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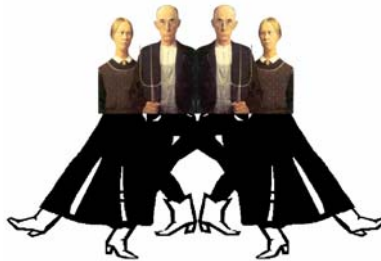
is to be a Community —
searching to know and accept
God's purpose for us, *uplifted*
by worship together, *sustained*
by a sense of Christ being in
our midst, and *inspired* by the
Holy Spirit to become more
than we are, here and in the
world.

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."

A Little Bit Country and A Lot of Fun!

All Saints Parish Auction 2008



"A Little Bit Country"

Come on down to the church Saturday,
May 31 at 5:30 pm for an evening of coun-
try dancing, barbeque and bidding! We'll
have great items for sale in both the Silent
and Live Auctions and lots of fun through-
out the evening. Line dancing is for all
ages and requires no partners. Children
who would enjoy dancing with their par-
ents are invited and childcare will be pro-
vided. Purchase your auction tickets by
phone, mail, email, or after the Sunday
morning service. If you buy auction tickets by May 18, you will get one
free raffle ticket for 2 Red Sox tickets for the May 21 game. Other raffle
items to be drawn on the night of the auction are 2 roundtrip airline tickets
and a gorgeous quilt handmade by Peter Stringham. The evening will be
more fun if you're there, so please come and bring your friends! If you
have questions or would like to help out, contact Roberta Schnoor, *ro-
schno@comcast.net* or 617-734-2713.

I Believe: The Apostles' Creed & Baptism

A Mini-Course conducted by the Rev. Christine Visminas
Sundays, June 15- July 20, 2008, 11:15 am – 12:30 pm

Where did the Apostles' Creed come from?
How was it formed? What does it mean?
We'll look at the role of baptism in the
Creed's formation, and the legend surround-
ing its lost Roman origins. Delving into the
controversies surrounding how Jesus was
God (or how God was Jesus), we'll explore
the historical context of how and why creeds
were formed, and specifically the purpose of
the Apostles' Creed. Each section of the
creed will be examined with specific atten-
tion to the participants' particular questions.
This will be an exciting, thought-filled
course giving much to reflect on and add at
least a few new viewpoints on how to think
about the Creed and Baptism. Taught by the
Rev. Chris Visminas, whose call is to pre-

sent solid material for thoughtful, curious
Christian adults.

June 15: Background: Baptism & Belief
in the 4th Century

June 22: God the Father & the Trinity

June 29: More background: What was the
problem with Jesus Christ?

July 6: A Sunday off!

July 13: God the Son: God & Human

July 20: God the Holy Spirit & Our Life

Fee: \$50 for the course or \$12 per session.
Please make checks to All Saints Parish;
scholarships available. A light lunch will be
provided. All are welcome. To register, con-
tact Barbara Bembery at 617-738-1810,
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From the Rector

WELCOME, VALERIE!

I am happy to announce that the Rev. Valerie Bailey Fischer will be joining our ministerial staff as the Coordinator of Young Adult Ministries. She will be introduced to the parish on Sunday, May 25 at the 10:30 am service. This new position for ten hours per week, approved by the Vestry and made possible by a grant from the diocese, is intended to expand our outreach to those in their 20s and 30s. Valerie was ordained a priest by Bishop Shaw on January 12, 2008. She also serves as the half-time chaplain at Framingham State College. She and her husband Bob and daughter Maggie live in Roxbury. Please join me in welcoming Valerie on May 25. Thank you to Chris Jones, Daniel Eckroad, David Pfarrer, and Jennifer Leider who served on the Search Committee that interviewed Valerie for this position.

THANK YOU, BARBARA

Since 1981, Barbara O'Brien has served All Saints Parish as Head Security Receptionist welcoming a variety of groups to our parish on evenings and weekends. She has been a friendly welcoming presence to the over 500 non-parishioners who use our building each week, the twelve-step AA groups, the Evergreen Korean American Church, Boston Cecilia, Brookline Chorus, Cantata Singers, Chorus Boston, and the Boston Camera Club. Now, after twenty-seven years of service, Barbara is retiring. Our staff will join me in a special luncheon on May 13 as we thank Barbara for her many years of service and wish her a happy and relaxing retirement with her husband Dick and her family. If you wish to add your personal good wishes, you may send them to Barbara at 342 St. Paul Street, Brookline, MA 02446-3610.

