



## *The Rectors Ramble*

Welcome Back!

The summer has afforded many of us the chance slow down a bit, enjoy warm evenings, perhaps a bit of travel, and the sabbath rest of a vacation. We want to thank you for the service bulletins some of you have brought back from places you have traveled over the summer! What fun to see and read how other parishes 'do' Sunday mornings.

We are saying special prayers now for all teachers and students as they prepare to go back to school. We are saying special prayers for parents who long for school to start again. We are praying especially for those parents whose children are entering school for the first time this fall, OR who are going away to college. Fall brings a kind of 'new beginning' for all of us, but there are those for whom fall feels like a bit of a loss. We must especially remember those folks in our prayers.

With the return of families to the school year schedule, the life of our parish family also returns to a more programmed schedule. **September 10<sup>th</sup> marks the first Sunday of Sunday School for ages 5- 12<sup>th</sup> grade.** Sunday School begins at 9:30am and runs concurrent with the service of Eucharist. Our Sunday School teachers look forward to their ministries of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with our young people. Let us pray for our Sunday School and all our teachers that this year will be filled with faith and a deeper devotion among our kids.

Oh! But wait! Christian education doesn't just end with our children! We adult types need to continually study in order to open ourselves to all the things God would teach us. What one new thing will you pick up this fall that will further your Christian education? Will it be daily Bible study? Will it be a book group? Opportunities abound around All Saints. Doug and I would like to challenge you to think about what form your Christian formation will take this fall and then go for it! Start with asking yourself "What do I want to know more about?" Then let us know in what ways we can be of help as each of us strive ....

"to equip the saints for the work of the ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." *Ephesians 4:12-13*

Which is the goal of every Christian Education program.

See you in Church! 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**

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!

### **Officers of the Church**

Co-Rectors: Revs. Doug & Patti Hale

Wardens:  
Chad Wohlers, Dave Frazier

Treasurer: Steve Verrill

Asst. Treasurer: Ernest Morgan

Clerk: Richard Tingblad

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### **Your Vestry:**

Dorrie Bazan (Greene)  
Cheryl Belcher  
Marsha Corliss-Beaulieu  
Jack Foster  
Maureen Mahoney  
Ted Putur  
Louise Quilty  
Louise Tingblad  
Dotty Wilhelm

### **Sexton**

Dot Peterson

### **Church Office Hours**

*(781)-447-6106*

*unless preempted by another  
obligation:*

Tues & Fri. 9am-12noon

Weds. 9am-10:30am

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### **Senior Youthgroup Leaders**

Dave and Sue Frazier

### **Junior Youthgroup Leaders**

Maureen Mahoney  
Chip and Jolene Durant



## UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

Sunday School resumes on ***Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.***

Nursery care is available from birth to age 4.

Children ages 5 - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are the "Chapel Kids" meeting with Kathy Foster, Dorrie Greene, Joline Durant and Vicky Williams.

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades meet with Jeanetta Casieri and LeAnn Doyle.

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grades meet with Maureen Mahoney, Kristin Phillips and Barbara Wight.

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades meet with Jack Foster and Liz Putur.

We look forward to all that the Lord will teach us during the months ahead. See you there!

### LABOR DAY SERVICE IN THE PARK

***Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00am*** in Whitman Park the Whitman Ministerial Association will be holding it's annual Labor Day Service in the Park. Our own Craig Ahern will be offering the music and Fr. John, the new priest at Holy Ghost Catholic Church will be the preacher. Please remember the date and plan on attending! We can use help with setting chairs and tables up that morning as well as breaking things down when the service and fellowship time are over. See you there!

### FOSTER'S BBQ

The Annual Service Auction BBQ at Jack and Kathy Foster's home that is rescheduled for ***Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to whenever...*** It's not too late to sign up! The cost is \$15.00 per person. Contact Jack or Kathy for other details. 1-508-378-4818.

### SEPTEMBER ULTREYA

With the start of the Fall season, comes the start of the monthly Ultreyas at All Saints. Our September Ultreya is scheduled for ***Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm.***



## THE ALPHA CORNER...



As summer draws to its end, we're planning for our ninth year of Alpha courses at All Saints'. The Celebration Dinner kicking off Alpha is **Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm** at the church. All are welcome – parish members, friends from other parishes and denominations, and folks with no church affiliation at all. There's no charge for the evening. We'll have a good meal and see a video describing the Alpha program. The fall program starts the next Sunday. In this crazy world of change and confusion, Alpha provides basic teachings about our faith in Jesus and offers opportunities to ask questions in an informal and relaxed atmosphere.

## PLANNING FOR GROWTH

*Submitted by Jack Foster*

Planning for Growth meetings continued over the summer months, with discussions on June 22 and July 20 on ways we can grow in *Commitment of our Resources* (\$). Then we took a month off in August. The next meeting is Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7pm at the church. At that meeting we'll be talking about our *Commitment to Each Other* – ways we can grow in our support of each other spiritually, socially, physically, and emotionally in our Christian lives. All are welcome to participate.

## THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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

*submitted by Sue Frazier...*

Stewardship to me is so many things. I used to think it was just giving some of my money to the church (which is very important, by the way). But as I have grown as a Christian I have realized it's more than that. To me it's also about how I serve God's people in my life.

Sometimes it's giving my money away. Sometimes it's giving my time. And sometimes it's doing something that I know God is calling me to do, even if it's out of my comfort zone.

God wants all of us to love one another as Christ loved us. He calls us to serve our brothers and sisters here on the earth. Doing this is part of stewardship.



## CRAFT FAIR 2006

*[This article has run twice, but since the Craft Fair is just around the corner, I'm publishing it as a friendly reminder...]*

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.



## *The Fish Net...*

Real Comfort  
*August 2006 Dave Frazier*

I used to have an old stuffed tiger as a kid. I named him Growl Growl (yeah I was as wacky back then as I am now). I can't remember where he came from; probably a birthday gift. But I loved my little Growl Growl. He was my sleepy-thing—when the nightmares had me tossing, I could nuzzle up to him and for some reason, those nightmares seemed to dissipate, and I could sleep in peace. When my parents yelled at me for whatever, maybe I had taken apart the lawn mower, and its' pieces were all over the cellar floor, and they banished me to my room, there he was waiting patiently on my bed. He was my worldly comfort. I felt safe and at peace in his presence. Some kids have blankies, some kids have dolls. For me, I had Growl Growl.

After time, I grew up (despite what some may think I have matured somewhat!). Poor Growl Growl ended up with fur worn completely off, limbs ripped from his torso, and thrown in a cedar chest somewhere—who knows where he is now, probably moth-food.

As a young adult, through circumstances of my own doing, I found myself immersed in an unfamiliar world when I moved to Cambridge to go to school. It was harsh and rude, and lonely. Growl Growl was no longer around for me, and even if he was, the poor little guy couldn't ease the pains that this world was throwing my way. I don't mean to imply that my world had become a "living hell." There were many others in much worse circumstances than I could ever imagine. But for me, the brand of misery I felt was no less catastrophic at the time. During that period of my life, I felt a melancholy hanging over me like a darkened storm cloud, like an impending doom. I saw no escape—you can't run from yourself. It sounds like such a cliché, but I can truly say I was lost. For a time, my comfort came from a somewhat unsavory lifestyle with other lost people moving through life with no direction, other than toward another drink or smoke. One real miracle in my life, and God has imparted many my way, is that I never fell to addiction; I was never immersed too deeply. At the time, it didn't mean a thing to me; I had no realization of God's protection for His children. Only in retrospect do I know that God was watching over me. My "sixth sense" (God's advice) always seemed to steer me away from real trouble.

Now as I live in this world as the adult that I've become, it's no longer parents yelling at me for taking apart some machine. And any nightmares that may invade my sleep touch much deeper to my core than way back then. I now see the world through the eyes of an adult, with wisdom gained through the years, and the reality of how harsh this world can be is much more evident to me. The personal travails that invade my peace can seem relentless and inescapable at times, whether it's related to family, or my church, or work, or some new world crisis. So where is my little Growl Growl now that I need him the most?

The truth that I've discovered over time is that the source of my comfort truly starts with God. Depending on the source of my stress at any particular time, my comfort may be through Sue's love. With a heart that glows with God's love, she can ease my troubles in a real way, in a way that causes them to no longer be

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## *The Fish Net...continued*

of any consequence to me.

It may be that the comfort I need comes from a Christian brother or sister. There have been many times where for no particular reason I am engaged in a conversation with someone at coffee hour or a church function. I find that they speak to me of similar circumstances to those that are bothering me at that time, and without even knowing it, they have related to me in a way that eases my tension. I can see through their conversation that they know how I feel in a real way, because they have experienced similar troubles. After talking with them, that which is bothering me doesn't seem as foreboding as it did, and I feel much better. Only God could know to place a particular person in my path at just the right time to help me ease my pain. All I really need to do is remain open to receive His love through them.

When I see a person hurting, my heart hurts too, and I want to find a real way to somehow ease their pain. It took me over half of my life to realize that that is God's love at work in me. I can't make a hurting person's problems magically go away, no matter how much I want to be their "Growl Growl." But if I let God's love grow in my heart, then He empowers me to love that person in a real way that helps them get through their trouble. It may be as simple as my being with them. Maybe He gives me the words they need to hear at that time, the compassion that can bring them back to His peace. Or in having the patience to do nothing more than listen to them. Or it may simply be a warm hug and an assurance that they will be OK.

*2 Corinthians 1:4*

**He comforts us** in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When others are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

Whether we realize it or not, God wants us to be someone's Growl Growl.

Peace.

