

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."

Spirituality and Justice Award to Deborah Little Wyman on June 6

The thirteenth annual All Saints Parish Spirituality and Justice Award will be presented to the Rev. Dr. Deborah Little Wyman on Sunday, June 6, during the 10:30 am Holy Eucharist. Dr. Wyman will be the preacher at this service. All are welcome. Dr. Wyman founded Ecclesia Ministries and Common Cathedral, an outdoor church for the homeless in Boston, fifteen years ago. She has worked with homeless people, ministers, outreach and mental health workers, and others in the United States, Brazil, and the United Kingdom to create a spiritual community outdoors. She is the founder of Ecclesia Mission Affiliates, a network of some 100 street ministries in cities around the country that is inspired and supported by Common Cathedral.



Congratulations to our Confirmands

On Saturday, May 1st, five young people from our parish were confirmed by the Rt. Rev. Clark Grew, retired Bishop of Ohio, at a deanery confirmation service held at the Church of Our Saviour, Brookline. Pictured from left to right: Becky Taylor (Dir. of Children's, Youth & Family Ministries), the Rev. David Killian (Rector), Grace Foxworthy, Anita Chu, Marie Wheeler, Tom Schnoor, Aaron Yang, and Sue LeClaire (Journey to Adulthood mentor).

These young people are all long-time members of All Saints Parish. The Confirmation service followed a five-month course of study and preparation which included a combination of reading, writing, worship, and outreach ministry.



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From the Rector...

Spirituality and Justice Award

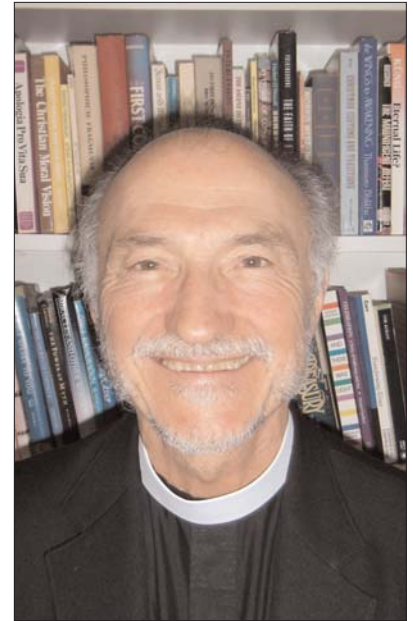
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The Spirituality and Justice Award is given to persons whose notable commitment to justice for all of God's people is grounded in a deep spiritual life. The presentation of the award is a special time each year as All Saints Parish lifts up an outstanding 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.

In past years the award was presented to Bishop Barbara C. Harris (1998); Bishop Simon E. Chiwanga (1999); Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE (2000); Bishop Steven Charleston (2001); Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu (2002); Dr. Yang Jianli and Ms. Christina Fu (2003); The Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas (2004); Bishop V. Gene Robinson (2005); The Honorable Byron Rushing (2006); Peter Stringham, M.D. (2007); Paul Farmer, M.D. (2008) and Marian Wright Edelman (2009).

Thank you, Philip; Welcome, Daphne!

Many thanks to Philip Major who served as field education seminarian at All Saints Parish this year. Philip is in the ordination process in the diocese of New Hampshire and will be ordained a deacon this year. Welcome, Daphne



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Zhao, a member of our parish who was confirmed by Bishop Harris at the Easter Vigil in April. Daphne, a student at B.U. School of Theology, will be serving as a field education seminarian at All Saints Parish this summer.

Membership Coordinator

As part of his field education responsibilities this year, Philip Major served as Membership Coordinator for our parish. In this role Philip worked with our Welcome and Evangelism Committee to develop goals and objectives to help our parish improve its ministry to new members. As we worked with Philip, we realized that we needed to find someone to continue his ministry after he left. The Welcome and Evangelism Committee requested, and the Vestry approved, funding for a part-time Membership Coordinator position (10 hours per week). We were assisted in developing the job description for this position by consulting with other churches that currently employ a Membership Coordinator. These churches have found that their ministry to new members improved greatly with the assistance of a Membership Coordinator. Welcoming new members, it must be said, is the responsibility of all members of the congregation. The Membership Coordinator is not intended to take that responsibility away from the rest of us. Rather, the Membership Coordinator is meant to help us to perform our responsibilities better so that new comers are able to make an easier transition to full membership and integration into the life of the parish. We will be receiving applications for this position in the coming weeks and hope to welcome the Membership Coordinator this summer.