FAREWELL, JENNIFER

Thank you and farewell to Jennifer Leider who has served our parish as a seminarian field education student since September. She worked with Becky Taylor in the Church School and co-taught Via Media and Journeys with Leslie Sterling and me. She was the coordinator of the Beacon Street Fellowship, preacher, chalice, and lector. On Sunday, May 18, we will thank Jennifer and say farewell as she leaves our parish and moves on to a new ministry at St. Paul's Church in Medina, Ohio. If you would like to keep in touch with Jennifer, you can reach her at jennifer.leider@gmail.com Many thanks to Gillian Bartoo, chair, Kari Hannibal, Sylvia Peabody, David Harrison, Charles Moo, and Harold Petersen who served on the parish committee that met monthly with Jennifer to reflect on her ministry.

SPIRITUALITY AND JUSTICE AWARD

On April 27, we presented the eleventh All Saints Parish Spirituality and Justice Award to Dr. Paul Farmer. Dr. Farmer spoke to a large group at 9:00 am and was the preacher at an overflowing 10:30 am service. Roberta Schnoor joined me in presenting the award to him and a gift to Partners in Health of \$11,395. The citation read: "Your deep spiritual faith is expressed in your internationally recognized work to bring quality health care to people afflicted by poverty and disease. In 1987, you and your colleagues founded Partners in Health with a mission to show a preferential option for the poor in delivering health care. In the next two decades Partners in Health expanded to serve the poor in nine countries, including Haiti, Peru, Russia, Malawi, Lesotho, Mexico, Guatemala, Rwanda, and the United States. Your research, publications, and teaching have educated a generation of doctors, nurses, and health care workers to use their skills to bring healing and hope to the poorest of the poor. Your faith impels you to find Christ in the least of the brothers and sisters among us. Your dedication inspires others to give their lives and resources to uplift those who struggle with poverty and illness."

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GOOD NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Women's Reading Circle

meets on Saturday, May 10 at 9:00 am to discuss *The Spiral Staircase* by Karen Armstrong. Copies are available on the bureau of the Guild Room. For information, please contact Ginger Reiber at vdreiber@verizon.net.

St. John's Dinner: On May 15,

please help us prepare food for the poor and homeless of Boston. Food is prepared at All Saints at 2:30 pm and brought to St. John's on Bowdoin St. at 5:30 pm. Helpers needed to shop, chop, boil, stir and carry. Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact AnneMarie Ellis at ame43quilt@comcast.net. If you can't make it, save **August 14**.

Dr. Yang Jianli will conduct a 500 mile GongMin (Citizen Power) Walk to thank America for all its help in bringing about his release. The GongMin Walk Kickoff Rally is at Boston City Hall Plaza, Sunday, May 4, 2:30 - 4:30 pm. If you know of anyone who can provide housing and support from Boston to Washington, DC, please contact Susan Cleaver, scleaver@bu.edu. Plan to come to the rally and tell your friends. For information: www.initiativesforchina.com.

The Men's Group meets on Saturday, May 10 at 8:00 am to discuss *Saved from Sacrifice: A Theology of the Cross*, by S. Mark Helm. For more information, please contact David Killian, rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org or Peter Stringham, peter.stringham@gmail.com.

Mystical Encounters, an interfaith presentation and discussion of our shared mystical heritage, Thursdays, May 1, 8, and 15, 7:00 pm.

May 1: **Contemplative Judaism and Contemplative Christianity**

May 8: **Jewish Mysticism and Sufism**

May 15: **Contemplative Judaism and Buddhism**

Suggested donation: \$25 for the series or \$10 per session. To register, provide your name, contact information, and contribution for the sessions you specify to Ruah Spirituality Institute, 1773 Beacon Street, Brookline, MA 02445, www.ruahspirit.org or 617-277-0036. Check webpage for locations.

