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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 sense 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,
socioeconomic 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."

Welcome Back !

On Sunday, September 9, the Choir returns to the main worship service at 10:30 am. All are invited to the parish picnic following the service at 11:45 am; please see page 7 information on what to bring to the picnic. Please see pages 6-7 for information on registering for Church School and youth activities and for Schola, our parish's outstanding youth choir. For more information, please contact Becky Taylor at reled@allsaintsbrookline.org.

Don Teeters: 50 Years of Sacred Music Ministry

This fall we celebrate and give thanks for the fifty years of sacred music ministry of Donald Teeters, ten years at St. Andrew's Church in Wellesley and the past forty years at All Saints Parish. All are invited to the 10:30 am Holy Eucharist on Sunday, September 23 for the 40th anniversary celebration of Don's tenure as Music Director and Organist at All Saints and his half century of music ministry in our diocese. A gala reception will follow in the Guild Room. Not only has Don been terrific in teaching and conducting adult choirs



composed of volunteer and professional singers, for ten years at St. Andrew's he also conducted the youth choir. Since arriving at All Saints in September, 1967, Don has served with the following Rectors: the Rev. Louis Pitt, Jr., the Rev. W. Christian Koch, the Rev. Nathaniel Pierce, and the current Rector, the Rev. Dr. David A. Killian. If you would like to help with the reception and celebration following the Eucharist on September 23, please contact Tom and Meg Bridge at thomas.bridge@post.harvard.edu.

— The Rector

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From the Rector

WELCOME BACK!

I hope you had a renewing and refreshing summer. During my vacation and mini-sabbatical I visited Celtic holy places in Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Northern England, and Cornwall. I also was able to attend a family reunion in Wisconsin and enjoy time with my family in Block Island. Many thanks to Leslie Sterling for ably serving as Summer Priest in Charge and to the guest clergy and preachers this summer. We have an exciting program planned at All Saints this fall. On September 9 the Choir returns and we welcome newcomers and reconnect with old friends at the parish picnic. Church School begins on September 16 at 10:15 am. If you would like to hear about my summer travels, please come to the Celtic mini-retreat on "Pilgrimage" on Saturday, September 8 from 3:00-4:30 pm, which will be followed by the ninth anniversary celebration of the Celtic Holy Eucharist at 5 pm and a reception at 6 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS DON!

For the past fifty years Don Teeters has offered his gift of musical genius to give praise to God and edification to God's people. Fifty years! A half century! Ten of those years at St. Andrew's Church in Wellesley and forty years here at All Saints. How blessed we have been to have his musical talent and leadership in our parish. Don is a wonderful colleague who brings his wry humor, sharp insight, and honest reflection to our weekly staff meetings and other parish gatherings. What a joy it will be to celebrate his fortieth anniversary at All Saints and his fifty years of serving God and Church at the Holy Eucharist on September 23 at 10:30 am and the gala reception that will follow.

WELCOME JENNIFER

This fall we welcome Jennifer Leider from Episcopal Divinity School as field education seminarian. Jennifer is from Cleveland, Ohio, where she is being sponsored for ordination as a priest. At All Saints, she will work with our 20s and 30s group, the Church School, and Via Media, and she will assist on the altar as a chalice.

WEEKEND WORSHIP

All Saints Parish is privileged to offer three outstanding worship services each weekend. Our main worship service on Sunday at 10:30 am is notable for the music provided by Donald Teeters and our Adult Choir with frequent participation by Schola, our outstanding Youth Choir conducted by Keith Glavash. The services on Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 6 pm are "alternative" in that they provide a tone and style that is less traditional than the Sunday morning service. The Saturday 5:00 pm Celtic Holy Eucharist, under the leadership of the Rev. Kim Hardy, Celtic Liturgical Coordinator, and AnneMarie Ellis, Minister of Ceremonies, features hymns, prayers, and liturgical blessings in the Celtic spirit. The Sunday 6:00 pm contemporary 'Episcopal Evening' Holy Eucharist, coordinated by the Rev. Leslie Sterling, Assistant Rector, and Mark Berryhill, Junior Warden, is worship in a reflective and meditative spirit. Please see Peter Howell's article on the Sunday evening contemporary service on page 4. The Celtic service will celebrate its ninth anniversary on Saturday, September 8, at 5:00 pm. The contemporary 'Episcopal Evening' service will celebrate its first anniversary on Sunday, September 30 at 6:00 pm. In the coming months, I hope you will take the opportunity to worship at each of our distinctive weekend services. I think you will find them uplifting and inspiring, each in its own way.

