

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."

Three Threads for One Parish

May the Holy Spirit give us all the strength to achieve our dreams and may my words lift your hearts. Amen.

Today we celebrate the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost. The best part about preaching is that you get a chance to really delve deeply into the readings and find God's message that speaks to us. Pentecost is all about the Holy Spirit, flowing through our lives, and creating a tapestry the binds us together for a greater purpose. Today I would like to see if we can pull apart a few threads of this tapestry in today's readings and then weave them into a modern day rope that binds both to the past and our shared future.

In the Old Testament reading, we turn to Hosea, one of the twelve minor prophets who lived in the 8th century BC. The Kingdom of Israel (or the Northern Kingdom) was relatively prosperous place. However internal feuding among the aristocracy had led to a series of kings each coming to power by killing their predecessor. It was a time of little social justice. The rich land owners basked in feudal power, above the reach of the law, and increasingly praying to fertility god Ba'al with incense, dancing, and orgies. The poor, consisting of just about everyone else, had the usual brutally tough existence including rampant slavery. Externally, the Kingdom of Israel was aligned with the Kingdom Of Judah (or the Southern Kingdom) and was constantly shifting alliances with the Assyrians to the north and the Egyptians to the south. By the middle of the 8th century BC, the Kingdom of Israel was crushed by the Assyrian and the tribes of Israel scattered.

Just for a moment, let us wonder a little about Hosea's life in the time before the Assyrian invasion. Hosea appears to come from a prosperous family. Somewhere along the line, he goes on an inward journey and finds his true faith as a preacher. He sees great injustice in the world and is deeply moved to speak out. I imagine that his preaching about God's displeasure was not very popular. In fact one the reference articles states he did not have much of a following and was quite lonely.

His faith was rewarded with direct contact with God. Can you image the surprise? I can't help but think of the old Bill Cosby comedy routine about Noah and the Ark. Noah is standing around when he hears God say, "Noah" and



Homily of Jim Daniell
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
July 31 and August 1, 2010

Hosea 11:1-11
Psalms 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

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From the Rector...

Stewardship

Many thanks to all who have made a covenant commitment to All Saints Parish for 2011. We invite everyone who is nourished by this blessed community to be a partner in the ministries and services of All Saints by making your commitment now. It is not too late to make a pledge! If you need a stewardship brochure and pledge card, please call the parish office at 617-738-1810, extension 101 or email office@allsaintsbrookline.org. You can also pledge online by visiting our website: www.allsaintsbrookline.org.

Journeys in Faith

Journeys in Faith is offered for adults who wish to be baptized, confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church, or reaffirm their baptismal vows. Journeys will be held Thursdays from February 3 through April 14, 7:30-9:15 p.m. Laurie Rofinot, Alex Baltovski, and I will facilitate the course. We will be reading *Your Faith, Your Life* by Jenifer Gamber (copies available on the bureau in the Guild Room). If you would like to join Journeys or want more information, please contact one of the leaders at 617-738-1810. If possible, please register by January 27 at rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org.

Pulpit Exchange

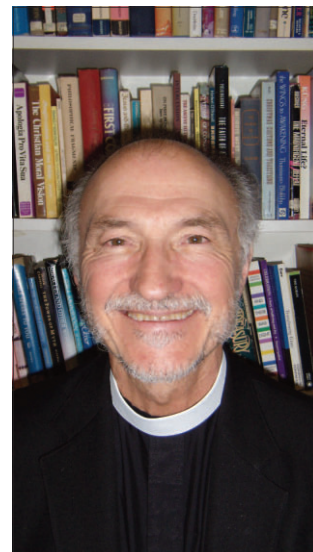
For several years the clergy of the Brookline Episcopal parishes have participated in an annual pulpit exchange. This tradition will be continued on Sunday, March 20, 2011, as we welcome the Rev. Jeffrey Mello, Rector of St. Paul's Church to All Saints. The Rev. Joel Ives, Rector of the Church of Our Saviour, will preach at St. Paul's and I will be the preacher at the Church of Our Saviour. This pulpit exchange is an opportunity for our congregations to get to know one another better and to share ideas and resources.

Congratulations, Daniel!

On Saturday, January 8 at 10:30 a.m., Daniel MacDonald will be ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. All are invited. Daniel will be the celebrant of the 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at All Saints on January 9.

