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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 7, the choir returns for the 10:30 am service and we resume our fall schedule of activities. Schola, our outstanding children's choir, meets at 9:30 am. Two adult faith formation groups, Centering Prayer and Gospel Reflection, meet at 9:15 am. Please join us for the Parish Picnic at 11:45 am and the "Ministry Information Tables" that will be set up at the picnic. Please see pages 4-5 for information about our excellent Church School for pre-school to grade 16 and pages 8-9 for information about the many adult learning opportunities at All Saints Parish. We have learning activities for all ages. We hope that you will participate in these engaging programs for faith formation for all stages on your spiritual journey.

All Saints Gardeners Provide Oasis on Beacon Street



All Saints Gardeners Left to Right: Nancy Snudden, AnneMarie Ellis, Elizabeth Podobinski, John Podobinski, Daniel Eckroad, Steve Powell, the Rev. David A. Killian. *Photo by Jessica Luacaw (See page 3 story)*

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From the Rector

WELCOME BACK!

I hope that you had a renewing and refreshing summer. I was able to escape to Block Island for leisurely mornings reading novels, afternoon walks on the beach, strolls in the knolls picking blackberries, and quiet evenings watching magnificent sunsets. I often found myself listening to the many wild creatures singing their own hymns to the Creator.

For me, Block Island is a “thin place” where the barrier between the divine and the created world seems less severe. Everywhere one turns, it seems, God is rousing us to see beauty, newness, and creativity. God’s helpers in this effort to break through our resistance are the many migratory birds who find Block Island a safe resting place on their migrations. Early in the morning birds greet the new day with exuberant song; at night their even song welcomes the darkness. Each day as I write in my journal, I realize that the “merely ordinary” events of each day lift me out of myself and fill me with joy and wonder.

My wife Barbara takes delight in making jelly from the blackberries that grow profusely on the island. It is one of her favorite rituals, which she has taught to our children Brendan and Meeya, along with twice-weekly trips to the farmer’s market and painting watercolor sketches of the beaches and cliffs. Her paintings allow us to remember the gift of this special place throughout the year.

I hope that you have your own “thin place” where you go to be renewed and to experience the divine in ordinary things.

THANK YOU, CHRISTIAN AND JEFF

On September 14 at the 10:30 am service, we will say thank you and farewell to the Rev. Christian Brocato and Mr. Jeff Hickey. Christian, who was received as a priest in the Episcopal Church in January, will be leaving All Saints to become a Priest Associate at the Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester. Jeff and Christian will be greatly missed. Jeff has served as Co-chair of the Stewardship Committee, Chalicer, Minister of Ceremonies, and leader of a Millennium Goals Covenant Group. Christian has enlivened our worship as a forceful preacher, reverent celebrant, gifted musician and singer, and inspiring teacher. On September 14, Christian will be the preacher and Jeff will be a chalicer. Please join us at the social hour after the service as we thank Jeff and Christian and wish them well in their new ministry at Epiphany.

WELCOME, RANDY

This fall we welcome Randy Callender from Episcopal Divinity School as field education seminarian. A member of St. George St. Barnabas Parish in his native Philadelphia, Randy will assist Leslie Sterling and me in leading the “Explorations in Faith” course on Wednesdays. He will serve on the altar as a chalicer and lector, take an occasional turn as preacher, and participate in other programs.

GOOD NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Women's Book Group,

which meets every other week on Saturday mornings from 9-10:30, will begin its Fall meetings on Saturday, September 20. The group will discuss *The Spiral Staircase* by Karen Armstrong on September 20, October 4, and October 18. For more information, please contact Anne Harrington at anneharringtontechwriter@yahoo.com.

The Men's Group

meets next on Saturday, September 20 at 8:00 am to discuss *Man's Search for Meaning*, by Viktor Frankl. For more information, please contact David Killian, rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org or Peter Stringham, pete.stringham@gmail.com.

The Beacon Street Fellowship

is a gathering of young adults (20s and 30s) at All Saint Parish. For more information on the events for the fellowship, contact Valerie Bailey Fischer at valerie_bailey@comcast.net or 617-308-3189.

Photography Exhibit in the Guild Room: Photo-Documentary Study: Contemporary Life in Southern Russia, by Rose O'Neill-Suspitsyna. Reception to meet the photographer on Sunday, September 21 at 11:45 am.

Unemployed? Are you currently on a quest for a new job as well as a supportive network? Come visit the Unemployment and Underemployment Spiritual Support Group, which meets on the first Tuesday of the month, 7:00-8:30 pm, on September 2 and October 7. The group spends time checking in and sharing networking advice. Group members reflect on how this week's gospel passage affects their lives today. Many members have found the group helpful in restoring and maintaining their cheer, hope, and perseverance through the job search. The group is a valuable caring resource for those who are in job transition. For more information, contact David Killian at 617-738-1810 x105, rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org.

ALL SAINTS GARDENERS CREATE OASIS ON BEACON STREET

On a hot July afternoon, a lady walking down Beacon Street stops to admire the flowers blooming in a garden in front of All Saints Parish. She ponders the flowers and then notices a picnic bench on the lawn beside the Church. She sits for a while on the bench before continuing on her journey. As she is leaving, she sees the Rev. David Killian, Rector of All Saints, leaving the Church. She stops him to say, "Your gardens are beautiful and this space is so restful. You have created an oasis on Beacon Street." She asks the rector who is responsible for the care of the lovely grounds and the flowers. He explains that it is the work of the All Saints Gardeners, a group of volunteers who donate an hour or so each week to weeding and tending eight small garden plots on the church grounds. "They are all volunteers," he explains. "For our gardeners, this is a work of love."

