

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES at ALL SAINTS PARISH 2008-2009

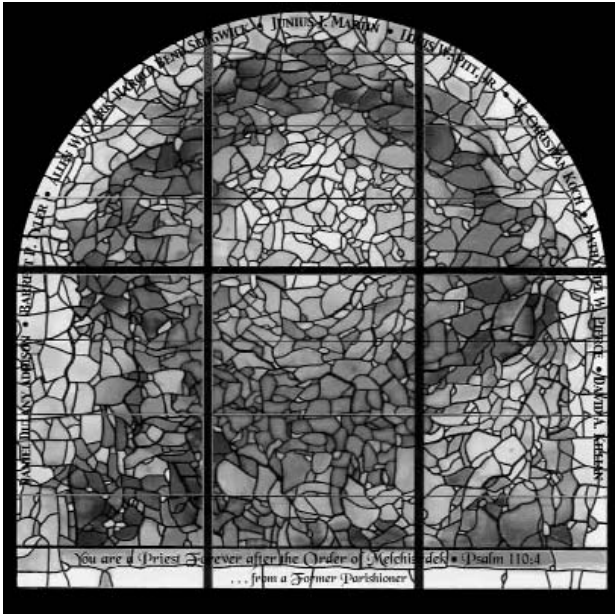
All Saints has outstanding programs of faith formation for adults of all ages and for children. Formation in faith is a life-long experience and opportunity. We invite you to look over the wide array of offerings in this brochure. Please join us and invite a friend. All are welcome. All offerings are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

For information, please visit [www.allsaintsbrookline.org](http://www.allsaintsbrookline.org) or contact Barbara Bembery at [office@allsaintsbrookline.org](mailto:office@allsaintsbrookline.org) or 617-738-1810, ext. 101.

## Sacred Space

October 5, October 26, November 17, January 25, March 22

From the beginning of time, humans have expressed their sense of the holy by constructing temples, shrines, chapels, and other sacred places. The beautiful structure that is All Saints Church was designed by the firm of Cram, Wentworth, and Goodhue in a "perpendicular Gothic" style. Ralph Adams Cram and Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue were regarded as two of the nation's leading ecclesiastical architects. The cornerstone of the current building was laid on November 1, 1898; the nave was completed in 1899. On the 75th anniversary of All Saints Parish in 1969, the nave altar was installed. The soaring height of the nave, the magnificent windows, and the exquisite wood carvings in this sacred space seek to express the presence of God. In this series, gifted speakers will explain how the art and architecture of our worship space lift the human spirit to praise God. These presentations will explain the history and design of the church building, the world-renowned stained glass windows, and contemporary liturgical revisions that placed the altar in the midst of the people.



- ◆ **Sunday, October 5th, 1:30 pm:** Richard Thomas Montross, author of "A Tour of All Saints Parish," will speak on "The Windows of All Saints." His talk is offered as part of the 2008 House Tours of Brookline.
- ◆ **Sunday, October 26, 12 noon:** The Rev. Louis Pitt, Jr., Sixth Rector of All Saints Parish (1954-1972): "The Centrality of the Altar in Christian Worship."
- ◆ **Monday, November 17, 7:30 pm:** Peter Cormack, Honorary Director of the Charles J. Connick Stained Glass Foundation, "Transatlantic Gothic: Aspects of Anglo-American Medievalism." Location: Marsh Chapel, Boston University (This is the Orin E. Skinner annual lecture sponsored by the Connick Foundation.)
- ◆ **Sunday, January 25, 12 noon:** The Rev. Dr. Christian Brocato, Priest Associate, Parish of the Epiphany, Winchester, "Re-Envisioning the Worship Space of All Saints Parish."
- ◆ **Sunday, March 22, 12 noon:** Ethan Anthony AIA, President, HDB/Cram and Ferguson Inc., the successor to the Cram firm and author of *The Architecture of Ralph Adams Cram and His Office*, "Ralph Adams Cram's Vision of Sacred Space at All Saints Parish"

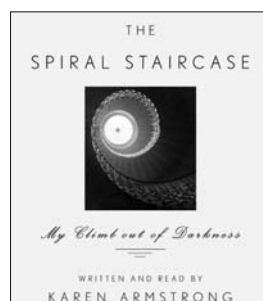
## Stewardship Education: "Celebrate and Give Thanks"

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

"Being a good steward means being aware of the fact that God has given us all that we have and developing the practice of thankfulness and generosity. God's grace – God's unearned, undeserved, and unconditional love for us – invites, even demands a life of thankfulness and praise." – Linda Grenz, *Faith-based Stewardship: A Fresh Perspective on Congregational Giving*

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Books are available for purchase in the Guild Room.



