



Saints' Alive

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The Rectors Ramble

“ Remember that the person who plants few seeds will have a small crop; the one who plants many seeds will have a large crop. You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly. And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause. As the scripture says, “He gives generously to the needy; his kindness lasts forever.” And God, who supplies seed for the sower and bread to eat, will also supply you with all the seed you need and will make it grow and produce a rich harvest from your generosity. He will always make you rich enough to be generous at all times, so that many will thank God for your gifts which they receive from us. For this service you perform not only meets the needs of God's people, but also produces an outpouring of gratitude to God.”
-2 Corinthians 9:6-12

I can think of no other text in the New Testament that more clearly defines the reasons why STEWARDSHIP is of such importance in any Christian community. It's all about having a glad and generous spirit. It's all about loving God through the resources we have been given. Simply put, if Jesus is Lord, he is also Lord over our finances. This makes a lot of sense considering that fact that we spend a great deal of time each week earning our 'shekels'. It makes sense considering our American culture in which money seems to equal power and we do not part with it very easily. Yet, Paul's words to the Corinthian church seem to speak to our circumstances just as surely as they spoke to their community of faith. Money holds great sway over our affairs. In actively practicing generosity we are welcoming spiritual growth. In practicing generosity intentionally we invite God into the financial part of our lives. In my opinion, that is what stewardship is ultimately about..... *worship*.

We would ask that you keep these reflections in mind over the weeks ahead. A task group is forming to work on the 2007 Budget. Soon pledge cards will be sent out to the parish family. This is a time to consider your financial giving for life of our parish in 2007. It is an invitation to grow in generosity. It is a time to prayerfully think about money in general and how to invite God into that part of our lives more fully.

We have significant and challenging work ahead. But instead of getting bogged down in the numbers, or worse, wringing our hands over what we lack, let us spend time counting our blessings and how generous God has been to us. Let us spend time devising ways to become more generous in our daily lives. Let us spend less time worrying and more time trusting that God both knows our needs and will provide for them. These are the spiritual exercises of stewardship and it is a pleasure to invite us as a Christian community to take up these exercises in earnest.

See you Sunday! Rev. Patti+



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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Chip and Jolene Durant



UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

REV. DOUG ATTENDING "CREDO" CONFERENCE

Doug has been invited to a CREDO Conference to be held in West Cornwall, CT on **October 2nd~9th**. This conference, sponsored by the Episcopal Board of Pensions, is designed to aide clergy as they reflect upon key aspects of their lives (financial, physical, spiritual and vocational) and to discern future steps to strengthen those areas in their lives. Any clergy person, who has attended one of these conferences, raves about it's benefits. We will have to see what difference it makes in Doug.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR ALL SAINTS

On **October 27th at 7pm** at All Saints, our Accompanist, Craig Ahern, will be holding a concert for the benefit of All Saints. Craig, right before becoming our Accompanist, received a Masters degree from the Boston Conservatory of Music in classical guitar. We have been fortunate to have Craig share some of this music with us as we prepare for worship each Sunday at 9:30. Imagine a whole evening of these masterpieces. Come and invite friends to enjoy this great evening of music, while financially supporting our church. Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$10.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Rev. Patti, Rev. Doug and Jack Foster will be attending Diocesan Convention on **October 27th and 28th**.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR SAINT DAVID'S, HALIFAX

St. David's, Halifax will be holding it's annual benefit concert on **Sunday, November 5th at 2pm** at the Halifax Country Club. This year there will be a return engagement of the South Shore Men of Harmony.

UPDATED PARISH DIRECTORY AVAILABLE SOON

The parish directory has been updated and will be available for everyone on **October 8th** and after in the Fellowship Hall.

QUICK DATES

October 5th~8th	Kairos Prison Ministry Weekend [Dave Greene on team—offer prayers for the weekend candidates and team. Thank you.]
October 12th	Vestry at 7pm
October 20th	Ultreya at 7:30pm
October 27th~29th	Teen Happening Weekend, Cathedral Camp, Freetown, MA



THE ALPHA CORNER...

