

Saints Alive!

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The Mission of All Saints Parish

is to be a Community -- searching to know and accept God's purpose for us, uplifted by worship together, sustained by a 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 Saint's Parish is to welcome all people who seek the love of God, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnic background, socio-economic status, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, or age. We welcome all people on the basis of our Baptismal Covenant in which we promise to "seek and serve Christ in all person" and "respect the dignity of every human being."

All Saints members minister to Goddard House residents

One Sunday afternoon a month, a team from All Saints Parish gathers with a group of residents, and occasionally visiting family members and friends, to praise God. The residents live at Goddard House, a skilled nursing facility in Jamaica Plain. We read the gospel, sing hymns, share communion, and pray together. The prayers include individual petitions for each resident according to their concerns. In addition to the reserve sacrament, elements from both the Celtic and Sunday morning services at All Saints are woven in. And in an attempt to provide a worshipful environment that is nourishing to all the senses, materials such as table cover, candles, cross, etc. are brought from All Saints. After the service, a social period enables a time of fellowship, and each resident receives a prayer card and a flower to take to their room as tangible reminders of the gifts of God.

Typically 15 or so patients participate each month. Many are in wheelchairs. They are welcoming to the All Saints team, sing enthusiastically, receive the Eucharist prayerfully, and are most appreciative of this service. One resident said, "I wish you could come every week."

The team members include Fran Bancroft, Mary Urban Keary, and Daphne Zhao. We are building on the good foundation of AnneMarie Ellis, Mary Dunlap and others who ministered at Goddard House. We have enjoyed getting to know the residents, and find the work of this ministry to be



deeply rewarding. Worshiping with the residents and bringing them the Eucharist are tangible reminders to us that we are all members of one another; part of the Body of Christ. We are grateful to All Saints Parish for providing this opportunity to serve, and for the support of many individuals at ASP during the planning and evaluation phases.

—Fran Bancroft

If you would like to join this ministry

There are other people whose mobility is restricted by illness and/or age who would welcome the opportunity of receiving communion in their own place of residence. With more team members, we could reach a larger number of these folks, while providing a rewarding service experience for participants. If you are interested, please contact Mary Urban Keary (mukeary@gmail.com), Fran Bancroft (fran.bancroft@verizon.net), Daphne Zhao (daphneingning@gmail.com), or the rector for more information.

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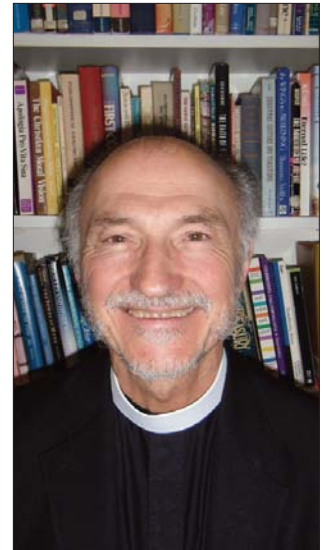
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From the Rector...

Welcome back!

I hope that you found time for refreshment and renewal this summer. I look forward to welcoming you back to All Saints on September 12 when the choir returns and we resume our fall schedule. Please see pages 8-10 for information about Church School, Schola, and Adult Education. A highlight of the summer for me was my Study Tour to Israel with Jewish and Christian Clergy. We visited sites sacred to Jews and Christians and spoke with Israeli and Palestinian leaders about prospects for peace in the Holy Land. Brochures, photos, and artifacts from the Study Tour are on display in the Guild Room. To read reflections by members of the Study Tour, please visit our blog: <http://jrcrcinisrael.blogspot.com/>



Stewardship

Stewardship is everything I do after I say, "I believe." Stewardship is faith in action, faith making a difference, faith responding in love. The theme of our stewardship educational effort this fall is Building the Blessed Community. Our stewardship commitment begins with a realization of how each of us has been blessed personally. Our motivation for giving should be based on our need to respond to God's gifts, not on the church's need to receive our gifts. Our stewardship response expresses our faith and gratitude for all that we have received. As we come to recognize the abundance of gifts that God has given us, we are moved to respond generously and lovingly with the gift of our time, talent, and treasure. As we enter into the fall season, I invite you to join me in making a stewardship commitment to support God's work at All Saints Parish in 2011. Please make your gift joyfully from a sense of God's abundance in your life. Many thanks to Jeff Thibault and Wendy Wheeler, co-chairs, and the Stewardship Committee for their leadership and example.