The Songs We Love

A celebration of ten years of collaborating in joyful song

Recital with
Jessica Cooper and Scott Nicholas
Sunday, May 18
8:00 pm
at All Saints Parish

A Free Concert
Donations will be accepted

Discussion Group on Adult Faith Formation

Wednesdays, May 28, June 11, 25, July 9,
23, August 6, 2008
7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Guild Room

The Group will discuss *Toward An Adult Church: A Vision of Faith Formation* by Jane Regan. The book sets forth an intriguing argument: the vitality of the Church depends on establishing a new educational paradigm – one that is focused on adults. How can parishes design a framework for adult learning? Where does children's faith formation fit in? Jane Regan, a member of the theology faculty at Boston College and a nationally recognized leader in adult faith formation, answers these questions and sets a powerful challenge for the future of education in parishes.

May 28	Chapters 1 and 2
June 11	Chapter 3
June 25	Chapter 4
July 9	Chapter 5
July 23	Chapter 6
August 6	Chapter 7

Led by Jane Ross and David Killian. Copies of the book are available in the Guild Room. Refreshments will be served. No admission fee, but donations for refreshments will be accepted. All are welcome. To register, please contact Barbara Bembery at 617-738-1810, ext. 101 or of-fice@allsaintsbrookline.org

Worship at All Saints

Holy Baptism will be celebrated next on Pentecost Sunday, May 11 at 10:30 am. To make reservations for baptism, please contact the Rector at 617-738-1810, ext 105 or rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org.

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

The Book of Thanksgivings and Concerns

is at the entrance to the church before the service. Please write in your prayer requests and thanksgivings. 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 ext 105 to schedule an appointment.

Readings for Sundays:

May 4: Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36; Acts 1:6-14; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11. **May 11:** Psalm 104:25-35, 37; Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23. **May 18:** Psalm 8; Genesis 1:1-2:4a; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20. **May 25:** Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14; Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58; Luke 6:39-49. **June 1:** Psalm 46; Genesis 6:9-22; Romans 1:16-17, 3:22b-28; Matthew 7:21-29. **June 8:** Psalm 33:1-12; Genesis 12:1-9; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26. **June 15:** Psalm 116:1, 10-17; Genesis 18:1-15; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8. **June 22:** Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Genesis 21:8-21; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39. **June 29:** Psalm 13; Genesis 22:1-14; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42.

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

Note from Our Seminarian

Wow! My year at All Saints seems to have flown by. I don't know that I can even begin to express how much it has meant to me to be here and to be part of what God is doing in this wonderful parish. What I can say is that I will be forever thankful for the providence that brought me to All Saints. I have learned and grown so much from my time here, and I know that I will carry memories of you all with me always.

When I arrived in September, I hoped to become immersed in the life of this parish. Over the course of this year, I have been assisting Becky Taylor in the Children's and Youth Ministries of All Saints. I have loved teaching and learning with the children of this parish and the other Church School teachers. I have grown so much from spending time with the kids. I have learned a lot, too, from working with the clergy, staff and lay leaders of All Saints. Between committee, Vestry and staff meetings, I have a tremendous appreciation for how much work and love go into the ministries of All Saints.

Another highlight of the year has been my involvement with the Via Media and Journeys groups. I met fabulous people, and discovered a passion for adult Christian formation. I have also enjoyed the opportunity to join the parish in worship. It's been a great year!

What's next? I graduate from Episcopal Divinity School in May. On June 8th, I will begin a position at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Medina, Ohio, where I will be assisting the rector with adult education and formation, newcomer and family ministries, sacramental visits, and liturgical leadership. I hope you won't hesitate to be in touch!

Again, thank you for sharing this year with me, and know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers. It has been a delight to serve as your seminarian.

Blessings, **Jennifer Leider**
jennifer.leider@gmail.com

From Children's, Youth & Family Ministries

Walk for Hunger: Sunday, May 4



The annual Walk for Hunger is the major fundraiser for Project Bread, the state's leading anti-hunger organization. Each year a team from All Saints participates

by walking a 5-mile portion of the route from Boston Common to the church.

Anyone wishing to join "Team All Saints" is asked to contact the team leader, Becky Taylor by email: reled@allsaintsbrookline.org. Last year we raised \$1000. We can do it again!

