



The Co-Rectors Ramble

March was a dramatic month, the impact of which only dawned upon us with time. The St. Patrick's Day Storm brought a great deal of snow of which we had not seen much this winter. But then the snow melted and the roof over the church kitchen failed. A great deal of water worked its way into the kitchen. At first we thought that we would have to do some significant work on the roof and ceiling. But then evidence was amassing that moisture had spread significantly into the walls and the mold had begun to blossom. Our awareness moved from significant damage to total loss. The room would need to be stripped down to the studs, a new roof installed and a new kitchen built.

On another level, the dawning of awareness has shown how important the kitchen is to our congregation. It is a critical room. No other room in the building can take on its function. Any significant cooking will have to wait until a new kitchen is in place. It is also important for its social function. Even though there is a large meeting room right next to it, people like to gather and talk in the kitchen. That sounds like home to me. With the kitchen becoming useless and inaccessible, our life together has been significantly impacted.

Maybe more than anything, we have lost control of the situation. The kitchen, at least for now, is out of our control. The storm acted upon it and now outside people seem to have more say and more access to that room than we do. There is a certain fretting about it all. There is a drive to fix the situation right away. I would ask that we all be patient with each other and with the process.

Let me fill you in on where things are at with the kitchen.

We are still waiting on the insurance company to tell us what they are going to cover and for how much money. This has been a frustrating process and lengthier than we would have hoped for. We cannot move on replacing the roof until we get word from the insurance company. Hopefully, that is coming soon and we can get the new roof on and protect what we have.

The insurance will cover in some significant way the interior damage. They already authorized Service Master to come in, clean all our dishes and pack them up. They are stored in the Parish Hall. Then they turned to the room itself and stripped it down to the wall studs. It is presently sealed off and being dried out.

We have put together a small design committee to look at what the new kitchen will be like. While this group is small, we are soliciting input from everyone in the parish. There is a suggestion box in the Parish Hall. If you have any ideas about what you would like to see in the new kitchen, write them

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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 *fos-ter:JK@juno.com*.

Please keep in Prayer:

- Your Vestry, Wardens, and Rectors, as well as the Finance Committee as they deal with some difficult financial issues.
- Our Confirmands and Mentors as they journey together toward Confirmation.
- Any Senior High kids graduating.
- Please pray for me to focus on the main sign project, and not be distracted by the kitchen problems.

Officers of the Church

Co-Rectors: Revs. Doug & Patti Hale

Wardens:

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

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Chip Durant
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Church Office Hours

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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



down and stick them in the box. Our process will probably be something like this: initial design by the committee, getting an estimate and detailed design from a contractor, and then final approval from the Vestry. We are hoping that all work will be completed by the time of the Craft Fair this fall. It probably won't be this simple, but we will try to keep it as simple as possible.

The other factor is money. This will be expensive. We are presently looking at what assets we have on hand that could be utilized (there is not very much of this). We are waiting to find out how generous the insurance company will be (hopefully the bulk of the money needed will come from this). We are fairly certain that we will have to make a special appeal to the congregation for additional money. A final money source would be a loan from the Diocese (which we would like to avoid, if possible). Once we hear from the insurance company and have an estimate and detailed plan from a contractor, then we will be making the appeal to the congregation. Please prayerfully consider how much you might be able to contribute toward our new kitchen, over and above your usual giving.

Right now is a challenging time in our parish. But I believe that eventually, we will have a kitchen that will be a significant improvement over our former kitchen. It will be a special room of which we will be proud. It may very well be a kitchen with which we will not only care for each other, but with which we will also be able to serve our community in new ways.

In Christ,

Doug+

The Stewardship Corner

Just why does God say to love our neighbor as we love ourselves? And why do we talk about stewardship of our time and talents? Is it because we're "supposed" to act this way as Christians? Maybe there's another reason. Try spending a few hours in a project or activity that helps others but does nothing for you. It can change your life too. A few hours spent this way can ease stress and put our own lives into a more balanced perspective. I think God made us that way! When He says to love our neighbor as ourselves, it's for our own good. It calms our hearts and puts our lives into the perspective He designed us to have. And others are blessed too!