David

GOOD NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Life@All Saints

Sundays, 11:45 am—12:30 pm
September 16 and 30

- Are you looking for a church home?
- Have you been attending services for a while but are now interested in a deeper connection to this faith community?
- Do you have questions about worship at All Saints Parish, or how Christianity is practiced in the Episcopal Church?
- Are you interested in finding out more about Life@All Saints?

Life@All Saints meets for two sessions after the 10:30 am worship service. It is designed to give you all the basic information you need to connect with the vibrant worship community here at All Saints Parish. You will connect with the clergy, find out about other parish leaders, meet others who are new to the parish, and have the chance to ask any questions you have about how the Christian faith is expressed in the Episcopal Church and here at All Saints. Most importantly, you will discover ways your initial connection can become a lasting connection, and how you can find a place in this parish community that will keep your faith strong.

September 16

What brings you here? What are you looking for in a church home? What do we offer here? What makes our worship community unique?

September 30

What keeps you here? What lasting connections will encourage your spiritual growth?

Pre-registration is preferred but not required. For more information about the course or how to register, please call Barbara Bembery at 617-738-1810. Or just attend the first session on September 16 right after the 10:30 worship service. We look forward to meeting you!

A Goodbye Message from Gokce

This summer at All Saints Parish we listened to Jesus' preaching about the "Good Samaritan," the good neighbor, a story that is 2000 years old, like all the stories by and of him. From a skeptical point of view, do they really get "old"?

It was only ten months ago when I first entered the doors of All Saints Parish. At that time, I knew little about Christianity, and what is more, I didn't believe I needed a faith rather than the one I gathered together from the good deeds and stories throughout all my life. At that time, I was pretty lonely in my journey of life, and when the Rector David asked, I didn't provide him with a good answer of what brought me here. My home is in Turkey. I have been in the States — in Boston — for the past 5 years. During that time I found All Saints to be the most welcoming community that I have been involved with. I didn't know about and share the faith at the beginning, but still, like the story of the Good Samaritan, I have been offered a second home where I am not questioned for what I am, always welcomed by warm smiles and conversations. At All Saints, I was offered a hand to hold, which really helped me to stand up.

Why should anyone help his or her "neighbor"? During my time at All Saints, not only did I receive a warm hand of help, but also I learned by experience that offering a hand for help can be as satisfactory as receiving one. Helping your neighbor is helping yourself.

Just one of Jesus' teachings tells so much about my experiences. Even though 2000 years have passed, his teachings didn't get old. Each of them is enlightening our way throughout our journey of life. And yes, of course, Saints are alive, and I am very happy to know each of them. At All Saints Parish you can meet them, and what is more, become one of them.

—Gokce "Georgia"

Worship at All Saints

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.

Healing. All Saints Parish offers prayers for healing with laying on of hands every Sunday during the Holy Eucharist. You may request prayers for healing for yourself or others during the service.

The Book of Thanksgivings and Concerns 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. You can add prayer requests throughout the week on the **Parish Prayer List** posted on the bulletin board.

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 ext 105 to schedule an appointment.

Readings for Sundays:

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

Sept. 2: Psalm 112; Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18; Hebrews 13:1-8; Luke 14:1, 7-14. **Sept. 9:** Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Philemon 1-20; Luke 14:25-33. **Sept. 16:** Psalm 51:1-18; Exodus 32:1, 7-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10. **Sept. 23:** Psalm 138; Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13. **Sept. 30:** Psalm 146; Amos 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-19; Luke 16:19-31. **Oct. 7:** Psalm 37:1-18; Habakkuk 1:1-13; 2:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-14; Luke 17:5-10. **Oct. 14:** Psalm 113; Ruth 1:1-19a; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19. **Oct 21:** Psalm 121; Genesis 32:3-8, 22-30; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8a. **Oct. 28:** Psalm 84; Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14.

STEWARDSHIP 2008

Your kingdom come...

We all say these words whenever we pray the Lord's Prayer, but don't often think about what it would really mean to have God's kingdom flourish here on earth – a world of peace, equity and fulfillment for everyone. Yet as Christians, as stewards of God's creation, that is our task – to be God's hands in the world to bring about the coming of the kingdom.