Thanks to All Children's & Youth Ministry Staff

The 2007-2008 Church School year draws to a close on Sunday, May 18th. Our program to and with children and young people is possible because of the time and talents of many dedicated adults. Thanks to all who have served this year as child-care providers, teachers and Journey to Adulthood mentors:

- ◆ Rachel Gibson, Emily Manning-Mingle, Megan Ryan, Dana Schomhl, Emily Smith, and Eileen Sweeney (Nursery)
- ◆ Gillian Bartoo, Mary Ann Neary, Annie Short, Eileen Sweeney (Cherubs)
- ◆ Dave Harrison, Stella Parry, Nancy Snudden, Susan Wheeler (2nd/3rd Grade)
- ◆ Liz Gilbert, Margaret Hakimian, Karen McLoughlin, Roberta Schnoor (4th/5th Grade)
- ◆ Sue LeClaire, Bill Schnoor (Rite-13)
- ◆ Chris Jones (High School)

I want to offer special thanks to our seminarian, Jennifer Leider, whose learning contract included an immersion experience in the Children's & Youth Ministry program. Jennifer has been teaching throughout the year in the Cherub and Elementary classrooms, as well as serving as my administrative assistant on Sunday mornings. We wish her God-speed as she graduates from the Episcopal Divinity School on May 15th and moves back home to the Cleveland, Ohio, area.

Teacher recruitment underway for 2008-2009

If you enjoy being with children and/or young people, please consider joining one of the teaching teams for the new program year. With four-person teaching teams, each adult ends up being a lead teacher in a classroom about once/month and assisting on another week. Teaching and mentoring young people has many rewards. You get to know the great kids we have here at All Saints, plus you learn about the Christian faith! If this sounds intriguing, please speak with Becky Taylor (617-738-1810 Ext. 104).

Cherub Family Potluck: May 18th

Calling all families with children in 1st grade or younger: Our final "play date" of the year will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the playground behind the church on Sunday, May 18th (indoors, if it rains). Sharing a simple meal and socializing together is a great way to get to know other parents in our parish. Please let Melinda Stanford know if you can attend (stanfordgrimes@comcast.net).

High School Youth to be Confirmed

We anticipate that a few of our high school parishioners will be confirmed by Bishop Thomas Shaw on Saturday, May 31, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Weston. For the past few years, our bishops have confirmed young people at large deanery services. We will welcome the newly-confirmed at the 10:30 am Eucharist service at All Saints on Sunday, June 1st.

Summer Camp

Parents, if you are still looking for something fun for your children to do this summer, consider our diocesan camp in Greenfield, New Hampshire. The Barbara C. Harris Camp opened in the summer of 2003 and has quickly established itself as one of the premiere Christian camps in New England. Their website (www.bchcenter.org/camp/index.htm) describes the variety of programs and offers on-line registration. Of special interest is the Family Camp Experience, a weekend (June 27-29) for parents and kids to spend together. To find out more, or to talk with kids who have been to the Harris camp, please contact Becky Taylor.

— Becky Taylor

Parish Voices

Sacred Places

Summer can be an expansive time, a time to step over the boundaries drawn by demanding jobs and everyday obligations. It can be a time away, a time apart to visit holy places. Some may travel to Iona, Mont Saint Michel, or the Monastery of Christ in the Desert. But others have found that life has sanctified for them a more ordinary spot.

A Thin Place

Walking through the main gate at Forest Hills Cemetery, I can feel the peace beginning to seep in. Though I often push myself to walk fast, here I walk slowly, moving through a scene of gentle hills, stately trees, chattering squirrels, and the scents of early summer. All around me are gravestones of every description; ornate marble, the sharp edges wearing away year by year, shiny new granite rectangles from 2005, a large stone dog lying on a slab, tall obelisks reaching toward heaven. About ten minutes into my stroll, I come around a gentle bend with a hill of granite rocks and rhododendrons on my left. A small statue of St. Francis looks sweetly at me from his perch at the top. Near the bottom of this hill, a medium sized oak tree with fresh green leaves offers shade and comfort. Here is where I pause, breathing deeply, overflowing with gratitude. This is the spot, right under this tree, that I've chosen as the site that I will be buried. There is room too, for my children and grandchildren. Contrary to what one might think, these thoughts, rather than being frightening or morbid, bring me closer to God. I'm not in a hurry to get here, mind you, but I'm moved and grateful in the knowledge that, eventually, this will be my home. Here I will rest in the arms of God, and until that time, here in this "thin place" is where I can find glorious and sweet peace. Here is another spot where God is close.

