



The Rectors Ramble

Robert Raines is an ordained minister who has written many inspirational books over the years, filled with reflections and poetry. I heard one of his poems years ago at a funeral and it has stayed with me ever since. I offer to you for your reflection during this most holy Easter Season. See you Sunday! Rev. Patti

Easter in our Eyes

Lord, we exult in the early morning birdsong
which wakens us to green beginnings
and multicolored hopes
and pulls us to our feet
to stand on tiptoe
Surprise us with joy in the morning
struggle with us in the heat of noonday
sit with us in the evening shadows of

quietness and confidence

for you meet us at every corner
and bring new life out of all our dying
and create us ever afresh
a springtime people
with Easter in our eyes

Bless our families
Let husband and wife be tender to each other
let the guard drop and the tears fall
and the heart open and the arms go round
Let parents and children listen to each other
and cry for each other
and laugh with each other

Bless our friends
Thank you for weaving us together into a
fabric of friendship, a living tapestry of
glad/sad colors forever separating and uniting
You have made of us together
more than we were apart

You have bound us deep in the mystery of
death and birth

You have driven us in conflict
to cry out for help and healing
Forgive us all the ways in which we have
hurt or hindered one another
Reach deeper than self-pity or
self-justification
to forgiveness which yields
the love that bears, believe, hopes, endures
all things

Lord, we are uneasy looking into the future
we need to know that you are with us
and we are with you
Give us confidence that though all things change
You are the same God
ever gracious
from whose love nothing can separate us

Release now those mute longings
which waken us to green beginnings and
multicolored hopes
and pulls us to our feet to stand on tiptoe
for you are shaking us
and shaping us
into a springtime people
with Easter in our eyes.



Take Notice...what's going on at the Parish.

Rector Swap-Around Time

The time is here when Rev. Patti and Rev. Doug will switch duties. From **April 3rd through May 15th** Rev. Patti will be with us and Rev. Doug will be serving at St. David's in Halifax.

Landscape Planning Meeting

On **Saturday, April 2nd, 10:00am** a meeting will be held to draw up plans for the landscaping of the memorial garden. We will be meeting with Carol Julien who attends St. David's and is a landscape architect. If you're interested in attending please let Rev. Patti know.

Interim Musician



Anne Tripp-Miller, a music teacher from Canton, will be joining us in the coming weeks to offer music on Sunday mornings.

Co-Rector's on Vacation

Patti and Doug will be on vacation from **April 16th-23rd**. **Sunday the 17th** will be the Office of Morning Prayer. In case of pastoral emergencies call Rev. Lee Ferry at **(508) 378-2784**.

Bottle and Can Drive Continues...

Many in the Parish are not aware that the first Sunday of each month is "bottle day" and there will be a box in the hall for people to donate their bottles and cans. This will help the deficit in our budget.



Opportunities With The Altar Guild

The St. Margaret's Altar Guild is happily accepting new members. This is a wonderful way for women and men alike to serve the Lord in a quiet and meaningful way. Training is provided and your first few times will be with an experienced guild member. Please call Fran Verrill at **781 447 3904** or Cheryl Belcher at **781 447 8585** with any questions.

Ecumenical Vietnam War Commemoration

On **Saturday, April 23rd at 11:00 a.m.** an ecumenical service commemorating the end of the Vietnam War will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Hanson. The service will include an honoring of those who served in that conflict and those who are presently serving in the armed forces. There will also be prayer for the safe return of those who are presently serving. St. Joseph the Worker is located at 1 Maquan St. (Rt. 58 & Rt. 14) in Hanson.

Prayer Line

Kathye Foster maintains a very strong prayer line ministry via E-mail and snail-mail for All Saints' Parish. If anyone wishes to add a name or concern to the prayer list, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Kathye **(508) 378-4818**, or through E-Mail at fosterJK@juno.com. Take advantage of this powerful Ministry!



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Birthdays!

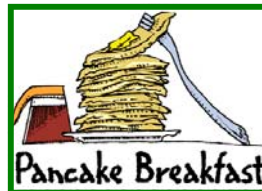


April:

- 2 Laura Mahoney
- 4 Ed Welch
- 5 Ken D'Arrigo
- 6 John Reeves
- 7 Jason Eldridge, Emily Brown
- 9 Janet Spadea
- 10 Sarah Delaney
- 11 Joe Bentley, Peter Paluzzi, Paul Andrade
- 14 Dorothy Bazan-Greene, Keara Greene
- 15 Trish Birk - Smith
- 16 Karen Phillips
- 18 Jane Johnson
- 20 Thomas McIntyre
- 22 Matthew Johnson
- 26 Kenneth Belcher, Katie Nelson
- 27 Steven Churchill Jr, Rory McDonald, Ryan McDonald
- 29 Aaron Welch, Susan Frazier Ross Manison

