

Looking Ahead to September

Blessing of Backpacks

On Sunday, **September 12** 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.



Annual Parish Picnic

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 12**. 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.

Church School

Classes begin on Sunday, **September 19** at 10:15am. Families will receive a mailing just after Labor Day describing the 2010-2011 programs and how to register for the upcoming year. Information and registration materials are also available on the information tables in the church and on the parish website www.allsaintsbrookline.org.

Tag Sale: Saturday, September 25

Save the date and save items that you can donate to the Tag Sale. For more information and if you would like to help, please see the insert. Also, please join us for a Tag Sale planning meeting today, August 29 at noon in the Guild Room. Jim Daniell jimdaniell@comcast.net and Wendy Wheeler wendywheeler@mail.com.



Acolyte Training

A training session for all new acolytes is scheduled for Sunday, **September 26**, immediately following the completion of worship. 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 and ministering at the altar. With enough people serving in this ministry, the commitment is once each month. 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.

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 – 5:45 pm) and on Sunday mornings (9:30 – 10:15 am), 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 afternoon Schola rehearsals, 4:45 – 5:45pm
Sept 16, 23 & 30; Oct 14, 21 & 28; Nov 4 & 18

Worship Schedule at All Saints Parish

Saturday, 5:00 pm Celtic Holy Eucharist
Sunday, 10:30 am Holy Eucharist w/Prayers for Healing
Wednesday, 6:15 pm Taizé Holy Eucharist

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Peter's Church, Salem; Hispanic Congregation, St. Peter's, Salem; St. John's Church, Sandwich; St. John's Church, Saugus; North Shore Deanery; and Chapel of St. Philip of Bethsaida, Mattapoisett.

Parish News

Thank you, Daphne; Welcome Alex

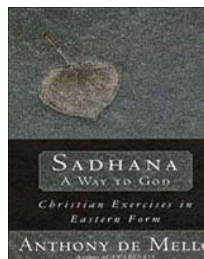
Thank you to Daphne Zhao, who has served as the Field Education Seminararian at All Saints this summer. Today is Daphne's last day with us as a Field Education Intern, but we are grateful that she will continue as a member of our parish. Today we will offer a blessing for Daphne during the 10:30 am service. Welcome to Alexander Baltovski, who will serve our parish as a Diocesan Ministry Intern from August 2010 to July 2011. Alex will be working primarily with the young adults of the parish. We look forward to introducing him to the parish in the coming weeks.

Learning to Pray

Thursdays, September 16 and 23, 2010

6:45 – 7:45 pm

Led by David Killian and Peter Stringham



The internationally-recognized spiritual master, Father Anthony DeMello, S.J., led retreats and workshops in his native India and all over the world to teach people how to pray. DeMello found it easy to help people to pray and he showed them how prayer could be fulfilling and satisfying. Drawing from Christian tradition, Eastern practices, and modern psychology, DeMello developed methods of prayer using the imagination, fantasy, repetition of certain words, chanting, measured breathing, and other exercises to deepen our relationship with God.

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 can be used at home. All are welcome. No fee, but voluntary donations will be accepted.

The Rev. Dr. David A. Killian is Rector of All Saints Parish. Peter Stringham, M.D., is a nationally-recognized pioneer in violence-prevention, author, and teacher of meditation.

For information, please contact rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org or 617-738-1810, ext 105. Sponsored by the Adult Education Committee of All Saints Parish and the Ruah Interfaith Spirituality Program of CMM.

MISSION UMBRELLA

Bible Study Outreach at Boston Pre-Release Center

Volunteers from All Saints lead a Bible Study on Friday evenings, 7:30-8:30 pm for the residents of BPRC, the lowest security level of Department of Correction facilities, tucked behind Forest Hills Cemetery in Mattapan.

BPRC volunteers get used to saying goodbye. People who attend Bible study there are in transit from minimum security or pre-release, preparing to go back to a free life.

Shorty is one of 3 inmates who recently were or will be released this year. Shorty attended Bible Study for about two and a half years, which may be the longest any inmate has attended. We were privileged to get to know him, share the Gospel with him and see his life and faith as they evolved. Shorty's Bible was always stuffed with letters and family photos as he kept reaching out to family members with whom he wanted to reconnect.

