



# Saints' Alive

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Summer Edition

## The Rector's Ramble

You may have noticed just now that the title for this article has changed from 'Co-Rector Ramble' to 'Rector Ramble'. Of course, there's a reason for that. The ministry that Doug and I have shared at All Saints since October of 2003 has now changed. May 22<sup>nd</sup> Doug started a new ministry with Evercare Hospice as a part time chaplain. In addition he will remain as Vicar of St. David's in Halifax. This means that I have become the sole Rector at All Saints.

While on the one hand this doesn't seem like much of a change at all, it really is a change. Doug will be around from time to time, but not on Sundays anymore. When you see him next it will probably be as 'Patti's husband' and not in any official capacity. This is a change in relationship and it is perfectly natural to feel a kind of loss. Many of you have shared with him how his absence will be keenly felt. Believe me when I say that it has been a blessing for him to hear from you the ways in which his ministry has touched your lives and the life of this parish. In the midst of our ministries it is not always easy to see the ways in which God has moved. So this transition time has brought a gentle grace to Doug and for that we both offer thanks.

As for me, I am trying to get my mind around what it will mean for me to be "the Rector" at All Saints'. After all, I've been the 'Co-Rector' for nearly four years. So what will this change really mean for me and for my ministry in the parish? I am wondering what new gifts will be called forth from me? I am wondering what new gifts will be given to me? I wonder what new things God will do in all our lives together in this community of faith? I wonder what will be the new ministries God will lay before us? I'm going to be vigilant in the days ahead. I am filled with expectation, excitement and (I must admit) even a touch of fear. I am guessing that you are too! Let's remember that with change is an opportunity for growth. Change makes demands of us that pull us to our tiptoes and forces us to the edge of comfort and ability. But that's when grace takes over!

Recall the words from the book of **James 1:17** "*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*"

Let us remember that even though our lives and even a parish family can sometimes seem like "shifting shadows", God does not change. He loves us. He longs for us. He is moving in us and for us. He calls us to change, grow, journey to promised lands and even die to be raised again! Yet in the midst of it all the Lord our God gives us MANY good and perfect gifts. I'm going to go ahead and give God thanks in advance for all the good gifts that are in store for us!

See you Sunday! Rev. Patti+

## Parish Information...

### All Saints' Parish Service

#### Schedule:

*Note the Holiday schedule as outlined in Co-Rector's Ramble.*

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

God hears our petitions to Him! Let your concerns be lifted up to Him through the Prayer Line. Anyone wishing to add a name or concern to the list, or anyone wishing to be added to the Prayer Line should not hesitate to get in touch with Kathye (508)378-4818, or through E-Mail at [fosterJK@juno.com](mailto:fosterJK@juno.com).

#### *Please keep in Prayer:*

- I ask you to pray for me to keep my focus on finishing the sign. It seems to be harder the closer I get...
- Pray that the vestry and Wardens of All Saints' finds a viable solution to our kitchen problem.
- Pray for those seeking a loving church family that God leads them to where they should be.

### Officers of the Church

Co-Rectors: Revs. Doug & Patti Hale

Wardens:

(Sr.) Chad Wohlers, (Jr.) Dave Frazier

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*unless preempted by another obligation:*

Tues & Fri. 9am-12noon

Weds. 9am-10:30am

### Senior Youthgroup Leaders

Dave and Sue Frazier

### Junior Youthgroup Leaders

Maureen Mahoney  
Chip and Jolene Durant



## A Little Church Mouse told me to be sure to say THANK YOU...

- To RON BROWN for being our auctioneer at the recent Service Auction which raised over **\$1500.00!** It was a great night of fun and Ron did an excellent job!
- To all our Sunday School Teachers: Jack Foster, Liz Putur, Maureen Mahoney, Kristin Phillips, Jeanetta Casieri, LeaAnne Doyle, Kathye Foster, Dorrie Greene, Vicky Williams, Kerry Dailey, and Ann Pye! You have all been a huge blessing to our parish family and especially in the lives of our young people. For all your hard work and dedication we thank you!
- To Bill Veazie for his splendid efforts to bring beauty to the memorial garden!
- Louise Tingblad for setting up the hall for the Service Auction

## Pledge Reminder

As summer approaches your Vestry would like to offer a gentle reminder to everyone to keep current with your pledges! It is very easy in the midst of vacation and travel to forget. However, the day-to-day financial needs of the parish go on and we need everyone to pay attention so that we don't get behind in our many obligations.

## The Stewardship Corner

As I walked through the lower church school hall Sunday, I saw a small poster with a Bible verse about stewardship. I began thinking about some of the Bible verses that talk about our lives as stewards, and how stewardship is directly related to trust in God. Here are a few verses to ponder on this month.