Some of the gardeners have been tending their plots for several years. Some are new this year. Much of the credit for the perennial garden next to the rectory is owed to Chuck and Lela Clutz who cared for the

gardens for thirty years before moving to Hingham. The current gardeners at All Saints are Hal Adams, Tom DeLong, Elizabeth and John Podobinski, Nancy Snudden, AnneMarie Ellis, Daniel Eckroad, Lydia Sullivan, and Steve Powell. Another garden plot on Dean Road is tended by parents of the Corner Coop Nursery School that is located at All Saints. In previous years June Santosa tended gardens and coordinated the gardeners and has recently passed on these responsibilities to Nancy Snudden and Elizabeth Podobinski. A Girl Scout troop has tended one of the plots in previous years. Sexton Renato Dantas and members of the Property Committee also lend their efforts to making the grounds attractive.

For more information about All Saints Parish, please go to the parish's website www.allsaintsbrookline.org. And, on those hot summer and fall days, please take a break from the heat by stopping for a moment of peace and beauty at the All Saints gardens.

Worship at All Saints

Holy Baptism will be celebrated next on Saturday, September 20, 5 pm, and Sunday, November 2, 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 placed 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. the Rector would like to welcome you to our parish. Please email rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org or call 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. 7: Psalm 149; Exodus 12:1-14; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20.

Sept. 14: Psalm 114; Exodus 14:19-31; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35.

Sept. 21: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:2-15; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20: 1-16. **Sept. 28:** Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Exodus 17:1-7; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32.

Oct. 5: Psalm 19; Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46. **Oct. 12:** Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 32:1-14; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14. **Oct. 19:** Psalm 99; Exodus 33:12-23; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22. **Oct. 26:** Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 34: 1-12; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46.

From Children's, Youth & Family Ministries

Greetings! I hope you had a good summer with plenty of opportunities for fun and refreshment! My summer included a wonderful week with the B-SAFE program; short trips to New Hampshire, the Berkshires, and Michigan; time at home to garden and be with family and friends; and a relaxed pace at the office. Can you tell that summer is my favorite time of year? I love how easy it is to get locally-grown food, to be outdoors, and to enjoy all the fun activities that New England offers. My reading list included a collection of biographies, so I felt like I had a little group of invisible companions with me all summer long! I was grateful for the chance to slow down and be rejuvenated.

Now I am really looking forward to beginning the 2008-2009 program year at All Saints Parish! This year I will be working closely with the newly-formed Children's Ministry Committee as we seek ways to expand and deepen our programs with children, young people, and families in this parish. I hope we will find new ways to help children and teens discern, celebrate, and respond to God's loving presence in their lives – to help them live their faith "24/7," not just on Sundays. It is exciting ministry and one I am feeling deeply called to engage.

I invite you to join me in this ministry to and with children, young people, and their families. There are all sorts of tasks, both big and small. Please get in touch!
—Becky Taylor

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2008-2009 Church School Year Begins

Classes for children and young people (pre-school through high school) begin on Sunday, September 14. Some of the highlights of the program year include the following:

Cherubs (older 3's, and 4-6 year olds)

will enjoy a newly-formatted Sunday morning schedule that allows for socializing and singing with Keith Glavash in the dining room, followed by learning and discovery time in the Godly Play classroom.

Children in Primary Grades (Grades 2-3) will begin the year learning the story of the Hebrew people after the death of their leader, Moses. They will meet the judges and kings who helped them remain faithful to their covenant with God as they settled into the Promised Land. From Advent through the season of Epiphany, these children will turn their attention to the gospels, focusing first on the events leading up to and including Jesus' birth, and then exploring lessons embedded in his parables. During Lent they will participate in a special Mission & Outreach project and end the year in Eastertide learning about the sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

Children in Intermediate Grades (Grades 4-5) will spend the fall getting to know several prophets of the Old Testament. They will discover how the prophets embodied faithful obedience to God through worship and a passion for justice – and serve as spiritual guides for us today. From Advent through the season of Epiphany, children in this classroom will explore the theme of "promise" as they reflect on the meaning of the Incarnation and explore Jesus' teachings in various parables. During Lent they will also participate in the Mission & Outreach project, and end the year in Eastertide learning about Holy Eucharist.

Middle School Young People (Grades 6-8) are in the Rite-13 phase of their Journey to Adulthood. They will spend the year learning how they are made in God's image and what that means for in their daily lives.

High School Youth (Grades 9-12) are further along in their Journey to Adulthood and are discerning how to use the special talents that God has given them for ministry in the Church and in the world. They will spend some of the year preparing for a mission trip to Honduras in July.

Nursery Care Expands to Include Babies in 2008-09

Starting on September 14th, we will have additional staff on hand to care for infants as well as toddlers on Sunday mornings.

This is a program offering that is long overdue, given the growing population of children in our parish who are 15 months or younger! Children who are not yet walking will be cared for in the Block Room, where cribs will be available for naptime. Our Nursery is open every Sunday except during Christmas vacation.

Enrolling in Church School

In early September, forms will be mailed or emailed to households who do not have an up-to-date registration form on file at the church. They will also be available at the parish picnic on September 7th, and on the information tables in the worship space. *Parents:* there is no fee to enroll children in the Church School or Youth Program, but we welcome the gift of your time and talent! Please speak with Becky Taylor to see how you can get involved.

Schola Begins a New Year

In place for over 25 years, Schola is one of the finest church-based children's choirs in the Boston area. Children in Grades 2 -12 are welcome to join at any time during the academic year. There are no fees or entry auditions, and children do not have to be members of the parish to be part of Schola. Rehearsals take place on Thursday afternoons and Sunday mornings. **The first Schola rehearsal of the 2008-09 program year is on Thursday, September 11th at 4:45 pm.** Please contact Keith Glavash, Schola Director, to learn more: 617-738-1810 Ext. 107, or by email glavieri.home@verizon.net.