— Elinor Horner

Only Connect

Behind my childhood home in the Catskill Mountains of New York State is a "hill" that measures 3,500 feet above sea level. Right at the top, is a rock about the size of a small house that juts out from the land making a dramatic lookout over the Sus-

quehanna River Valley. From this rock, you can see for miles down the valley to the place where the river bends between other distant mountains. Not only can you see into the distance, you can hear the sounds rushing like a wave from the valley up the grassy and forested slopes. The sounds are diverse, coming from automobiles, wind in the trees, birds, other hikers on nearby trails—a host of inseparably blended noises. The sacred part is not that you feel above it all, but rather that when you are sitting on the edge of that rock you feel a part of it all—centered and sentient; connected and connecting to the life that surrounds and enhances your every sense of being alive.

— Chuck McVinney

Darkness Lifted

Since childhood, I've known about a book written by a professor from my hometown. My holy place always reminds me of that book. *Cast off the Darkness* is an autobiographical work about the author's attempt at suicide with a rifle while he was in college. Though totally blinded, near death, he came out of a long coma and experienced a miraculous awakening to life. For me, such a re-awakening followed brain surgery about 15 years ago. The recuperation period was a little unsettling (even major operations are "drive-by" affairs), but fortunately it was summer, and I had the opportunity to be close to the ocean. Somehow it was only when I found my way to walk the shoreline in the peaceful and reassuring quiet, broken by only the sounds of the waves, the birds, and breaths of intoxicating sea air, that I was able to shake the deadening effects of anesthesia and the subconscious sounds of the surgeon's power tools in my head. The light and warmth of the sun penetrated, and the darkness was lifted. That seaside remains my most sacred place. It is there I always know, once again, that darkness can be cast away. And, it is where, as in the words of the Roger Whittaker song, I can feel a new tomorrow coming on.

—Susan Cleaver

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effusion/diffusion

7 AM, late August 2007, Squam Lake, New Hampshire

photographer: Anna Glavash

Although I was never up early enough to see it myself, I knew that fog crept across the surface of the lake in the early morning. The night before these photos were taken, I had asked my mom to wake me at 7 the next morning so that I could capture the fog, which I knew would make a dramatic black and white photo. When the time came to get up, I was unwilling and rude to my mom. I vowed that I didn't care about the pictures, if only I could stay in bed. Obviously, I'm not a morning person. Finally, somehow, I dragged myself out of bed and down to the dock. Not fully awake, I snapped about 10 pictures with a wide-angle frame, giving little thought to composition. I knew the mist and the beauty of the spot would speak for themselves. Five minutes later, I was back in bed.

When I began to develop my film in September, I realized that I had managed to produce some beautiful photos. I printed these shots especially large, 5x17, to emphasize the composition. This diptych later won me a Gold Key in the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Competition. I was amazed that these pictures were so striking. I should have expected this, however; such beautiful scenery could never make an ugly picture. The spot from which they were taken, the dock on Squam Lake, has been a special place for me and many others who have spent many a serene moment there. This photo conveys the sacred nature of this particular spot for me.

Outreach Opportunities

The All Saints Mission & Outreach Committee: All parishioners are invited to attend Mission & Outreach meetings and all participants will have an active voice in the decision-making process. For more information, contact Erica Topolski, Chair, for more information at etopolsk@nbnet.nb.ca.

Greater Boston Interfaith Organization: For more information, call David Evett at 617-731-8472, Sarah Leinbach at 617-277-0233, or Marcia Palo at 617-327-3327.

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.

Goddard House Ministry. Volunteers are needed to take part in the worship service for seniors at Goddard House. For more information, please contact David Killian, rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org.

From the Rector, continued from page 1

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Please keep me and the other clergy who serve our parish in your prayers as we celebrate our ordination anniversaries: Leslie Sterling's sixth anniversary on June 8, John Keggi's twenty-fourth on August 26, Kim Hardy's seventeenth on December 17, Judith Stuart's sixth on November 3, and my forty-first on May 1. *David*



This past semester Claudia Deane has been interning in the All Saints archives as part of her Master's in Library Science studies at Simmons College where she is on the Archives track. Claudia is a Coolidge

Earth Corner:

An occasional newsletter from the Millennial Development Goals Group working on environmental sustainability. *April 2008*

Depending on whose estimate one uses, American households contribute 32-41% of the U. S. total GHG emissions, or 8% of the world total. This contribution exceeds that of every country except the U.S. and China and it exceeds that of the entire U.S. industrial sector. Yet there are some little things individual households can do to limit their GHG emissions. These include:

Limit engine idling in your car. Modern (less than 20 years old) cars do not need to be warmed up before they are driven. In winter, the quickest way to get the inside of the car warm is to drive the car with the heater on full. Don't have it idle while you scrape it.