Stewardship Education month this year begins on September 30 and continues to Gift Sunday on October 28, when we pledge our time, talent and financial resources to God's work through this blessed parish for the coming year. During this month, the Stewardship Committee will join with the Mission and Outreach Committee and the All Saints representatives to GBIO (Greater Boston Interfaith Organization) to guide us all as we think about our own part in establishing God's kingdom on earth.

We will join the National Church and dioceses and parishes around the country in considering the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). These goals were set in 2000 by leaders from 189 nations -- including the United States – as they committed to cutting extreme global poverty in half by 2015. The Episcopal Church adopted the MDGs as its program for ministry at General Convention 2006. In her inaugural sermon, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts-Schori called on all Episcopalians to make these goals a priority in the coming years.

The Millennium Development Goals seek to:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.
2. Achieve universal primary education.
3. Promote gender equality and empower women.
4. Reduce child mortality.
5. Improve maternal health.
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases.
7. Ensure environmental sustainability.
8. Create a global partnership for development with targets for aid, trade and debt relief.

On the face of it, achieving these goals seems like an overwhelming task. Yet every single step we take brings us a little closer to them. At All Saints, we are already working toward accomplishing something in some of these areas. As we think about stewardship this year – the spending of our lives, how we use our abilities, our time, our money (since stewardship is “everything we do after we say ‘We believe’”) – let us think about how we can sustain and extend the bounties of God's kingdom, not only through the ministry we have here at the corner of Dean and Beacon, but also to reach out to the poor and marginalized of the world.

A Resting Place

Imagine for a moment that it is late Sunday afternoon. You have just ended a week-end of errands, housecleaning, spending time with friends, and maybe a few precious moments to yourself. You long for a place to slow down, catch your breath and prepare yourself for a new week. There is such a place—EPISCOPAL EVENING!

Episcopal Evening is a contemporary Eucharistic service which All Saints Parish offers every Sunday from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The church began hosting the service in September 2006, in addition to the formal 10:30 am service and the Saturday evening Celtic service. The music is a mix of traditional hymns and new hymns (which many will recognize). The liturgy has been written in language that is easily understood but does not compromise richness or reverence.

The service is held in the Sanctuary. During the Eucharist, everyone is invited to gather around the altar. Those who wish to receive communion may do so. Persons wishing not to receive communion may receive a blessing.

What is most special about the contemporary Episcopal Evening is its calm and absence of chatter. Visitors and service participants alike move about at an unhurried pace. The light from candles and chandeliers is soft. All this creates a hushed atmosphere where people can quiet their thoughts and focus them on God. Then a single note on a bell sounds, firm but not overwhelming. The service has begun. Celebrate the first anniversary of Episcopal Evening with us on Sunday, September 30 at 6:00 pm.

— Peter A. Howell

RUAH CALENDAR FALL 2007

All events are held at All Saints Parish unless noted. For more information, visit the RUAH website www.ruahspirit.org.

September 6 * Women of Wisdom,
9:30 am-1:00 pm, \$15 includes lunch

September 8 * Celtic Mini Retreat on Pilgrimage, 3:00-4:30 pm. The Celts went on pilgrimage to holy wells, monasteries, sacred oak groves, and other revered sites from the earliest times to the present day. Pilgrimage is a metaphor for the spiritual journey, celebrating not only the goal but also the process of growth and transformation. No fee.

September 9 * Centering Prayer begins, 9:15-10:15 am. We believe that quieting the mind and feeling open to spending time in the presence of God is a form of prayer with a gently transformative power. It is an ancient form of prayer whose technique and results speak clearly to the needs of the modern world. No fee.

September 15 * Cloud of Unknowing Retreat, 1:30-4:30 pm. *The Cloud of Unknowing*, written by an anonymous mystic of the 14th century, was

re-discovered in recent years and became the springboard for developing “centering prayer.” You are invited to enter into *The Cloud* and discover a contemplative practice that is both ancient and strikingly contemporary. No fee.

September 20 * Women of Wisdom,
9:30 am-1:00 pm

September 26 * Great Voices of Ethics and Spirituality, 7:00-8:30 pm, \$10/
\$5 students

September 29 * Body, Mind, and Spirit: Adults Living with Congenital Heart Defects (Boston-Somerville Holiday Inn), 8:00 am-4:45 pm, Fee—see website.