Parish Picnic: Sunday, September 7th

Following the 10:30 worship service in the church yard. *The church will provide hot dogs, rolls and paper products, but the rest is potluck.*

So, if your last name starts with

- ✓ A-J, please bring dessert;
- ✓ K-P, please bring drinks;
- ✓ Q-Z, please bring salad or chips

This is a "rain or shine" event! If the weather is bad, we'll move the party inside! Please come – and bring a friend!

Help Wanted: New Acolytes

Acolytes have important roles in our Sunday morning worship. They lead the choirs and the altar party into and out of

the sanctuary and assist during the reading of the gospel. Learning how to do this liturgical ministry comes from an initial training session as well as from mentoring by more experienced acolytes. Anyone who is in 4th Grade or older (including adults) is invited to become an acolyte at the 10:30 Eucharist service. A training session for new and returning acolytes will take place on Sunday, September 21 at 11:45 am. Lunch will be served. For more information and/or to sign up, contact Becky Taylor, reled@allsaintsbrookline.org, or Meg Bridge, margaret.bridge@post.harvard.edu.

Cherub Family Potluck

Families with children in 1st Grade and younger are invited to a potluck supper at church on Sunday, September 28th, at 5:00 pm. This is a wonderful way to get acquainted, especially if you are new to the parish and/or looking for ways to get

involved. More detailed information will come to households via email from Becky Taylor after Labor Day. Please mark your calendars for the other two potlucks this year: February 8th and May 17th.

Blessing of the Animals: October 12

All Saints Parish celebrates the life and Christian 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 12th. Please bring your animal companion with you to church that day on a leash or safely contained. Stuffed animals friends are also invited. A reception out on in the church yard after church will include dog and kitty treats.

Charles River Youth Collaborative: Middle School Ministry

The Charles River Youth Collaborative is a middle school ministry shared by the parishes in our deanery. The Collaborative is designed to help kids from neighboring Episcopal parishes get to know one another as they do service projects together. This year the focus of the Collaborative is "Hunger in our Midst." Each community in the deanery has a food pantry. This means that some of our neighbors in Brookline, Needham, Newton, and Wellesley cannot afford to buy groceries. Why is this, and how extensive is this problem? Over the course of the year, kids in Grades 6-8, along with adult mentors, will explore these questions and figure out how to respond to this community need. The first meeting (which includes supper) is on Friday evening, September 26, at 6:00pm at Christ Church, Needham. We will leave from All Saints at 5:30pm.

Charles River Youth Collaborative 2008-09 Calendar:

- Sept. 26, 6:00 pm: Christ Church, Needham
- Nov. 23, afternoon (time tbd): Redeemer, Chestnut Hill,
- Saturday, Feb. 21: Day-long work project at Heifer Farm in western Mass.
- Sunday, May 3: Walk for Hunger

Middle School Lock-In

Following the CRYC meeting in Needham, 6th/7th/8th Graders from our parish will come back to All Saints for an overnight

stay. This is our opportunity to make plans for the year ahead. Friends from outside the parish are welcome to attend both the CRYC meeting and the lock-in. More information will be sent to families in September.

Children's Sabbath: Sunday, October 19

Our parish has a long tradition of participating in the national observance of Children's Sabbath every year. The event unites religious congregations of all faiths across the nation in shared concern for children and a common commitment to improving their lives and working for justice on their behalf. This year's theme is *When Will We Hear Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Call to End Poverty in America?* In the last years of his life, Dr. King warned against the dangers of materialism, militarism, and racism, and called on us as a nation and as a people of faith to respond. Our worship that day will invite us to embrace King's call to be the Blessed Community where all children can live out their God-given potential.

Children's Sabbath is sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund, a nonprofit organization in Washington, D.C. that has been advocating on behalf of children for 35 years. This comes from their webpage

(www.childrensdefense.org):

In our nation today

- 1 in 6 children lives in poverty.
- We still resort to guns and violence rather than the power of non-violence to solve problems in our homes, neighborhoods and among nations.
- Racial and economic disparities in access to quality health care and education combined with zero tolerance laws that criminalize children at younger and younger ages put Black boys born in 2001 at a one in three and Latino boys born the same year at a one in six lifetime risk of being incarcerated.

Please visit their website to learn more.

Mission & Outreach: B-SAFE Recap

By every measure, our parish's in-

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Children's, Youth & Family Ministries September-October 2008 Calendar

September

- 6 Godly Play teacher training meeting, 9:30am
- 7 Parish Picnic, 11:45am
- 8 Grades 2-5 teacher training meeting, 7:30pm
- 9 Rite-13 teacher meeting, 7:30pm
- 10 High School teacher meeting, 7:30pm
- 11, 18, 25 Schola rehearsals, 4:45pm
- 14, 21, 28 Church School classes, 10:15am
- 20 Children's Ministry Committee meeting, 9:30am
- 21 Acolyte training, 11:45am
- 26 Middle School overnight, 6:00pm
- 28 Cherub Family Potluck, 5:00pm

October

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Schola rehearsals, 4:45pm
- 5 Church School, 10:15am
- 12 Blessing of the Animals, 10:30am
- 19 Children's Sabbath, 10:30am
- 26 Church School, 10:15am

“Celebrate and Give Thanks” is Focus of Stewardship for 2009

Stewardship is everything we do after we say "I believe..." We believe that all that we are, all that we do, all that we have, comes from God, who loves us. Our joy comes through caring for all of God's creation - including ourselves - giving our time, talent and treasure to further the coming of God's kingdom. Stewardship involves caring for this relationship with God and finds expression in all the pledges of commitment we make for the coming year, including those that involve our stewardship of the parish and of the earth. For ourselves, taking the time to be healthy, both physically and spiritually, relates to the stewardship of our own energy, our ability to do God's work. The Stewardship Committee invites everyone in the parish to think about the abundance in their lives. The "Celebrate: Give Thanks" brochure invites us to consider the abundance in our lives and in our parish and to respond generously with our pledge of time, talent and financial support to continue this community through the coming year. Please use the pledge cards in the brochure, fill them out, and either mail them to the church or bring them to the altar on Gift Sunday, weekend, October 25-26. Making a pledge offers an opportunity for us to practice obedience to God and generosity in using what God has given us.