Submitted by Jack Foster



Our fall Alpha program started on Sept. 24th.

Fourteen people are participating as leaders, helpers and participants. The first week we saw the video *“Who Is Jesus”*, where Nicky Gumbel described the historical evidence for Jesus life, his claims to represent God, and the evidence for his physical resurrection. The video was followed by dessert and a good time of discussion. The topic for the next week will be *“Why Did Jesus Die?”*, which gets to the heart of our belief about God’s love for us.

PLANNING FOR GROWTH

Submitted by Jack Foster

At our congregational meeting on *January 8th* of this year, we talked about our financial difficulties and need to grow. Since that time a small group has been meeting monthly to talk about ways we can grow at All Saints’. The topics discussed to date include:

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

Still to come are:

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

Our discussions have been lively and diverse. Some of the changes we’ve seen during this time include the Guest Book in the foyer, revision to the Visitor Information Card, and healing stations at the Eucharist. We now have a service booklet that contains the entire Eucharist service so new people will find it easier to worship with us. There is an awareness of new people in our midst. We’ll be hearing more about commitment of our resources in the fall stewardship campaign. Bishop Tom Shaw met with the vestry on Sept. 14th, and challenged us with the statement that one sign of a healthy parish is financial integrity.

All are welcome to our next meeting, which will be announced in the Sunday Bulletin.



The Fish Net / Stewardship Corner

[I'm kind of cheating this month, combining my Fish Net column with the Stewardship Column. But the "Fish Net" I wrote for this edition gels quite nicely with Stewardship, so I thought it fitting...]

"The Vital Parish"
9-2006 Dave Frazier

There's a flurry of activity around our humble Parish, some noticeable, and some other stuff behind the scenes via the vestry or other volunteer groups or individuals. Think back to about a year or so ago, and what we have accomplished since then. We have improved our building in many ways. We have a beautiful Memorial Garden for people to enjoy (what a great place to sit and pray!). We have a new roof over the church and offices. We have seen some landscape improvements, with some ragged old eyesores being removed, and lots of tender grooming to many of the existing shrubbery. Much planning went into a major sign addition to the front lawn, which is now in the production stage. There will be landscape improvements relative to that. We have seen handsome new light fixtures replacing the worn old units. We have seen our building grow!

It's not just our building that has gone through a growth stage. We have seen our relationship with Pastor Dandi flourish, and the aid we offer to him has been put to great use to help grow church's in his native land. Dave Greene made a mission trip to visit the good Pastor, and help out where he could. We have seen some of our church school kids graduate and move on. Some classes have new kids attending. While we have seen some of the same folks doing the volunteer work around the Parish, we have also seen some new faces start to get involved. Perhaps new leaders will emerge in due time.

We have some new Parishioners attending Sunday worship with our church family. Some come every Sunday, staying for coffee hour and getting to know us. Some come every so often, learning about us at their own comfortable pace. Hopefully, they learn to grow with us and come more and more, as they encounter the warmth and nourishing love of Christ that we have come to know here. I hope that we as a Parish extend Christ's love their way, inviting them to grow with us.

These newcomers are such a valuable addition to our church family. Think of the excitement a newborn baby brings. This fresh, new little-person infuses a burst of pride in one's family. Our newcomers are these little-people coming into our family. They bring fresh new ideas and energy, and perhaps get us to think in different ways than we are used to.

Our church is alive and growing!

A vital church, in my humble opinion, is one that can appeal to many different sorts of people to offer them Christ's love, to feel a part of the Body of Christ. One that offers them a life in Christ, to grow in the security of His love, and of the very real Christian Community around them. Christ has given this gift to All Saints! That much is evident.