Thank you, Kari; Welcome, Morgan!

Many thanks to Kari Hannibal who edited this newsletter since May 2001. Welcome to our new editor, Morgan Howard, who begins with this issue. I invite parishioners to submit your articles, notices, poems, and photographs for the next newsletter to Morgan at mohoward@gmail.com.

David

Worship At All Saints

Holy Baptism will be celebrated next on Saturday, June 26 at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 11 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: *June 6:* 1 Kings 17:8-24; Psalm 146; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17. *June 13:* 1 Kings 21:1-14, 15-21a; Psalm 5:1-8; Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3. *June 20:* 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42 and 43; Galatians 3:23-39; Luke 8:26-39. *June 27:* 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62. *July 4:* Isaiah 66:10-16; Psalm 66; Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 16-20. *July 11:* Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37. *July 18:* Genesis 18:1-14; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:21-29; Luke 10:38-42. *July 25:* Genesis 18:20-33; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13. *August 1:* Ecclesiastes 1:12-14; 2:1-7, 11, 18-23; Psalm 49; Colossians 3:5-17; Luke 12:13-21. *August 8:* Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33; Hebrews 11:1-16; Luke 12:32-40. *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

Vestry and Staff Retreat Update



In early February the Vestry and staff attended our annual retreat. We typically spend an overnight at St. Margaret's Convent in Roxbury to get to know one another better, discuss parish business, and set goals for the upcoming year. At our most recent retreat we took a slightly different approach.

In addition to getting to know each other better, we spent the majority of our time together exploring our values as the Vestry and staff of All Saints and discussing what we perceive to be the values of our parish. The intended outcome of this exercise is to begin to develop a three- to five-year plan using the values discussion as a basis for setting long-range priorities or goals.

Through a series of questions and answers, designed primarily by an outside consultant we engaged to assist us with this process, we arrived at a description of the qualities the Vestry felt is central to the identity of All Saints. In broad terms, the preservation and encouragement of these qualities over the next several years should inform our plans and actions. Namely, we value:

- High quality worship experiences. Intentionality and a high level of care given to preparation of worship services. This is true regardless of the type of worship, whether traditional 10:30 am Eucharist, Celtic service or our previously scheduled Sunday evening contemplative service.
- Music as integral to the worship experience.
- Thoughtful, stimulating preaching that challenges and educates us.
- The beauty of our Sanctuary. The nature of our 10:30 am Eucharist service depends on this formal setting and would not be the same without it.
- Open-mindedness in our approach to liturgy, spiritual growth. For a group whose core worship service is strongly grounded in traditional elements, we are very open to alternative ways of expressing spirituality.
- Cultural diversity among parishioners, we are and want to be a community that is more heterogeneous than homogenous.
- Diverse programs and ministries which create multiple sources of energy within the community. We don't want to be a "one-note" church.
- Strong Programs in Adult and Youth Education, Music and Mission.
- Parish Staff members who lead out with strong expertise and creative ideas.

In addition to constructing our Vestry perspective on parish values, we discussed which aspects of parish life we saw as priorities. Three areas emerged: 1) Communication, 2) Financial Responsibility, and 3) Growth.

Some ideas that came out include developing new feedback mechanisms to enhance communication between the Vestry, Staff and parishioners; physical changes to the back of the

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Sanctuary to provide a better picture of the parish to newcomers; evaluating the role of the endowment to support our work and strengthening programs that nurture community and support the spiritual growth of parish members.

The Vestry plans to spend time at each of the next three meetings exploring further the topics of Communication, Financial Responsibility and Growth. Then, we hope to engage the parish in a discussion about these three areas as we begin the process of building a long term plan. Stay tuned!

-Sue LeClair and Roberta Schnoor

Celtic Spirituality Mini-Retreat: The Spirit of Iona

**Saturday, June 5
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

Mark Burrows, Ute Molitor, David Killian, AnneMarie Ellis and others who have been on pilgrimage to Iona will share slides, stories, and remembrances of their visits to the holy isle.

Iona has been a site of pilgrimage since Columba and his companions established a monastery and center of spirituality there in 563 A.D.