### Women's Book Group

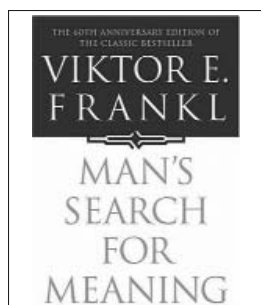
September 20, October 4, and October 18  
(9:00 – 10:30 am)

*The Spiral Staircase* by Karen Armstrong.  
Contact: Anne Harrington  
([anneharringtontechwriter@yahoo.com](mailto:anneharringtontechwriter@yahoo.com))

### Men's Group

September 20, October 4, October 18  
(8:00 – 9:15 am)

*Man's Search For Meaning* by Viktor Frankl.  
Contact: Peter Stringham ([peter.stringham@gmail.com](mailto:peter.stringham@gmail.com)),  
David Killian ([rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org](mailto:rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org))



## Explorations in Faith

Six Wednesdays, October 1-  
November 5, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

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

## Journeys in Faith

Wednesdays, January 28 to April 8,  
7:00 – 9:00 pm.

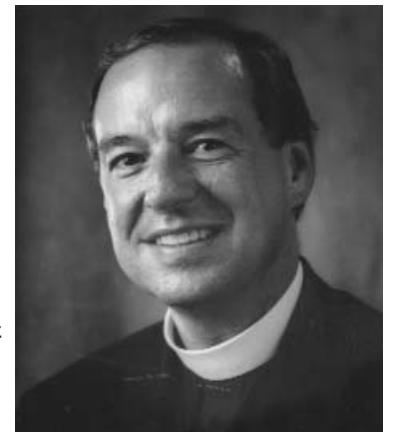
Journeys in Faith is offered for adults who wish to be baptized, confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church, or reaffirm their baptismal vows. David Killian, Leslie Sterling and Randy Callender will facilitate the course. We will be reading *Welcome to the Episcopal Church*, by Christopher Webber (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 16 at: [office@allsaintsbrookline.org](mailto:office@allsaintsbrookline.org)

## Episcopal Visitation

November 2

Bishop Thomas Shaw will be the celebrant and preacher at the All Saints Day Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am on Sunday, November 2.

All are welcome to this festive celebration marking the 114th anniversary of the founding of All Saints Parish and to the gala luncheon at 12 noon when Bishop Shaw will speak and receive reports on the ministries of the parish. Bishop's Shaw's Episcopal Visit also will include meetings with the clergy, vestry and other groups of the parish.



## CENTERING PRAYER

### An Introduction to Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, October 8, 15, 22, and 29, 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

People from mainline religious backgrounds used to think they had to go outside their own tradition to learn how to meditate. Now, in a form of meditation known as "centering prayer," they are discovering a contemplative practice that is both strikingly contemporary and deeply resonant with their traditional faith. Centering Prayer is ecumenical, accessible to Christians and non-Christians. The series will include presentation, meditation, and conversation. It will be facilitated by Father Bill Sheehan, OMI, pastor and marriage counselor; Martha Bullock, a clinical social work case manager working with people with life-threatening illnesses who is the coordinator of C.O.N.E. (Contemplative Outreach of New England); Peter Stringham, M.D., a nationally recognized leader in violence prevention, especially among teens; and Kathy Long, Director of Religious Education at St. Francis Church in Dracut. For information, contact [www.contemplativeoutreach.org](http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org) or Martha Bullock at [msbullock1@aol.com](mailto:msbullock1@aol.com)

**Coming in 2009:** A group to read *The Cloud of Unknowing*: for information, contact Martha Bullock at [Msbullock1@aol.com](mailto:Msbullock1@aol.com)

### Centering Prayer Weekly Meditation Group

Sundays, 9:15 – 10:15 am, meets in the Quiet Room

Quieting the mind and feeling open to spending time in the presence of God is a form of prayer with a gently transformative power. It is an ancient form of prayer whose technique and results speak clearly to the needs of the modern world. The results of the practice lead to a quiet deepening which opens us to the beauty of God's world and to the profundity of His presence and love. Using a method called *lectio divina*, the group reflects on a passage of scripture for the Sunday, sits in quiet meditation, and shares in discussion. Led by Martha Bullock ([Msbullock1@aol.com](mailto:Msbullock1@aol.com)) and Peter Stringham ([Peter.stringham@gmail.com](mailto:Peter.stringham@gmail.com))

### Centering Prayer Mini-Retreats: Busy Life, Peaceful Center-Integrating Prayer in All We Do

Saturdays, 2:00 – 4:30 pm.

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

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

## FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

### **Beacon Street Fellowship – for those in their 20s and 30s**

We gather for brunch one Sunday a month after the 10:30 am worship service, for occasional events such as “Theology on Tap” presentations and discussion at area restaurants and other times for discussion and socializing. For information, contact the website: [www.beaconstreetfellowship.com](http://www.beaconstreetfellowship.com) or the Rev. Valerie Bailey Fischer at: [valerie\\_bailey@comcast.net](mailto:valerie_bailey@comcast.net)

### **Forty Plus Fridays – for people over 40 (or getting close)**

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

September 12 “What is Forty Plus Faith?”  
October 17 “How Forty Plus Faith watches the debates”  
November 14 “How Forty Plus Faith pays it forward”

For more information, contact Leslie Sterling at [ammaleslie@earthlink.net](mailto:ammaleslie@earthlink.net) or call Jane Ross at 617-713-0303.

