



Saints' Alive

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The Rectors Ramble

This last weekend I attended Diocesan Convention, with Jack Foster from All Saints and Wes Taylor from Saint David's. "Exhaustion" is the word that best describes my state of being after the event. Mostly, you just sit there and take it all in. Then you go home worn out. There are aspects of varying importance of the Convention that I want to report on. You might speak with Jack to get another angle on the two days.

First, there are several things that will have direct impact upon All Saints. One is financial. A new formula was approved for figuring assessments for next year. We were told that this would be more equitable. Unfortunately, questions were raised about this and then went unanswered. It was approved anyway. The impact upon us is that our assessments will go up 6%, which is the highest percentage increase allowed under the new formula. We are likely to see similar increases in the years to come. This is higher than the Diocesan Budget increase as a whole, which was 2.2%. Equitable or not, it will have an impact upon our budget for next year.

Another direct impact is the call for a Diocesan Environment Stewardship Action Plan. All Saints will be expected "to conduct out an in-house environmental audit of its energy use, consumption patterns, and plant use and management" and produce a "plan to address deficits in its local environmental stewardship" within the next year. Frankly, I think this is not likely to be accomplished within that time span, especially producing a plan, which will likely have big financial repercussions. We will have to wait and see what specifically will be asked of us.

There was also a change in how the lay delegates to Diocesan Convention are distributed among the churches. Now every church will have two delegates regardless of the size of the congregation. So we will return to having two delegates next year. (If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please let me know right away.)

Secondly, there are things which have less impact upon us but nevertheless are of significant interest. The most noteworthy was the proposal that clergy no longer function as representatives of the state in marriages. This generated so much heat among the clergy, prior to Convention, that a new proposal was presented and approved to engage the clergy and laity of the diocese in "study and dialogue about the nature of Christian marriage and civil marriage."

It was decided to send a letter to all legislators requesting that they not approve the referendum to refer to the voters in 2008 a ballot measure to ban same-sex marriages.

The Convention also determined that it would send a message to the next General (national) Convention

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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

Kathye Foster for quite some time has maintained 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 Kathye (508) 378-4818, or through E-Mail at fosterJK@juno.com. Take advantage of this powerful Ministry!



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The Rectors Ramble...continued

that request changes in our Canons and the Prayer Book so that same sex marriages would be allowable within the church. It also approved a study of the practice within the Diocese of allowing the unbaptized to receive communion. Finally, a new saints' day was approved for trial use within the Diocese for "Saints Andronicus and Junia, Apostles" on May 17th. Most of us won't even know that is happening.

On another level, the Convention is an event in and of itself. There are lost of presentations, recognitions, etc. Unfortunately, Bishop Shaw's rather lengthy two-part address was uninspiring. I was also disappointed with how unremarkable was the sermon by Bishop Philip Baji of Tanga, Tanzania.

What was inspiring to me was the "Sending and Serving" presentation. In this presentation we heard about mission trips overseas and to the Gulf Coast for hurricane relief. We heard about inner-city ministries and the impact upon the lives of kids at the Camp and Conference Center. But I soon lost the glow of inspiration because there would be no recognition of the many lives that Camp Dennen, closed this year, had touched. There was no marking of the loss that many feel. It is simply being allowed to drift into oblivion. I was also saddened that our own overseas outreach to India would probably never be recognized by this body.

The predominant feeling I took away from this event is that I am an outsider. Much of what is important to me is not what is important to the predominant number of people in this Diocese. The Diocese is going in a direction that I for the most part cannot go. I wish that I could feel more a part of this large whole, but I cannot. So the best I can do is seek to be faithful to what I understand the gospel ministry to be.

But all of this also causes me to seriously consider how I lead. It makes me wonder who might feel very left out by the direction I try to set for All Saints. My only hope in this is to invite anyone who feels I have left them behind to let me know, so that we might at least be in conversation about it. The other hope is that God will have mercy upon me for my failings and graciously touch those who I have inadvertently hurt.

Rev. Doug

Calendar Quick Notes

Sunday, Nov. 5th

Nov. 9th ~ 12th

Thursday, Nov. 16th

Sunday, November 19th

Tuesday, November 21st

Congregational Meetings following both services.