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The Fish Net...continued

It is no doubt that All Saints Parish needs your money, and more of it. Our budget crisis is real and threatening. As we approach the new year, and the drawing up of a new budget for the year 2007, seriously, *seriously* consider what you offer as a pledge. You might truly be amazed at the collective power of everyone offering 4 or 5 more dollars per week, more if it's at all possible. While it won't solve all of the financial woes, it might go quite a long way to easing the budgetary constraints we are now facing.

Though we truly have to face our budget difficulties, and find real ways to ease them, let's not forget Christ's charge to us as Christian men and women. He asks us to introduce people to His love, and show them a way to know Him. To live in Him. A very real strength of All Saints is how Christ constantly empowers us to welcome new people to His love.

Remain vital in *Him*, and lean on *Him* when our troubles overwhelm us. Our Parish will grow financially if we bring our offerings to Him from our hearts, and trust in Him.

Peace.

CRAFT FAIR 2006

Submitted by Dick Tingblad

All Saints 23rd annual Craft Fair will be **November 25th**, 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. Making crafts for the Church's own craft table (knit, sew, paint, woodcraft, Christmas ornaments) is one big way to help. Bake some goodies and freeze them for the Bake Table. There are many ways to help out. Check out the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and sign up for a job on the list posted.

If you know any crafters, recruit them please. We need 40. Sooner is better to avoid last minute mayhem. For convenience, the registration form to use is included in this newsletter edition. Also included is a handsome mini-poster that can be used to drum up some interest. If you know of a store front that would allow you to post it, that would be an excellent way to promote the Fair.

Any questions or inquiries can be directed to one of the Chairpersons (Dottie Wilhelm, Louise Quilty, Louisa Tingblad, & Dick Tingblad), or talk to a vestry member for direction.

Thank you, and let's get crafting!

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

23rd ANNUAL

CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2006, 10 – 3

WHITMAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, RT. 18

AT THE WHITMAN/ABINGTON LINE

TABLE RENTAL SPACES are \$50 without electricity, \$55 with electricity -- Bring your own 25" extension cord. Spaces are 6 x 6' to fit 1 standard 2 x 6' table and 2 chairs. You must have a covering to the floor! If a table is not required, please check the indicated space below. Storage bins etc. must be hidden or taken out.

SET UP TIME will be 8 a.m. NOVEMBER 25, 2006. All setting up must be completed by 9:30. Each crafter will be assigned a number corresponding to their space. You must register before setting up. A floor plan will be available at the registration desk to assist in location of spaces. IF UNABLE TO ATTEND: CALL Dottie Wilhelm 781-447-3119. If you are not there by 9:15 and we have not heard from you, we will sell your table space. BREAK-DOWNS may start at 2:45. UNLOADING AND PARKING: unload your crafts and displays and immediately move your vehicle as far away from the entrance as possible.

ADMISSION for customers \$2.50 (\$.50 off with discount coupons)

LUNCH and baked goods will be sold

DONATIONS to our Raffle Table will be collected by a Church official.

CHECKS ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO: ALL SAINTS CHURCH

MAIL TO: Louise Quilty, 12-2 Stetson Terrace, Whitman, MA 02382

QUESTIONS? LEAVE MESSAGE AT THE CHURCH # 781-447-6106

CUT BOTTOM AND RETURN WITH DEPOSIT

OFFICE SPACE ONLY

*DATE RECEIVED _____ CONFIRMED _____ TABLE SPACE # _____

PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY

DATE _____ TYPE OF CRAFT _____

NAME (PRINT) _____

ADDRESS _____

TEL. _____ EMAIL _____

Did a show with us before? Yes No Spaces \$50 (no elect.) \$55 (with elect.)
Do you need a table? Yes No # Table Rentals _____ x (\$ above) = Total \$ _____
Do you need electricity? Yes No Your Price Range: Lowest _____ Highest _____
Do you use a backdrop? Yes No
Special Request (if available) _____

CRAFTERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN TAXES

The undersigned agrees to hold All Saints Church, WHITMAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, and their members and towns and property owners harmless of any and all loss liability associated with his/her participation in this craft fair and agree(s) that he/she is solely responsible for his/her merchandise, displays, and vehicles.