Currently, there is no formal process for keeping track of a Bible Study member once he is released. Thanks to parishioner, Tom Nutt-Powell, we know that Shorty is doing well since his release and is living in a transitional house in Jamaica Plain. He works Saturdays with a group from his church on a "Teens" program. He has been re-establishing contact with his family. Recently, a brother and sister joined him in Providence. His daughter flew up from Atlanta, and he has learned that one son is a minister in Detroit. He now has only one son - Anthony - with whom he is not in touch.

When every out-of-prison activity must be approved through a lengthy process, having an on-site Bible Study that inmates can attend every week is special. We don't really find out how special until we miss a Friday due to snow or other emergencies. BPRC Bible Study gives inmates tools of faith that will stay with them when they leave, let them rebuild their lives with faith, follow the path of Jesus, and live life, with God's help.

Coordinators: Tom Nutt-Powell and Anne Marie Ellis. New volunteers are welcome for this ministry.

-Erika Topolski

Brookline Community Blood Drive

The blood drive will be on Thursday 9/2 at the Holiday Inn, 1200 Beacon Street, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Questions? Please call Jamie Barnard at 781-910-8014 or visit www.redcross.org.



Tuesday Art Classes at All Saints Parish

Starting on Tuesday, September 14, Michelle Muhlbaum-Aviksis will hold art classes for Adults from 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm and Children from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm. Michelle has taught in colleges in Massachusetts, holds an MFA, and has exhibited her work extensively. Come meet Michelle on Tuesday, September 7, from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm in the Dining Room or contact her for prices and to register at muhlbaum@muhlbaum.com. Check her website: www.muhlbaum.com.

Corner Co-op Nursery School

Corner Co-op has *limited openings* for September 2010. Thinking about nursery school for your child? Have you thought about joining a parent co-operative which nurtures both you and your child? The Co-op is located in All Saints Parish, entrance on Dean Rd. The school serves children 2.9 - 5 years of age. Choice of 3, 4 or 5 morning schedules (9am - Noon). Early drop off (8:30-9:00) and lunch program (Noon - 2:30) options. Call 617-738-4631 or visit www.cornercoop.org for more information.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 29 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Childcare - Nursery
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist w/Prayers for Healing - Sanctuary
 11:30 am Social Hour - Lawn
 12:00 pm Tag Sale Meeting - Guild Room

Wednesday, September 1

6:15 pm Taizé Holy Eucharist - Guild Room

Saturday, September 4

4:00 pm Bible Study - Guild Room
 5:00 pm Celtic Holy Eucharist - Sanctuary



Celtic Holy Eucharist

Saturdays at 5:00 pm

For information please contact
 the Rev. Kim Hardy at kimhardy138@comcast.net.

The next Celtic potluck social hour will be held on Saturday, September 18, after the 5:00 pm service. Please bring something to share. For more information, please contact Jane Ross at 617-713-0303.

To Our Visitors:

We warmly welcome you to All Saints Parish!

We are a vibrant and growing community marked by the diversity of our members and our commitment to social justice. The heart of our parish identity is worship. Each week we praise, honor, and deepen our relationship with God through reverent liturgy, splendid music and meaningful sermons. Faith formation programs for all ages enrich our spiritual lives, enabling us to serve one another and the wider world. Please fill out a visitor information card and stop by the Welcome Table to receive a welcome packet. **We welcome you at the Social Hour on the lawn or in the Guild Room following the 10:30 a.m. service.**

Children are most welcome at worship. Parents, please explore the Children's Tables to the left and right of the nave altar. There you will find children's books, coloring pages, crayons, and toys.

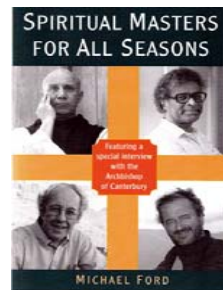
Please see www.allsaintsbrookline.org and the *Saints Alive!* newsletter for parish news and events. Sermons, *Forward Day by Day*, and *Tour of All Saints* (self-guided) booklets are on the information tables behind the back pew. Please contact the parish office (office@allsaintsbrookline.org) if you would like to receive the *All Saints Weekly* e-newsletter, a spiritual resource to help you prepare for worship.

