptural heritage, grow in the life of prayer, and be strengthened on their spiritual journey. It is a wonderful program for those who may wish to discern a call to lay or ordained ministry. Led by Laura Vennard and Anne Guenzel, EFM meets Mondays at 6:30 pm. For more information, contact Laura at [lvennard@housinginv.com](mailto:lvennard@housinginv.com) or Anne at [guezela@yahoo.com](mailto:guezela@yahoo.com).

**A Spiritual Way To Beat The Heat!** Good News! The *Saturday Neighbor Table* is still happening this summer! We will meet one Saturday a month during June, July and August at Vinny T's, 1700 Beacon Street from 3-4:30 p.m. Look for us at a table near the bar area (or outside if weather permits). Cool off with your favorite summer beverage or light snack and enjoy great conversation! Get to know more people in the parish and invite your friends who are interested in spirituality but who might not go to church. Our next meeting is Saturday June 24. For July and August dates, please see "This Week at All Saints" or email Jane Ross ([jane.brookline@verizon.net](mailto:jane.brookline@verizon.net)) or Peter Howell ([pahowell55@yahoo.com](mailto:pahowell55@yahoo.com)).

**Pentecost Altar Hanging.** Our altar "frontal" was crafted at the All Parish Retreat held at the Barbara C. Harris Camp. These are Pentecost "portraits" of self or others made by most of the participants, including Susan Wheeler, Marie Wheeler, Barbara Wheeler, Chris Wendell, Kristen Bethke, David Pfarrer, Gillian Bartoo, Zoe Pfarrer, Wendy Wheeler, Karen McIntosh, and Stefani Schatz. We were invited to create how we saw ourselves or who we were in the fabric scraps and trims, etc. It seemed an especially appropriate theme to fit the many faces/voices we hear and see with the Spirit winds of Pentecost! The idea was given to us by our office manager Mary Downes (a great crafty-person!!) and extra fabric scraps given by our great quilters Anne Marie Ellis, Peter & Jean Stringham. If you'd like this artistic expression (which no one is ever required to do!), think about attending next year's retreat and be part of next year's altar

hanging. The frontal will be displayed for a few weeks during the Pentecost Season.

**Writers Wanted** for our bi-monthly newsletter, Saints Alive! Contributions can include book reviews, parish profiles, Church School insights, poetry, mission work experiences, tidbits from church history, etc. Help our newsletter live up to its name! July 1 deadline for the September-October issue. Contact Jean Knox at [Jean\\_knox@hmco.com](mailto:Jean_knox@hmco.com); 617-825-1533.

**Summer Social Hour Hosts needed.** Our regular social hour hosts, who provide refreshments for ten months of the year, will be taking a well-deserved break this summer. This is an opportunity for the rest of the congregation to take a turn in providing the social hour after the Sunday 10:00 am service. Please sign up on the list on the bulletin board or contact the Social Hour coordinator, Barbara MacDonald, [bjstruck@rcn.com](mailto:bjstruck@rcn.com) or 617-731-1815.

**Volunteers Needed** for hedge trimming and lawn mowing one hour per week. Please contact Renato Dantas, Sexton, at 617-738-1810, ext. 10.

**Volunteer Gardeners** needed to tend the All Saints plants and gardens. No experience required. Usually the work can be done in an hour or two of weeding and watering per week. If you can take responsibility for one of the plots or areas of our flower gardens, please contact June Santosa at [jsantosa@earthlink.net](mailto:jsantosa@earthlink.net) or 617-264-2498.

**A Reminder:** Please keep your pledge up to date to help us manage cash flow and pay our bills on time. It is not too late to make a pledge for 2006; please use the form in the stewardship brochure (found in the pews or on the information tables or obtained by request from the parish office) and place in the offering plate or mail in. For more information, please contact Anne Prensner at [bookkeeper@allsaintsbrookline.org](mailto:bookkeeper@allsaintsbrookline.org).

**Holy Baptism.** If you are interested in making arrangements for baptism, please contact the Rector at 617-738-1810, ext 14 or [rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org](mailto:rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org).

**Donate flowers to honor a loved one or special occasion** such as a wedding, anniversary, birthday, or graduation. We seek donors for Sundays from September to June. To schedule a date, please contact Doreen Vittori at 617-566-5800.

**All Saints Heritage Society** is made up of members of All Saints Parish, as well as friends, who have named the parish in their wills. Such bequests allow the Parish to survive financially. Parishioners are encouraged to become members of the Heritage Society by using this wording in their wills: "I hereby devise and bequeath to All Saints Parish, 1773 Beacon Street, Brookline, MA 02445, the greater of \$\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ percentage of my gross estate, to be used in such manner as determined by the Vestry." New members are welcome. Please contact Hugh and Mary Dunlap at 617-232-6409.