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matt 6:19-21)*

*And my God will meet all your **needs** according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:19)  
Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:6-7)  
Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. (Gal. 6:10)*

*"No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve **both God and Money.**" (Luke 16:13)*

## New Confirmands...

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at Christ Episcopal Church in Quincy, 9 people from All Saints' Parish and one person from St. David's Halifax received Confirmation in the Episcopal Church! This is a rite in which a person makes a commitment to our particular Christian community and reaffirms their faith in Jesus Christ with prayer and the laying on of hands by a Bishop.

Let us give thanks and continue to pray for: Toni Eunice, Sarah Doyle, Tim Norment, Peter Norment, Jesse Manison, Steve Magglio, Brittany Durant, Joline Durant and Emily Baker. In addition, a special word of thanks to all those who served as mentors for the Confirmands through a process of study and reflection and preparation. They were: Jack Foster, Dave Frazier, Millie Friberg, Dick Tingblad, Liz Putur, Maureen Mahoney, Chip Durant

## THE ALPHA CORNER...

*Submitted by Jack Foster*



I thought for a moment about skipping the Alpha Corner for the summer. After all, the next course doesn't start until September. But then I began to think about our life together as Christians. We live with three basic beliefs:

- 1) God made everything that exists. The writer of Genesis may have gotten a few of the technical details wrong, but he made the main point loud and clear. God is behind it all!
- 2) He sent His Son to redeem the world. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection are at the center of world history. The western world even changed its calendar from BC to AD.
- 3) God has made it clear what He plans to do next. Jesus will come again. Every knee will bow before him. As we say each Sunday in the Eucharist: "Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again."

For us, as members of the parish, there are lots of ways we grow in our faith and understanding. Sunday worship is basic. Church School and adult classes play a big role. Service to the church and community help us grow. Cursillo has touched many.

But Alpha is unique. All are welcome, whether or not they'd ever darken a church door on Sunday morning. You can be an active Christian, be on the edge, or have no belief at all. You can even have a grudge against God! In this sense Alpha is a unique piece of our parish life. It's for us and for anyone else who's willing to take a shot at learning about our faith.



## JUNE CALENDAR

<i>June 1<sup>st</sup> 6:00pm</i>	Graduation Whitman-Hanson Regional High School
<i>June 3<sup>rd</sup></i>	Visitation of Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, Bishop Suffragan
<i>12:00pm</i>	Potluck
<i>1:00pm</i>	Holy Eucharist
<i>2:15pm</i>	Meeting with Vestry
<i>June 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00am</i>	Lay Eucharistic Ministry - A Training
<i>June 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm</i>	Vestry
<i>June 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00-9:00pm</i>	"Vinyl Night"
<i>June 24<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm</i>	Parish Picnic—No firm time has been set at time of publishing. The place may be Camp Kiwanee in Hanson. Further announcements will be made at Sunday Services as info is set, or call the Parish office.

### PUBLICATION NOTICE

I will not be publishing Saints Alive for July or August. Next publication will be for September, and you should receive it in late August. I need the summer to catch up on building issues, and the summer is typically slow anyhow. Thanks.

### LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING/REFRESHER

On *Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 10:00am* Rev. Patti will be holding a review session for all those currently serving as LEM- A's or Lay Eucharistic Ministers who read the Scriptures, lead the prayers and administer the chalice. It is also a time for anyone who is interested in becoming a LEM- A and being added to the rotation of those who serve in this vital ministry.

### 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL "VINYL NIGHT"

On *Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 from 6:00-9:00pm* the parish will be holding our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Vinyl Night. This is a chance to break out your old vinyl record albums and share the wonderful old and favorite tunes. People laugh, sing along and even dance! Bring your records and a snack to share on this evening of fellowship and fun!



## Fish Net

*Dave Frazier 5-30-07*

### Acceptance

When I hit my high school years, I was somewhat of a mess. I was painfully shy, so much so that if it meant passing by people in the aisle near one of my classrooms, I'd either wait for them to move along, or I'd find another aisle leading to the room. I just couldn't face that maybe they would talk to me, or worse yet look at me and laugh. I considered myself gawky and geeky. When I saw others, I was convinced that all they saw in me was my big nose, or my big Adam's apple, or my baby-fine fly-away hair always in disarray. I knew it was nuts for me to think these things, but I still thought them. Most people didn't give me the time of day; why would they put so much effort into thinking about me? In reality, I was more a fly on the wall, invisible to my surroundings, and I was too shy to get people to notice me.