Please join us for this mini-retreat as we prepare to celebrate the feast of St. Columba (June 9). All are invited. No fee, but free will donations are accepted.

Following the mini-retreat, all are invited to the Celtic Holy Eucharist at 5:00 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Mark Burrows. A potluck appetizer social hour will follow at 6:00 p.m.



Introducing Daphne Zhao

Dear Parishioners,

My name is Daphne Zhao. I will serve as a field education student at All Saints Parish this summer



I am a first year seminary student who comes from Beijing, China and studies Theology (Master of Divinity) at BU School of Theology. I first came to All Saints Parish on October 2009. I joined the Journey's class in January 2010 and later was confirmed by Bishop Harris during the Easter Vigil service.

I will be doing a summer internship at All Saints Parish as a seminarian to fulfill my field education study. My tasks will include serving as a chalice, lector, intercessor and usher. I will visit shut-ins and those in nursing homes and I will also help to compile and categorize the history of parish.

I look forward to meeting as many parishioners as I can and invite you to introduce yourselves to me. It's my great pleasure to meet and talk with you. meet and talk with you.

Peace,

Daphne Zhao

Mark your calendars!

Parish picnic: Sunday, Sept. 12

First Schola rehearsal: Thursday, Sept. 16

First day of Church School: Sunday, Sept. 19

B-SAFE & All Saints Parish: July 6 – 9

This summer marks our congregation's third year as a partner parish in the B-SAFE (Bishop's Summer Academic and Fun Enrichment) program. B-SAFE is a 6-week summer day activity program for elementary and middle school kids at six sites in Boston and Chelsea. Partner parishes like ours provide lunch and snacks for campers at one location for one week, and also host a day-long field trip at the end of the week.

This year, we are partnering again with the Church of St. Augustine & St. Martin in Roxbury during the first week of the program (July 6 – 9; Monday, July 5th is a legal holiday). There are several ways to help: shopping for groceries, preparing lunches, delivering and serving lunch downtown, reading to kids after lunch, and going on the field trip. **Anyone who would like to help in any of these ways is asked to contact Becky Taylor (reled@allsaints-brookline.org; 617-738-1810 Ext. 104).** One organizational meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, June 13 at 11:45am.**



Pictured from our B-SAFE week last summer: All Saints members deliver lunch to campers at St. Augustine & St. Martin. To watch a brief film about B-SAFE, visit their website: <http://www.ststephensbos.org/summerprograms.html>

Thanks to our Children's & Youth Ministries volunteers

The 2009-2010 ministry year came to a close with the final classes on May 9th. We give thanks for the following adults who have given their time and talents to the children of our parish:

Nursery: *Megan Ryan, Emily Manning-Mingle, Dana Schmohl, Katie Kaiser*

Godly Play: *Gillian Bartoo, Linda Cutting-Whited, Meghan Kirtland, Mary Ann Neary, Chris McGroddy, Eileen Sweeney*

Grades 2 – 5: *Lisa Feltner, Liz Gilbert, Margaret Hakimian, Kari Hannibal, Alida Hanson, Dave Harrison, Lisa Hickey, Colin Johnstone, Karen McLoughlin, Stella Parry, Elizabeth Podobinski, Adele Riesenberg, Roberta Schnoor, Nancy Snudden, Susan Wheeler*

Rite-13 mentors: *Nancy Bronder, David Pfarrer*

Journey to Adulthood mentors: *Sue LeClaire, Peter Stringham*

Acolyte Coordinator: *Meg Bridge*

Schola Director: *Keith Glavash*

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

A Thank You from Philip Major

Dear Friends,

It has been a great joy and privilege to serve as your seminarian during the 2009-10 school year. Thank you for including me so fully in your worship, for giving me the opportunity to work with, observe, and learn from your work in small groups and committees, and for being willing to lend your ideas and energy to my work here.

I am especially grateful to:

- The entire staff, and especially to David, for their guidance and support in all aspects of my work.
- The members of my seminarian reflection committee, Nathaniel Samuel, Nancy Snudden, Colin Johnstone, Maggie Shirland, Charles Moo and Susan Cleaver.
- Our Welcome and Evangelism Committee, for all of the extra hours they devoted to developing a framework for our ministry to new and existing members.
- Our ushers and greeters, and especially Susan Cleaver, for including me in their ministry of welcome.
- All who contributed extra time and energy to projects I undertook for classes and for the church, most notably our Life @ All Saints luncheons and our recently completed photo directory!
- The participants in our Explorations, Journeys and 1 Corinthians courses.
- David Pfarrer and Becky Taylor, for fully including my wife, Nancy Bronder and our son Noah in the Rite-13 class.
- All who supported me as I tried out a wide varieties of ministries during worship.