Why Should I Pledge?

"Give as God has blessed you!" All faith communities ask people to give in one way or another. In our tradition, we believe that the pledge is a faith commitment — a tangible way to translate our beliefs into action. In making a pledge, we make a promise; the congregation and those we serve beyond our selves count on that promise. Thus pledge income determines how the Vestry plans and implements the annual parish operating budget.

What Is A Faithful Pledge?

From biblical times to the present day, the tithe (10% of your income) is a standard of giving that has had special significance for God's people. The move toward tithing can come as a trans-

forming experience in the way you think about money. We encourage giving intentionally the proportion of our income to God's work that represents a meaningful commitment, one that entails a personal risk and reflects our faith that God provides for all our needs. **This year we are asking members to consider making at least a 1% increase in their annual giving.**

What If I Can Only Pledge A Small Amount?

Every pledge counts! The challenge is not how much we give but what the gift means to us. This is the message of the story of the widow's mite in the Gospel of Mark. We are to be faithful stewards of whatever God has provided.

A Way to Calculate Your Current Level of Giving

1. Enter your annual income here (either before or after taxes). _____
2. Move the decimal point one place to the left. This is your tithe. _____
3. Total what you now contribute to:
 - a. All Saints Parish _____
 - b. Other charitable causes _____
 - c. Total _____
4. Divide what you currently contribute by your income (Line 3C divided by Line 1). Move the decimal point two places to the right. This is the percentage of your income you are now giving. _____

For 2009, we ask everyone to calculate what percent of your income that you currently give in charitable contributions and to consider increasing your level of giving by an additional 1% of your annual income. If you currently give 1% of your annual income, consider giving 2%; if you currently give 3%, consider giving 4%, etc. For most of us, our life-style would not greatly be reduced if we gave an additional 1%.

More information is online at www.allsaintsbrookline.org.

—Marianne Evett
Stewardship Chair

Tenth Anniversary of Celtic Holy Eucharist

In 1998 I participated in a workshop on Celtic Spirituality at St. Deniol's Library in Wales, conducted by theologians A.M Aulchin and Ian Bradley, which included daily field trips to holy sites in northern Wales. A couple of weeks later, I journeyed to the holy isle of Iona in Scotland, a center of contemporary Celtic spirituality known as a "thin place" where the barrier between the divine and human seems reduced.

Lyle and Liz Hall, Sarah Leinbach and others in our parish made a pilgrimage to Iona that fall. Their enthusiasm spurred us to share our experience of Celtic spirituality with the rest of the All Saints community. In the fall of 1998, we be-

gan the Celtic Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays. To be sure, this was not our parish's first encounter with Celtic spirituality since John O'Donohue and other luminaries were featured speakers in the RUAH program years before. However, 1998 is a milestone because it marked the beginning of a regular worship service that drew on Celtic themes and celebrated the lives of Celtic saints.

In 2000, we began the Saturday Celtic worship service. Elise Feyerherm, Coordinator and Cantor, organized the service and led the singing each week. Music was provided by Jackie Ostergren, flutist; John Clabeaux, volunteer guitarist; and occasional guest harpists Mairead Do-

herty and Regina Delaney. Clergy of All Saints served as celebrants and preachers, with lay parishioners and others preaching on occasion. From 2003-2006, the Rev. Leslie Sterling served ably as Celtic Coordinator and Cantor, with assistance from Bruce Keary, Deborah Valianti, Susan Clearman, AnneMarie Ellis, and Jackie Ostergren. For the past two years, the Rev. Kim Hardy has served as Celtic Liturgical Coordinator, assisted by occasional guest musicians.

On Saturday, September 20 at the 5:00 pm Eucharist, which will include Holy Baptism, we will give thanks for ten years of Celtic worship that have en-

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Thank You ! All Saints Members 2008

We thank all of the individuals and families listed below who have made a pledge to support the ministries of All Saints Parish in 2008. We are grateful that you have accepted the invitation to show your gratitude for the abundance you have received from God by responding generously with the gifts of your time, talent, and treasure. We are grateful for your faithful and generous response to be partners in God's mission and ministry at All Saints Parish. (To make corrections to this list, please contact the parish bookkeeper, Anne Prensner at 617-738-1810 or bookkeeper@allsaintsbrookline.org).