**Donation of Stock** is most welcome. You must have held these securities for one year or longer to receive the special advantages of charitable income tax deduction for the full market value of the shares. Please send your stock to Charles Schwab and notify Anne Prensner, bookkeeper, at 617-738-1810 x17.

## OUTREACH

### **Dinner at St. John The Evangelist**

will be held on Thursday, August 17. Please contact AnneMarie Ellis ([ame43quilt@comcast.net](mailto:ame43quilt@comcast.net)) for more information and to sign up to help cook a meal, transport the food, and/or serve the dinner and worship at St. John's.

### **Episcopal Relief and Development**

(ERD) is responding to earthquake victims in Indonesia and others in need around the world. Please learn more and donate online at [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org).

**Dr. Yang Jianli** is in prison at P.O. Box 1290-1, Yang Jianli, Beijing Daxing District, Beijing 102609, China. For more information and updates on Jianli's case, visit [www.yangjianli.com](http://www.yangjianli.com) or contact Susan Cleaver at 617-734-1889.

### **Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO)**

If you could have the ear of any, or all, of this year's gubernatorial candidates, what would you like to say to them? What issue is uppermost in your mind? You might have a chance to do just that this fall; GBIO is working to organize a candidate's night for its member congregations. In the meantime, GBIO would like to hear from its members about the issues that concern them most; this will help decide their next action. Please send your ideas to Sarah Leinbach 617-277-0233; [sleinbach@verizon.net](mailto:sleinbach@verizon.net).

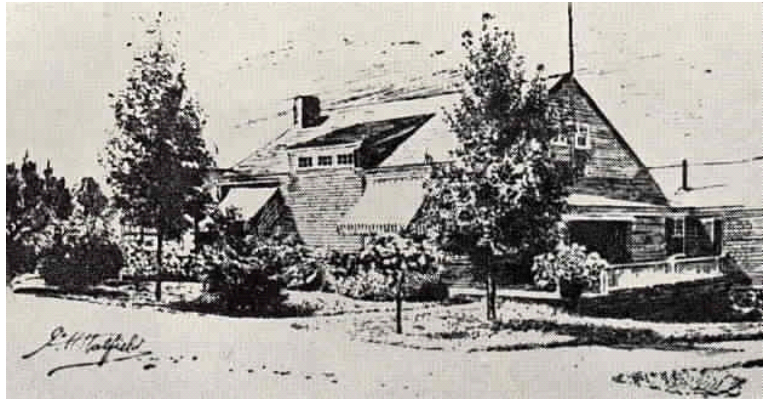
### **All Saints Parish Mission and Outreach Committee.**

If you are interested in participating on this committee, please contact Sue LeClaire at [sleclaire@comcast.net](mailto:sleclaire@comcast.net).

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## From the Archives . . .

Can you imagine attending church services in a casino? Prior to the present day church structure designed by Cram and Ferguson in 1899 and the small wooden church that was used in the four years preceding, All Saints Parish held its first year of services in a space it rented in a casino – the so-called Beaconsfield Casino.



While the Beaconsfield Casino certainly would not fit into the modern day image of a casino, Charles Norris, first clerk and founding member of All Saints, described it as having a bowling alley, pool and billiard tables, and a dance floor. The casino, a small wooden structure, was located in the midst of groups of attached townhouses, ranging in architectural style from Flemish to French Chateau to Georgian Revival. Known as the Beaconsfield Terraces, these townhouses were designed by architects Fehmer and Page during the years 1889-1892. This development was located between the then newly established Beacon Street trolley line (now the 'C' line) and the Boston and Albany Railroad line, which eventually became the 'D' line.

Eugene Knapp, a wool importer, invested his entire fortune into the Beaconsfield Terraces. Described at the time as "experiment in domestic economy", the Beaconsfield complex was an early example of a condominium arrangement in which individuals owned their own units but shared common areas such as the stables, a playground, a six-acre private park, tennis courts, and of course the clubhouse, or "casino." Knapp himself lived on a nine acre estate at the corner of Beacon and Tappan streets, now the location of the Star Market.