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SPIRITUAL GUIDES FOR ALL SEASONS

THURSDAY'S

SEPTEMBER 30– NOVEMBER 11, 2010

7:30-9:00 PM

HOSTED BY DAVID KILLIAN

Every age needs figures of spiritual inspiration to help us to rise above uncertainty and to search for God deep within ourselves. These spiritual guides speak, not only to our own times, but for all seasons. This series will present Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen, Anthony de Mello, John O'Donohue, Teresa of Avila, a comic book on meditation, and Quaker Spirituality.

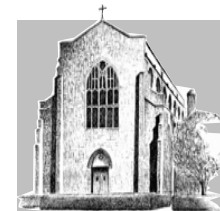
NOTE: This series features Christian Spiritual Guides. A series in the winter will present Spiritual Guides from other faith traditions.

- ◆ 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

The Rev. Dr. David A. Killian is Rector of All Saints Parish. **Anne Harrington** is co-leader of the Women's Book Group at All Saints Parish. **Margaret Rhodes** is retired Associate Professor at the University of Massachusetts-Boston and co-leader of the Women's Book Group at All Saints Parish. **Peter Stringham, M.D.**, a nationally-recognized pioneer in the teaching of non-violence to teenagers, is a lecturer, author, and teacher of meditation. **The Rev. Dr. Mary Luti** is Director of Wilson Chapel and Visiting Professor of Worship & Preaching at Andover Newton Theological School. **Alexander Levering Kern** is the Executive Director of CMM and the Protestant Chaplain at Brandeis University. **Kathleen M. Kelly, MSW/MA Theo**, is a spiritual director, serves on the boards of CMM and the Peace Institute, and clerked the First Day School Committee at Cambridge Friends Meeting. **All are welcome.**

Fee for each session: \$10; fee for the series: \$50. Seniors and Students: \$5 per session or \$25 for the series.

The series is based on the book *Spiritual Masters for All Seasons* by Michael Ford, which is available in the Guild Room at All Saints Parish. To register, please contact Barbara Bembery at office@allsaintsbrookline.org or 617-738-1810, ext 101.



THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS

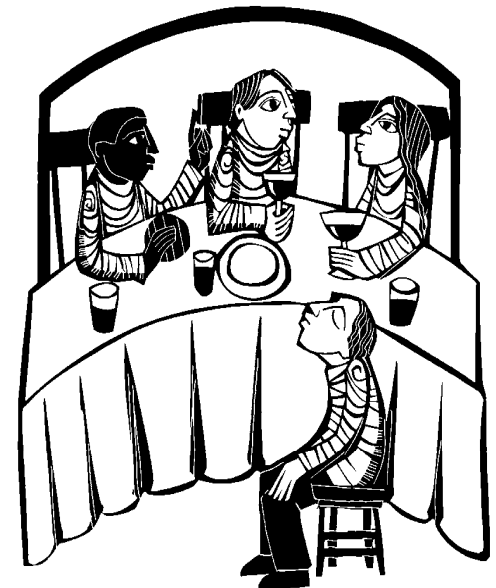
August 29-30, 2010

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The preacher today is the Rev. Laurie Rofinot. The preacher next Sunday will be Ms. Rebecca Taylor, Director of Children's, Youth and Family Ministries.

Gospel Reflection

Humility is a strange virtue in that it is rarely, if ever, possessed by someone with low self-esteem or sense of inferiority. A person with those difficulties may seem to be humble - but it is not the humility of which Jesus speaks. This humility is born of an inner certainty that you have an intrinsic value that matters to you - to God - and to those who really know you. Such a humility brings a freedom from the need to prove yourself.



Jesus was also aware that Sabbath gatherings could be in danger of becoming rich men's clubs - where favors were won and influence exerted. They ran the risk of becoming self-serving rather than the sharing of hospitality they were meant to be.

So, he lays a challenge before his host too - not simply to invite those who could pay him back with an even more sumptuous meal but to look beyond his own household and circle of friends. Out in the world were - and are - many for whom even the simplest of meals was hard to come by. Their Sabbath meal would have been meager - and some, on the day given over to worship and rest, would have gone to bed hungry.

There is always a tendency to feel that it is enough to look after one's own - and that is no bad thing - but excessive exclusivity is dangerous. It becomes self-seeking and proud and ignores the rightful calls to care for those whom we have chosen to exclude. Jesus enjoyed the hospitality of many people - but did not use those occasions to ingratiate himself with his host - rather, he was simply himself and encouraged others to do the same.

- Brian McGowan, Priest in Western Australia