So I went out my way to become accepted by the people around me. I became somewhat of a chameleon; that is I became like the people with whom I hung around.

Life is sneaky though. It's not like I was consciously changing the mask I wore each day dependant upon who I was around. It was more like my way of life was becoming diffused, and I was drifting away from the person I really was. The people around me didn't seem to notice, after all, they didn't know the real me, and they didn't care to. So when the drinking and the smoking hung over me like some dark storm cloud, and the insincerity and lies and indifference of the "friends" in my life left me with no where to turn, there was no one around who cared enough to show me the way out of those distractions. Except God, though I didn't even realize it.

It sounds like a cliché, but God truly was the one to dig me out. He never abandoned me during those difficult life-moments. It's funny, but when I think back to those days, I often wonder why I'm not dead or in jail. The people and influences in my life during those years were on such the wrong path of life. It was by the Grace of God that I am where I am. Back then, I didn't have people in my life that strived to know me, to see who I was, and despite all that to accept me into their little piece of life, and to love me. It left me in a dark and deep hole in this world, in a very lonely place. But over a period of time people popped into my life that did seem to care. These people had God in their hearts, whether they knew it or not, and He used them to show me all about His love. I don't want to sound overdramatic but I was "saved" by these people who let God into their hearts, and were willing to pass His love onto me.

I think to when Jesus was at the well and the woman came to Him. Out of the blue, He clued her into the real waters of life, those waters that flow from God. He didn't qualify her first to see if she was good enough for this country club called heaven. He stayed true to His word and He loved her right from the start, despite all of her weaknesses and faults.

When I walked through those red doors at All Saints that very first Sunday, I was warmly greeted with a smile and a handshake. The conversations I had during that first coffee hour did not put me on guard; to



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the contrary, I found the people *friendly and inclusive*. The common theme was one of invitation. In their own way, the people I talked with were inviting me to share in those ‘waters that flow from God’ without sounding like some preacher-types. There was sincerity in their smile that spoke of a genuine sense of caring and love.

These people didn’t know anything at all about my history, of who I was. Yet they welcomed me into their fold in a sincere and lovingly gentle fashion, they accepted me out of a sense of God’s love, first and foremost, and then over time got to know all about me. And the crazy thing is that even after getting to know me, I get the impression that I am still loved by them. Especially during the troubled moments, when I am ugly and my faults are out there for all to see, I feel as though they still love me. This is God’s love in them, my All Saints family, and it has grown to be a very special thing in my life.

The Holy Spirit lives at All Saints Parish in Whitman—I am convinced of that. Despite all of the troubles we are facing, budgets seemingly impossible to balance, building falling apart piece-by-piece, outside influences from a world of hurt and pain, even the politics of the Episcopal church weighing upon us in negative ways, we endure in God’s love. I feel it every Sunday at coffee hour, and before the service, and in Patti and Doug’s sermons. And when I’m playing with the kids, hopping around or playing chase like an idiot with them. In the hugs during the Peace. I am included in this heavenly ‘country club’ called All Saints Parish. But more importantly, I am accepted as I am, big nose and all.

Praise God.



## Birthdays!



*Note that there will be no issues published in July or August, so the summer birthdays are being included...*

### June

- 1 Allison Akarsu
- 2 Dana Boynton
- 3 William Wallace-Gross
- 6 Mary Lynn
- 10 Marsha Boynton, Dianne Esdale
- 11 Nicole Dyson
- 13 Kristin Phillips
- 14 Judy Veazie, Vicky Williams
- 21 Evelyn Yaney
- 22 Morgan Dailey
- 26 Dillon Bibeault

### July

- 1 Millie Friberg
- 3 Evan Dunn
- 8 Helena Putur
- 9 Thomas Wohlers
- 11 Toni Eunice
- 16 Christopher Mahoney
- 17 Joseph Livrago
- 19 Elsa Putur
- 20 Mahir Akarsu
- 23 Chad Wohlers, Katherine Veazie
- 24 Barrett Dyson
- 28 Edward Dunn
- 29 Carole Oliveria
- 30 Barbara Wight
- 31 Christopher Wohlers

### August

- 9 Barbara Reeves
- 20 Michael Doyle
- 22 Jennifer Rudolph
- 23 Patti Hale
- 27 Trevor Martins, Lore Williams
- 28 Laura Norment

### September

- 6 Kim (Nawrocki) Boge
- 7 Tom Smith
- 11 Jeanetta Casieri
- 16 Regina Gurney, Caitlyn Birk
- 23 Lee Ferry
- 27 Alteira Greene, Maureen Mahoney