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Rector's reflection—All Saints online

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The Mission of All Saints Parish

is to be a Community —
searching to know and accept
God's purpose for us, *uplifted*
by worship together, *sustained*
by a sense of Christ being in our
midst, and *inspired* by the Holy
Spirit to become more than we
are, here and
in the world.

Statement of Policy

The policy of All Saints Parish
is to welcome all people who
seek the love of God, without
discrimination on the basis of
race, color, national origin,
ethnic background,
socioeconomic status, marital
status, disability, sexual
orientation, or age. We welcome
all people on the basis of our
Baptismal Covenant in which
we promise to "seek and serve
Christ in all persons" and
"respect the dignity of every
human being."



I'm not exactly an early adopter of social media. I joined Facebook in 2007 when my seminary made all of us join. I didn't get on Twitter until 2011. However, in the last several years, I've become fairly active on some social media platforms. And through my experiences with them I've come to see that online community can be real community. I've also come to believe that the church and individual Christians need to be just as active and involved in helping to realize God's realm on earth online as well as offline. Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations." Well, Facebook has 1.32 billion monthly users, which, if it were a nation, would make it the third largest in the world. Twitter has 271 million monthly active users, which would make it the fourth largest nation. I think we need to take to heart the update that Meredith Gould (social media guru) gives to St. Teresa of Avila in the book, *The Social Media Gospel*, "Christ has no online presence but yours, No blog, no Facebook page but yours. Yours are the tweets through which love touches this world. Yours are the posts through which the Gospel is shared. Yours are the updates through which hope is revealed. Christ has no online presence but yours. No blog, no Facebook page but yours."

I encourage you to be active and involved in the life of this parish both online and in person. All Saints now has an updated website, and two Facebook pages, one for the entire parish (www.facebook.com/allsaintsbrookline) and one specifically for the Celtic service community (www.facebook.com/All-Saints-Celtic-Christian-Community). We also have a twitter account (@allsaintsblsline). This fall, I'm looking forward to working with Junior Warden Wendy Wheeler and others to strategize how to make All Saints even more visible and active in Brookline and on the web. If you have social media skills and are interested in helping out, please come speak to me.

And please be as active as you would like to be on all of our social media platforms Tell your story. Tell our story. Spread the good news. Below are some general guidelines that I've learned and encourage you to keep in mind when engaging with others through social media sites, and linking, liking, reposting, or retweeting anything from All Saints:

All Safe Church policies and healthy boundary practices apply and are enforceable in the virtual world just as they are in the real world. Remember what you say and post on the internet is permanent.

Be yourself and be honest about who you are. We want to know you, who you are, and what you think God might be doing in your life, so please "do not bear false witness." And remember there is such a thing as over-sharing which is a violation of healthy boundaries (see above).

As we were going to print, we learned the sad news of Donald Teeters' passing. More information about funeral and memorial services will be forthcoming and posted on the website as it becomes available. May Donald rest in peace and rise in glory.

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Make it clear that your opinions are your own. Share, engage in conversation, and remember to share your views in ways that respect other people's views. Also remember that while a disclaimer is a good idea ("opinions are my own") that even with a disclaimer what you say and do online, especially if you link to All Saints, may reflect on us. What you pray in secret, God sees in secret (Matt 6:6) but what you say on the Internet is public and permanent and can easily be taken out of context.

Be respectful in all communications. The Buddhist website Tricycle has some great advice that I try to follow: before posting ask, "Is it true?" "Is it kind?" "Is it necessary?" Also be respectful of copyright laws—just because it's online doesn't mean it's free to share. The best rule of thumb I know is "point, don't post" i.e., it's better to "share" or link to posted content than it is to post that content as your own.

Use good judgment in sharing only public information or "spread the news, don't break it." By all means spread the Good News, and certainly spread the news of all the good things that are going on at All Saints, but there are lots of plans and great ideas swirling around that haven't been given an official OK. Another rule of thumb, if it's on our website, or was posted by an authorized user of an All Saints account on Facebook or Twitter, or if you read about it in the weekly e-news, worship leaflet, or insert it's probably OK to share.

Be aware that what you say and post online is public and permanent. Did I mention that what you say and do online is foreeeeeever?

When in doubt, ask. If you don't know if you should post something, ask. I'm glad to try and answer questions about what is appropriate.

Peace,
Richard+

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Together Now Campaign Update

In the spring of 2012, All Saints participated in the *Together Now* campaign with the diocese, a very successful collaborative campaign that raised funds both for programs at the diocesan level as well as for our own parish purposes. At the parish level, we identified property projects in the church building and the rectory as needs we would hope to address with funds from this campaign. As is amply evident, All Saints is now moving forward both with the sanctuary repair project as well as with conversion and renovation of the rectory. *Together Now* funds are essential to both of the sanctuary work and the renovation of the rector's residence. (The creation of the rental units is being funded separately.)

The *Together Now* campaign has a five-year period for fulfilling pledges. We have just passed the two-year mark in this payment period and are happy to report that All Saints has received 61% of the total funds we anticipate receiving through this campaign. After netting out the amount All Saints parish members have contributed to the diocesan component of the campaign, we have received \$507,000 for All Saints purposes. Ten percent of this amount goes to parish Mission and Outreach, a commitment we made as part of our parish campaign, which leaves close to \$450,000 for the property projects underway.

We anticipate that an additional \$300,000 will be received and available to fund the property projects, if parish members who pledged to the *Together Now* campaign fulfill their commitments. And needless to say, any new pledges to the campaign would be welcome!

Thank you to everyone who is making an effort to keep current with your pledges. As you can see, your contributions are making a huge difference to our church today and to its vitality long-term. If you have any questions about your pledge, please feel free to contact me.

Ken Coleman, Chair, Together Now Continuation Committee
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The Wardens' Corner

What's in the works with All Saints' buildings?

Those of us who have been at church this summer have witnessed a beehive of construction activity at the corner of Beacon Street and Dean Road. The town park behind the church is being substantially renovated and both the All Saints sanctuary and our rectory next door have been undergoing significant work. The number of construction vehicles and work trucks in the area on weekdays has been truly impressive, to the delight of neighborhood children who are at an age to be obsessed with construction work!

The sanctuary repairs were necessitated by the persistent leaks we have experienced due to the conditions of the exterior walls, roofs and gutters on the Beacon Street (north) and Dean Road (east) sides of the church. By the end of September, all the exterior repair work except for work related to the large Beacon Street window should be complete. On the inside of the sanctuary, signs of water damage on the east walls will have been patched and repaired. However the north-facing interior plaster wall was beyond repair due to extensive water damage. Thus, for at least the near term, the Beacon Street plaster wall has been removed altogether and the exposed unfinished wall will be painted white to match the plaster walls.

Since the sanctuary was built over a century ago, in many ways the uncovering of unforeseen problems during repair work was to be expected. The most significant "surprise" was the extent of rot in the wood frame surrounding the Beacon Street window. This window was installed in 1899 as a "temporary" window, with wood trim and mullions and single-color brown glass. No benefactor has ever emerged to underwrite the installation of an art glass window in this location and the temporary window has lasted 115 years with only minimal wood repairs and painting. At this point, however, the wood frame has turned out to be so badly deteriorated that the entire perimeter requires replacing. In addition, the interior leaded glass was buckling badly and requires total re-leading (a state of affairs made obvious by the fact that several panes blew out during Hurricane Sandy in 2012). Since the church still has no plan or funds for a new art design for this window, the decision was made to relead the existing diamond pane lead framework, with the inclusion of a random field of multi-colored glass, to make this window more consistent with the high clerestory windows which were designed years ago by the renowned Connick Studio.

This re-leading work will take several months and until then the window opening will be covered with plywood. In order to protect the wood frame and glass from the elements going forward, a protective glass frame will be installed on the exterior of this Beacon Street window, which is particularly vulnerable to storms from the northeast.

Meanwhile, next door at the rectory, what has been for a century a large single family home is being converted into a 4 unit building, which preserves a substantial unit for the rector's family and creates 3 residential apartments as well. This work is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2014.

Obviously, these sizable projects come with a sizable price tag. There are three sources of funds for this work: the sanctuary



renovation and creation of the rector's unit in the rectory are being financed out of the proceeds of the *Together Now* capital campaign which the church undertook in 2012. This campaign has a 5 year period for fulfilling pledges. If all of the pledges to the campaign are fulfilled by 2017, this work will be substantially paid for. (Anyone interested in making a new financial contribution should see one of us.) In the meantime, the church has secured a loan from Century Bank to cover the immediate costs until the *Together Now* pledges are fulfilled. The third source of funds is the parish's endowment. A portion of the endowment that was previously invested in bonds has now been invested to create the three new rental units that are being created at the rectory. The rental income from these units will be used to repay the endowment. When that amount is satisfied, the church will be in a position to use the rent proceeds to finance the upkeep on church property, taking pressure for such necessary but expensive work off of the operating budget.

After several years of planning for these projects, it is exciting to have them underway. While the financial piece is not uncomplicated, we are hopeful that the pledges to the *Together Now* campaign will be fulfilled and that these property improvements will be part of a vigorous cycle of growth taking hold at All Saints. For our church to be making these investments in our property is an act of faith and praise. As the stone above the Beacon Street door reads: "All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord, and all thy saints shall bless thee!"

Roberta Schnoor, Senior Warden, and Wendy Wheeler, Junior Warden

All Saints in the World

Reflections on the trip to Honduras — Sarah Sturman & Rachel Speyer Besancon

Sarah & Rachel: At El Hogar's Agricultural School, trust and love come easily. The boys and staff make sure we have everything we need. We get to play together and form friendships, and in the process, judgment falls away. We share experiences and stories, and we create a bond with one another and with the boys. There is no worrying about how you look or if you wore that shirt yesterday, because if it's not stained and smells OK, why not wear it again? It'll make no difference when you're playing soccer, or helping with English homework, or painting a wall together.



Rachel is pictured right of center and Sarah is second from right

Sarah: We were helping the boys with their English homework, when I saw a boy sitting by himself. "Que pasa?" I asked. He shook his head. "Como te llamas?" I asked gently. "Andis." In my broken Spanish, I asked if I could help. He assured me there was nothing I could do. "Are you homesick?" I asked. Andis didn't understand me. I struggled to explain the concept of homesickness, finally asking if he wanted his mama and papa. He hesitated, then said "Si." "What are they like?" I asked. We spent a half hour talking about his family, my family, the farm, his chores – all sorts of things. By the time homework hour was over, we were friends. That night at dinner, Andis led the mealtime prayer. His prayer was extra-long. He wrote me a letter later, and each time I saw him, his smile was wider and his hug was stronger. By the last day, I was more proficient in Spanish, but unable to utter a word when he and I had to say goodbye. My dear Andis looked as heartbroken as I felt. The hardest part is the goodbye. Knowing so much about these boys and knowing their stories and feeling so close after just one week, only to say goodbye, is heartbreaking, and coming home is sometimes jarring.

Rachel: Living in a wealthy area of Massachusetts, I'm not usually exposed to such poverty and living in Honduras was eye-opening. The boys come from tough lives. For what little they have, they show infinite gratitude. During our week at the farm, we visited the home of Ronal, one of the first year students. We met his father and learned about all the hardships he and his family are facing. El Hogar is changing Ronal's life, giving him opportunities he never had before, but not giving him the full high school education he needs to go to university. Even though El Hogar gives the boys so much, sometimes it still feels hopeless. I wish they could find a way to provide more years of schooling for the boys.

Sarah & Rachel: When we're in Honduras, our mission is to form constructive, healthy relationships with the boys. Back in the States, our mission is to spread the word about the amazing work that El Hogar is doing and to work to improve the lives of current and future students as much as we can. We believe that even the little things, like having someone to talk to when you're feeling lonely or worried, can change the world.