Minimize use of standby power. Chargers for your laptop, cell phone, iPod and other appliances should be unplugged when not in use, as they draw power. Desktop computers no longer need to be left on for long life. They *should* be turned off when not in use. The same for your printer/scanner etc. Obviously, lights should be turned off as well.

Install compact fluorescent lights (CFL) wherever possible. These lights have over ten times the lifetime of incandescent bulbs and they use less than 25% as much electricity for the same illumination. (Keep in mind that CFLs contain mercury and should not be thrown in the trash when depleted. Local hazardous waste sites can accept them. Some stores will accept them as well.) When purchasing CFLs always inquire about rebates, as there can be substantial savings.

Corner resident and works full-time as the research director for Isaacson Miller, a search firm for nonprofits. An EFM graduate and a "cradle Episcopalian," Claudia serves on the board of the Episcopal Church Women of Massachusetts (ECW). In February, she attended the Beijing Circles conference at the Episcopal Church Center in New York City, which provided an opportunity for Anglican women, through the organization Anglican Women's Empowerment

Lower heating temperatures by 2° and increase cooling temperatures similarly. Similarly, set the heating to begin an hour later and end an hour earlier in your home. This will save a great deal of energy (and money), with minimal inconvenience

Lower the temperature setting on your hot water heater to 120° and cover the tank with insulating material. You may also need to insulate some piping.

Maintain the proper tire pressure in your automobile. Check it and correct it frequently. This will save a lot of gas.

Change the air filter on your car frequently.

Additionally, if you have not done so, you should contact your utility company about an energy audit. They'll do it for nothing and point out other things you can do to save money. For example, are your heating pipes properly insulated? Do you have storm windows, and are they effective? If you have air conditioning, is your unit the proper size for the space it cools, and is the space properly isolated from un-cooled spaces? How old is your heating unit? If it is more than 15-20 years old, consider getting a new one before it fails, and get one that is the most efficient possible.

Also, unsaid in the above, is minimizing use of your automobile. Any time you can use public transportation, something that will be running whether or not you are on it, you are saving GHG emissions.

Anyone who is interested can download a GHG household checklist from the website of Massachusetts Power and Light (www.mipandl.org/euehome.html). Additional tips are found on the MIP&L Global Warming Café (www.mipandl.org/gwc.html).

Next issue: A few words on recycling.

(AWE), to meet and pray with delegates to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. Claudia, through ECW, would like to start a Beijing Circle in the Boston area and invites anyone interested (men are welcome also) to contact her at claudia.deane@simmons.edu. For more information, search for "Beijing Circles" on the Episcopal Church Center website: www.episcopalchurch.org.

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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 Evening Eucharist

Wednesday

6:15 pm Celtic Holy Eucharist

Things to Remember

May 1, 8, 15	Mystical Encounters , 7:00 pm
May 10	Men's Group , 8:00 am
May 10	Women's Group , 9:00 am
May 11	Pentecost Sunday , Baptisms at 10:30; shared social hour with Evergreen Korean American Presbyterian Church
May 15	Dinner at St. John's
May 18	Recognition of Schola, Graduates, and Church School , 10:30 am
	Cherub Family Potluck , 5:00 pm
	Recital , 8:00 pm
May 25	Welcome of Rev. Valerie Bailey Fischer , 10:30 am
May 28	Discussion Group on Adult Faith Formation , 7:00 pm
May 31	All Saints Auction , 5:30 pm
June 1	Welcome of confirmands , 10:30 am
June 7	Ordination to diaconate of Malia Crawford , St. Paul's Ca- thedral, 10:30 am
June 8	Last Choir Sunday , 10:30 am, and Strawberry Festival , 12 noon
June 11, 25	Discussion Group on Adult Faith Formation , 7:00 pm
June 15—July 20	I Believe: the Apostles' Creed & Baptism , Sundays, 11:15 am