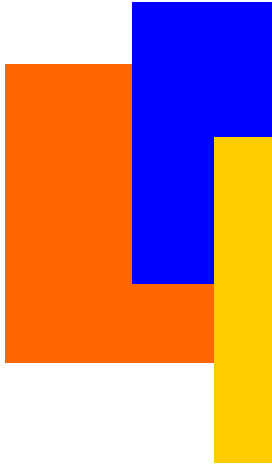
The first Sunday evening service at the Beaconsfield Casino took place on September 30, 1894, prior to the formal establishment of the parish that November. This service was concelebrated by Diocesan Bishop William Lawrence, Rev. Reginald Heber Howe, Rev. Edward Sullivan, and Rev. Leonard Kip Storrs, rector of St. Paul's in Brookline and a catalyst in the establishment of All Saints Parish.

Local clergymen took turns celebrating Sunday services at the Casino until All Saints first rector, Rev. Daniel Dulany Addison, took charge in late December 1894. Addison described All Saints' first home as follows:

*It was a one-story building used as a clubhouse, with billiard room and bowling alley and an assembly hall used for meetings and dances. An altar of wood, so made and hinged that it could be folded and easily removed, covered with an alter cloth, was the center of worship, with a lectern (also used as a pulpit), an altar rail (easily removed) and cushions, together with a cabinet organ and a large silver dish as a font, provided the essentials for Sunday services.*

In the summer of 1895, All Saints services were moved to the newly constructed wooden church that would be home to the parish until the current structure was built in 1899. As for the casino, the subsequent owner of the Beaconsfield complex, Henry Whitney, used the casino site and a portion of the park to build a two hundred room apartment-hotel in 1903. This structure would remain there until it was destroyed by fire in 1966.

— Maryalice Mohr



*Prayer offered for Yang Jianli at the service on April 26, the fourth anniversary of Jianli's imprisonment.*

God of all creation  
 You cannot be contained by our definition or our boundaries  
 You are present at every moment in history and in every distant place  
 You are here with all of us now  
 You are here with Christina and Aaron and Anita  
 and you are with Jianli tonight, wherever he may be  
 Help us to know and understand  
 that although we are separated from Jianli by circumstances of life  
 by distance, by sea and land  
 by political oppression and difficulties of communication  
 by long silences and aching absences  
 although we are separated from him, You are not separated from him  
 You are very near him even in this moment  
 and You are always near those who seek you and call to you for help.  
 Beyond our definitions, beyond our horizons, beyond our boundaries  
 beyond our understanding  
 even in this moment  
 Jianli and all who care for him are held in Your embrace.  
 Even in this moment.  
 Jianli is held in Your embrace.

*--Litany adapted from **Praying for the Dawn**, Ruth Burgess and Kathy Galloway, eds., Wild Goose Publications (2000).*

**FROM THE RECTOR**

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House of Representatives, the Episcopal Church, and a host of other social justice organizations. You are a prophetic witness, astute historian, gifted teacher, and persuasive negotiator. You prove that it is not necessary to be ordained to exercise effective leadership as an Episcopalian. Your inspiring example in our diocese and the national councils of our Church are a living out of Christ's teaching: to let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to God." A gift of \$500 in Representative Rushing's name was presented to the Cambridge and Somerville Program for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Rehabilitation (CASPAR)'s Gimme Shelter campaign for the homeless. Special thanks to all who assisted with the service and the sumptuous reception following the service.

Best wishes to all for a refreshing and renewing summer!

*David*

*Pentecost "portraits"  
 created by All Saints  
 Parishioners at the  
 Memorial weekend 2006  
 retreat at the Bishop Harris  
 Camp and Conference  
 Center in New Hampshire.  
 From the left, The Rector,  
 Clergy from St. James  
 Church in Cambridge, and  
 the Rev. Stefani Schatz.*

*Photo by David Pfarrer*



**OUTREACH** *(Continued from page 4)*

**Food Pantry.** Please remember to bring canned or packaged food to the basket at the entrance of All Saints for the Brookline food pantry at St. Paul's Church. For information and other ways to help, please call 617-566-4953.

**Goddard House Ministry.** On the third Sunday of the month, you are invited to take part in the worship service for seniors at Goddard House. For more information, please contact Christine Jugueta at 617-378-1590, [christinejugueta@yahoo.com](mailto:christinejugueta@yahoo.com).

## ISAAC, DESCENDING

Rising from my knees, I see blood where his sleeve is torn,  
the strangeness draining from his face, his hat awry,  
the sun-flare on the blade, the twist of the ram's horn.

Before we reached the altar, in the gray cool of the morn,  
I stumbled on a root, heard something wild in his cry.  
Rising from my knees, I saw blood where my sleeve was torn.

As he bent to help me, the austere calm he had worn  
cracked, his hand jerked to the knife, so it seized my eye--  
the sun-flare on the blade, the twist of the ram's horn.