Spirituality and Justice Award

On June 6th, we presented the thirteenth annual Spirituality and Justice Award to The Rev. Dr. Deborah Little Wyman. The citation read: "Sixteen years ago you began a street ministry in Boston, which became Ecclesia Ministries, followed two years later by Common Cathedral, an outdoor church on the Boston Common. In 2002 you began assisting other cities, founding a network which today numbers some 150 affiliates in 85 street ministries and churches. You have worked with homeless people, ministers, outreach and mental health workers in the United States, Brazil, and the United Kingdom to create outdoor spiritual communities. Your ministry to the homeless is grounded in your deep faith in Jesus who befriended marginalized and forgotten people wherever he went. You embody Christ's teaching to let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to God." Dr. Wyman delivered the sermon at the Holy Eucharist, which you may access on our website: www.allsaintsbrookline.org/sermons/DLW100606.html. A nomination form for the 2011 Spirituality and Justice Award is on page 8.

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Building the Blessed Community: Nourishing the Foundation of our Faith

"Building the Blessed Community" is again our theme for the coming year and for our upcoming "Stewardship of Finances" season in October. Our faith community continues to grow ever stronger as we reach out in love to others, looking for opportunities to share the good news and inviting others to join us.

Highlights for the fall include:

October 2 & 3--Stewardship Saturday and Sunday - This Sunday introduces the "Stewardship of Finances" season. Jeff Thibault and Wendy Wheeler are this year's co-chairs of the Stewardship Committee.

October 9 & 10--Feast of St. Francis and Blessing of the Animals - The annual celebration of the Blessed St. Francis. Pets of all kinds are invited, welcomed, and blessed at the service.

October 16 & 17--Children's Sabbath - We celebrate the children in our community and in the world at the 10:30 service.

October 23 & 24--Gift Sunday - We place our pledge cards on the altar.



Each Sunday in October, parishioners will offer testimonials and all will have a special opportunity to acknowledge their blessings. **Please fill out the pledge card in the Building the Blessed Community brochure and bring it to the altar on Gift Sunday weekend, October 23-24.** Making a pledge offers an opportunity for us to express our thanks for what God has given us.

Why Should I Pledge?

In making a pledge, we express our gratitude to God for all our blessings, and respond with a promise; the congregation and those we serve beyond our selves count on that promise. This pledge income determines how the Vestry plans and implements the annual parish operating budget.

What Is A Faithful Pledge?

The tithe (10% of your income) is a standard of giving that has had special significance for God's people. 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 an increase of 1% of income 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.

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. _____

In 2010, we ask everyone to calculate the 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. More information is online at www.allsaintsbrookline.org.

**- Jeff Thibault and Wendy Wheeler
Co-chairs, Stewardship Committee**

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Explorations in Faith

If you are new to All Saints Parish or if you would like a refresher course on the basic beliefs of the Christian community or if you would like to be baptized, confirmed or received into the Episcopal

Church, then I invite you to join "Explorations in Faith" for six Mondays, September 27-November 8, at 7:00 pm. Laurie Rofinot and I will lead this stimulating discussion of essential Christian practices.

David

Vestry News



Your Vestry meets monthly, usually on the third Wednesday of the month. Here are some of the matters we have been working on and some recent developments:

1. New Fundraising Policy: In 2010 the Vestry began a new parish-wide fundraising policy to apply both to church committees and to individuals who would like to solicit monetary support from parishioners for particular projects. This decision is consistent with the Vestry's view that the primary context for fundraising at church is the fall Stewardship campaign which supports the annual budget.

In order to promote coordinated planning and to minimize the frequency of requests for donations (money and/or gifts) from parishioners, as many needs as possible should be addressed through the annual budgeting process. Sometimes, however, the Vestry recognizes situations requiring funding cannot be anticipated that far in advance. To address these more ad hoc situations, the Vestry requests all fundraising initiatives be brought first to the Executive Committee for review and then to the Vestry for approval to conduct the proposed fundraiser. While we understand that there are many needs in the world, the Vestry hopes to ensure that All Saints continues to focus our fundraising efforts upon the many ministries where we have first and foremost chosen to be actively involved. Any concerns, questions or requests for additional information about this policy can be directed to Sue LeClaire.

2. New Communications Committee: The Vestry has become increasingly aware of the importance of communicating well with others -

both inside and outside our walls - about all of the wonderful ministries at All Saints Parish. Through Vestry discussion and a follow-up meeting with the parish last spring, it became clear that All Saints would benefit from a new ministry supporting enhanced communication. Thus, a new Communications Committee was formed and has already met twice.

