



# Saints' Alive

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## The Rectors Ramble

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, Jack Foster led the 5<sup>th</sup> "Planning for Growth" meeting. These meetings have been a fruitful time of reflection about the life of our parish. On the 18<sup>th</sup> the topic of discussion was the 'commitment to worship'. Now, this may seem like a 'no-brainer'. Churches are houses of worship. Worship is why we exist. Worship is what defines us. And yet, we had remarkable discussion about what really makes the worship life of our parish meaningful to us.

One of the things lifted up in the discussion was a desire to have healing stations during the Eucharist on Sunday mornings. As you are aware, we have two healing Masses on Wednesdays. One at noon and one at 6:30pm. These are very powerful times of worship in which we offer prayers for all those who have asked for our prayers for healing. The desire at the Planning for Growth meeting was to bring that ministry of healing into our Sunday morning experience of worship. So, we're going to give it a try! Starting June 11 there will be two healing stations located in a spot on either side of the aisle behind the lectern and behind the pulpit. There will be a person there who will be available to pray with you if you have a special prayer concern for healing. After you have received communion you are welcome to stop at the station and receive prayer. If there are others waiting, we ask that you wait in the first pew in the choir loft.

This is a new thing for us, but I believe a very powerful expression of our deepest faith in God. After all, he is the Master Physician!

Remember these words from Luke 9:1,2,6

*"When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.....So they set out and went from village to village, preaching the gospel and healing people everywhere."*

See you in church!  
Rev. Patti+

## SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CONCERNING THE BUDGET

Last January a congregational meeting was held to discuss the current situation with the parish finances and our ability to support a full time rector. It was decided then that 6 months later a follow up congregational meeting would be held. That meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:45am** in the Fellowship Hall. We are encouraging everyone to make a special effort to attend this meeting as we will be continuing the conversation about the parish finances.



## *Parish Information...*

### **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

### **Prayer Line**

Through the on-going efforts of Kathy Foster, All Saints' Parish maintains a strong Prayer Line. It is through this ministry that prayers and concerns can be lifted up by many persons that participate. If anyone wishes to add a name or concern to the prayer list, or if anyone wishes to join in the praying and would like e-mail copies of the names and concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Kathy **(508) 378-4818**, or through E-Mail at [fosterJK@juno.com](mailto:fosterJK@juno.com). Take advantage of this powerful Ministry!

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obligation:*

Tues & Fri. 9am-12noon

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### **Senior Youthgroup Leaders**

Dave and Sue Frazier

### **Junior Youthgroup Leaders**

Maureen Mahoney  
Chip and Jolene Durant

## UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

June 1st Special Vestry Meeting

June 4th Pentecost, Sunday School Recognition, Special Congregational Meeting following 9:30am worship.

June 8th Vestry Meeting, 7 pm

June 9~10 "Relay For Life" - Youth Group mission project in Abington with UCC (Abington) Youth Group.

June 10th Yard Sale/Book Sale

June 17th Spaghetti Dinner for Scholarships

June 18th Father's Day

June 25th Worship at Camp Dennon. Parish picnic afterwards.