Co-Ed Cursillo Weekend

VESTRY, 7pm (note that this is a change from the normal schedule)

Habitat for Humanity Committee Meeting, 7pm

Stewardship Ingathering at both services

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, at the United Methodist Church, 7pm



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

2006 Pledge Status

As we approach the end of the year, it's important to keep pledges up to date so the parish can fulfill its financial obligations. Here's the status of some key income items at the end of September. If you're behind and can catch up, that will be very helpful. Thanks.

	<u><i>Budget</i></u>	<u><i>Actual</i></u>
Pledges	\$57,581	\$51,040
Faith Offering	\$1500	\$1242
Open Offering	\$3750	\$3402

[Submitted by Sue Frazier]

With this month comes that time of the year where our Parishioners consider their financial pledge for the upcoming year. It is one of many important decisions we make in our faith walk for our Parish. The money given by us is what helps to financially enable our Parish to exist. It affords us that gathering spot for meeting as Christians and worshipping God. It's here where we are nourished with Christ's love, spiritually fed through the warmth and love of our fellow brothers and sisters. That includes Rev.'s Patti and Doug, and every person, young or old that comes to All Saints.

God doesn't need our money. But in order for us to continue in ministering to ourselves and each other, All Saints does need our money. So I'm asking us all to please pray seriously about how much our pledge will be as an offering to support our Parish home.

Birthdays!

November

- 1 Tim McRorie,
- 2 Kristin Tingblad, Tobias Brown
- 4 Andrew McRorie
- 6 Courtney Durant
- 7 Corinne Maloney
- 8 Aja Eunice
- 13 Jesse Manison
- 15 Donald Dunbar
- 16 Bruce Fuller, Amy Welch
- 26 Louise Tingblad
- 27 John Morgan Sr.
- 28 Tony Martins
- 29 David Greene

December

- 3 Raymond Morse, Debbie Szwyd
- 11 Mark Mahoney
- 12 Sharon Dunn, Elizabeth Delaney,
Brianne Walsh
- 13 Dottie Wilhelm
- 14 Sara Doyle
- 15 Marie Trickett,
- 19 Gloria McCabe
- 23 Doug Hale
- 26 Helen Brown, Shawn Casieri
- 30 Krista Dailey, Elizabeth Wheatley-
Dyson



THE ALPHA CORNER...

Submitted by Jack Foster



The Holy Spirit Retreat for our Fall Alpha program is **Saturday, Nov. 4th** in the parish hall. It begins with breakfast at **8:15am**, followed by the program from **9am to 3pm**. We'll be seeing videos on the Holy Spirit and sharing our understandings of the work of the Spirit. There will also be an opportunity for laying on of hands for spiritual gifts. If you've attended Alpha and missed the retreat, or would like to repeat the retreat experience, please plan to come. See Jack Foster or Sue Frazier to sign up. There is no cost.

PLANNING FOR GROWTH

Submitted by Jack Foster

Our Planning For Growth meetings will be continuing, with the next meeting date announced in the Sunday Bulletin. So far we have discussed our:

- Commitment to New Family Members
- Commitment to Spirituality & Knowledge of God
- Commitment to Worship
- Commitment of our Resources (\$)

Still to come are our:

- Commitment to Each Other
- Commitment to the Family Home
- Commitment to Service & Evangelism

Our goal is to always be seeing our individual lives and parish life in terms of growth - in faith, in numbers, in Christian living, in sharing Jesus, and in commitment to the community around us.

CRAFT FAIR CANCELLED

Submitted by Dick Tingblad

Regrettably, the Craft Fair Committee has decided to cancel the fair this year. Louise Quilty only received 9 checks from crafters, of the 30 she should have had by the 3rd week of October. The crafters told her that they did not like the K of C hall. As it is too late to change, the committee decided to rent a table at the Mothers' Club Fair at Spellman Center in Whitman (Holy Ghost Church) December 2nd. We still need homemade items to sell there. Cost of that table is \$45, and we want to make some money for All Saints. You don't have to be DaVinci, just make homemade items, Christmas decorations, knitting, wooden items, sewing, etc. We will have to gather them in at All Saints by December 1st.

Dottie Wilhelm, Louise Quilty, Louisa Tingblad, Dick Tingblad [*Craft Fair Committee*]



The Fish Net

[Originally published in the January 2003 edition of Saints' Alive. This should be new to most of you. I ran very short of time this month, so I'm recycling this piece for this month's edition...]