Initial committee discussions have focused on how All Saints Parish presents itself to the outside world. Specifically, as a church, what is our over-arching goal and how do we communicate that message to others? The first exercise the committee has decided to undertake is to determine why people commit to ASP as their spiritual home. The Committee plans to conduct parishioner interviews to learn how they are enriched by the experiences at All Saints looking for common themes that we can use when speaking with people outside of our parish. In addition, the committee is interested in enhancing our web presence, since the Internet is the first place many people go to when searching for a spiritual home. Members of the Communications Committee include: Morgan Howard, Sue LeClaire, Corey Matthews, Karen McIntosh, Chris Newth, June Santosa, Erica Topolski, Wendy Wheeler, and Bob Young.

3. Membership Coordinator: At the recommendation of the Welcome and Evangelism Committee, in June the Vestry authorized the creation of a new part-time paid staff position of Membership Coordinator. The role of the Coordinator is to assist new members to become and stay connected to the All Saints community. For those who are "trying out" All Saints, the Coordinator would be a reliable presence in the back of the church during the service and at the Social Hour and would also follow-up afterwards. More generally, the Coordinator would help to promote connections among all members by creating leadership and staff photo posters, maintaining and updating the name-badge system and other activities intended to encourage

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fellowship among newcomers and others.

In the view of the Vestry, All Saints, with an average weekly Sunday service attendance of 167 people, is now at a size where having a dedicated person to attend to the needs of newcomers is an important gesture of welcome and hospitality. We are hopeful that the assistance of a Membership Coordinator will help us to more gracefully invite others into a deeper relationship with God and the All Saints community.

4. Relational Evangelist Intern: This fall, All Saints Parish also expects to build outreach to young adult newcomers through participation in the Relational Evangelist Pilot Program set up by the Diocese of Massachusetts. Now in its third year, the Relational Evangelist Program places young adult (18-30 year old) interns in churches and missions around the diocese with the intention of engaging more young adults in the deepening their spiritual life and making a difference in the world. The presence of young adults at All Saints, as well as in the Brookline/Boston community near the church and the parish's active interest in mission and outreach work made All Saints a natural candidate for this type of program. All Saints was invited to apply for this program and the Diocese is waiving the customary financial charge.

The Relational Evangelist intern will begin in the fall and be based at All Saints for the next eleven months. His or her goal will be to develop a group of young adults who are interested in taking on mission or social justice project in the community during the next year and to lay the groundwork for leadership to continue this ministry after the internship ends. The Vestry anticipates that the Relational Evangelist intern will bring spirit and energy to connecting young adults with God and good works and looks forward to supporting this innovative program.

—Sue LeClair and Roberta Schnoor

Help All Saints AND get rid of unneeded items

If you have items in your home or attic that you no longer need, we have a better and easier idea than holding your own yard sale: **donate them to All Saints for our all-parish Tag Sale on Saturday, September 25, 2010.** You're able to reduce clutter, claim the donation on your taxes AND help All Saints meet our 2010 financial goals.

What sells best?

Home furnishings, especially furniture in good condition such as desks, tables, sofas, rugs, lamps, artwork, fans/air conditioners, appliances in good working order, and antique items and collectibles

Family and kid items such as strollers, toys, games, bikes and tricycles.

All items should be in good condition. Please do not bring anything that is broken, stained, missing pieces, etc. (If you really consider it junk, it probably won't sell.) We also cannot take clothing, shoes, books, outdated electronics or bedding.

When do you bring in your items?

We would like to receive the items *the week of September 19th*, but if you need to get them out of your home earlier, please contact us and we can make arrangements for storage.

Whom do you contact for more information?

If you have a question about what, when or how to donate, please contact co-chairs *Wendy Wheeler*, wendywheeler@mail.com or *Jim Daniell*, jimdaniell@comcast.net.

First Thursdays at All Saints

**Beginning October 7
5:45 p.m.**

Beginning October 7th, we invite you to join us for a meal and fellowship at All Saints Parish on the first Thursday of the month. This is a wonderful time to meet new people and to connect with old friends. Supper prepared by All Saints chefs will be provided from 5:45 to 6:45 pm. From 7:00 to 7:15 pm, we will clean up and put the dining tables away. An adult education program will be offered from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. **Fee: \$10; \$5 seniors and children.** *October 7, November 4, December 2, January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5.*

Queen Liliuokalani at All Saints Church



A few years ago, while I was doing altar guild cleanup after the service, I saw a young man looking carefully around the church. I engaged him in conversation. It turned out he was a student of Hawaiian history and was most particularly interested in the island nation's last queen, Queen Liliuokalani.