Lavinia Abel	Margaret Hogan	Patricia Rea
Kathleen Abrams	Ann Holloway	Maurice & June Richardson
Marcelle Altieri	Cheryl Homer	Mary Ricker
Kirk & Liz Beattie	Robert Honeysucker & Noriko Yasuda	Charles Rigg & Nancy Snudden
Jackson Bennett and Kate DeWeese	Elinor Horner	Timothy Roach
Mark Berryhill	Peter Howell	Nancy Robie
James Besancon & Julia Speyer	Hubert & Marie Jessup	Jane Ross
George Brett	Bruce & Georgia Johnson	Christopher Rotti & Christine McGroddy
Thomas & Meg Bridge	Elizabeth Johnson	June Santosa
Charles Bridge	Colin Johnstone & John Fong	Michael Saporito & Carson Walburn
Christian Brocato	Daniel Jurayj & Katharine Silbaugh	Yvonne Schlaeppi
Martha Bullock	Martha Jurchak	William & Roberta Schnoor
Matthew Burfeind & Jennifer Giannini	David Killian & Barbara O'Neil	Colleen Sexton
Laurie & Jonathan Calvert	Ann Kneisel	Amy Sharples
Kendrew Caporal	Dick & Jean Knox	Anna Shoback
Joseph Carey & Dorothea Hass	Mark Lanier	Anne Sistler
Susan Cleaver	Sarah Leinbach	Emily Smith
J. Laurence and & Doris Halvorson Coe	Patricia & Travis Lowe	James & Sydney Sowles
Ken Coleman & Susan Morelli	Brad & Barbara MacDonald	Joyce Spencer & Virginia Adams
Jessica Cooper	Theodore MacLean & Joanne Liautaud	Lark Speyer
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Rory Dockett	Jill McKinney	Yoko Tajima
Hugh & Mary Dunlap	Alan McLellan	Steven & Becky Taylor
AnneMarie Ellis	Karen McLoughlin	Donald Teeters
Charles & Page Evett	Drenan & Rachael McQuillan	Jeff & Kate Thibault
David & Marianne Evett	Chuck & Linda McVinney	Peg Thornton
Barbara Feuchter	Nancy Miegel	Erica Topolski
Michael & Lorraine Field	Janelle Mills	Marcella Turner
Donald Foxworthy and Sharon Siwicz	Richard & Lynne Montross	Laura Vennard & Thomas Mahony
Ralph & Caroline Gakenheimer	Marie Narcisse	Doreen Vittori
Kate Garms	Mary Ann Neary	Friedrich & Ingeborg von Huene
Brian and Mary Ellen Gearin	Claudia Nichols	Robert Ward
Elizabeth Gilbert	Thomas Nutt-Powell & Bonnie Randall	Andrew & Susannah Wardly
Jane Gillette	Elaine O'Malley	Susan Wheeler & Chris Westphal
Keith Glavash & Marylene Altieri	Jane Outar	Wendy Wheeler
Cornell & Maija Gray	Michael & Betsy Pacinda	Keith Whited & Linda Cutting-Whited
Katherine Gressle	Marcia Palo	David Whitesell & Erica Helland
William Grimes & Melinda Stanford	Lisa Parker	Yvonne Williams
Anne Guenzel	Guy & Stella Parry	John & Pauline Woodward
Margaret & Reza Hakimian	Sylvia Peabody	Bradford & Marjorie Wright
Kari Hannibal	George & Maryalice Perrin	Yang Jianli & Christina Fu
George Hansen	Harold & Karen Petersen	Nadira Yankana
Eleanor Hare	Ted & Josie Petersen	Robert Young
William Haynsworth & Anne Hyde	David Pfarrer & Gillian Bartoo	☼
Peter & Lisa Henderson	John & Elizabeth Podobinski	
John & Rosalie Hermos	Stephen & Diane Powell	
Jeffrey Hickey	Christina Ray	

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES 2008 - 2009

An Adult Learning Community: *All Saints has outstanding programs of faith formation for adults of all ages and for children. Formation in faith is a life-long experience and opportunity. We invite you to look over the wide array of offerings in this brochure. Please join us and please invite a friend. All are welcome. For information, please contact Barbara Bembery at office@allsaintsbrookline.org or 617-738-1810, ext. 101.*

Sacred Space, *October 5, October 26, November 17, January 26, March 22*

Guest teachers will explain how the art and architecture of our worship space lift the human spirit to praise God. Together these presentations will explain the history and gothic design of All Saints Parish, our world-renowned stained glass windows, and contemporary liturgical revisions that included putting the altar in the midst of the people.

◆ Sunday, October 5th, 1:30 pm: “The Windows of All Saints” -- Rick Montross, author of “A Tour of All Saints Parish” will give a tour of the Church, focusing on the outstanding windows of All Saints created by Connick Studios. (*Offered as part of the 2008 House Tours of Brookline.*)

◆ Sunday, October 26, 12 noon: The Rev. Louis Pitt, Jr., Sixth Rector of All Saints Parish (1954-1972): “The Centrality of the Altar in Christian Worship.”

◆ Monday, November 17, 7:30 pm: Peter Cormack, Honorary Director of the Charles J. Connick Stained Glass Foundation, “Transatlantic Gothic: Aspects of Anglo-American Medievalism.” Location: Marsh Chapel, Boston University (Sponsored by the Connick Foundation)

◆ Sunday, January 25, 12 noon: The Rev. Christian Brocato, Priest Associate, Parish of the Epiphany, Winchester: “Re-envisioning the Worship Space at All Saints”

◆ Sunday, March 22, 12 noon: “Ralph Adams Cram’s Vision of Sacred Space at All Saints Parish”

Explorations in Faith, *Six Wednesday evenings, October 1-November 5, 7:00–8:30 pm*

An introductory course for those who are new to All Saints; anyone wishing to be baptized, confirmed, or received into the Episcopal Church; and for those who want to take a fresh look at Christianity. The course will present the basic beliefs and practices of the Christian faith and include lecture, discussion, Bible study, and video presentations. Led by David Killian, Rector of All Saints; Leslie Sterling, Assistant Rector; Randy Callender, Seminarian. We will be reading *What Does a Progressive Christian Believe? A Guide for the Searching, the Open, and the Curious* (copies are available on the bureau in the Guild Room).