### **Women of Wisdom**

**Thursdays, 9:30—1:00**

**September 11 and 25, October 9 and 23,  
November 6 and 20, December 11, 2008  
January 8 and 22, 2009**

A peer-led group for women of all faith backgrounds who wish to come together to reflect on what we have learned in our life journeys, the spiritual transformations we have experienced, and the special rewards and trials of aging.

Cost: \$10. Please bring your own lunch; hot water for coffee and tea will be provided.

**Presented by The Ruah Spirituality Institute [www.ruahspirit.org](http://www.ruahspirit.org)  
[ruahspirit@gmail.com](mailto:ruahspirit@gmail.com) 617/277-0036**



### **Unemployed and Underemployed Support Group**

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



## **Celtic Mini Retreats**

**Saturdays 3:00 – 4:30 pm**

**September 20 –**

### **Homecoming: A Celebration of Story and Song**

Facilitated by Alan O'Hare.

**November 1 – Death, Dying, and Resurrection**

**January 3 – Remembering John O'Donohue**

**March 14 – St. Patrick**

**May 9 – Mary**

Led by the Rev. Dr. Christian Brocato, Priest Associate at the Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester.

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND SHARING

### **Education for Ministry**

**Mondays 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.**

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

For more information, explore the EFM website at [www.sewanee.edu/EFM](http://www.sewanee.edu/EFM) or contact Barbara Bemberry at [office@allsaintsbrookline.org](mailto:office@allsaintsbrookline.org) Fee: \$340 for one year. Scholarships available.

### **Gospel Reflection Group**

**Sundays, 9:15 – 10:15 am**

How can the Gospel shape our lives and give meaning to our daily struggles? Join us each Sunday morning as we read the Gospel lesson for the Sunday worship service and reflect on the Gospel's relation to our lives. We will use a method of Scripture sharing developed in Latin America and Africa that is now used by people in countries around the world. No study is required before the session. Just come with a spirit that is open to be touched by the Gospel's teaching.

**For more information,  
contact David Killian at  
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### **The Choir of All Saints**

With a membership of thirty or so singers, the choir, consisting of experienced volunteer singers augmented by a few professional soloists and section leaders, adds beauty and dignity to the rich, Anglican-based liturgical life of All Saints. The choir sings at the Sunday 10:30 a.m. celebrations of the Holy Eucharist from early September through early June, as well as for certain Holy Days and occasional Evensongs and concerts throughout the winter season. Rehearsals are held most Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Experienced volunteer singers are always welcome to join this group. There is no formal audition for admission, but singers are expected to have had some previous choral singing experience. Please contact Donald Teeters for further information.

or Leslie Sterling at  
[ammaleslie@earthlink.net](mailto:ammaleslie@earthlink.net)

### **Bible Study – The Book of Acts**

**Saturday, September 13, 9:00 – 10:30  
a.m. – organizational meeting**

Responding to a parish hunger for deeper Bible study, a group will begin reading and studying the Book of the Acts of the Apostles this fall. This fifth book of the New Testament, describing the reaction of the disciples to Jesus' resurrection and ascension, the work of apostles in the early church, and the adventures of Paul and his companions, is exciting reading and reads like a novel. At our first meeting, we will decide on our format and meeting details and figure out who will bring the bagels! Contact Karen Keely at [karen@twodames.net](mailto:karen@twodames.net)

### **Sermon Conversations**

**Sundays 12 noon – 12:45 pm**

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

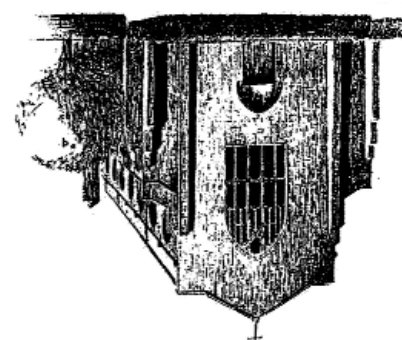
### **The Poetry Group**

The Poetry Group meets monthly on Sundays after the 10:30 am service to read poems composed and/or selected by members of the group. The group supports the creative efforts of members who express their spirituality through poetry.

### **Art Exhibits in the Guild Gallery**

The Guild Gallery of All Saints Parish is a home to painters, photographers, and sculptors who display their work for parishioners and the larger community. Receptions are held for the parish and the outside community to meet the artists and to support their expression. Exhibits are coordinated by Olivia Mulvey. If you would like to be a part of the Art Committee, please contact Olivia at [olivia.mulvey@gmail.com](mailto:olivia.mulvey@gmail.com)

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