He was here because he wanted to see the church where the beloved queen had worshiped while staying in Brookline near the end of the nineteenth century. I asked him if he knew just what year that might have been.

He said he believed it would have been early in 1897, and I had to tell him I didn't believe this current structure was here by then. The parish was founded in 1984 and it was my best understanding that we worshipped for a few years in a temporary structure.

He said the Queen had written movingly about All Saints in her autobiography and gave me the name of the book, *Hawaii's Story by Hawaii's Queen*. I found the book on the Internet and indeed located the relevant passage, which reads as follows:

During my sojourn in Brookline I attended All Saints' Church. The rector was Rev. Mr. Addison and I was pleased to note the close attention given to his sermons by the members of the congregation. He seemed to be a very popular man with his parishioners; and well they might appreciate such a pastor, for he showed himself to me a man whose heart and soul were in the great and glorious work of teaching the truths of Christianity, and leading others in the worship of God.

This is from Queen Liliuokalani's book and is the only reference to All Saints. She had arrived in Boston on Christmas Day, 1896, and after a few days at the Parker House had moved to the Stirlingworth Cottage in Brookline. She stayed there until January 22, 1897, so she was in Brookline for just over three weeks. She had been deposed as Queen in 1893, had been imprisoned on what appear to have been trumped-up charges and then pardoned in 1896. She travelled to the U.S. as part of a plea for "justice" and visited Brookline to spend time with relatives here from her husband's side of the family.

The cornerstone of our current building was laid in 1898, and thus the Queen's attendance was almost certainly in the wooden structure used for a few year's prior to that.

-Harold Petersen

All Saints EcoTeams Find Ways to Reduce Carbon Emissions at Home

Last spring, ten households from All Saints Parish participated in an EcoTeam project sponsored by the Stewardship Committee

to promote personal responsibility for the environment. This project was initiated by a local group, Climate Change Action Brookline



(CCAB), which has been encouraging faith groups as well as others in Brookline to form EcoTeams. After a kick-off luncheon at which CCAB volunteers explained the program (see photo), two All Saints EcoTeams were formed with the goal of meeting three times over the course of a month to find ways to cut household carbon emissions and reduce energy costs.

The Green Hornet team met on Thursday evenings, coinciding with the dinner hour before choir practice; the Green Guardian team met early Sunday mornings, coinciding with the start of church babysitting hours before the Sunday service. Both teams used an established curriculum provided by CCAB, *The Low Carbon Diet* by David Gershon, to guide their meetings and at-home work. Every household began by calculating its "carbon footprint," an analysis of utility use and household practices that contribute carbon dioxide to the environment. With this baseline information, we worked through *The Low Carbon Diet* recommendations and pointers. Meeting discussions were energetic and lively, as participants traded tips on laundry and toilet paper recommendations and marveled at the amount of electricity used by extra refrigerators and "phantom loads," electric devices such as TVs and computers that are turned off, but not unplugged.

At the end of the month, each household calculated the "carbon pounds shed" by actions already taken, and in addition identified steps that they would commit to take in the next several months to reduce carbon emissions even further. The final results were impressive: Altogether, the 10 households shed a total of 42,690 pounds of carbon and committed to reduce their emissions by another 39,555 pounds! Gershon suggests that each household try to reduce emissions by 5000 pounds; the All Saints average weight loss was 8225 pounds of carbon dioxide. A successful diet indeed!

-Maija Gray and Roberta Schnoor

EcoTeam participants included: Anne and Joe Harzbecker, Kari Hannibal, Jean and Dick Knox, Jean and Peter Stringham, Sue Sturman, Mimi and Cornell Gray, Ellen and Mark Lewis, Ken Coleman, Sylvia Scharf and Jane Gillette, Wendy Wheeler and Bill and Roberta Schnoor.

Honduran trip successful by all accounts

In the wee hours of the morning on July 9th, a group of four teens and four adults from our parish left Logan airport, headed for Honduras. The adults on the team were Carol Pineiro, Bill Schnoor, Becky Taylor and her husband, Steve. The young people were Grace Foxworthy, Tom Schnoor, Elizabeth Speyer-Besancon, and Becky and Steve's nephew, John Thorsen. All the kids had completed their first or second year of high school.