May:

- 3 Richie Spadea
- 5 Robbie D'Antuono, Sean Frazier
- 6 Danny Preach, Barbara Spadea
- 7 Jack Foster, Colleen Manison
- 9 Robin Armstrong
- 11 Alex Bunar
- 15 Louise Quilty
- 18 Harry Smiley Jr.
- 24 Ted Putur
- 25 Karney Eldridge, Lynn Walsh, Catherine Livrago
- 26 Ronald Brown
- 28 Kara D'Arrigo, Robert Walters
- 29 Geraldine Livrago
- 31 Cheryl McDonald



Pancake Breakfast

Yummy pancakes and sausages are the breakfast fare on the last Sunday of every month. Join us for a great time of morning fellowship at the Parish Hall, from **9-9:30am**. Hosted by Don McRorie and others.



Walk For Hunger, Sunday, May 1st

Join Project Bread's 'Walk For Hunger' on **Sunday, May 1st**. Enjoy a festive day walking through Boston and the surrounding neighborhoods while you help our hungry neighbors in Massachusetts. With the current economic state, your neighbors need your help more than ever. Your pledges will support 400 food pantries, soup kitchens, food banks, and food salvage programs in 132 communities across the state.

Celebrate the spirit of giving along with 40,000 other concerned citizens by participating in this fun and exciting Massachusetts tradition. For more information, call **617-723-5000**, or visit www.projectbread.org.



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All Saints' Parish Service
Schedule:

Sunday:

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II,
no music

9:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II,
traditional hymns, as
well as contemporary
music.

Sunday School: ages 0-
18

Wednesday:

12:00noon: Holy Eucharist Rite II,
healing service

6:30pm Holy Eucharist Rite II,
healing service

ALPHA NEWS...



Spring Alpha Starts in April

Our next Alpha Celebration Dinner describing the Alpha program is ***Sunday, April 3rd at 5pm.*** It includes a full dinner (with desert of course!) and a video describing Alpha. You're invited to come and enjoy a good meal and learn what Alpha is all about. Bring a friend! All are invited, whether or not they attend any church. The next 10 week Alpha Course starts the following ***Sunday, April 10th.*** There's no charge for either the Celebration Dinner or the Course. They're our gift to the parish and community as we share Jesus and grow in our understanding of God's love for us. For more information call the church office at **781-447-6106** or contact Jack Foster at **508-378-4818** or jfoster103@juno.com.

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Church Office Hours

(781)-447-6106

Doug or Patti will be in the Church Office (unless preempted by another obligation):

Mon.-Fri. 9am-12noon

Senior Youthgroup Leaders

Dave and Sue Frazier

Junior Youthgroup Leaders

Maureen Mahoney
Chip and Jolene Durant



The Fish Net

It's All About Love
by Dave Frazier 3-29-05

Just how much did Jesus love us? Enough to get nailed to a cross, to take on the sins of all mankind after a sinless life, to give us the opportunity of an everlasting life in Him.

Personally, I can't even begin to comprehend the breadth of such a sacrifice. On this Earth, there is no one that can, I imagine. But it was His perfect love for us. His unquestioning and committed love for us. It was His free choice to obey His Father, out of His love for us, to save us. Whether we deserved it or not.

Quite honestly, I feel that I don't deserve it. How could I? I'm prone to all of the foibles of the human race. No matter how hard I try to remain as a good Christian, I fail. I feel the temptations of life around me. Sometimes my pride gets in the way, and I fail to ask for the help I need, or I fail to let a person thank me for my help. Christ didn't weigh my worthiness as He hung from the cross. He saw my failings, and He loved me.

I grew up in a somewhat cold household. My parents provided as best they could, and while we were not well-off, we certainly were not in dire need. But I can't remember my parents ever telling me that they loved me as I was growing up. We had a painful relationship as I progressed through High School. Plenty of fighting and yelling. They were stubborn, as was I, and we could never see a stable mid-point. Not until much later in my life did my Mom say "I love you" to me. My father died never having said it to me. As my father neared the end of his life on Earth, I managed to weakly say "I love you" to him as he labored in a hospital bed. His reply was simply, "I know." I longed so much to know what he felt about me, to hear it from his own lips, and I never got the chance.

With my own kids, I never miss the chance to tell them that I love them, almost to the point of embarrassing them. Sue and I never hide the love we have for each other, with plenty of hugs and kisses and playful flirting all out in the open. We never hide our love for them. We try to always foster a loving household no matter who's around or what's going on. There is always time for hugs and kisses.