## Birthdays!

June

2 Dana Boynton

6 Mary Lynn, Cynthia Armstead, Leah Walbourne,

7 Joe Morgan

10 Marsha Boynton

11 Nicole Dyson

13 Kristin Phillips

14 Judith Veazie

17 Dean Kelliher Sr.

20 Charles Birk

21 Evelyn Yaney

26 Ryan Armstrong

27 Susan Livrago

### July

3 Evan Dunn

8 Sheila Westling, John Morgan Jr., Helena Putur

9 Patricia Manfredi, Kevin Preach, Thomas Wohlers

11 Toni Eunice

15 Stephen Peter Foster

16 Christopher Mahoney

17 Joseph Livrago

18 Daniel Andrade

19 Elsa Putur

23 Katherine Veazie, Chad Wohlers, Morgan Foster

24 Barrett Dyson

26 Vel Bauer, Sue Welch

28 Edward Dunn, Phylis Marsden

31 Christopher Wohlers

### August

8 Michelle Westling

9 Barbara Reeves, Dana B. Boynton

12 Cassandra Boynton-Smith, Jessica Crouse, Harrison Smiley Sr.

15 David Walbourne, Shirley Koshi

22 Jennifer Rudolph

25 Mary Beth Smiley

27 Lore Williams, Trevor Martins



## THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*(because stewardship is more than once a year)*

*The third installment in a series submitted by Sue Frazier...*

### Stewardship—Using Your Time, Talents, & Treasures

God calls us to give to Him of our time, talent, and treasures. Over the last two months I talked about time and talent. This month I'll talk about treasures. To most of us, including Dave and I, that means money. And when it comes to that, people seem to not want to talk about it, or maybe not even think about it. I've heard it said that God doesn't need our money, but the church does. It's hard to get a hold of that in a realistic way. I give my 10% tithe, so what more is expected of me? We go to church on Sundays and then leave for the week. But think about it like this, though. Who heats the building, pays the electrical bill? Well, in our household...we do. And if the bills climb for unexpected reasons or emergencies, we still have the responsibility of paying.

Isn't our house of worship our spiritual household? Our church offers so much more than Sunday services. The relationships that are built up amongst parishioners grow out of a love for one another, and Dave and I like to think of All Saints' as our Spiritual family. Not the building, but the people. And the building where we go to join in fellowship with one another, whether it's in worship, or Alpha, or a dinner, or vinyl night, or whatever, is our Spiritual House.

The next time the plate comes around, think with your heart about what our All Saints' family means to you on a personal level. Think about what it takes in reality to keep our Spiritual Home healthy. If everybody gives just that little bit more, our budget can grow back into a healthy state. No, God doesn't need our money, but our Spiritual Home certainly does.

## STEWARDSHIP

*[submitted by our Rectors]*

As the summer months come upon us it is important to remind the parish to keep current with pledges. The summer months are usually very lean for the parish. People are traveling, vacationing or otherwise occupied and often the church gets lost in the fray. Also, if you are traveling this summer GO TO CHURCH! It's a blessing to worship in other congregations. Bring Rev's Doug and Patti the bulletin from where you visit. Take note of how you are welcomed as a visitor and come share with the Planning for Growth group your insights!



## CRAFT FAIR 2006

[I am including this article which ran in last month's edition. It is an important fundraiser which parishioners need to know about...]

The date for All Saints' Annual Craft Fair is set for **November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006**, which is a very busy shopping day. It will be held once again at the Whitman Knights of Columbus on Route 18, the same place as last year.

There are some openings on the Craft Fair Committee that need to be filled as soon as possible, if the fair is to be a success (Asst. Chairperson, Bookings, Snack Bar, Treasurer). Don't forget that this is a **major fundraiser for All Saints**. I've said it before. The Parish really needs an infusion of help for these types of projects. It cannot be the same group of people all of the time. It may sound like a lot of work, but it really is not as intimidating as it may seem, as a matter of fact, it is a very rewarding experience to be able to chip in wherever it is needed. Talk to any of the people listed below, or to Rev. Doug or Patti. The Parish really needs your talents!

Where: Whitman Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 18

When: **November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

Chairpersons	<b>Need Volunteer</b> , Cheryl Belcher, Marsha Corliss
Publicity	Richard Tingblad, Dottie Wilhelm
Bookings	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
Admissions	Maureen Mahoney
Craft Table	Richard Tingblad, Dot Peterson.
Bake Table	Louise Tingblad, Millie Friberg, Louise Quilty
Raffle Table	Pat Eunice, Dottie Wilhelm, Elin Duffy
Santa Pictures (if we do them)	Maureen Mahoney
Snack Bar	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
Setup and Cleanup	Jack Foster.
Treasurer	<b>Need Volunteer</b>

## CRAFT FAIR

It's really not that far away. All Saints 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Craft Fair will be November 25<sup>th</sup>, at Whitman K of C Hall, Rt. 18 at the Whitman/Abington line. This is our biggest fundraiser, upon which the Church depends. We need everyone to help. Let's work during the summer to make crafts for the Church's own craft table (knit, sew, paint, woodcraft, Christmas ornaments, whatever you can do). If you know any crafters, recruit them. See any of the chairpersons, Dottie Wilhelm, Louise Quilty, Louise Tingblad, Dick Tingblad if you need some ideas or are interested in helping out.