The group traveled to Tegucigalpa, the capital city of Honduras, and then continued on by van to Talanga, a town of about 30,000 people 30 miles outside of the city. They lived and worked for a week at the Agricultural School and Farm that is operated by El Hogar Projects (www.elhogar.org). El Hogar provides a loving home and education in a Christian environment for abandoned, orphaned, and hopelessly poor Honduran children. The 55 teenaged boys who live and go to school on the farm come mainly from poor rural villages scattered throughout the country.

The team from All Saints shared three meals each day with the boys. They worked along side them, doing farm chores each morning. In the afternoon, when the boys had four hours of academic classes, Carol and Grace taught them conversational English. Each evening after supper everyone socialized together, forming friendships that were deep and meaningful and fun. The week also included a trip into Talanga for the team, as well as visits to the other two locations operated by El Hogar: St. Mary's Technical School in the Ameriteca Valley, and the elementary school and orphanage in Tegucigalpa.

During the trip, members of the team kept a daily blog. Here is an excerpt from one entry:

The ride [to Talanga] was certainly sobering. None of the roads were paved and most were filled with trash and washed out. Stray dogs ran everywhere fighting with each other for scraps and the homeless picked their meals out of dumpsters that were swarmed by flies. Small children were everywhere begging for a bit of change. We first stopped at the main market of the city where most of the team enjoyed a Pepsi, their first soda in a week. Our final stop was at [the home of an aunt] of one of the boys from the farm, Jose Enrique. His aunt who couldn't have been older than 21 had

three small children. The inside [of her home] was all concrete and there was minimal furniture, only a few couches and a small TV that played ESPN. In the back outside we saw where they wash their clothes and cook their food. John used the bathroom and reported back to us that it was little more than the basin of a toilet surrounded by three walls. The whole afternoon was an experience I'm sure none of us will soon forget.

On the final evening of their stay, the team and all the boys and staff said goodbye to one another. Each member of the All Saints team spoke to the group, and then a few of the boys spoke, too. Here is what one had to say:

"First, we thank God for allowing us to be gathered here once again, and that we are all good. Well, I'm here in front to thank you very much for coming to visit, for what you have shared with us, and for being friends with us. In the English classes we learned a lot of good things. Again, I thank you very much. Have a safe trip, and God be with you always."

The team is already talking about wanting to go back next year, a good measure of success! They are planning to make a full report to the parish in early October. Thank you to all who supported them, both before they left and while they were away. It was an experience that was truly formative for all.

-Becky Taylor



The team from All Saints (left to right): Becky & Steve Taylor, Josue Palma (director of the computer lab at the farm school) & Carol Pineiro, Grace Foxworthy & Bill Schnoor (behind Carol), Elizabeth Speyer Besancon, John Thorsen, and Tom Schoor.

All Saints' Fourteenth Annual Spirituality And Justice Award Nomination Form

All Saints Parish annually presents the Spirituality and Justice Award to persons whose notable commitment to justice for all of God's people is grounded in a deep spiritual life. The presentation of the award is a special time each year as All Saints Parish lifts up an outstanding person for recognition by the community. As we honor these distinguished persons we draw strength from their example. They inspire us to renew our commitment to justice as an essential expression of our spirituality and faith. A cash gift is given to the organization designated by the recipient. Previous recipients were: 1998 - Bishop Barbara C. Harris; 1999 - Bishop Simon E. Chiwanga; 2000 - Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE; 2001 - Bishop Steven Charleston; 2002 - Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu; 2003 - Dr. Yang Jianli and Christina Fu; 2004 - The Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas; 2005 - Bishop V. Gene Robinson; 2006 - Byron Rushing; 2007 - Dr. Peter Stringham; 2008 - Dr. Paul Farmer; 2009 - Mrs. Marian Wright Edelman; 2010 - The Rev. Deborah Little Wyman.

Guidelines for nominations: Persons may be nominated from all faith traditions. Nominees should be persons who have significantly contributed to the furtherance of justice and whose work has been informed by their own deep spirituality. Please provide information about the person you are nominating in the space below and send to: Rector, All Saints Parish, 1773 Beacon Street, Brookline, MA 02445 by **October 10, 2010** or fax: 617-738-7501 or email: rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org.