Upcoming Confirmation

[I'm leaving this in again, considering that Confirmation is May 12th...]

We have 9 people in formation to receive Confirmation this spring! The Deanery Confirmation service will be held on **Saturday, May 12th, 10:00am at Christ Church, Quincy**. Please pray for our Confirmands and their Mentors.

Emily Baker	mentor: Dick Tingblad
Sarah Doyle	mentor: Jack Foster
Brittany Durant	mentor: Millie Friberg
Joline Durant	mentor: Chip Durant
Toni Eunice	mentor: Dave Frazier
Steve Magglio	mentor: Chip Durant
Jesse Manison	mentor: Liz Putur
Peter Norment	mentor: Maureen Mahoney
Timothy Norment	mentor: Jack Foster

2 MORE CONFIRMATION CLASSES!

Patti has kept the classes fun and informative, and I've certainly learned a couple of things here and there. I especially enjoyed the second class, where we had a primer on the BCP (Book of Common Prayer) that we use each week in worship. The stuff that book contains!

Don't forget that **ANYONE** in the parish who would like to attend as a refresher on the Episcopal Church or who are simply interested in learning more. **Class continues *Sunday April 29, 7:00-8:30pm in the high school room.***

THE ALPHA CORNER...

Submitted by Jack Foster



As the Winter Alpha program comes to an end, I was reflecting on what Alpha is? Just what is this course? It seems it contains three things. Firstly, Nicky Gumbel presents the facts about the Christian faith. We learn what God has done, what He continues to do, and his plan for the future of this world. These are facts, not opinions. Secondly, we share our experiences in life. Things have happened that draw us closer to God, and others that confuse us or turn us against Him. We have a chance to be candid and honest without any fear of what others may think. And finally, we get a glimpse of what God wants our lives to be like as we fellowship together and learn more about each other over the 10 weeks of the course. That's Alpha!

Please be thinking if you or others you know would benefit from the teaching and fellowship Alpha provides. Our next Celebration dinner, introducing the fall Alpha course, is tentatively scheduled for ***Sunday, Sept. 23rd***.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

While we have not made a big deal at All Saints about serving the local community, there are opportunities available to us. You might want to consider how you might make a difference in other people's lives.

FOOD PANTRY

The Whitman Food Pantry is a busy place. It shared Easter baskets with 80 families and provides 40-50 families each month with basic food items. They also do some assistance with rent, fuel and other utility bills. 80% of the donations come from local sources: all of the schools and churches, as well as many of the banks and businesses, including Stop and Shop and Curves. Unfortunately, while requests for assistance have gone up, giving has decreased. We are headed into the Summer months when giving is usually down and requests up.

There are ways that we can be of help. We keep a box out at all times in the entry to the Parish Hall for receiving canned goods and other non-perishable items. You might consider making regular donations when you come to church on Sundays. If everyone brought just one can per Sunday, we would gather a great deal for the Pantry. On **May 12th**, there will be a food drive organized by the Postal Carriers Union. We are looking for volunteers to help with this. We need two person teams to drive behind the Carriers that day and pick up items people leave out for us to pick up. The teams will gather at the Post Office at **9am**. Depending upon the route, the work will be completed between **Noon and 3pm**. If you are interested in helping out, please speak with Doug Hale immediately.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Construction continues on a Habitat home in Whitman. They have not had to rely upon work teams from Whitman so much this time because there are very few homes that are under construction in the South Shore at this time, so teams from many places have helped with our town's project. But **Saturday, May 26th**, the Congregational Church is putting a team together to do construction work. They have room for a few more people to join them. Habitat also takes names of people who would be willing to be part of a fill in list. This is a list of those who might be willing to join in with a group that did not get a full team put together. If you would like to offer your help in either way, please speak with Doug as soon as possible.

BISHOP'S VISITATION

Bishop Gayle Harris will be visiting with us on **Sunday, June 3rd**. Because of the limitations of her schedule, she has asked that we hold a single worship service that day. So there will be a combined service at **9:30am** followed by a coffee hour conversation with her. The Vestry will meet with her following the coffee hour.