It doesn't mean that our house is some kind of idyllic spot, where no strife is found, and the candy always tastes so sweet. We have plenty of brawls. My son and I go at it sometimes. He can be stubborn, kind of reminding me of myself at that age. But the love is always there. It is especially at these stressful times that I tell him that I love him. I never fail to let him know. When the conversation is hard to take, or the subject matter is sensitive, I always make sure there are hugs and "I love you", despite that I may be reprimanding him. And in the end, the stresses do dissipate, fading into oblivion, and our fighting is healed. Love can heal, does heal, when a heart is willing.

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As Christians, we try to shine with the light of Christ to each other, and others around us. No easy task for sure. It is so easy, almost automatic, to fly into a human emotion when faced with adversity, especially a negative and ugly incident. We rage, we opinionate, we hate, we yell and cry out of frustration, we avoid those responsible. We second guess. We really can't help it. Despite our best efforts to live as a Christian, to do as Jesus would, we fail. It's what we are, humans that fail.

But where does your heart lie? Take an honest look, just you and God, at the make-up of your being, deep in your heart. When confronted with the ugliness of the world, are you truly willing to let love heal the hurt? It is no easy task, and we are bound to fail if we rely on our own efforts. We cannot defeat the hurt of the world and the relationships around us by ourselves. We need Christ's love, living in us. We need to look beyond the human-ness of those around us and see Christ's love in their hearts. Push aside the human emotion that is getting in the way and look to Christ. "To love one another, as I have loved you..." Christ said that to us. He made it the one great commandment. We will still hurt those around us, say the wrong thing. But we must let love heal.

It was the Father's love that raised Christ from a dank hole in the hillside, and elevated Him to His Glory. It is Christ's love that can see us through any adversity we can face on this Earth.

Peace.

Senior Youthgroup Quik Notes

St. Paul's Soup Kitchen

The Senior Youthgroup took a hot meal to St. Paul's soup kitchen in mid-March. There were a couple of newbies to the group, and it was good to see. In all, we served about 90-92 guests. The general consensus from the guests was that the meatloaf meal served to them was delicious, and many came back for seconds. I personally want to thank those of you in the Parish who supported the All Saints' Senior youth. It is a good thing to support our youth, as they are a viable part of this community. Thanks again.

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From the Junior Warden...

I wish to remind those in the Parish of the upcoming Parish Spring Cleaning Day, **Saturday, April 9th, from 9am to whenever.** There are many tasks, and many hands make for an easier job. Let's try and pretty up our church building and make it the showpiece building that it is. Talk to me (Dave Frazier 781-447-1258) if you have any questions. A willing attitude is all you need. Lend a hand for an hour or two and enjoy a job well done. Some of the kinds of tasks we will tackle:

- Dusting neglected areas
- Window cleaning
- Shampooing rugs
- Polishing the woodwork in the sanctuary
- Yard cleanup
- Painting projects
- And more!



Quik Notes, continued...

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Soulfest

We will be meeting in April at one of the coffee hours to discuss the upcoming Soulfest event in August. The Christian rock festival is moving from Loon Mountain to Gunstock. It's good move for a few reasons, but primarily that we will be able to camp at the mountain, instead of off-site like at Loon. We will be making our plans for that trip, so plan on attending the meeting.

Mission Trip to New Hampshire

We will also be discussing an opportunity for a very low-cost mission trip to Southern New Hampshire to help build a Christian Camp. I have met the owner of a camp in the Derry area, who is rebuilding on a shoestring budget. The camp has many ongoing builds and repairs, and relies heavily on mission trips from churches and youthgroups. I'm working on some details with him, as well as a spiritual component to the trip (campfire prayer services, etc.). An opportunity to serve is an invitation from Christ is what I always say. Consider your role in this ministry, and we'll talk about it at the meeting.

Happening Weekend in May

Consider the upcoming Happening weekend (first weekend in May). This is a great opportunity to learn how Christ is moving in other teen's lives. It's a really fun, no pressure weekend in the Lakeville (near the Cape) area. I've had a lot of involvement in these weekends, and I'll be helping out on this one as well. See me if you want some info, and I'll hook you up.

Stuff

Vesper

By Ray Morse

My soul is quieted,
My anxiousness dispelled.
My longing satisfied;
My day's labor worthwhile.
My strife subsided,
My soul is quieted.

Vesper time is here,
The presence of God is near.

A couple things from Cheryl Belcher...

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to those of you who supported and encouraged me when "Pinky" the flamingo was mortally wounded by my husband, Ken, when he ran amok with his snowblower in January.

Peace, Cheryl Belcher

Smith climbs to the top of Mt. Sinai to get close enough to talk to God. Looking up, he asks the Lord, "God, what does a million years mean to you?" The Lord replies, "A minute." Smith asks, "And what does a million dollars mean to you?" The Lord replied, "A penny." Smith asks, "Can I have a penny?" The Lord replies, "In a minute."