Nominee:

Nominee's address:

Reasons why this person should be considered for the Spirituality and Justice Award:

Your name:

Your phone #:

Your email:

Your address:

Street

Town

ZIP

Adult education classes

Learning to Pray

This series will present spiritual practices from deMello's book, *Sadhana: A Way to God, Christian Exercises in Eastern Form*. Participants will be introduced to new forms of prayer that they can use on their own. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Adult Education Committee of All Saints Parish and the Ruah Interfaith Spirituality Program of CMM. **No fee, but voluntary donations will be accepted.** For information, please contact rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org or 617-738-1810, ext 105. Thursday, September 16 and 23, 2010, 6:45 - 7:45 pm.

Thursday Meditation Group

The group will utilize meditation exercises from Anthony deMello's *Sadhana: A Way to God*. The book provides easy access to meditation for beginners and refreshment for long-time practitioners. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Adult Education Committee of All Saints Parish and the Ruah Interfaith Spirituality Program of CMM. **No fee, but voluntary donations will be accepted.** For information, please contact rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org or 617-738-1810, ext 105. Thursdays, 6:45 - 7:30 pm beginning September 30, 2010.

Spiritual Guides for All Seasons

Every age needs figures of spiritual inspiration to help us to rise above uncertainty and to search for God deep within ourselves. NOTE: This series features Christian Spiritual Guides. A series in the winter will present Spiritual Guides from other faith traditions. The book, *Spiritual Masters for All Seasons*, is available in the Guild Room at All Saints Parish.

September 30 - David Killian presents Anthony de Mello

October 7 - Anne Harrington presents Henri Nouwen

October 14 - David Killian presents John O'Donohue

October 21 - Margaret Rhodes presents Thomas Merton

October 28 - Mary Luti presents Teresa of Avila

November 4 - Peter Stringham presents his comic book on meditation: "Crocodile"

November 11 - Alexander Levering Kern and Kathleen Kelly present Quaker Spirituality

Fee for each session: \$10; fee for the series: \$50; Seniors and Students: \$5 per session or \$25 for the series. To register, please call 617-738-1810, ext 105. Thursdays, September 30-November 11, 2010 7:30 - 9:00 pm.

Mark your calendars!

Parish picnic: Sunday, Sept. 12

First Schola rehearsal: Thursday, Sept. 16

First day of Church School: Sunday, Sept. 19

Children's, Youth & Family Ministries Update

Annual Parish Picnic: *Sunday, September 12th*

The parish picnic is a great way to reconnect with old friends at All Saints and meet new members of the congregation! Plan to bring something to share – drinks, a side dish, or dessert – when you come to church on September 12th. The church will provide the hot dogs. The picnic takes place after worship, rain or shine – in the church yard if it's sunny, in the dining room if Mother Nature doesn't cooperate.

Blessing of backpacks: *Sunday, September 12th*

On Sunday, September 12th we will mark the beginning of the new academic year with a special ritual: the blessing of backpacks during the 10:30am worship service. Children and young people of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks to church that morning. This simple blessing is a way for kids to remember that they are held in the loving hand of God throughout the week, in all that they do.



Acolyte training: *September 26th, 11:45am*

Any young person in the parish who is in Grade 4 or older is eligible to serve as an acolyte on Sunday mornings. Acolytes play important roles in our weekly worship, leading the choir and altar party into the worship space, and attending the altar. With enough people serving in this ministry, the commitment is once each month. A training session for all new acolytes is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 26th, immediately following the completion of worship. This session also serves as a refresher course for all current acolytes. Please speak with Meg Bridge, Acolyte Coordinator, if you have questions: 617-484-1889.

From the Director of Children's, Youth & Family

Ministries: We have an exciting ministry year planned! Church School classes and youth meetings for all ages start on *Sunday, September 19th at 10:15am.*

Cherubs (PreK – Grade 1): Godly Play

The youngest children in our program begin their year with a series of stories from the Hebrew Scriptures: Creation, The Flood & the Ark, The Great Family, The Exodus, The 10 Best Ways. Cherub choir time with Keith Glavash will also take place on Sunday mornings, preceding the time spent in the classroom.

Elementary (Grades 2 – 5): Workshop Cycles

Children in these grades begin the year with a 3-session unit about the prophet Jeremiah who was called by God as a young boy to do important work. Jeremiah grew to understand that God is like a potter and

that we are the clay in God's hands, fashioned and re-fashioned by God. In October and November, these children will engage with a 4-session unit, "What makes All Saints Parish Special?" which focuses on Celtic spirituality as well as the many ministries engaged in and from this parish.