SIGNED _____ **DATE** _____

CRAFTERS WANTED
FOR
ALL SAINTS CHURCH

23rd ANNUAL
CRAFT FAIR

SAT. NOVEMBER 25th
10-3

WHITMAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On *BUSY* RT. 18

AT THE WHITMAN/ABINGTON LINE

PHONE – 781.447.6106

EMAIL -- office@allsaintswhitman.org

40 CRAFTERS

\$50 PER SPACE,
INCLUDING AN 8' Table,
\$55 with Electricity

LUNCH COUNTER
FAMOUS HARVEST SOUP



Junior Warden's Corner

MAIN SIGN UPDATE

The top placard and the reader board costs had been approved by vestry vote at the September meeting. The two assemblies have been ordered and are in the production stage. The delivery date is 2~3 weeks provided that there are no snag-ups.

The sign base and stonework are almost ready to bid. I'm buttoning up some minor mounting concerns, and then I will solicit bids to build. The construction consists of a cinderblock core, and it will be dressed with an ornamental stone façade to tie-in with the church's foundation.

MEMORIAL GARDEN BENCH

The teak bench located in the Memorial Garden has been completed. Because of the many things requiring my attention, this had fell slightly behind schedule, and Cheryl Belcher offered to take over completion. I truly appreciate that she stepped up and took over this task. As much as I want to, I can't do everything! Cheryl applied two or three coats of protective stain to bring the teak to a handsome darkened luster. She also took care of ordering and installing the Memorial Plaque that goes along with the bench. The garden looks truly beautiful with the bench finished. I invite all to take advantage of the peaceful setting and have a sit. Thanks again Cheryl, for helping me out.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM TO BE UPGRADED

The existing fire alarm has become somewhat of a headache. It is sporadically sounding the sirens for no reason, and has become an irritant for the neighbors and the Police Department. There could be many causes for this, including bugs in the sensors or simply failure due to old age. Given that the sensors around the building are quite old and outdated, it is more likely the latter reason.

We have had an alarm company familiar to Patti and Doug thoroughly inspect the system and recommend a course of action toward upgrading or replacing it. They have given a reasonable quote for a new system. The existing system is so outdated it would not be worth upgrading. This quote is under consideration by the vestry. For comparison, we are currently soliciting a second company to offer a quote. The vestry will make this a priority.

PROTECTIVE LEXAN COVERING LAFARGE WINDOWS DEEMED ADEQUATE

A Northboro, Massachusetts company, Thos. P. Egan Inc., that specializes in church restorations had contacted Patti Hale after coming across the All Saints website, and noticing the write-up on the LaFarge windows. After a thorough inspection of all the stained glass in our church, he assured us that the Lexan protecting the LaFarge windows is quite adequate in protecting them. He also offered a realistic bid for restoration of the windows. See Patti or myself if you wish to read the report in its entirety.



Birthdays!

October

4 Mary Lou Morgan, Mary Tillson,
Matthew Veazie
5 Maureen Morse
6 Meghan Foster
9 Don McRorie
10 Don Eldridge
13 Michael Cole (Belcher)
14 Alison Rudolph, Sarah Wohlers
17 Herb Corliss
23 David Smiley, Marianne Nelson
24 Eric Smiley
27 Alicia Welch
30 Margot Walbourne
31 Marilyn Lucas

November

1 Peter Boyd, Tim McRorie,
2 Kristin Tingblad, Tobias Brown
3 Jill D'Arrigo
4 Donna Churchill, Andrew McRorie
8 Aja Eunice
13 Jesse Manison
15 Donald Dunbar
16 Bruce Fuller, Amy Welch
21 Janice Walters
23 Elizabeth Kelliher
26 Louise Tingblad
27 John Morgan Sr.
28 Tony Martins
29 David Greene

Some Random Funny Stuff...

A father was at the beach with his children when the four- year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked. "He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."