Renewal Opportunities

Adult faith formation is a life-long learning experience. Please consider joining the Men's Group that meets every other Saturday at 8:00 a.m. or the Women's Book Group that meets every other Saturday at 9:00 a.m. For information on these groups, please contact Peter Stringham at peter.stringham@gmail.com or Anne Harrington at anharringtontechwriter@yahoo.com. In addition to Sunday worship please join us for mid-week Holy Eucharist Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. and please visit our website (www.allsaintsbrookline.org) for other learning opportunities. May God bless you in this holy season.



David

Christmas Season Services

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24

3:30 p.m. *Music of the All Saints Schola*

4:00 p.m. *Festal Choral Eucharist.* A family service for all ages. Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. David A. Killian

10:30 p.m. *Choral Music for Christmas and Carol Singing.*

11:00 p.m. *Solemn Festal Choral Eucharist.* Celebrant: The Rev. Laurie Rofinot; Preacher: The Rev. David A Killian

Christmas I, Sunday, December 26

10:30 a.m. *Holy Eucharist.* Preacher: Frederick Lawrence, Professor, Department of Theology at Boston College.

Christmas II, Sunday, January 2

10:30 a.m. *Holy Eucharist.* Preacher: Daphne Zhao, Student, Boston University School of Theology.

Schola Rejoices on Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve is one of the most beautiful services of the church year. At 3:30 p.m., enjoy anthems by Schola, the children's choir, handbell settings, and carol singing. The 4:00 service begins with the procession to "Once in Royal David's City." All are welcome to come and worship the Holy Child. -*Keith Glavash*

Midnight Mass

For many Episcopalians, no service of the liturgical year can quite match the holiness, beauty and intimacy of the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. At All Saints, the music will be provided by the extraordinarily fine adult Choir of All Saints, beginning with a half-hour of choral and congregational carols at 10:30 p.m. The service of Holy Communion begins at 11:00 p.m. -*Donald Teeters*



All Saints Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 30, 2010, noon-2 p.m.



The Rector with Lynn & Rick Montross, recipients of the 2010 Yule Candle Award. Photo by Jean Stringham

All are invited to a parish luncheon and the 117th Annual Meeting of our parish on Sunday, January 30, from noon to 2:00 p.m. We will elect officers, vestry, and delegates, and hear brief reports on the "state of the parish". The Rector will present the Yule Candle Award. Please sign up for the luncheon on the list on the bulletin board or call in your reservation to 617-738-1810 by Monday, January 24.

Ministry Discernment Conference

The Ministry Discernment Conference offered by the bishops and the Commission on Ministry will be held on Saturday, Feb. 5, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. (The snow date is Feb. 12; check www.diomass.org for notice.) The day is intended to provide an in-depth look at the 2011 Ministry Discernment Handbook and to give potential applicants to the ordination process an opportunity to explore their sense of call and whether that call is to ordained ministry or committed lay ministry.

Persons considering ordained ministry are required to attend the conference, along with their sponsoring priest and at least one member of their Parish Discernment Committee. Discernment committees are chosen by the sponsoring priest and should be named before the conference so that as many members as possible may attend. One member of the committee must be a vestry member. It is strongly encouraged that inquirers bring their spouses or partners.

Register online by Jan. 21, 2011 (go to www.diomass.org and click on "Events"). Cost per person is \$20 and includes registration, materials and lunch. For more information, contact, Judith Lidberg, Officer for Ordained Vocations at 617-482-4826, ext. 494 or jlidberg@diomass.org.

Spirituality and Justice Award

On Sunday, March 13, during the 10:30 a.m. service, we will present the fourteenth annual All Saints Parish Spirituality and Justice Award to James Carroll, noted author and columnist for the *Boston Globe*.

He is a tireless advocate for reform and renewal of the church and of efforts to combat anti-Semitism through his book and film *Constantine's Sword*. He is a courageous proponent of nuclear disarmament and of non-violent solutions to conflicts between nations. He is a champion of the Walk for Hunger that provides food for the hungry and homeless in Boston and other cities. His spirituality finds God in the secular world, especially in work to combat prejudice and poverty.

All are welcome to this annual event in the life of our parish that lifts up an individual notable for a commitment to justice rooted in a deep spiritual faith.

Adult Spiritual Formation During Epiphany

On Thursdays, January 6-February 24, David Killian and friends will facilitate a meditation and discussion group based on the teachings of Thomas Merton. The group will meet in the Shalom Room from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Also from 6:45-7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, David Killian, Lisa Parker and Peter Stringham will lead a meditation group.

Transitions Spiritual Support Group

Are you currently on a quest for a new job as well as a supportive network? Come visit the Transitions Spiritual Support Group which meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Using an African method of Bible study, group members will reflect on how this week's gospel passage affects their lives today. The group will spend time checking in and sharing networking advice. 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 in job transition. For information, contact David Killian at 617-738-1810 extension 105 or rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org.