Middle School (Grades 6 – 8): Rite-13

The goals of Rite-13 are:

- To celebrate God's gift of manhood and womanhood.
- To affirm the power of creative energy that emerges from that gift and explore the ideas and disciplines that enable people to become effective change agents.
- To teach, by word and example, the principles of freedom, responsibility, and friendship.

The kids in this group will start the year with a planning session to chart their course for the fall.

High School (Grades 9 – 12): Journey to Adulthood

In small group discussions, Bible study and prayer, and "hands on" ministry, our high school young people are learning how to put their faith into action, both within the church and beyond it. Coming from a successful mission trip to Honduras during the summer, these kids will reconvene in the fall to chart their ministry year together.

Fall 2010 Church School Schedule: *Sept 19 & 26; Oct 3, 24 & 31; Nov 14 & 21*

No class on:

- Oct 10 (Columbus Day weekend)
- Oct 17 (Children's Sabbath Sunday: All ages in church)
- Nov 7 (All Saints Sunday)
- Nov 28 (Thanksgiving weekend)

Schola begins its 29th season!

Schola, the parish's children's choir, is open to anyone with a treble voice who is in 2nd Grade through High School. Membership in All Saints Parish is not required, nor are entry auditions. Choristers must be able to attend rehearsals on Thursday afternoons (4:45–5:45pm) and on Sunday mornings (9:30–10:15am), and to sing at Sunday morning worship services. To learn more, please contact Keith Glavash, Schola Director: glavieri.home@verizon.net.

Fall 2010 Schola Schedule

Sunday morning Schola rehearsals, 9:30 – 10:15am

Sept 12, 19, & 26; Oct 3, 17, 24, & 31;

Nov 7, 14, 21

Thursday Schola rehearsals, 4:45 – 5:45pm

Sept 16, 23 & 30; Oct 14, 21 & 28; Nov 4 & 18

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Children's Sabbath: Sunday, October 17

For many years, All Saints Parish has joined with congregations of all faiths across the nation for the national observance of Children's Sabbath sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, DC. This celebration aims to unite congregations in a shared concern for children and a common commitment to improving their lives and working for justice on their behalf. We are canceling all Church School classes on October 17th so that all our children and young people can participate in the entire worship service that morning. Becky Taylor, Director of Children's, Youth & Family Ministries, will be preaching.

All Parish Halloween Celebration: October 31

The children and young people of the parish will host a special Halloween celebration immediately after worship on Sunday, October 31st. That morning the social hour will be moved to the undercroft. (Where's the undercroft, you ask? Come downstairs and see!) Come and learn about the Celtic connections to Halloween, play some games, and get a little spooked out!

Charles River Deanery Youth Collaborative

Now beginning its 4th year, the CRDYC brings together middle school kids from Episcopal churches in Brookline, Dover, Needham, Newton, and Wellesley to socialize with one another, to worship and pray, and to live into Jesus' call to discipleship by serving those in need. The program augments the youth ministries at each parish in the Charles River Deanery and strives to broaden teens' awareness of the larger Church and its mission in the world.



During the 2010-2011 year, the activities of the CRDYC will be gathered under the theme "Living Water," taken from Jesus' teaching in John 7:37-38, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" *The first event is a canoe trip on the Charles River on Saturday, October 2nd, 10:00am to 1:00pm.* All 6th, 7th, or 8th graders in the parish will receive specific information about how to register for this activity. Questions? Contact Becky Taylor, reled@allsaintsbrookline.org.

Honduran Mission Team luncheon: October 17

In July, a team of young people and adults from our parish traveled to Honduras and lived and worked for one week at the Agricultural School and Farm that is operated by El Hogar Ministries. The week was instructive and formative and lots of fun, and the team will tell the parish all about it on Sunday, October 17, at a luncheon they will host after worship. Please plan to attend!

A Grandfather's Blessing

Because of the Icelandic volcano, William Wardly was delayed in Europe and did not arrive in time for the baptism of his three grandchildren at All Saints on April 18. He sent this message to their parents.

First, I would like to thank Susanna, Vanessa and Sylvia, three great moms, for delivering such beautiful baby girls. Now each of our four children has three children each.

I also want to thank the fathers of these three newly baptized children for supporting their wives during their pregnancies and for taking on the responsibility, together with their wives and God parents, of bringing up Annabelle, Emma, and Olivia in the Christian faith with Christian values. It is no small task but well worth the effort.