Centering Prayer

An Introduction to Centering Prayer,

Wednesdays, October 8, 15, 22, and 29, 7:00 – 8:30 pm. No fee. People from mainline religious backgrounds used to think they had to go outside their own tradition to learn how to meditate. Now, in a form of meditation known as “centering prayer,” they

are discovering a contemplative practice that is both strikingly contemporary and deeply resonant with their traditional faith. The series will include presentation, meditation, and conversation. It will be facilitated by Father Bill Sheehan, OMI, pastor and marriage counselor; Martha Bullock, coordinator of C.O.N.E. (Contemplative Outreach of New England); Peter Stringham, M.D., nationally recognized leader in violence prevention, especially among teens; and Kathy Long, Director of Religious Education at St. Francis Church in Dracut. For information, contact www.contemplativeoutreach.org or Martha Bullock at msbullock1@aol.com

Coming in 2009: A group to read “The Cloud of Unknowing”: for information, contact Martha Bullock at Msbullock1@aol.com

Centering Prayer Weekly Meditation Group,

Sundays, 9:15 – 10:15 am, meets in the Quiet Room. 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. The results of the practice lead to a quiet deepening which opens us to the beauty of God's world and to the profundity of His presence and love. Using a method called *lectio divina*, the group reflects on a passage of scripture for the Sunday, sits in quiet meditation, and shares in discussion. Led by Martha Bullock (Msbullock1@aol.com) and Peter Stringham (Peter.stringham@gmail.com)

Centering Prayer Mini-Retreats: Busy Life, Peaceful Center-Integrating Prayer in All We Do, *Saturdays, 2:00 – 4:30 pm.*

These Saturday retreats will be opportunities to quiet the mind to become open to the spirit. We will spend time together in the presence of God in *lectio divina*, receiving a presentation on meditation, sitting in centering prayer, and reflecting on themes appropriate to the seasons of the year.

- ◆ October 18 – Gratitude
- ◆ December 6 – Advent
- ◆ February 14 – Love
- ◆ April 4 (Palm Sunday weekend) – Forgiveness
- ◆ June 13 – Rest and Refreshment

Stewardship Education: “Celebrate and Give Thanks”

We live with the daily reality of God’s abundant blessings, both at All Saints and in the world. God’s generosity gives us overwhelming reasons to celebrate and be grateful, and to express that gratitude with gifts of time, talent, and treasure. During the four Sundays in October, testimonials from parishioners and the sermons will focus on the theme of celebration and thanksgiving. The kick-off event will be a special sermon on Stewardship Sunday on October 5, with a parish luncheon following the service.

“Being a good steward means being aware of the fact that God has given us all that we have and developing the practice of thankfulness and generosity. God’s grace — God’s unearned, undeserved, and unconditional love for us — invites, even demands a life of thankfulness and praise.”

—Linda Grenz, *Faith-based Stewardship: A Fresh Perspective on Congregational Giving*

Small Group Discussions and Sharing **Education for Ministry, Mondays 6:30 – 9:00 pm**

If you’d like to know who came first, Moses or the Macabees... If you’d really like to know what happened on the way to Jericho...if you would like to spend time with others to deepen your understanding of ministry and heritage, EFM could be for you.

The Education for Ministry program at All Saints begins in September and is open to all. The course is designed for lay people who want to explore theology in a serious and spirit filled way. In year one of the series, we will study The Hebrew Scriptures.

Each session consists of opening prayer, discussion of assigned readings, a Theological Reflection exercise, and closing prayer or devotion. As summarized in the EFM prospectus:

“Students belong to small ‘communities of learning’ in which the events of each person’s life may be examined in the light of the materials being studied. While the course materials provide substantial academic content, the focus of the program is **life as ministry**.” For more information, explore the EFM website at www.sewanee.edu/EFM or contact Barbara Bemberry at office@allsaintsbrookline.org Fee: \$340 for one year. Scholarships available.

Gospel Reflection Group, Sundays, 9:15 – 10:15 am

How can the Gospel shape our lives and give meaning to our daily struggles? Join us each Sunday morning as we read the Gospel lesson for the Sunday worship service and reflect on the Gospel’s relation to our lives. We will use a method of Scripture sharing developed in Latin America and Africa that is now used by people in countries around the world. No reading or study is required before the session. Just come with a spirit that is open to be touched by the Gospel’s teaching. For more information, contact David Killian, rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org or Leslie Sterling at ammalelie@earthlink.net.

Sermon Conversations, Sundays, 12 noon – 12:45 pm

Sermons often invite us to consider a new way of thinking or acting. Often they raise questions or stir us to further exploration. These monthly opportunities to discuss the sermon with the preacher after the 10:30 am Sunday service. These sessions will be held in the Library immediately after the service and will last for 45 minutes. Dates TBA.

Bible Study – The Book of Acts, Saturday, September 13, 9:00 – 10:30 am – organizational meeting

Responding to a parish hunger for deeper Bible study, a group will begin reading and studying The Book of the Acts of the Apostles this fall. This fifth book of the New Testament, telling

the story of Jesus’ resurrection and ascension, the work of the early apostles, and the adventures of Paul and his companions, is the closest thing to a novel in our scriptures and is exciting reading. At our first meeting, we will decide on our format and our meeting details and figure out who will bring the bagels! Contact Karen Keely at karen@twodames.net.

Celtic Mini Retreats, Saturdays 3:00 – 4:30 pm

◆ **September 20 - Homecoming: A Celebration of Story and Song with Alan O’Hare**

This summer Alan O’Hare, Celtic shenachie and director of Life Story Theatre, returned to Ireland to visit the people and places that formed him and that speak to his soul. He visited the grave of John O’Donohue, the author of *Anam Cara, Beauty*, and *Eternal Echoes*. When John died on January 3 of this year, people around the world grieved the loss of this great teacher. Alan will read John’s poems and will speak of the sights and sounds, the people and the places, the memories and the wild imaginings that were part of his homecoming. Through stories of pilgrimage, anam cara, prayer, and Celtic music, Alan will facilitate the gathering and nurture the Celtic spirit within. The Celtic Eucharist will be celebrated at 5:00 pm, following the retreat. For more information about Alan and Life Story Theatre, visit www.lifestorytheatre.org.