**[See related article on page 4 of this edition.]**



## *The Fish Net...*

### **Christian Comfort**

*Dave Frazier 5-30-06*

During my middle teen years on the Cape, when I needed to “run away” from it all, I had little power-up spots hidden all over the place. I had a place at the edges of a cranberry bog near my house where the town workcrews would get sand. There was a huge dug-out area and I would climb to the top rim of it, where I had a spectacular view across the bog, a little stretch of scruffy pines, and to the lake’s edge beyond. There was another place at the opposite end of that same lake, along a portion where the embankment sloped sharply up for a number of feet. There was a sturdy tree that had, over many years to be sure, slipped down that embankment, and now grew sideways out over the lake for a large portion of its trunk, before its lesser branches made their way skyward. I would crawl my way onto the trunk, and drape myself over it like some lazy tiger, with my limbs hanging into the lake’s surface, and I would stare aimlessly for hours.

I had my comfort spots where I could hide, secluded in quietude. The anxieties that hung over me would dissipate and float away to some far away and unseen place, to where I no longer knew of them and I felt at peace. In my absolute solitude, I didn’t fret over the matters that bothered me; for those precious moments they did not exist. There were no others to complicate my life with so much minutia, and their daily dramas had no touch upon me. In my idyllic spots, the world was only as far as the lake’s distant shoreline, or to a ridge of pines just over the crest of the next hill.

The thing is, as much as it sounded like I preferred the hermit’s life to one of social interaction, in reality it was much the opposite. I loved to play and goof off with others. I had lots of other teens with whom I could hang out. I loved going to school and the daily interactions that came along with that. At the core of me though, I was a fairly shy person, and I tended to be a chameleon when in groups. My associations, though of a friendly nature, were indeed very guarded. And when it came to the normal difficulties that sprung up alongside any relationship, I responded to my “flight” instinct. I found it easier and less impacting to my life to run. I would soon find myself prone along the trunk of a misshapen tree, lost in my own thoughts.

Indeed, as an adult I have certainly come to know the difficulties that a relationship brings. I have come to experience first-hand some of the difficulties that a hard world places in our paths. I do not wish to imply that my life has been a tortured existence, rather it has had many joys and blessings. I only mean to say that I have not lived such a sheltered life that I know nothing of life’s difficulties from an experience standpoint. And even into my young adulthood, much like my teen years, I tended to reflect inward when life became challenging. In my youth, I did not have anyone to share my emotional ups and downs. Though from a large family, we were not all that close, at least on a personal level. I had grown accustomed to dealing with it on my own, and this trend certainly carried into my adult years.

I’ve said this to some before, but one real miracle in my life is that despite the strength I’ve developed in dealing with many unique circumstances, I have truly learned that in life, there are times of such struggle, of such emotional upheaval, that we are not meant to endure them alone. God taught me that the real strength of a Christian can overcome any obstacle that life can throw our way. But as humans we tend to



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lean on our human capabilities as a first reaction to any conflict or threat. Like me as a teenager, we tend to respond to our emotional upheaval by running away from it. After all, this is so much easier than facing the conflict, much less dealing with it. Depending on the circumstances of the difficulty, we may have to shelve our pride and admit to some wrong-doing. We may have to humble ourselves and as an act of Christian love, let the others have their way, despite that you deserve it differently. Or perhaps we may have to admit to a moment of overreaction, of becoming caught up in the frenzy that develops in such a thing. Whatever the reasons or circumstances, we tend to run to our own little hiding spots, where the world's cares can easily float away to that unseen place, and we no longer have to deal with them.

One real strength in my life is Sue. As cliché as it sounds, she truly makes me a better man. The love that I have learned existed in me, she has brought out, with God's help no doubt, for all of the world to witness. That love has carried me through some terrible difficulties as I've grown in the relationships of the people in my life. But it has also sweetened my experience of such love, to leave me awash in a comfort of life that only solid Christian love could bring me into.

All Saints' has grown in my life to become a part of my family. Of course, that is not to say that I look at the people of All Saints' in the same way that I see and interact with my wife and kids. That is to say, I see the people of All Saints' as my family in Christ; no less personal and every bit as precious to me. It sounds quite sappy, but I love it when someone from church asks me with all sincerity how my week had been. Or maybe someone invites me to a cup of coffee, or to lunch. Better still, I take great comfort in the knowledge that there are people at All Saints' who pray to God for me, to help me deal with those difficulties presently in my life. These people are real, and the time they pray to God on my behalf is real love. My relationships within my church family grow strong out of the presence of God's love through them and through me. The key is that there is a willingness to allow God's love to be present within their hearts and mine, a willingness that allows God to use us to heal each other, no matter what the source of the hurt may be.