I also want to thank everyone for coming to celebrate this baptism which means so much to our families.

In Russia, a measure of a man's wealth is based not only on his financial wealth but how many grandchildren he has. Thus by Russian standards I am among the super rich with twelve grandchildren. I have my children and their spouses to thank for making me so wealthy. When I mention in Russia that I have twelve grandchildren and all of them so young they are astounded.

Obviously our families and our children have not done much to alleviate the overpopulation in the world. Hopefully though, through careful and attentive upbringing, we can nurture our children into becoming first class Christians and citizens in the respective countries they will live in.

In today's fast paced society careers, ambition and success are admired. But often the product of our work ends up in letters, reports, studies, programs, systems, new homes and cars and other material objects all of which over time are disposed of in one way or another or just wear out. But the effort we put into our children with God's blessing can outlive the material objects that are so highly valued by society.

Our children in turn can pass on our values to their children, and through this we can achieve some form of immortality and make a long lasting contribution to life on earth.

My comments should not be taken as a desire to have more grandchildren. I am more than happy with twelve. I have a feeling though that if there is a thirteenth grandchild, then due to sibling rivalry we will end up with sixteen grandchildren. Amen!

Love, Dad

Thank You to All Saints Members 2010!

We thank all of the individuals and families listed below who have made a pledge to support the ministries of All Saints Parish in 2010. 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, John Plonowski at 617-738-1810 ext. 106, or bookkeeper@allsaintsbrookline.org).

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Gary and Kelly Blank
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Worship At All Saints

Holy Baptism will be celebrated next on Sunday, November 7 at 10:30 a.m. 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 for those who need our prayers. The Intercessor brings the book forward during the Creed and incorporates those requests in the Prayers of the People. There is also a Parish Prayer List posted on the bulletin board where you can add prayer requests throughout the week.

Newcomers: If you are new to the parish, the Rector would like to welcome you. Please call the parish office at 617-738-1810, ext. 105 to schedule an appointment.

Readings for Sundays: *August 15:* Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 12:1-14; Luke 12:49-56. *August 22:* Isaiah 28:14-22; Psalm 46; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-29; Luke 13:22-30. *August 29:* Ecclesiasticus 10:7-18; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8; Luke 14:1,7-14. *September 5:* Jeremiah 18:1-11, Psalm 139:1-5, 13-17, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33. *September 12:* Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, Psalm 14, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10. *September 19:* Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, Psalm 79:1-9, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13. *September 26:* Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15, Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31. *October 3:* Lamentations 1:1-6, Lamentations 3:19-26, Psalm 137, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10. *October 10:* Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, Psalm 66:1-12, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19. *October 17:* Jeremiah 31:27-34, Psalm 119:97-104, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8. *October 24:* Joel 2:23-32, Psalm 65, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14. *October 31:* Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, Psalm 119:137-144, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12, Luke 19:1-10

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Articles for the Winter 2010 issue
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mohoward@gmail.com.

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)

Wednesday

6:15 pm Taizé Holy Eucharist

Things to Remember

**September 7
September 12**

**Unemployed Support Group, 7:00 pm
Welcome Back Sunday**

9:30 am - Schola rehearsal
10:15 am - Registration for Church School
10:30 am - Holy Eucharist with Choir
11:45 am - Parish picnic

**September 16
September 18**

**Learning to Pray begins, 6:45 pm
Men's Group, 8:00 am**

Women's Book Group, 9:00 am

**Celtic Mini-Retreat on Pilgrimage, 3:00 pm
Twelfth Anniversary of Celtic Holy Eucharist, 5:00 pm**

**September 19
September 25**

**Church School classes/Youth Program begins
Diocesan Resource Day at Bentley College, 9:00 am**

Tag Sale, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**September 27
September 30**

**Explorations in Faith begins, 7 pm
Thursday Meditation Group begins, 6:45 pm**

Spiritual Guides for All Seasons begins, 7:30 pm

October 3

Stewardship Luncheon, 12 noon

October 5

Unemployed Support Group, 7:00 pm

October 7

First Thursdays at All Saints begins, 5:45 pm

October 10

Blessing of Animals, 10:30 am

Spirituality and Justice award nominations due

October 17

Honduras Luncheon, 12 noon

October 23-24

Gift Sunday Weekend

November 7

Forum on Diocesan Convention, 9:15 am

November 14

Feast of All Saints Holy Eucharist, 10:30 am

November 21

New Member Sunday, 10:30 am

Stewardship Follow-up Sunday