### **NEW FACES**

There are many new faces around All Saints' these days! On behalf of the entire parish we extend the hand of Christian friendship and a hearty welcome to:

Mal and Regina Gurney  
Dave and Barbara Wight  
Allison and Mahir Akarsu  
Ann Pye  
Michelle James  
Sarah and Dennis Malloy  
Jennifer and Doug McAloney  
Fred and Joy Cushing

Seek our new friends at coffee hour and introduce yourself!



## Junior Warden's Corner

### NEW MAIN SIGN WELL UNDERWAY

You seen the drawing plots I've hung up. You've seen the mock-ups I've displayed around the Parish Hall. The good news is that after more than a year of fine-tuning my design, vestry discussion, and planning the main sign for our church is in the manufacturing stage.



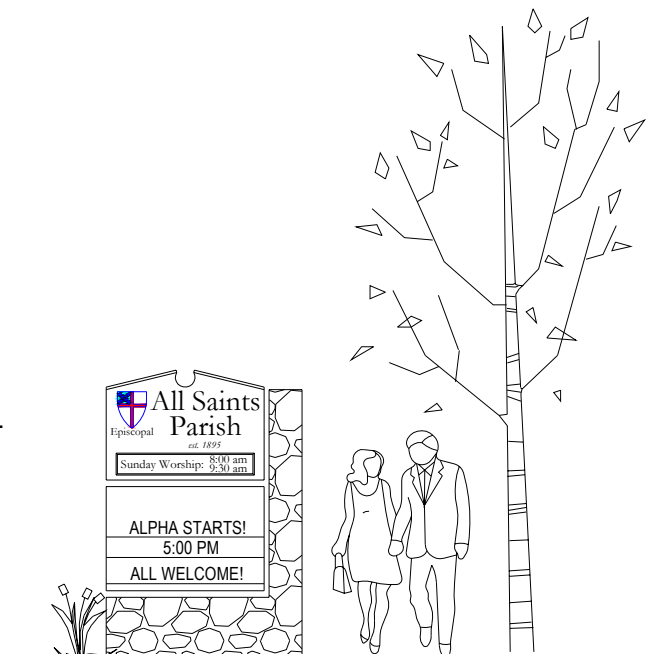
The main placard will be constructed of HDU, or High-Density Urethane. This is a very durable material well-suited for exterior sign use. Currently I am negotiating the final price for this portion. At last month's vestry, the cost of this portion was approved, but I had made an error in quoting the price to the vestry. What that means is that the vestry will have to approve the new figure by vote before I can authorize the supplier to begin manufacturing.

The main placard with removable "Service Hours" plaque.

The second component to our sign will be a lighted message board assembly that is mounted below the main placard. This will be similar to those seen around that allow for custom messages and notifications to be prominently displayed. The vestry has approved the cost of this portion of the sign project, and I am arranging to start manufacturing with our supplier.

What ties it all together is the handsome stone base. The design allows for the use of a stone façade that closely matches the foundation. I am finalizing the mounting brackets I will use to support the components.

My original intention was to have this assembly installed on our lawn by now. This sounds like an excuse, I know, but I have had a very difficult summer, and this project has slipped. Also, I do not want to rush this project "just to get something out there." With an investment of the time I've put in, as well as the planning and discussions of many others in the Parish, we want to get this just right. In that way, we can rest assured that we have added a beautiful landscape component, one that greatly compliments our church.





## Birthdays!

### September

3 William Walters  
6 Kim Nawrocki  
7 Kirk Bauer, Tom Smith  
11 Janetta Casieri  
14 Fran Haines  
16 Caitlyn Birk  
19 Denise Bryer  
23 Lee Ferry  
26 Peter Tillson  
27 Alteira Greene, Maureen Mahoney

### 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

### The God I Know

I peered into a sad man's eyes,  
Sagging, tired, wet with tears.  
He asked why God can't hear his cries,  
Why God won't take his fears.

He told me how his son just died,  
From the gunshots of that gang.  
He told me how he sat and cried,  
Ever since those gunshots rang.

He asked me how a loving father,  
Could see his children with no meal.  
And act as though he had no bother,  
How could he allow this to be real?

Through those eyes, I saw the pain,  
Dwelling in his heart, ever so deep.  
I saw through the tears that fell like rain,  
From eyes that never did sleep.

I had no word to comfort him,  
I had no words to say.  
I couldn't say something on a whim,  
To make it go away.

All I could do was hold him tight,  
Warm arms to help him feel.  
It was all I could do, it did seem right,  
The love I had was real.

After long moments, his tears did dry,  
And I could see a tiny smile.  
About the hug, he asked me why,  
He asked me why I stayed awhile.

He asked me why I was there,  
And held him as tears rained down.  
Why did I even seem to care?  
His tears so deep, we both could drown.

I paused a moment, felt my heart warm,  
As a gentle voice whispered in my ear.  
"My love will save you from all harm,  
My blood will draw you near."

I whispered that healing can only start,  
By the love that comes from the Father.  
Whose Spirit lives deep in my heart,  
And that is why I bother.

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