He babbled something about God's voice, how he would mourn  
to lose God's favor more than to make me die.  
Not rising from my knees, I felt blood where the sleeve was torn.

He was crying something about Mother's joy after I was born  
when the voice spoke; old as he is I watched him almost fly,  
the sun-flare on the blade, the twist of the ram's horn.

It seems wonderful and stupid; just now I can only try  
to thank God; I say the words, but they're half a lie.  
Rising from my knees, I see blood where the sleeve is torn,  
the sun-flare on the blade, the twist of the ram's horn.

— David Evett

(Originally published in *Anglican Theological Review*)

## Worship at All Saints

**Healing.** All Saints Parish offers prayers for healing with laying on of hands every Sunday during the 10:30 am Holy Eucharist. (10:00 am during summer months. ) You may request prayers for healing for yourself or others during the service.

### The Book of Intercession

is placed at the entrance to the church before the service. Please write in your prayer requests and thanksgivings for those who need our prayers. The Intercessor brings the book forward during the Creed and incorporates those requests in the Prayers of the People. There is also a **Parish Prayer List** posted on the bulletin board where you can add prayer requests throughout the week.

**Newcomers.** If you are new to the parish, the Rector would like to welcome you to our parish. Please call the parish office at 617-738-1810 to schedule an appointment.

### Readings for Sundays:

**July 2:** Psalm 112; Deuteronomy 15:7-11; 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15; Mark 5:22-24, 35b-43.

**July 9:** Psalm 123, Ezekiel 2:1-7; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-6.

**July 16:** Psalm 85; Amos 7:7-15; Ephesians 1:1-14; Mark 6:7-13.

**July 23:** Psalm 22:22-30; Isaiah 57:14b-21; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-44.

**July 30:** Psalm 114; 2 Kings 2:1-15; Ephesians 4:1-7; 11-16; Mark 6:45-52.

**August 6:** Psalm 99; Exodus 34:29-35; 2 Peter 1:13-21; Luke 9:28-36.

**August 13:** Psalm 34; Deuteronomy 8:1-10; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:37-51.

**August 20:** Psalm 147; Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:53-59.

**August 27:** Psalm 16; Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-25; Ephesians 5:21-33; John 6:60-69.

*As a spiritual practice, we recommend that you read these lessons prior to the Sunday worship*



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# Why is it 'Good' Friday?

A sermon the Rev. Dr. David A. Killian, Rector  
Easter Day - April 16, 2006  
*Text: Mark 16:1-8*

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A parishioner told me of a conversation she had with her son, who asked her, "Why is Good Friday called *Good*?" She didn't know the answer, so she asked me. It is good question. What is "good" about an innocent man being arrested in the middle of the night; betrayed by one of disciples, Judas; denied by another, Peter; accused falsely by the chief priests; mocked and scourged by soldiers; and condemned to death by the Roman Procurator, Pontius Pilate? What is "good" about crucifixion as a criminal and being scorned and mocked in one's dying hours? What is "good" about the crown of thorns on his head, the nails in his hands and feet? Yes, this is a good question, Why is Good Friday called *Good*?

Well, it wouldn't be good if Jesus were just one more innocent victim in history's long list of innocent victims who were arrested, tortured, and unjustly put to death. If Jesus were just another innocent victim, then this Friday should called Evil Friday, Bad Friday, Horrible Friday, Depraved Friday. So, why is it *Good* Friday?

For the disciples and Mary Magdalene, it was still very much Bad Friday until Mary went to the tomb on the first Easter morning. For three days they were sunk in the gloom of Bad Friday. Now, on Sunday morning Mary goes to the tomb and finds that it is empty. She and the disciples come to see that miraculously, wondrously, God has transformed the worst day of their lives into something good.

The feast we celebrate today -- the greatest feast of the entire Christian year -- is the feast of transforming Bad Friday into Easter Sunday. And because of Easter, Bad Friday becomes Good. With their Easter awareness, Mary and the disciples see even in Friday the power of God's love, forgiveness, and faithfulness. Love: in his dying moments, Jesus entrusts his mother to his beloved disciple and entrusts his beloved disciple to his mother. Forgiveness: from the cross, Jesus says, "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." Faithfulness: in the last free decision of his life, Jesus remains faithful: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

This is why we call Friday "good" -- because God took the treachery, cruelty, and injustice of the crucifixion and transformed it into an expression of love, forgiveness and faithfulness. God triumphs in Jesus. The tables are turned. What was bleak and hopeless on Friday is transformed on Easter Sunday. Mary goes to the tomb thinking it is still "Bad Friday." Her thoughts are still on Jesus' crucifixion. But the tomb is empty. Jesus is risen and because of his Resurrection, she sees that God did not abandon Jesus and that God was with Jesus through it all.