October 4 * Women of Wisdom, 9:30
am-1:00 pm

October 4 * Meet the Author: Secrets of Prayer: Creating Personal Prayer in Your Life, 7:00-8:30 pm

October 13 * Rumi's 800th Birthday – I (Bentley College), 7:30 pm

October 14 * Rumi's 800th Birthday – II (Andover Newton Theological School), 2:00 pm

October 18 * Women of Wisdom, 9:30
am-1:00 pm

October 24 * Busy Life: Peaceful Center, 7:00-8:30 pm

October 27 * Reiki Jin Kei Do I, 10:00
am-6:00 pm

Parishioners' Forum

Beginnings . . .

by Donald Teeters

She was the first great love of my life. She was very tall and quite old—late 30s, early forties. Her name was Ethelyn Anderson, the only person I've ever known with the name Ethelyn. I was around seven I guess. She was hired as organist and choir director at our church, Epworth Methodist, in Chickasha, Oklahoma, in 1942 or '43. Wild horses couldn't have got me into the training choir before Miss Anderson came. Now I enlisted and was immediately enslaved. I never heard her raise her voice. She had the ability to wait, and wait, and wait longer if necessary, until the most obstreperous lunkhead felt the chill of our collective silence. Soon I was promoted, from trainee to regular member of the Junior Choir: The Varsity! There, as was expected of us, we sat up straight; both feet on the floor; no gum chewing or talking. We sang our hearts out. Why? Serving God, I suppose, figured into it, but, in truth, we gave our all so as not to disappoint Miss Anderson. THAT would have been sacrilege!

As in grown-up life, idyllic moments are fleeting. After too short a time among us, Miss Anderson rejected our undiluted devotion, got a better job in another town, and, cruelest arrow to our timorous hearts, got married.

Life somehow goes on: family moves to Kansas City; serious music studies begin; accepted at NE Conservatory; and, ten years distant from Miss Anderson's influence, appointed interim ("interim" title soon deleted) choirmaster/organist at St. Andrew's in Wellesley, one of the largest parishes in the diocese.

Confronted with 75/80 unruly kids at my first rehearsal in Wellesley, I invoked Miss A's blessings and guidance, and somehow survived. I learned

quickly what Miss A had exemplified: discipline requires mutual respect and honesty; pursuit of high standards is as important to kids as to adults; cynicism elicits cynicism; quiet persuasion usually trumps shouting. And, most of all, what I learned then and have never found reason to doubt is that, in the Church, exposure to loving instruction and active participation in worship services at an early age carries residual and lifelong benefits not only to the recipients but to the providers.

I learned this lesson fifty years ago. Keith Glavash learned it at All Saints twenty-five years ago. His alumni and mine will always be able to draw on their happy associations with these parishes through music. They may go away from the church for a time, but those rich memories of childhood will remind them always that the church is still "home."

There is a disturbing trend in the church these days, fortunately still held at bay at All Saints, to try to popularize or "dumb down" important aspects of our worship and instruction in order to attract young people. It won't work. Kids know when they are being pandered to. In school, kids still have to study math and English and science, and those studies require hard work. In our education programs in the church and in music, if we are really to be serious about them, we must be equally strenuous in our expectations, not only from the students but from those who are charged with their leadership. Apart from the worship of God, is there anything more important we do?

And so, Miss Anderson, thank you for teaching me that the church has expectations of me and that the rewards of trying to meet those expectations accrue indefinitely—perhaps even, one hopes, eternally.

Via Media Returns This Fall!

You may have heard about it from announcements during the service and notices in the weekly bulletin and parish mailings. I want to add my personal invitation for you to join us at these sessions of fellowship, reflection and discussion about what it means to be an Episcopalian in the 21st century.

Via Media has been designed especially for YOU. It is for you if you are new to Christianity, new to the Episcopal Church, returning to church for the first time in many years, or if for any reason you are interested in exploring basic aspects of faith in small group discussion. It is for you if you have been faithfully attending worship services for years but still have nagging questions that you haven't had the chance to ask anywhere else. It is for you if you are a committed cradle Episcopalian with a lifetime of in-depth understanding and ministry, because it gives you an opportunity to share the gifts our church has given you with people who are still asking, seeking and knocking. Via Media is open to the whole community, including people who are not Episcopalians; it is open to anyone who is interested in talking about what Episcopalians believe.

Via Media starts on **Wednesday October 3** and will continue for seven consecutive Wednesdays until November 14. We serve a light supper at 6:30, watch a 20-minute video presentation at 7:00, start small group discussion at 7:30 and end by 8:30. If you are interested, but have to miss dinner, you are welcome to attend the video and discussion. If you have conflicts for some dates, just drop in for the weeks you are available. Please do help our count for dinner by calling the parish office at 617-738-1810 and telling Barbara Bembery that you plan to attend. For more information, contact Leslie Sterling at AmmaLeslie@earthlink.net.