Building the Blessed Community

"Building the Blessed Community" is our stewardship theme for 2011. This beautiful idea grew out of our parish activities. Our faith community grows ever stronger as we reach out in love to others, looking for opportunities to share the good news and inviting others to join us.



During this season we are asked to consider the abundance in our lives and in our parish and respond generously with our pledge of time, talent and financial support to continue this community in 2011. Please fill out the pledge card in the Building the Blessed Community brochure and send it to the parish office.

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 ourselves count on that promise. Thus pledge income determines how the Vestry plans and implements the annual parish operation budget.

Outreach Opportunities

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

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

Food Pantry: The Brookline Food Pantry at St. Paul's Church needs additional volunteers. If you can help out for two hours per week during the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on a Tuesday or Thursday, please contact Jim Margolis at 617-901-0848. For this and other ways to help, please call 617-566-4953.

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

Three Threads for One Parish, cont'd

Noah says "Who is that?" ... "It's the Lord Noah" and Noah says "Riiiiighhhttt ... who is this really?"

Lonely but committed to his faith, the Lord tells him to seek the hand of Gomer. In those days Gomer was a popular name and often used for women of beauty. A sort of Sophia Loren of her time, I imagine someone who is both beautiful and promiscuous. "Hosea ... go and seek Gomer's hand" and Hosea thinks "Riiiiighhhttt." In spite of his trepidation, he does so and in no time of at all Gomer falls in love with him, a lonely preacher. The next thing you know, he has three children (albeit with unfortunate names) and a great love story unfolds. In fact, his life, love for Gomer, and children become a great parable for all the tribes of Israel. Hosea loves Gomer in spite of her infidelity much like God loves the Israelites in spite of their idolatry of Ba'al. Remember, this is God of the Old Testament - the destroyer of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim. God is really angry yet the "heart recoils" and ultimately the anger abates. While the people are to be scattered when the Assyrians invade, eventually they will all be called back again as birds from the south (Egypt) and doves from the north (Assyria).

Now I would like you to image threads, thin little golden lines that stretch across geography and time. Perhaps you can see them or perhaps you can feel them. They are gossamer strands that wrap back to Hosea. The first thread is connected to Hosea and his inward journey of faith. The second thread is about his journey together with Gomer and a small group of followers in a time of great unrest. The last thread links to Hosea's outward journey trying to bridge the divide between people of Israel and God. Three thin little golden strands wrapping around each other to form a golden string. Now let's add a few more strands from Psalm 107. Each time the Lord rescues his people (five, six, seven, and more) another thread wraps around our golden string linked to Hosea. Now we have a thin rope and we are zooming across time.

Eight hundred years later the pencil thin rope stretches into a prison cell in Rome where Paul is writing to the Colossians a small town in western Turkey. While he never visited the town, like

Hosea, he implores the Phrygian church to listen to the Lord, become more obedient, and he asks them to place Christ at the head of the church. I don't think they were listening as the city was destroyed by an earthquake shortly thereafter and is today just a large mound. I imagine Paul sitting in the prison cell writing letter after letter. Each one creates another golden thread linking cities all over the Near East, stretching from many points back to Rome. Our thin rope is getting thicker and stronger. Now imagine the golden rope zooming forward in time (almost two thousand years) and space (Four thousand one hundred and ten miles) to modern day Brookline, Massachusetts.

Specifically All Saints Parish on the corner of Beacon Street and Dean Road.

Specifically to this lectern and at this precise moment.

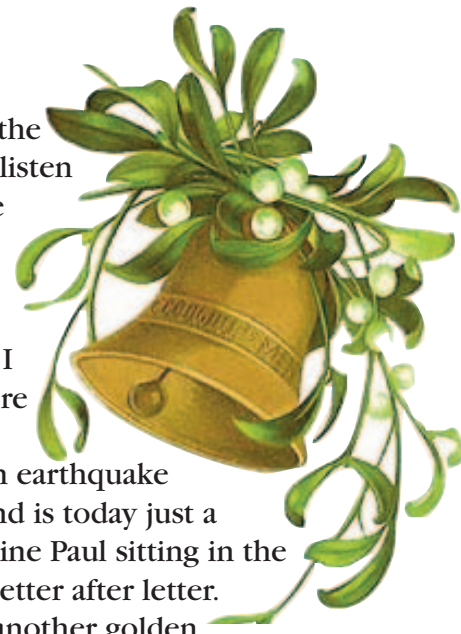
Can you see it? Can you feel it?

I can. It is right here. In fact, three little threads stretch from my heart and are intertwined with the rope just a few feet in front of me.

The first thread is connected to my inward journey of faith. I think I always have had faith. A conviction that good things will happen and that there is "something" beyond our mortal pale. However, like many people, I went to college, got a job, got married, and started a family without a church home. Both baptized and raised Roman Catholics, Sue and I drifted back towards the Catholic Church with our precious children in tow. We wanted them to have some sense of faith. For me, it was a comfortable routine but not all that meaningful.

Nine years ago this month, a single gossamer thread began when we crossed those two doors

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Three Threads for One Parish, cont'd

in the front of this church. Our assistant rector at the time, Leslie Sterling, was preaching from this very spot. Seeing a powerful African American woman preaching grabbed our hearts. This church affected us in ways neither of us anticipated. I found myself being moved by many great sermons, our Spirituality and Justice Award, the many acts of kindness (both large and small) of our congregation, and by the haunting magic of the solo sung each year by a graduating senior in Schola in a darkened church on Christmas Eve. We attended Journeys in Faith and decided to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church.

Just a few millimeters away from the point where the thread of my inward journey joins the rope is a special moment in time. It is Maundy Thursday, 48 hours before my confirmation by the Bishop. The Church is dark, the proceedings are solemn, and I am standing just over there by the chairs. At the appointed time, each parishioner comes forward, sits down, takes off a shoe, and then a stocking. One by one, I and the other confirmants take the parishioner's foot in our hand, pour water over it and into a bowl, and then gently wipe away the moisture with a soft towel. We are recreating Jesus' last acts with the Apostles when He washed each of their feet.

Such a simple act. Gently holding someone's foot. Some are friends, some are strangers. Being ticklish myself, I make sure I am holding firmly. I am bowed down and I pore and wipe. I feel it. My inward journey is becoming real in a way that is so hard to explain. Washing the feet of others, the act of humility, transformed me and made that little thread that goes straight into my heart and wraps around the golden rope.

Now the second thread ... Our journey together with this congregation. This thread is a little more interesting to look at. It is more like a diaphanous veil made by a multitude of spider silks between me and each of you. What is really amazing is how these silks make threads, strings, and ropes all throughout this room. Nine years of amazing interactions together. First it was projects like yard cleaning, tag sales, and cooking for the congregation down stairs. Then it was mission work in

Dorchester, East Boston, Roxbury, and even in Newton. We built houses together. We were Santa Claus for all the kids and adults in the Cross Roads Shelter. We visit and preach in local prisons. We build gardens in Nicaragua. We farmed in Honduras. We built a dispensary in Tanzania. We debated the Millennium Development Goals. We honored great people like Yang Jianli, Paul Farmer, Marian Wright Edelman, and Deborah Little Wyman. We cared for each other and we cared for others. Such a small congregation with such a huge heart.

Here, let me show you one little thread among the many that makes this community so strong. Several years ago we honored Bishop Gene Robinson with the Spirituality and Justice Award. I was sitting right over there in that pew. Just behind me were guests from Bishop Robinson's home parish that had traveled down from New Hampshire to see him receive the award. The Bishop delivered a moving sermon on how to feel God and do God's work on earth. Ignoring the controversy of his being gay, Bishop Robinson preached up and down the main aisle with power, grace, and humility. He literally radiated his passion for God. After the sermon, he returned to his seat over there. It was time to get ready for communion. Bob Honey-sucker, our amazing bass soloist, walked to the middle of the high altar and began to sing the Negro spiritual "Let Us Break Bread Together" a cappella and all alone.

The first verse was so powerful ... "Let us break bread together, on our knees ..."

In the second verse, incredibly Bob's voice began expand ... "Let us drink wine together, on our knees ..." - one of Gene's parishioners said, "Oh my."

In the third verse, Bob's voice began explode and wash over the congregation ... "Let us all sing together, on our knees ..."

I had goose bumps; I was mesmerized, and I began to have tears in my eyes. Even Bishop Robinson turned in his chair and was amazed at Bob's magical voice.

Three Threads for One Parish, cont'd

In the fourth and final verse, Bob lowered his voice and gently brought us down to earth singing, "Let us all work together, on our knees ..."

I turned around with tears on my cheeks and saw that all of Gene's Robinson's friends were smiling, crying, and moved beyond words.

Can you see that thread? It is such a lovely thing and it is thin and so very strong.

And now the third and final thread for today ... Our journey outward. Something amazing happened to me in 2009. This thread begins with a typical phone call from a headhunter friend. As a twenty year technology leader, I am often called for names of people to lead companies. This call was a little different. "Do you know anyone that might consider leaving high tech and run an international non-profit?" Kind of odd question, but OK here are a few names. After rattling off the sixth or seventh name, my mouth said, "and I might be interested."

"Who said that?" It was one of those "It's the Lord, Noah" moments. My mouth was being run by my heart. My brain was not very happy. What was going on here? I mumbled something about sending me the position description via email while my brain was trying figure out how the other body parts had the temerity to disobey orders. I tried to put all thoughts aside and get back to work. It was not easy.

That very night we had one of those marital moments. You know, when your wife asks you at 3 a.m. if you are sleeping?

"Yes, I am sleeping."

"Can we talk?"

"Not now, I am sleeping. How about in the morning?"

"Let me ask you, do you think you will spend the rest of your life running high tech start-up companies?"

This is sort of like asking a teenager, "When are you planning to get a job?"

Suddenly I was awake. I mean really awake after being in a deep sleep. I sat up and said, "Funny you should ask me today of all days because just about 12 hours ago, I kind of threw my hat in the ring for a job with a non-profit. I know this sounds strange, but what do you think if I spend the rest of my life focused on poverty and injustice?" After a pause and confirmation that I was serious, Sue said, "Go for it." The thread had begun, I couldn't sleep. I felt called in a way that scared me. Is this the hand of God? Is this what it feels like?

I am now the COO of Oxfam America. In the last year, I have traveled the world - Africa, Asia, and the Americas. From Louisiana to Lima, Sikasso to Seam Reap, Dakar to Darfur, San Salvador to Addis Ababa. I have been moved to tears over and over again by people experiencing poverty and overcome with joy for our work in helping them. There are so many threads that have now woven around this one special one but we'll save that for another time.

When people ask me about how it came to be that I am running Oxfam America, I tell them it is long story. But I always mention that it starts with my time at All Saints Parish, in Brookline, Massachusetts. It goes back to a moment 9 years ago, to this very spot. It is meshed into all of you because you made me realize true humility in the washing of feet. It is because of you, the Holy Spirit, the preaching of Hosea, and letters from Paul. It is a golden rope that connects me to you and past to present. Better yet, it is a rope the goes forth from us in time and space. It is a journey together for the next decades of my life. As Luke said in the gospel "This very night your life is being demanded of you!"

Amen.

Learn about Islam during Epiphany

With over one billion Muslims around the globe, Islam is one of the fastest growing religions in the world. Many of us have Muslim neighbors, co-workers, and friends, but how much do we know about Islam?

For six weeks during the season of Epiphany (January to March), the Adult Education Committee will sponsor a series of programs about Islam - the tenets of its faith, its history, and what it means to be Muslim, both in the United States and beyond. We realize that this is a vast topic, and we cannot hope to cover it all, but perhaps these learning opportunities will help us live more fully into our own baptismal vow to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being."

As this newsletter goes to press, the committee is still establishing dates for the following events:

- Sunday lunch discussion series with Muslim speakers;
- Friday film series - both documentaries and mainstream movies - with opportunities for post-film discussion; and
- A visit to a local mosque.

The Women's Book Group will be reading *The Tenth Parallel: Dispatches from the Fault Line between Christianity and Islam* by Eliza Griswold. The book tells stories of Christian and Muslims living on the 10th latitude line in Africa and Asia where there are often clashes over life styles, religious beliefs, and valuable resources like oil, lumber and minerals. If you would like to join the discussion, please contact Anne Harrington at 617-277-9355, or by email at anneharringtontechwriter@yahoo.com.



An Invitation...

To celebrate the lives of these young people as they begin their Journey to Adulthood:

*Christopher Hakimian
 Marii Hanson
 Mariel Kronitz
 Kayla McLoughlin
 Mary McLoughlin
 Isaac Smith-Kawah*

Dinner on
Saturday, January 22, 2010, 6-8 pm
 in the Dining Room

A Special Ceremony on
Sunday, January 23,
 during the 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

"Who do you say that I am?" A Lenten Journey with Jesus



Scripture tells us that as Jesus and his disciples made their way toward Jerusalem and what would be the last week of his earthly ministry, he asked them this question: "Who do you say that I am?" It is a question that Christ also poses to us modern-day disciples. Who *is* Jesus for each of us? Who is he for all of us in the Church as we strive to be the Body of Christ in the world?

During Lent, the Adult Education Committee will invite parishioners to explore these question by hosting a series of programs that are yet to be finalized. Please watch for more details in *This Week at All Saints* and on the parish website!

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Lent Begins March 9

On Ash Wednesday, March 9, we will begin the solemn season of Lent. All are invited to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, with the imposition of ashes at 10:30 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. As part of your Lenten observance, we invite you to join us each Wednesday of Lent at the Holy Eucharist at 6:15 p.m.

Children's, Youth & Family Ministries Update

During the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, & Epiphany, our children and young people will be immersed in the stories of Jesus' birth and ministry. If you do not have children in our formation programs, but want to see what we are doing, please contact Becky Taylor to arrange a visit to a classroom. Or, if you are sensing a call to teach or mentor, Becky will explore that with you. Get in touch!

During Advent (December)

- Cherubs will journey with the Prophets, the Holy Family, the Shepherds and the Magi on the way to Bethlehem and the mystery that is Christmas
- 2nd – 5th Graders will learn how John the Baptist's call to prepare for the coming of the Christ connects to their own lives
- 6th – 8th Graders will be building their own crèche and considering how they might bring the good news of Jesus' birth to the world around them
- High School kids will visit the Islamic Society of Boston's Cultural Center in Roxbury and consider how what they learned informs their own baptismal promise to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being."



No Classes during the season of Christmas (Dec 28 & Jan 2)

During Epiphany (January/February/early March)

- Cherubs will explore the sacrament of Baptism and engage with some parables
- 2nd – 5th Graders will learn about some of Jesus' miracles
- 6th – 8th Graders will prepare for the Rite-13 ceremony in January, and then explore what it means to be modern-day disciples of Jesus
- High School kids: Stay tuned – planning is underway!

"Take, eat. This is for you."

3-week Communion Preparation program for children in Kindergarten/1st/2nd Grade
Saturday, March 12, 19 & 26
9 to 10am at church



Special blessing during worship on March 27th for all who completed the learning series. Taught by Becky Taylor, Director of Children's, Youth & Family Ministries. To register, please contact Becky by March 1st: reled@allsaintsbrookline.org

All Saints Parish Family Institute: Supporting Parents & Kids in Their Life Together

The ASP Family Institute is a new initiative of our Children's, Youth & Family Ministry this year. It consists of two programs:



- **Parent Discussion/Prayer Group** on Sunday mornings (9:30 to 10:15am). The group meets in the Block Room for a light breakfast, prayer, and conversation. Meeting schedule: Dec 5th & 12th; Jan 9th & 30th; Feb 6th & 13th; Mar 13th & 27th
- **Conversations with local experts about parenting issues.** Upcoming events:
 - o "On-line video gaming & your family" Tuesday, Feb 1st, 7-9pm
Workshop facilitated by Dr. Mark Kline, psychologist & author of the video gaming advice column "Ask Dr. Mark" in Escapist Magazine. Internet gaming is a mystery to many parents while, at the same time, it is one significant way that kids relate with one another and the world around them. This workshop will explore what these games are, how and why kids connect to them, what types of problems may result from on-line gaming (including addictive disorders), and how families can deal with these issues.
 - o "Accept, Waitlist, Deny: Parents, Kids & the College Application Process" Tuesday, April 5th, 7-9pm

The college search and application process can cause tension between kids and parents. Finding the right school is a huge decision for teens, while learning how to support children in their search is a huge challenge for parents. This workshop is for high school juniors and their parents. Working in small teams, kids and adults will review real college applications (stripped of personal info) and determine what to do with each file. This will help everyone understand how admission officers make decisions, and how different schools choose students differently.

Facilitated by Kristin Lamontagne, Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions Marketing, Bentley College, Waltham

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Christmas Party

- Learn @ Lenox, 29 Lenox St., Boston, Friday, Dec 17th, 3 to 6pm

Learn@Lenox is an after-school program for 40 children who live in the neighborhood surrounding the Episcopal Church of St. Augustine & St. Martin in Roxbury. All Saints has accepted an invitation to host a party that includes arts & crafts activities, singing, games, and supper for the kids and their parents. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Alex Baltovski (baltovskia@diomassinern.org) or Becky Taylor (reled@allsaintsbrookline.org) as soon as possible.

Family Breakfast

- Sunday, March 6th, 9-10:15am in the dining room at church

This is a chance to enjoy each other's company, and consider ministry initiatives for 2011-2012 that will feel helpful to our parenting efforts.

Save the date!

Nightwatch 2011: April 21st, beginning right after Schola rehearsal



Nightwatch is an overnight retreat for kids in our parish (and their friends) who are in Grades 3 and up. It starts with supper and includes the Maundy Thursday worship experience, a "hands-on" encounter with the Stations of the Cross, a sleep-over in the worship space, and breakfast and worship on Good Friday morning. Parents, please watch your mail in early March for further details.

Baptism: The next opportunities for Baptism are on Sunday, January 9th, and Saturday, April 23rd. If you, or someone in your family, would like to be baptized, please contact the Rector, David Killian.

Celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany



Parish Dinner

Thursday, January 6th, 5:45pm

... they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage.

Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts... (Matthew 2:11)

\$10/adults

\$5/seniors & children

Epiphany meditation follows dinner at 7:00pm

Good News & Opportunities

Art in the Guild Room features drawings by children expressing their thoughts on "What makes All Saints Parish special?" For information, contact Becky Taylor at reled@allsaintsbrookline.org.

Beacon Street Fellowship is a gathering of young adults (20s and 30s) at All Saints Parish. For more information on the events of the fellowship, contact Alex Baltovski at balovskia@diomassinern.org.

Social Hour Hosts needed to prepare refreshments after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sundays. For information, contact Barbara MacDonald at bistruck@rcn.com.

Volunteers needed to assist with putting worship leaflets and news clippings in scrapbooks at All Saints archives. This is an interesting project that can be done in short periods of time. Help us preserve the history of our parish. For more information, contact Maryalice Perrin-Mohr, parish historian, at maryalice.perrin-mohr@nemusic.edu, or 617-783-5535.

Thinking about Nursery School for your child? Have you thought about joining a parent co-operative which nurtures both your child and your family? For more information, call 617-738-4631 or visit www.cornercoop.org.

Friends in Deed, a lay ministry to provide practical help such as visiting parishioners after hospitalization, driving a person to a medical appointment, helping shop for groceries, putting out the garbage and recyclables, etc., is looking for volunteers who can give some time to help those in need. If you can be part of this ministry, contact Sue LeClaire at sleclaire@comcast.net.

Life @All Saints

Sundays, 11:45 a.m - 1 p.m.

Life @All Saints is a monthly informal introduction to the parish for newcomers or visitors. It is a place to ask questions about All Saints and the Episcopal Church. Life @All Saints meets once a month, immediately after the Sunday 10:30 worship service. The next meetings will be December 12 and January 23. It includes a tour of the building and a description of the variety of ministries happening in and through the parish.

Holy Baptism

Holy Baptism will be celebrated next on

- **Sunday January 9 at 10:30 a.m.**
- **Saturday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m.**

To make reservations for baptism, please contact the Rector at 617-738-1810, extension 105, or rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org.

Yule Candle Award

At the Annual Meeting, the Rector awards the Yule Candle to parishioners with a distinguished record of service to the parish. This year's Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 30, 2011. We list the Yule Candle recipients below.

1942	Mr. Arthur K. Hunt	1986	Donald Teeters
1943	Mrs. Percy C. Idell	1987	Lois Collins
1944	Mrs. George Bray	1988	John Swift & Mary Ann Yukevich
1945	Mr Robert. Mortimore	1989	Lois Caporal
1946	Mr. Nelson Whitney	1990	Marjorie Lash
1947	Miss Helen Smith	1991	Edith Bies
1948	Mr & Mrs. R.G. Norris	1992	The entire parish
1949	Mr & Mrs. Roger Manning	1993	Anne Marie Ellis & John Swift
1950	Mrs. Edward K. Chapman	1994	Susan Barraclough & Michael Field
1951	Miss Ida Harris	1995	Rosamond Lovering
1952	Mr. & Mrs. Grafton Wilson	1996	Lucy Barry
1953	Mr.& Mrs. Charles H. Moore	1997	Bonnie Randall & Thomas Nutt-Powell
1954	Mr. Clement K. Stodder	1998	Mary & Hugh Dunlap
1955	Dr. & Mrs. S.A. Wilkinson, Jr.	1999	Barbara & Brad MacDonald
1956	Miss Francenia Horn	2000	Barbara & Larry Sykes
1957	Mrs. John C. Watt	2001	Marylene Altieri & Keith Glavash
1958	Mrs. James S. Jennison	2002	Wendy Wheeler & The Rev. Sarah Conner
1959	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas C. Curtis	2003	Larry & Doris Coe
1960	Miss Edith M. Perry	2004	Candy & Harold Petersen
1961	Mrs. Coylar P. Dodson	2005	Laura Vennard & Chuck McVinney
1962	Mr. Kenneth W. Robie (posthumously)	2006	Jean & Peter Stringham
1963	Mrs. Stuart Burchard	2007	Doreen Vittori & Kendrew Caporal
1964	Miss Barbara T. Joss	2008	Marianne & David Evett
1965	Mr. George Brett	2009	Roberta & Bill Schnoor
1966	Mrs. Guy O. Edmunds (posthumously)	2010	Lynn & Rick Montross
1967	Mr. Allan M. Macleod		
1968	Mr. John L. Arnold		
1969	Miss Katherine L. Bruce		
1970	Mr. Thomas E. Chandler, Jr.		
1971	Mr. & Mrs. J. Rosson Overcash		
1972	Katherine R. Perch		
1973	The Rev. Louis W. Pitt		
1974	Virginia Evers		
1975	James S. Jennison		
1976	Nellie L. Woodcock		
1977	Elva B. Dimitroff		
1978	Jessie Stevens		
1979	A. Frances Hayes		
1980	Edith Bies		
1981	F. Henry Pepper		
1982	Barbara Nelson		
1983	Not awarded		
1984	The Rev. David Chandler Ward		
1985	Lela Clutz		

Congratulations!



Relational Evangelists 2011-12

Relational Evangelists serve in Episcopal parishes or chaplaincies and are trained as faith-based community organizers with the intention of engaging more young adults in God's mission. Each Relational Evangelist builds a leadership team of young adults in his or her local community and leads a social action campaign. Micah Project interns live together in community, discerning their own vocational calls while serving in Boston-area social justice-related internships. Both are 11-month internships, beginning on Aug. 22, 2011.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with priority given to those received before Feb. 15, 2011. To apply send a resume and cover letter to: apply@diomassintern.org. For more information visit www.diomassintern.org.

Worship At All Saints

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: Dec. 5: Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Dec. 12: Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Dec. 19: Isaiah 7:10-16, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25, Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18; Dec. 26: Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Galatians 3:23-25;4:4-7, John 1:1-18, Psalm 147 or 147:13-21; Jan. 2: Jeremiah 31:7-14, Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a, Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23, or Luke 2:41-52, or Matthew 2:1-12, Psalm 84 or 84:1-8; Jan. 9: Isaiah 42:1-9, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17, Psalm 29; Jan 16: Isaiah 49:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42, Psalm 40:1-12; Jan. 23: Isaiah 9:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23, Psalm 27:1, 5-13; Jan 30: Micah 6:1-8, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12, Psalm 15; Feb. 6: Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12), 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, (13-16), Matthew 5:13-20, Psalm 112:1-9, (10); Feb. 13: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20, or Deuteronomy 30:15-20, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37, Psalm 119:1-8; Feb. 20: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18, 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23, Matthew 5:38-48, Psalm 119:33-40; Feb. 27: Isaiah 49:8-16a, 1 Corinthians 4:1-5, Matthew 6:24-34, Psalm 131

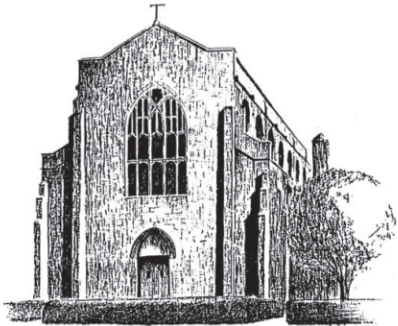
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mohoward@gmail.com.

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

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| December 19 | Carol Singing after the 10:30 service |
| December 24 | Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist , 3:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. |
| January 4 | Transitions Support Group , 7:00 p.m. |
| January 6 | Epiphany Celebrations: Three Kings party/All Saints bistro , 5:45 p.m. |
| January 8 | Men's Group , 8:00 a.m.
Women's Book Group , 9:00 a.m. |
| January 22 | Men's Group , 8:00 a.m.
Women's Book Group , 9:00 a.m. |
| January 23 | Rite 13 Ceremony , 10:30 a.m. |
| January 30 | 117th Annual Meeting and Lunch , noon-2:00 p.m. |
| February 1 | Transitions Support Group , 7:00 p.m. |
| February 3 | Journeys in Faith begins , 7:00-9:00 p.m. |
| February 5 | Ministry Discernment Conference at Cathedral , 8:30 a.m. |
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| February 6 | Commissioning of Vestry , 10:30 a.m. |
| February 19 | Men's Group , 8:00 a.m.
Women's Book Group , 9:00 a.m. |
| March 9 | Ash Wednesday Services , 10:30 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. |
| March 13 | Spirituality and Justice Award to James Carroll , 10:30 am |