◆ **November 1 – “Death, Dying, and Resurrection”**

On the Celtic feast of Samhain, the holiest day of the year and the new year on the Celtic calendar, the Celts felt a special closeness to the dead. Through word and song, we will reflect on these great mysteries.

Fellowship Groups

Beacon Street Fellowship, for those in their 20s and 30s. We gather for brunch once a month after the Sunday 10:30 am worship service, for occasional events such as “Theology on Tap” presentations and discussion at area restaurants and other times for discussion and socializing. For information, contact the website: www.beaconstreetfellowship.com or the Rev. Valerie Bailey Fischer at: valerie_bailey@comcast.net

Forty Plus Fridays, for people over 40 (or getting close) Fridays, 7:00-9:00 pm. Join us for spiritual conversation on topics of interest to people over 40 (or getting close ...we won’t card anybody!)

- ◆ September 12 – “What is Forty Plus Faith?”
 - ◆ October 17 – “How Forty Plus Faith watches the debates”
 - ◆ November 21 – “How Forty Plus Faith pays it forward”
- For more information, contact Leslie Sterling at ammalelie@earthlink.net or call Jane Ross at 617-713-0303.

Women of Wisdom, Thursdays, 9:30 am—1:00 pm, September 11 and 25, October 9 and 23, November 6 and 20, December 11, 2008, January 8 and 22, 2009. Presented by The Ruah Spirituality Institute. A peer-led group for women of all faith backgrounds who wish to come together to reflect and what we have learned in our life journeys, the spiritual transformations we have experienced, and the special rewards and trials of aging. Cost: \$10. Please bring your own lunch; hot water for coffee and tea will be provided. Information: www.ruahspirit.org or ruahspirit@gmail.com, 617-277-0036.

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.

St. John's Dinner: On November 13, 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.

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. The Brookline Food Pantry at St. Paul's Church urgently needs a few additional volunteers over the next several weeks. If you can help out for 2 hours per week during the hours of 10:00 am until 2:00 pm on either a Tuesday or a Thursday, please contact Jim Margolis at 617-901-0848. 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, contact David Killian, rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org.

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volvement with the B-SAFE program in early July was a big success. B-SAFE – Bishop's Summer Academic & Fun Enrichment – is a six-week Episcopal day camp for children in Boston and Chelsea. B-SAFE helps kids *feel safe* physically, emotionally, & spiritually; *feel big* by trying new things and advancing academic skills; and *feel connected* by building relationships with peers and adult mentors. The program operates out of six different Episcopal churches in Boston and Chelsea and this year served over 500 elementary-aged children and employed dozens of high school youth. Through shared activities, B-SAFE participants create relationships across city neighborhoods to decrease violence in Boston.

B-SAFE has been in place for several years, but this was the first year that All Saints became one of its partner parishes. As a partner parish, we agreed to make and serve lunch at one camp location for one week, and take all the campers and staff at that location on a day-long field trip outside of the city.

From July 7 – 11, a team of 20 children, teens, and adults from All Saints prepared lunch for 75 campers and brought it to the Church of St. Augustine and St. Martin in Roxbury. Once on site, the All Saints team set tables, served food, and cleaned up. "DEAR time" ("Drop Everything and Read") followed lunch. Reading together was a fun way to get to know one another.

On Friday of our B-SAFE week, All Saints hosted and paid for a field trip to the DeCordova Museum in Lincoln and to Walden Pond in Concord. It was a beautiful summer day and everyone enjoyed touring the indoor exhibits, playing and picnicking in the museum's outdoor sculpture park, and taking a hike into the woods around Walden Pond.

The families of our Church School started preparing for our B-SAFE week last winter. At church, children spent the five weeks of Lent learning ways to be peacemakers. At home, families used a devotional booklet and practiced peace-making activities while collecting coins to help defray the cost of food and the field trip for B-SAFE in July. During Eastertide, we organized a used book drive so that the campers in Roxbury would have books to read (and keep) during DEAR time. And in May, the children and young people of our parish held a bake sale to help raise money. With support from the Mission & Outreach Committee, we were able to cover all our expenses.

A huge thanks to all who helped make the experience such a success – and so much fun: Fran Bancroft; Zoe Beattie; Amy & Ellie Bridge; Maureen Danahy; Carol, Olivia, & Rex Dube; Hilary, Masie, Eve, & Luke Elkins; Paula Ewenstein; Laura McLellan; Elizabeth Podobinski; Nancy Snudden; Eileen Sweeney and Eliana & Mariel Kronitz. The group decided that the B-SAFE partner project is a "keeper" and has plans to do it again next summer. Want to join us?

◆ *Becky Taylor, Director of Children's, Youth & Family Ministries*



Olivia Dube and Mariel Kronitz work with Carol Dube to make sandwiches for a picnic during our field trip

Earth Corner:

An occasional newsletter from the Millennium Development Goals Group working on environmental sustainability. *September 2008*

As we consider what we can do as individuals to preserve our natural environment, we can turn to many resources. A good example is the series of papers on "Everyday Environmental Stewardship" provided on the website of Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light (<http://www.mipandl.org/ees.html>). Here is an excerpt of what can be found there, this one written by Andrew Siliski.