Bring your toughest questions. Bring a friend. Bring your spiritual curiosity. I hope to see you there!

— The Rev. Leslie Sterling

From the Director of Children's, Youth & Family Ministries

I hope that you've had a summer that was fun, restful, and refreshing! Mine began with the parish's mission trip to Nicaragua, and also included time spent with family and friends in California, Ohio, New Hampshire, Vermont, and, of course, in my own back yard in Wellesley. I got lots of gardening done, fed my addiction to sudokus, read several books, saw some good movies – and even went to a concert at Boston Garden! I'm really looking forward to some new things we've got planned in the 2007-2008 program year for children and youth and their families. September always seems like a new beginning, doesn't it? It's also a time to reconnect with friends we may not have seen for a while and welcome newcomers into our community here at All Saints Parish. Welcome! Welcome back!

– Becky Taylor, Director of Children's,
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2007-2008 Church School Year Gets Underway

Classes for children and young people (pre-school through high school) begin on **Sunday, September 16**. Some of the highlights of the program year include the following:

CHERUBS (older 3's, and 4, 5, 6 year olds) finally have a new classroom that is just theirs – a space dedicated to Godly Play, a new program that we are launching this year at All Saints. Godly Play is designed to nurture the innate sense of wonder that children bring to their encounters with God and to teach them ways to describe what life with God is like.

CHILDREN IN THE PRIMARY GRADES (2nd/3rd grades) will spend the fall learning how God established a covenant relationship with God's people, calling Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac

and Rebecca, Jacob, Joseph, and Moses to be special leaders. Then, in Advent and Epiphany, these children will turn their attention to Jesus, focusing first on his birth and then on his healing ministry. During Lent they will participate in a special Mission & Outreach project and end the year learning about Baptism.

CHILDREN IN THE INTERMEDIATE

GRADES (4th/5th grades) will begin the year by exploring how the covenant relationship between God and God's people continued beyond the events recorded in Genesis and Exodus, to include the anointing of kings and the calling of prophets during the time of exile. During Advent and Epiphany, they will reflect on the new covenant that God established through the birth of Jesus and how Jesus' healing ministry made God's love known in new and miraculous ways. During Lent these children will also participate in the Mission & Outreach project. Their year ends with a unit about Baptism.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUNG PEOPLE

(Grades 6/7/8) are in the Rite-13 phase of their Journey to Adulthood. They will spend the year exploring images of God, how we are made in God's image, and what that means for day-to-day living. The Rite-13 ceremony will take place on Sunday, January 27 at the 10:30 service.

9TH & 10TH GRADERS will spend the year preparing for their Pilgrimage in the summer of 2008.

11TH & 12TH GRADERS are developing a sense of themselves as Young Adults in Church, gifted by God with special talents and interests that they use for Christian ministry both within the Church and beyond it. Periodic meetings throughout the year will offer them support and guidance.

Church School Registration

Parents who have not yet registered their children for Church School will receive a form to do so after Labor Day. Please watch for its delivery, either electronically or by "snail mail" if the church office doesn't have your email address. Registrations can be emailed to Becky Taylor (reled@allsaintsbrookline.org), or mailed to or dropped off at church. Registration forms will also be available at

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the parish picnic on **Sunday, September 9**, and on the information table at the back of the worship space.

Schola Begins a New Year

The first Schola rehearsal is on **Thursday, September 6** at 4:45 pm in the Music Room. Need more information? Have questions? Please get in touch with Keith Glavash, Schola Director (glavieri.home@verizon.net).

Parish Picnic

The annual parish picnic will take place in the yard outside the parish hall on **Sunday, September 9**, immediately following the conclusion of the 10:30 worship service. The church will provide hot dogs, but the rest is potluck. If your last name starts with

A-J, please bring drinks;

K-P, please bring salad or chips;

Q-Z, please bring dessert.

Let Becky Taylor know if you'd like to help with set-up or clean-up, or if you sense a calling to grill hot dogs. The picnic will take place rain or shine. If it rains, the fun moves into the dining room. Please come – and bring a friend who might find a spiritual home at All Saints!

Become an Acolyte!