"The Apple"

Dave Frazier 9-2002

I sat upon the warm grass, as a brilliant sun showered its yellows and golds upon the land, and I watched as he began to climb. He reached up and grasped the gnarled old branch, testing his handhold with a tug, and then pulling himself to his perch, with the help of a well-placed toe on a knot in the trunk. His climb was unsteady, but I resisted the parent's natural urge to rush to his side and offer an assurance of his safety. This was a task that was for him alone, something of a rite of passage. Every young lad must scale his first tree, and savor the glory of attaining that branch. To intervene would defeat any chance of personal accomplishment.

With shaky nervousness, he had pulled himself up. As he sat upon the crusty bark of that old branch, he beamed. Why shouldn't he? It was the accomplishment of his tender five year old life to scale that tree. Though he sat a mere three feet above the grass, he may as well have scaled to the dizzying heights of Mount Everest.

After his slight pause, he stood on the branch steadying himself; with a myriad of smaller branches all about, he had no problem finding a grasping point. And then he reached for his reward, well within his meager reach. He wrapped his small fingers around the shiny red apple, and with a firm tug, it fell neatly into his palm. He had all he could do to stifle his joy, lest he fall from his perch as he bounced up and down in pure joy. Quickly, he made his escape from that branch, and with a rush he landed upon the grass in a heap, giggling as he rolled into my awaiting arms.

I hoisted him high into the air with a swirl and a laugh, as he beamed over his new-gotten prize. We plopped upon the warm grass, and lay back as the sun warmed us fully. I drank of the crisp Autumn air, drawing it deep inside of me, and as I breathed outward, all of the worries and tensions of the week escaped with the spent air and floated far away, taken by the air to a place that I would never find.

I rolled onto my side, facing him. He had begun to eagerly gnaw upon the apple he had picked. As he crunched into it, the smell of apples filled the air anew. Each bite he took brought back memories of a time when Grandmothers had baked an apple pie while you were in school, and there it sat upon the sill, an after-school snack to be shared with your school friend over a cold glass of milk. He was perfectly intent upon the apple, thoroughly enjoying it with every bite. It seemed that he let the world around him fade away, until it was him, and me, and the fresh tart apple, all within the apple grove sanctuary. Nothing could touch us here, not bullies, or tests, or chores, or evil, or wars. There was no unrest in the Middle East, or terrorists threatening our way of life. There was me and my son, thanking God in His apple grove for a peaceful crisp Autumn day, as we enjoyed the fruits of His labor.

Nothing could be more perfect to me than days like that.



Junior Warden's Corner

MEMORIAL BRICKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Once again, Memorial Bricks are available for purchase. They will be added to the Memorial Garden soon after my receiving them. This was a successful event for the Parish the first time around, with many Parishioners taking advantage and adding a brick to memorialize loved ones or special dates.

The cutoff date for purchase will be November 12th, and this will be held. Anyone missing this date will have to wait for a future offering, if any. The details are the same as in the first run. Cost per brick is \$50. All profit will go toward the Parish Budget shortfall. Shipping cost for the bricks, which is a major portion of the brick cost, is being negated because I am picking the bricks up, same as the first order.

Forms are available in a manila folder pinned to the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Or contact me (Dave Frazier, 781-447-1258) to arrange the details, or for more info. Take advantage of this offering and add a brick to our beautiful Memorial Garden.

NEW TELEVISION FOR THE PARISH HALL

As many in the Alpha program realized, the tired old television that was in the Parish Hall was in the process of gasping its last electrical breath. Through donations obtained from 4 or 5 Parishioners, I was able to scare up enough money for a brand new television for the church. I shopped around to three locations and finally came across a good deal at Sears in the Hanover Mall. I installed the set on the 29th in time for Alpha that night. This allows the program to use the new DVD version of Nicky Gumbel's talks, a previous donation from an Alpha alumnus.

It will be used primarily for the Alpha program, as was the old television, but it is available for other uses as well. It will live in the cabinet adjacent the library sitting area in the back of the Hall.

I want to thank those that donated money to solve this problem. You guys are a great and *very real example* of a Christian community in action! Thank you.