Compact Florescent Light Bulbs

Andrew Siliski

Key Issue: Conserving electricity

Stewardship Opportunities: Buying and Recycling CFLs

Buying and installing compact florescent light ("CFL") bulbs is an extremely easy way to conserve electricity, cut down on electrical bills and reduce your carbon footprint! Lighting is used every day in buildings; it constitutes 25% of electricity consumed in the average home. CFLs use about 1/4 the amount of electricity (watts) as an incandescent bulb and at the same time produce the same amount of light (lumens). The lifespan of a standard CFL, 10,000 hours, is 10 times the lifespan of a standard incandescent light bulb. CFLs can be used in all buildings for all purposes. There is a CFL for every need (e.g. homes, offices, places of worship, schools) and fixture (e.g. standard and candelabra base).

Stewardship Opportunity #1 - Buying CFLs

CFLs can replace all standard base incandescent and halogen light bulbs. Regular 15 watt CFLs can replace 60 watt incandescent reading lamps while the 29 watt CFLs can replace the 100

watt outside flood lights. These bulbs can be bought from stores ranging from Home Depot to Walgreen's. Since stores carry the most frequently used bulbs, try the Internet for the more specialized bulbs. For finding suppliers of CFLs (and other Energy Star products, including fixtures) try http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=store.store_locator.

Home Depot sells CFLs in multi packs where each bulb costs as low as \$2.00. Also, \$2.00 Energy Star mail-in rebates are available for up to 6 CFL packages per household per year.

Replacing conventional incandescent light bulbs with CFLs will not only reduce the user's electrical bill but also reduce the heat pollution emitted from lighting. An incandescent light bulb is 5% efficient where 95% of the energy consumed is radiated out as heat. CFLs are four times more efficient. CFLs are a little more expensive than other light bulbs, but since CFLs last 10 times longer than an incandescent bulb, the cost of buying and reinstalling bulbs is significantly reduced by lower monthly electricity bills and less frequent new bulb purchases. *EnergyStar* qualified light bulbs use 50 to 70 percent less electricity than regular incandescent or halogen lamps while emitting the same amount of light. These fixtures are available in many styles and can be used for outdoor and indoor ceiling-mounted lighting, lamps, wall mounted, recessed, and architectural lighting. Unlike previous models, new bulbs are quick start, no hum. CFLs are also available in colored, reflector, candle, dimmable, and 3 way options. They can replace the incandescent bulbs in reading lamps, chandeliers, dimmable flood lights, three way lights, and even colored lights. Every incandescent can be replaced with an energy saving compact florescent equivalent.

A good location for buying all kinds of CFLs is the IPL-sponsored <http://www.energyfederation.org/ipl/>

[default.php](#). MIP&L members and congregants get 10% discount!!! (All Saints Parish is a member.) Enter the *discount* code **shopipl**

Visit the Energy Star website to see an up to date list of qualified light fixtures. http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=fixtures.pr_light_fixtures

Light fixtures that have earned the *EnergyStar* label combine quality and attractive design with the highest levels of energy efficiency available today. These fixtures use CFLs. They come in hundreds of decorative styles including portable — such as table, desk and floor lamps — and hard-wired options for locations throughout the homes and buildings.

Stewardship Opportunity #2 - Recycling CFLs

CFLs cannot be thrown away or recycled like incandescent or halogen light bulbs. CFLs need to be handled with care. If one implodes, it releases the mercury gas into the air potentially harming people nearby. CFLs on average contain 4mg of mercury so they need to be recycled at the local hazardous waste facility in accordance with local laws and regulations. This is very easy.

The only required action is taking the CFLs to a local recycling depot. They do the rest of the work. There is a collection barrel for CFLs at All Saints Parish, so the easiest way to recycle yours may be to bring them to church. Otherwise, a good website for finding the nearest recycling center is <http://earth911.org/>. Entering a zip code will give the closest recycling center, website, address, phone number, and hours open. Since CFLs last 10 times longer than incandescent, the frequency of buying and recycling these bulbs is reduced significantly.

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Celtic Holy Eucharist

riched our parish; an anniversary potluck supper will follow. Prior to the service from 3:00 to 4:30 pm, Alan O'Hare will lead a Celtic Mini-Retreat on the theme of "Homecoming." We will begin our eleventh year of Celtic spirituality at All Saints. Please join us on September 20 and at the Celtic Holy Eucharist Wednesdays at 6:15 pm and Saturdays at 5:00 pm throughout the year.

—David A. Killian

"Parish Voices" will be back in future issues. For more information and to contribute, please contact Jean Knox, Features Editor, at Jean_knox@hmco.com or Gretchen McBride, Features Editor, at Gretchen@redhenwriting.com

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Visit us on the web at
www.allsaintsbrookline.org.

Articles for the November/December 2008 issue should be sent by October 1, 2008 to
kari_hannibal@hms.harvard.edu.

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

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| September 2 | 7:00 pm— Unemployed Support Group |
| September 7 | Welcome Back Sunday:
9:30 am — Schola
10:15 am — Registration for Church School
10:30 am — Holy Eucharist with Choir
11:45 am — Parish Picnic |
| September 14 | 10:15 am— Church School begins |
| September 20 | 8:00 am— Men's Group ; 9:00 am— Women's Book Group
Tenth Anniversary of Celtic Holy Eucharist: 3:00 pm—
Retreat on "Homecoming"; 5:00 pm— Celtic Eucharist |
| September 27 | 9:00 am— Diocesan Resource Day at Bentley College |
| October 1 | 7:00 pm— Explorations in Faith begins |
| October 5 | 10:30 am— Stewardship Sunday ; 12 noon—Parish Luncheon
1:30 pm—"Windows of All Saints" (Brookline House Tours) |
| October 12 | 10:30 am— Blessing of Animals |
| October 19 | 10:30 am— Children's Sabbath |
| October 25-26 | 10:30 am— Gift Sunday ; please bring your pledge card to Church
12 noon—"The Centrality of the Altar in Christian Worship" |