Anyone who is in 4th Grade or older (including adults) can be an acolyte at the 10:30 Sunday morning service. Learning how to do this liturgical ministry comes from an initial training session as well as from serving along side others who are more experienced. Acolytes serve once or twice each month. A training session for new and returning acolytes will take place on Sunday, September 16th at 11:45 a.m. Lunch will be served. For more information and/or to sign up, please contact Meg Bridge (margaret.bridge@post.harvard.edu) or Becky Taylor (reled@allsaintsbrookline.org).

Blessing of the Animals: October 7

All Saints Parish celebrates the life and witness of St. Francis of Assisi each year by blessing family pets during the 10:30 Sunday morning worship service. This year the Blessing of the Animals will take place on **Sunday, October 7**. Please bring your animal companion with you to

church that day on a leash or safely contained.

Children's Sabbath: October 21

Each year our parish participates in the national observance of Children's Sabbath, an initiative of the Children's Defense Fund, an advocacy organization in Washington, D.C. This year's Children's Sabbath celebration will take place during the 10:30 service on **October 21**. The liturgy will focus on the call to create a safe harbor of hope and health care for all our nation's children, especially the nine million children in America without health insurance. For more information about the mission of the Children's Defense Fund and the extensive work in which it is engaged, please go to their website www.childrensdefense.org.

SOMETHING NEW! Youth Ministry Committee

Becky Taylor is looking for adults and young people (middle school and high school) who would like to serve for one year on a newly-formed Youth Ministry Committee. This committee will represent the interests of the young people of this parish, as well as plan and implement fellowship events and service projects for them and their friends. The committee will also identify ways that middle school and high school kids can best utilize their gifts for ministry in the parish, recruiting mentors, as needed. Interested? Want to know more? Please contact Becky by phone or email, and plan to attend the first Youth Ministry Committee meeting on **Saturday, September 15** at 12 noon. Lunch will be served.

Charles River Deanery Youth Collaborative

Several Episcopal parishes in the Charles River deanery (to which All Saints Parish belongs) that use the Journey to Adulthood program will be joining together this year to offer monthly youth events for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders and their friends. Each two-hour event will consist of a meal, some sort of program activity, and worship. The Collaborative is designed to help kids from neighboring churches get to know one another and support each other on their faith journey. Parents, please talk with your kids about this opportunity. Their J2A mentors will also be encouraging their involvement.

The first three events have been scheduled:

- ◆ Sunday, September 23, 4:30 – 6:30 pm, Grace Church, Newton Corner
- ◆ Sunday, October 14, 4:30 – 6:30 pm, St. John's, Newtonville
- ◆ Sunday, November 18, 4:30 – 6:30 pm, All Saints Parish, Brookline

St. Andrew's, Wellesley, is planning a U2charist* in early December, but the date and time have yet to be determined, so stay tuned! (*A U2charist is an Episcopal Eucharist service that features the music of the rock band U2 and a message about God's call to rally around the Millennium Development Goals.)

Safe Church Training Sessions this Fall

Safe Church Training is intended for any volunteer working in a parish on a regular basis. This includes wardens and vestry members, lay Eucharistic visitors, pastoral visitors, youth leaders, acolyte leaders, choir directors, and church school teachers. The 6-hour training session outlines prevention and intervention in cases of abuse of children when misconduct between adults has occurred. It is designed to equip anyone in a position of parish leadership with ways to heal and rebuild brokenness in a parish community.

Training opportunities this fall include the following:

- ◆ September 29: The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston
- ◆ October 5: St. Stephen's Church, South End, Boston
- ◆ October 27: St. John's Church, Arlington
- ◆ November 17: Church of the Holy Spirit, Wayland

Please speak with Becky Taylor or with one of the clergy if you want to attend one of these sessions. If you have already attended a safe church training event, you do not have to repeat it.

Workshop at the Monastery

The brothers of the Society of St. John the Evangelist are offering a workshop designed especially for young adults (although all are welcome) on **Saturday, October 20** entitled "Discernment in

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OUTREACH



- ◆ **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 this and other ways to help, please call 617-566-4953.
- ◆ **Dinner for our Friends living on the Margins.** Please come and help cook, transport and serve dinner for some people in Boston who otherwise would not have a hot meal. We will meet on **No- vember 15** at All Saints Kitchen about 2:00 pm and we are through at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to help. Please contact Ginny Adams with any questions, 617-969-5175.
- ◆ **Greater Boston Interfaith Organization.** For information of Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) and its Aging with Dignity Project, please contact Sarah Leinbach, 617-277-0233.
- ◆ **The All Saints Mission & Outreach Committee:** Contact Sue LeClaire, Chair, if you are interested in participating on this committee at sle-claire@comcast.net.

