

Spring – 2011



The Epistle

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Message from Christian,

Dear Parishioners,

The spring this year has been a challenging one for our sisters and brothers in various parts of the country including our own western Massachusetts. Our hearts have been heavy in walking with them and keeping them in our prayers. At All Saints, we have much to continue to celebrate even the midst of climate changes that continue to dramatically impact the world in which we live.

We begin our summer months together continuing to be grateful for the many gifts God has given us. We hope to have numerous Sunday liturgies outside this summer, and I'm committed to that. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate. With such a beautiful garden, we should worship there more often in the midst of God's lovely creation. Outdoor liturgies give us opportunities for creative and fun times for our children, youth and young at heart.

The summer months are a time of refreshment and renewal and a time for people to retreat elsewhere whenever possible. We hope that when you're 'in town' that you'll be sure to keep Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on your schedule to be with your spiritual community of faith at All Saints. Susan and I have met and discussed how we might keep our Sunday Eucharist as brief as we can, so that everyone will have more of the day for other activities.

Please, see note the various items in this Epistle where the Parish continues to work to fulfill its mission in the world.

May you have a blessed and restful summer relaxing in the knowledge that God love us without reserve.

In faith,

Christian +



Annual Outdoor Cleaning and Planting Day Saturday, June 4

On June 4, please plan to join in the annual outdoor spring cleaning and planting day from 9:00 - 11:30 am. Remember to bring garden gloves and tools for cleaning, clearing and planting. See you on the 4th!

If this reaches you after June 4 and you helped out: Many thanks!

PENTECOST

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Next Sunday, June 12, we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. As is our tradition, the reading from the Acts of the Apostles will be read in many languages. If you would be willing to read next Sunday, please, sign up in the Narthex and indicate your name and the language you wish to read. The text will be sent via e-mail. Please, plan to be with us for this joyous celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and disciples.



In preparation for the coming of the gift of the Holy Spirit, Bishop Shaw has invited all Parishes to join in the Pentecost Eve Vigil at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul on Tremont Street in Boston on Saturday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m.



July Parish Fundraiser

Not Your Average Joe's Restaurant

For all Tuesday nights in July, All Saints will be partnered with this fun restaurant in Burlington, Wayside Commons on Route 3 South.

The Parish will receive 15% of all orders from anyone who turns in a special coupon.

We distribute as many coupons as possible, then get folks to go to the restaurant on any

Tuesday night in July with their coupon and All Saints will receive a generous portion of the check.

Watch for more information and/or see Mary Muir for more details.

Parish Finances to Date

Both income and expenses at All Saints have run over budget which is keeping us close to our overall budget for the year. We have fallen behind where we were at the end of the first Quarter of 2011.

We are now at a net loss of \$1782 compared to a net loss of \$953 at the end of March.

We are behind on collecting pledges.

In terms of heating oil for 2011, we have spent \$6700, and our budget is \$6500.

If you have any questions, please, see Ann Marie Viglione, Treasurer.

Zumba and More at All Saints!

You bet. There are dance classes most days of the week happening in the Parish Hall. For more information, call Leslie at 978.270.9983.

Leslie in action in the Parish Hall



Erin Alarcon's Trip: Malawi in southeastern Africa.



The trip is sponsored by a partnership of the First Presbyterian Church of Watertown, NY and the Women of Grace at the First Presbyterian Church in Canton, NY. Erin will leave July 26 with her mother Barbara, her niece Krystina, and 6 others. The missionaries will help develop plans for a new school construction project in a local village in northern Malawi, help in the Mzuzu Crisis Nursery and assist at the Mzenga Community Center that feeds and educates 70 children twice a week. The group will attend a Service and dedication of the Mzenga Community Center which will be renamed the Clint McCoy

Community Center in honor of Erin's late father's commitment to improving the lives of people in Malawi.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation, please make checks payable to the First Presbyterian Church of Watertown, noting Women of Grace/Erin Alarcon on the memo line. If you would like to donate soccer balls or school supplies for Erin to take to Malawi or if you would like a Malawian pen pal, please see Erin for details.

Erin will host a dinner after she returns to share her experiences with the Parish. Please keep Erin, Barbara, Krystina, the entire mission group and the people of Malawi in your prayers. Please, see Erin for more details. A container has been placed on the Narthex table for contributions including our Lenten coin folders which we are contributing to Erin's mission.

Contemplative Prayer Group

If you are interested in contemplative prayer at All Saints, or just want more information, please see Mary Muir

All Saints Recycles Paper, Print Cartridges and Cell phones

All Saints is recycling paper, plastic products, cell phones and printer cartridges as part of our efforts to help our fragile environment. Please, consider this important ministry of the Parish. Many thanks!



Kelly's Garden at All Saints

All Saints' On-Going Fundraising Program

Information is available on the All Saints' website at www.allsaintsstoneham.com and in the Narthex and Mission House to learn how you can participate in this exciting program!

All Saints Website Business Partnering Opportunities

For more information, please contact Robert Dickey at Robert@aq-marketing.com

Contact Information for Christian

Please, feel free to call me at 617.416.5014 or send me an e-mail to christian.brocato@att.net. I am happy to hear from you and promise to respond as quickly as possible. *Christian+*



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Annual Father's Day Cookout
Sunday, June 19

Father's Day is June 19, and the Parish will celebrate fathers that day in worship as well as with an outdoor cookout with hotdogs and hamburgers.

Please, plan to be at the 10:00 am Eucharist on Sunday, June 19 and stay to feast afterwards.

Joe Watson will provide the grill.

Volunteers are needed for set-up, food, and fun things for the children.

Stay tuned!