Junior Warden's Corner

KITCHEN ROOF UPDATE

Doug addresses the status of the roof as part of the Co-Rector's Ramble this month.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

Bill Veazie has offered his gardening talents as part of overseeing the landscaping around the church, including the Memorial Garden. I know that Bill has a real gift for this, and I look forward to seeing his efforts come to fruition. We truly have a beautiful church building. Please consider offering assistance to Bill's efforts as you might be able.

MAIN SIGN UPDATE

I have started some of the detail letter painting. Very soon, I will pick up the decorative stone for the base. As soon as I finish the detail lettering, I plan on displaying it in the hall so that you guys can see I've actually been working on this thing! Very soon after, I should be able to tie it all together on the front lawn. Thanks for your patience...just a little longer...

Birthdays!

May

- 03 Richie Spadea
- 05 Sean Frazier
- 06 Barbie Spadea
- 11 Alex Bunar
- 14 Emmett Hale
- 15 Louise Quilty
- 24 Ted Putur
- 25 Karney Eldridge, Lynn Walsh
- 26 Ron Brown
- 29 Geraldine Livrago



June

- 01 Allison Akarsu
- 02 Dana Boynton
- 03 William Wallace-Gross
- 06 Mary Lynn
- 10 Marsha Boynton
- 11 Nicole Dyson
- 13 Kristin Phillips
- 14 Judy Veazie, Vicky Williams
- 21 Evelyn Yaney
- 22 Morgan Dailey
- 26 Dillon Bibeault

Calendar Happenings...

- May 3rd-6th Women's Cursillo Weekend
- May 10th Vestry, **7pm**
- May 12th Confirmation
- Service Auction starting at **5:30**

- May 26th Plant Sale
- June 3rd Visitation of Bishop Harris
- June 23rd Vinyl Night/Dance



Service Auction

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH
28TH ANNUAL SERVICE AUCTION
SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2007 at 5:30 P.M.**

**WE NEED PEOPLE TO CONTRIBUTE ITEMS/SERVICES...
AND WE NEED PEOPLE TO BUY THEM**

How does this Service Auction work? We think of things we can do for others, and sell them to each other. Categories include: baking, dinners, yard/house work, gift certificates, baby/pet sitting, car/bike repairs, sewing, embroidery, knitting, vegetables/fruit, crafts, lessons, car wash, carpentry, painting, plants, music -- or anything you can do. Some folks make their items ahead of time and bring them to the Auction (as in crafts, baking, and sewing), but many take orders at the Auction and make the item later. Services are performed at a time arranged by the buyer and seller. This is for all ages, all abilities. The services sell for anything from a few dollars to hundreds. We bid on each other's offerings and make money for the Church. In 2006, the Auction earned \$2,345 (the best ever). *Fundraisers are very important this year, since \$9,000 from Fundraising is needed to keep the Budget balanced.* Remember, we will also be having (God willing) a Public/Town Auction – of items, not services – in July this year. The Service Auction is for All Saints (and close friends/relatives) only.

Please fill out the attached form (or one from the Parish Hall) and return it to the Service Auction box in the Hall. A list of the first items to be auctioned will be available to you the week before the Auction, so you can talk it over and decide what to bid on. We will continue to receive items right up to the time of the Auction, but it's best to get your offerings in early, so that everyone can have plenty of time to look them over.

You pay for what you've purchased at the end of the Auction -- cash or check. You'll receive a form to record your purchases and their cost, to help the bookkeepers.

SEE YOU AT THE AUCTION *Dick Tingblad, Jack Foster*

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH 28TH ANNUAL SERVICE AUCTION
SATURDAY EVENING MAY 12, 2007**

I (we) donate _____

To be sold at the Service Auction. This service is offered for ONE use, at a time to be determined by both the buyer and myself (ourselves) after the sale.

SUGGESTED STARTING PRICE ___\$_____

PLEASE PRINT NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____