BOOK GROUPS

The Women's Reading Circle and Men's Group will discuss *A Joyful Theology: Creation, Commitment, and an Awesome God* by Sara Maitland, separately on Saturdays, September 15 and 29 (Women at 9:00 am, Men at 8:00 am), and then jointly on October 13 at 8:30 am. Copies of the book are available on the bureau in the Guild Room; pick up a copy now and join us for the discussion in the fall. For information about the Women's Circle, contact Martha Bullock at msbullock1@aol.com; for the Men's Group, contact Peter Stringham at peter.stringham@gmail.com.

Children, Youth & Family Ministries

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Prayer." The workshop is from 10 am to 3 pm at the monastery on Memorial Drive in Cambridge, easily accessible from Harvard Square. The cost is \$75 (\$40 for full-time students) and includes lunch. To register, call 617-876-3037 or email the brothers at guesthouse@ssje.org. This life-changing workshop can point you in the right direction as you explore questions about what you are meant to do with your life.

Cherub Family Potluck

Families with young children (preschool – 1st Grade) are invited to a potluck dinner at the church on Sunday, September 30,

A Musical Treat for Corner Co-op!



Don with Ophelia (Theodora and Kendrick Goss' daughter, an All Saints Parish family), Tate, Ethan, Rosie, Zach, Sue and Hannah

On Friday July 6, some of the children and teachers at the Corner Co-op Nursery School had a special musical treat! Sajed, one of our teachers, and Zach, one of our children, heard beautiful music coming into the Co-op.

Zach, being the inquisitive little person he is, asked, "Where is it coming from?" That question was magically and magnificently answered when we found Don playing the grand organ in the Church! For the next half an hour Don treated us to a marvelous musical journey. The children and 2 teenage helpers, with Don's guidance, even had a chance to play the organ, as well. It was heavenly! The Corner Co-op says a mighty big thank you to you, Don, and a hearty congratulations on your 40th Anniversary at All Saints Parish!

5:00 – 7:00pm. If it's a nice evening, dinner will take place in the park behind the church. If it's rainy, we'll meet in the Undercroft. For more information, please contact Melinda Stanford (stanfordgrimes@rcn.com) or Becky Taylor (reled@allsaintsbrookline.org).

Mission Team Presentation

The young people and adults who traveled to Quezalguaque, Nicaragua, last June will be serving lunch and telling about their trip on Sunday, September 30, at 12 noon in the dining room. They have all sorts of experiences to report about their week in Brookline's Sister City. Please come! Children are welcome!

Spirit

Homily of the Rev. Dr. David A. Killian, Day of Pentecost—May 27, 2007

I

Pentecost is a great feast day and it has a special meaning for me because 40 years ago on Pentecost Sunday I celebrated my “first Mass” at my home parish, St. Paul’s Church in Milwaukee. My brother was the lector that day and he practiced for hours the pronunciation of those strange names that we heard in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Like today’s lector, he got those pronunciations right, not an easy accomplishment. Thank you to all who participated in reading the account in Acts in multiple languages today – which helped give us a sense of the first Pentecost.

Pentecost marks the transition of the disciples from frightened, cowering, intimidated people into courageous leaders. Why were they frightened, you might ask. Well, they had good reason to worry that the authorities were going to do the same thing to them as the authorities had done to Jesus. So in fear the disciples hide behind locked doors.

And then something wonderful happened: “There came the sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.”

The scene of the disciples locked in a room in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost makes me think of a time seven years ago that I was in a large room in Belfast, Northern Ireland. I had gone to Belfast with a group of peacemakers from the Glencree Centre for Reconciliation. We had driven from Dublin, crossed through the border check point staffed by British soldiers and arrived at a house near Queens College.

Belfast was a divided city, with a wall separating Catholic and Protestant districts. When you entered Catholic neighborhoods, you saw flags of the Republic of Ireland. Drive a few blocks and you entered a Protestant section flying the Union Jack of Great Britain. We were to meet with leaders from two Protestant political parties and two Catholic political parties. I was anticipating what it would be like to hear the Catholic and Protestant

leaders debate one another. However, that was not to happen. We did meet with the Catholic and Protestant leaders, but not with them at the same time, because the Catholics and Protestants would not agree to be in the same room with one another. Each side still nursed old wounds and resentments from the conflict that had claimed over 3,000 lives. Why, they said, would I want to be in the same room with a murderer? Why would I want to be in the same room with someone who had killed my brother, sister, father or mother?