It is easier for someone to run away from the inevitable difficulties that emerge in any relationship. But that does not diffuse the hurt, or the anger that grows with such difficulties. Over time, those very problems that people tend to run from steal the joy and peace that they seek. God knows that we need to love one another, and grow with one another; he made it His one Great Commandment, "...love one another..." In those difficult times in life, we need to lean on our Christian brothers and sisters...our church family.



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

### **YARD SALE**

Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, All Saints will be hosting a Yard Sale/Book Sale. Items for the Yard Sale and books may be brought to the church and stored in the entry way closet area. Please... no clothes! Volunteers are needed to help set things up, break things down and work the hours of the Sale. If you are interested in helping, please contact Louise Tingblad at 781-447-6106.

### **DINNER FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, All Saints will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner. All the proceeds will go toward the Scholarship Fund. These funds give a little boost to our high school graduates who are going off to college.

### **CAMP DENNEN WORSHIP AND PICNIC**

Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, the 8:00am Eucharist will be held at All Saints. The 9:30 Eucharist will be held at the Chapel at Camp Dennen! As you may be aware, Camp Dennen will be closed September 6<sup>th</sup>. This will be our last opportunity to have worship in the lakeside chapel as well as enjoy our annual parish picnic on the grounds. In addition, we hope to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism that morning (yes, someone is going to get very wet!). This plans to be a special day of worship and fellowship for our parish family. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Several Ultreyas are scheduled - at least one must be for you!**

St. Davids (South Yarmouth) Ultreya had moved from May 26th to June 9th because of the holiday.

The third Friday Ultreyas in June, July and August will be held at St. John's, Holbrook at 7:30 p.m. instead of All Saints', Whitman. (All Saints', Whitman will resume holding third Friday Ultreyas in September.)

The corrected list (I hope) is:

- St. Davids, South Yarmouth on Friday, June 9th at 7:00 p.m.**
- St. John's, Holbrook on Friday, June 16th at 7:30 p.m.**
- St. John's, Holbrook on Friday, July 21st at 7:30 p.m.**
- St. John's, Holbrook on Friday, August 18th at 7:30 p.m.**
- All Saints', Whitman on Friday, September 15th at 7:30 p.m.**



## PLANNING FOR GROWTH

*Submitted by Jack Foster*

The Planning for Growth group met on May 18<sup>th</sup>. We individually completed a worship questionnaire and shared our answers. One comment - the primary thing we are called to do as Christians is worship! Then we talked about ways to enhance our worship together on Sunday mornings. Two ideas came to the fore to try. One is to offer healing stations at the time of the Eucharist. People can stop near the pulpit or lectern for a word of healing prayer after receiving the Eucharist. Another idea was to try having a service booklet to make worship easier for new people who are not as familiar with the Book of Common Prayer as we are. We'll be interested in your comments as we try these new approaches.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9pm. We'll tackle the topic "Commitment of Our Resources (\$)". All are welcome to join us as we discuss how to be good stewards of our money and keep the parish financially strong as we live and grow together.



## THE ALPHA CORNER...

The summer months are a quiet time for the Alpha program at All Saints'. It's a good time to be thinking about friends and relatives (and maybe yourself) who would find Alpha helpful. It's a great evangelistic outreach for the parish as we spread the good news about Jesus in every way we can. For those who don't attend any church Alpha provides a time of fellowship and learning about basic Christian teachings. For us who are members, it's a way to deepen our understanding of God's salvation through Jesus. Please be thinking of who you might ask to the Celebration Dinner on September 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be a video describing Alpha and an opportunity to sign up for the fall course, which begins the next Sunday. In the meanwhile, have a great summer!

## Junior Warden Quick Notes...

The monthly update...

- I want to thank Mark Mahoney for clearing out the overgrown juniper bushes that were taking over the driveway and walkway area. They had become tremendous trash collectors from walkers passing the church. The areas will be landscaped as part of the overall plan, which includes the new church sign. Look for other landscaping improvements to unfold as we improve our visibility to the community and our much needed "curb appeal". I invite any comments from the Parish on this subject.

As always, if anyone has any comments, ideas, or concerns, feel free to talk with me.

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