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When I look at the world I see many "Bad Fridays." Three weeks ago, I saw thousands of Bad Fridays in the Gulf Coast homes and businesses destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. I saw neighborhoods that were flooded by twenty- foot high waves. In East Biloxi, Mississippi, where I was working with other volunteers from our diocese, two thirds of the homes are gone. Those that are left are just shells. They need roofs and walls, bathrooms, kitchens, not to mention furniture, beds and appliances that we all take for granted. Each lost home is a Bad Friday for that family. There are thousands of lost homes and thousands of bad Fridays. That is the bad news.

The good news is that hundreds of volunteers from all over the country are assisting in the rebuilding effort. Each home that is rebuilt is like Easter. God is in Mississippi transforming thousands of Bad Fridays into thousands of Easter Sundays, one home at a time. God is at work.

I was part of a crew rebuilding the home of Arlene Blanchard, a retired lady who lives with her brother in a trailer provided by FEMA in her back yard. A group of Presbyterian volunteers from Oklahoma installed a new roof on her home. A group of Methodists from Tennessee cleaned and disinfected the inside of her house and put up new wall board. Now we Episcopalians from Massachusetts were plastering the wallboard, sanding, and putting on a primer coat of paint. Very few of us were master carpenters or plasterers or painters; this is just proof that God can use imperfect instruments to accomplish great things. Ms. Blanchard was profoundly grateful for all that we could do because she doesn't have the money to pay for this herself. We didn't finish

the job that week, but our work was getting her closer to moving back into her home. Next week a group of Lutherans from Minnesota will finish the painting. And it isn't just Christians who are volunteering. There are Jewish students from Hillel, Buddhist volunteers, and many of the supplies are paid for by Islamic Charities from Saudi Arabia. Yes, there are thousands of Bad Fridays on the Gulf Coast, but Easter is on its way. God invites us to be a part of turning these Bad Fridays into Easter Sundays.

III

This week there was a "Bad Friday" turned into an Easter Sunday in the Suffolk County Superior Court. Did you see the story in the newspaper? Three years ago, a five-year old girl, Kai Leigh Harriott, was shot in the back by a stray bullet that nearly paralyzed her. That was her Bad Friday. But, do you know what that little girl said to the man who unintentionally shot her? She said, "What you done to me is wrong." But then she added, "But I still forgive him." Can you believe it? She said, "I still forgive him." What did Jesus say from the cross? "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." In the Suffolk Superior Court, the man who shot her apologized to Kai and her mother: "I'm sorry for what I've done to you and your family." Kai's mother asked if she could approach the accused. She was given permission and she shook his hand and hugged him.

Yes, the shooting of Kai was a "Bad Friday," but Kai and her mother turned it into an Easter Sunday. They point the way -- as Mary Magdalene does in today's Gospel. What are the Bad Fridays of your life? We all have Bad Fridays. For most of us, thankfully, our losses are not as bad as the people on the Gulf Coast or as bad as Kai Leigh Harriott, who is nearly paralyzed. Our Bad Fridays may seem trivial compared to these losses. Whatever our troubles or worries, today is a great day of triumph and hope. God, who raised Jesus from the dead, can also turn our bad Fridays into Easter Sundays. And for this we say, Alleluia. Amen.

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**We join together in Prayers for  
Peace and Healing for all of  
God's people throughout the  
world**

**Saturday**

5:00 pm Celtic Holy Eucharist

**Sunday**

8:00 am Quiet Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, with  
Prayers for Healing  
(Child care during the 10:00 am  
Service)

**Wednesday**

6:15 pm Celtic Holy Eucharist

**Things to Remember**

**July-August**

**Summer Weekend Worship Schedule:** Saturday 5 pm;  
Sunday 8 am & 10 am

**August**

**Inclusive Language Services at 10:00 am**

**August 17**

**Dinner at St. John's**, meet at All Saints at 2:30 pm

**September 9**

**Fall Schedule resumes**

8:00 am—Holy Eucharist

9:30 am—Schola

10:15 am—Church School

10:30 am—Holy Eucharist with Choir

11:45 am—Social Hour

**September 16**

**Men's Group**, 8:00 am

**Women's Reading Circle**, 8:30 am

**Celtic Retreat**, 3:00 pm

**8th anniversary of Celtic Holy Eucharist**, 5:00 pm

**September 24**

**25th anniversary celebration of Schola** at the 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist, **Parish Picnic** will follow at 12 noon

**Have a happy summer!**