No, they would not be in the same room with one another, but, both sides were observing a truce and they had stopped killing one another. That was a big improvement from a couple of decades earlier when death squads from both sides were setting bombs killing innocent people, in a cycle of reprisal and revenge. Since 1998, both sides were obeying the Good Friday peace accords; the wanton and random killings had stopped.

Just a few weeks ago, on May 8, 2007, nine years after the Good Friday accords, the people of Northern Ireland have taken another huge step. Who could believe it? There on the front of papers all over the world was a picture of Ian Paisley, the Protestant leader, and Martin McGuinness, the Catholic leader, forming a united government in Northern Ireland – Protestant and Catholic – in which both sides would share power.

II

I see the Holy Spirit involved in the peace accords and power sharing in Northern Ireland. To me, it is like Pentecost happening again. People who were locked in fear are unlocking doors and coming together to build a new society and a new world.

I would like to share two other examples from the Glencree Centre for Reconciliation that are ways that I see the Holy Spirit working in the world.

The first is with young people. Glen Cree sponsors a summer program that brings together Protestant and Catholic young people from Northern Ireland with young people from Israel and Palestine. These young people learn skills of conflict resolution and

peacemaking that they will can take back home to their communities. These youth form friendships that are the foundation for their societies to live in peace.

Do you not wish that there could be such summer programs for Hutus and Tutsis in Rwanda, for Hindus and Muslims in India and Pakistan, for Sunnis and Shias in Iraq?

The second example is the senior citizens who pay their own air fare and come to Glencree and spend their summer vacation on construction projects, serving meals, and other efforts to aid the peacekeeping effort. The Holy Spirit doesn’t have an age limit to become active in your life. The Holy Spirit can fire your imagination, enthusiasm, and commitment – no matter your age.

III

In a few minutes, we will celebrate the sacrament of the baptism of water and the Holy Spirit for Jayden, Avery, and Liam. The outward sign today will not be the rush of a violent wind nor tongues of fire resting over their heads – no, we haven’t planned for any rush of wind or fiery tongues. The outward signs today will be the pouring of water, which symbolizes new life in Christ, the anointing with oil that symbolizes the priestly dignity of the baptized, and the giving of lighted candles that symbolize the light of Christ. These are the outward signs. The inward signs are the renewal of the Holy Spirit and being marked as God’s own forever.

At the first Pentecost, the disciples received the Holy Spirit and a great power was released within them that gave them strength to unlock doors to bring the message of the good news of Christ to the world. There aren’t any locked doors in our church today. Our church is open and welcoming to all who want to enter. However, maybe there is a locked part in your heart that keeps you imprisoned in some way. Today, the Holy Spirit wants to unlock that too so that you can be free to love and serve the Lord and your neighbor. 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

10:30 am Holy Eucharist, with Prayers for Healing
(Child care during the 10:30 am Service)

6:00 pm Episcopal Evening Eucharist

Wednesday

6:15 pm Celtic Holy Eucharist

Things to Remember

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| September 8 | Celtic Retreat, 3:00 pm, Ninth Anniversary of Celtic Holy Eucharist, 5:00 pm |
| September 9 | Welcome Back Sunday: Choir returns, 10:30 am; Parish Picnic, 11:45 am |
| September 15 | Men's Group, 8:00 am
Women's Reading Circle, 9:00 am
Cloud of Unknowing Retreat, 1:30 pm |
| September 16 | Church School begins, 10:15 am |
| September 16, 30 | Life@All Saints, 11:45 am |
| September 19 | Vestry meeting, 6:45 pm |
| September 23 | 40th Anniversary Celebration of Donald Teeters, Choir Director at All Saints, at the 10:30 am Holy Eucharist; Social Hour will follow at noon |
| September 30 | Luncheon—Nicaragua report, noon
Cherub Family Potluck, 5:00-7:00 pm
First anniversary of the contemporary Episcopal Evening Holy Eucharist, 6 pm |
| October 3 | Via Media begins, 6:30 pm |
| October 7 | Annual Blessing of Animals, 10:30 am |
| October 17 | Vestry meeting, 6:45 pm |
| October 21 | Children's Sabbath, 10:30 am |
| October 27-28 | Gift Sunday weekend. Please bring your pledge card to church. |