By the time you read this I will have graduated with my M. Div. from the School of Theology at Boston University. I have been searching for a curacy positions all over Province 1, but there are far more candidates than positions. I will let you know where I end up.

In the meantime, *if you'd like to contact me you are welcome to use my long-term e-mail address:*

philipmajor@gmail.com. Finally, I ask that you hold my family and me in your prayers during this time of transition for us.

Faithfully,
Philip Major

Concert to Support Haiti Health Relief

All Saints will host a benefit concert sponsored by Boston Workmen's Circle on **Thursday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m.** to raise funds for Partners in Health's Haiti work. Tickets may be purchased online at www.circleboston.org or by calling 617-566-6281. There is a minimum donation of \$25 per ticket. You may also donate by mailing the form below to Haiti Benefit, c/o Boston Workmen's Circle, 1762 Beacon Street, Brookline, MA 02446.

Bands playing include El Shaddai, A Besere Velt (A Better World), Sean Clohessy, George Keith, and friends.

For more information, contact Boston Workmen's Circle at 617-566-6281.



Bishop Barbara C. Harris, retired Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, blesses the new fire during the Easter Vigil at All Saints Parish on April 3. Bishop Harris confirmed six adults during this service. Photo by Jean Stringham.

Mission Team Heading to Honduras



On July 9th, a group of young people and adults will leave for Tegucigalpa, Honduras, to spend a week living and working together at the Episcopal Agricultural School and Farm outside that city.

The school is operated by El Hogar Projects, a mission program of the Episcopal Diocese of Honduras. El Hogar provides a loving home, a high school education, and occupational training for abandoned, orphaned, and hopelessly poor children living in and around the capital city.

At the farm school, students learn animal husbandry and crop production, and various techniques for a more productive farming in an area which has used slash-and-burn methods for years. Graduates of the program often get jobs in large agricultural companies in Honduras and/or return to their communities and become teachers.

For more information about El Hogar, please visit their website: www.elhogar.org.

Parish participates in 2010 Walk for Hunger

On May 2, the following people from our parish, along with other kids and adults from our deanery youth collaborative, participated in the 2010 Walk for Hunger:

Ellen Philpott, sister of Julia Martin, Julia, Tom Schnoor, Ira Kronitz, Becky Taylor, Mary McLoughlin, Isaac Smith-



Kawah, Mariel Kronitz and her friend, Ruja Kampli. Parishioners Barbara Wheeler and Rachel Speyer Besancon also walked as team members from their schools in Brookline. The 20-mile pledge Walk raised \$3.8 million to provide food for 400 emergency food programs in 135 Massachusetts cities and towns. If you would like to contribute to the Charles River Youth Collaborative's fundraising effort, please do so on line at www.projectbread.org, or send a check directly to Project Bread, 145 Border Street, East Boston, MA 02128-1903. Thanks to all who walked! It was a great effort!

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Articles for the Fall 2010 issue
should be sent by July 1 to
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Worship Schedule

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

Saturday

5:00 pm Celtic Holy Eucharist

Sunday

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

Wednesday

6:15 pm Taizé Holy Eucharist

Things to Remember

June 1

Transitions Group, 7 pm

June 5

Ordination of Daniel MacDonald at Cathedral, 10:30 am

June 6

Celtic Mini-Retreat on Iona, 3:00-4:30 pm

Spirituality and Justice Award, 10:30 am;

Strawberry Festival, 12 noon

June 10

Haiti Concert, 7:30 pm

June 12 & 26

Men's Group, 8:00 am

June 23

Vestry meeting, 6:45 pm

July-August

Weekend Worship Schedule:

Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 10:30 am

July

Inclusive Language Services at 10:30 am

September 12

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 18

Men's Group, 8:00 am

Women's Book Group, 9:00 am

Twelfth Anniversary of Celtic Holy Eucharist, 5:00 pm

Church School classes/Youth Program begins

Diocesan Resource Day at Bentley College, 9:00 am

September 19

September 25

Tag Sale, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm