

**ALL SAINTS PARISH**  
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Lent 2009

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent is the time of year when Christians are especially asked to reassess their day-in, day-out relationship with the world they live in. In a year when that world is putting all of us under the kind of stresses and strains that we have not had to face all together for a very long time, it seems to make special sense that we should spend some time together looking at the things that are troubling us, and asking God to help us respond to them.

To that end, the Stewardship Committee and the All Saints representatives to the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization have organized house meetings in which parishioners can talk with each other about the impact on their lives of the economic turbulence now assailing us. In these meetings we can share concerns about ourselves, our families, our organizations, and our community. We can also look to the Bible and the life of Jesus, not only for strength and encouragement, but for ideas about appropriately Christian responses to the challenges we face. In particular, we hope we can identify some ways in which we can take better care of each other.

We have set up six meetings. Each of them will bring a group together at least once, for 90 minutes or so, over the next couple of weeks, to discuss a Bible passage, share some stories and some trust, identify some common concerns, and perhaps generate an idea or two. If particular groups decide they want to meet again, they can plan to do so.

After the first round of meetings, the GBIO representatives will put together a list of concerns and ideas to share with the dozens of other GBIO congregations—Christian, Jewish, Muslim—that are organizing similar house meetings.

Each of the groups has a designated leader, for the first session, at least, and a designated host. If you are interested in joining one of the meetings—and we hope that you are—please call or email the host of that group to say that you plan to attend. A list of the meetings is found on the other side of this letter, with the time and place of the meeting, and the relevant contact information.

We hope these meetings can bring comfort and hope to many of our parishioners, strengthen us as a Christian community, and perhaps even make a significant contribution to the larger world—and help us prepare more fully for a joyous Easter.

Yours in faith,



David A. Killian  
Rector

## ALL SAINTS PARISH HOUSE MEETINGS, LENT 2009

### Meeting A

**Sunday, March 22, 9:00 am**

All Saints Parish – Dining Room (coffee and bagels will be served)

Leader: Harold Petersen      617-277-1142      [petersen@bc.edu](mailto:petersen@bc.edu)

Host: David Pfarrer      617-731-8472      [dpfarrer@bu.edu](mailto:dpfarrer@bu.edu)

### Meeting B

**Wednesday, April 1, 7:30 pm**

194 Eliot Street, Chestnut Hill – home of Roberta and Bill Schnoor

Leader: Becky Taylor      781-235-0164      [reled@allsaintsbrookline.org](mailto:reled@allsaintsbrookline.org)

Host: Roberta Schnoor      617-734-2713      [roschno@comcast.net](mailto:roschno@comcast.net)

### Meeting C

**Thursday, April 2, 7:00 pm**

67 Francis St., Brookline – home of Sarah and Bob Leinbach

Leader: Chuck McVinney      617-970-0774      [Chuck@mcvinney.com](mailto:Chuck@mcvinney.com)

Host: Sarah Leinbach      617-277-0233      [sleinbach@verizon.net](mailto:sleinbach@verizon.net)

### Meeting D

**Sunday, March 29, 12:00 pm**

All Saints Parish – Dining Room (Light lunch will be served)

Leader: David Killian      617-738-1810      [rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org](mailto:rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org)

Host: Chris Jones      617-435-3624      [cljonesmts@gmail.com](mailto:cljonesmts@gmail.com)

### Meeting E (Note: this meeting will focus particularly on eldercare)

**Monday, March 30, 7:30 pm**

53 Orvis Rd., Arlington – home of Marianne and David Evett

Leader: David Evett      781-316-8470      [davidevett@gmail.com](mailto:davidevett@gmail.com)

Host: Marianne Evett      781-316-8470      [mevett@mac.com](mailto:mevett@mac.com)

### Meeting F

**Saturday, March 28, 6:00 pm**

All Saints Parish – Guild Room

Leader: Mary Urban Keary      617-277-5403      [murban@bu.edu](mailto:murban@bu.edu)

Host: Celtic Congregation