Grace Hannibal—B-SAFE program

It was so much fun to help out with the B-SAFE program. I enjoyed cooking for the kids, because I like to cook, but the kids were the best part. It was fun playing with them at the lake. This one girl wanted nothing more than for me to just hold her. Other kids wanted piggy back rides. They screamed as I jumped up and down with them on my back. The kids were so kind and open to us. I didn't think that they'd want me to play with them at the lake but they wanted me to hold them, give them rides, and just be there while they practiced floating on their back.



During the summer it's usually my mom and I. I have no friends at summer camps and I feel so lonely and sad. When I was with the kids and cooking with others, it made me smile and feel so much better than if I had been home by myself. The reason why it was fun is because I was with people who somewhat knew me (or were open to me) and appreciated my presence.

Grace Hannibal, 10th Grader at Brookline High School and a life-long member of All Saints, helped prep food and serve it at our B-SAFE partner site, the Church of St. Augustine & St. Martin in Lower Roxbury this summer. She also went on the all day B-SAFE field trip to Lake Cochituate that our parish co-hosted with Christ Church, Waltham. B-SAFE is a day activity program that serves 625 youth and teens in six Boston-area locations. All Saints Parish has been a partner parish with B-SAFE since 2008.

All Saints in the World

Hannah Rigg—Notes from Jerusalem

I spent last year, from August to May, living and working in the West Bank. It was an incredible experience, both as a young woman interested in the Middle East and as a Christian living in a mostly non-Christian area. Walking the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, visiting the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, and watching the pilgrims of various religions as they make treks to their holy sites, I felt a connection to the past that I have rarely felt before. It's not just that I knew I was walking the same path that Jesus took, or passing old Roman ruins and Crusader forts, but that, right next to these holy and historical places, there were internet cafés, tacky t-shirt stands, and really good barbecue. The past and present seemed to co-exist right next to each other, terrible t-shirt puns and all.

While I often travelled to religious sites in my off-time, my job was of a more secular nature. I worked at Al Quds-Bard University, which is part of Al Quds University. I was a tutor in the campus writing center, helping undergraduates and graduate students with their English skills and on their essays. The campus is in Abu Dis, a suburb of East Jerusalem, which is cut off from the rest of Jerusalem by the separation wall that divides the West Bank from Israel. The campus is right up against the wall and was often subject to raids from the Israeli army. Some of these were a result of protests or clashes resulting from home demolitions conducted by the army, but some raids occurred seemingly at random. Never have I been so grateful for my own college experience, which was never in danger from tear gas, rubber bullets, or stun grenades.

Comparing the more stressful days at work, when students would occasionally have to attend classes with scarves pressed against their mouths and noses to help negate the effects of tear gas, to my daily life could be mind boggling. While being a woman in a very male-centered culture was sometimes difficult, my life in the West Bank was predominantly hospitable and welcoming. I was invited to dine with a student's family at a refugee camp in Bethlehem, and taxi drivers who had gotten to know me would chat with me about my work or how my roommates were. But it would be hard to describe what a normal day was like for me. Even if my day was uneventful, there was always another news story about a protest or a clash at a checkpoint. I wish I could come to some sort of conclusion about my time in the West Bank, but I can't, other than to say than I can't wait to go back.

We are hoping to hear from Hannah on a regular basis this year as she continues to live and work in the West Bank. As we receive these reflections, we will post them in the weekly e-newsletter and our blog at www.allsaintsbrookline.org. Please keep her and her colleagues in prayer as they continue their work.



Suzanne McAllister—All Saints Choir



Practice – Practice – Practiceso you can improvise!

All jazz musicians know that what sounds like “living in the moment” is really the result of hours of work, patiently living with the “given” to create something new. Our worship together, our liturgy, allows us a “given” in which we “live in the moment” and out of which there is always new meaning, new voices, new understanding and interpretation – if we practice – practice - practice it.

This summer has been for me a rich time of learning, planning and improvising. The piano instead of the organ has been as welcomed as the summer lemonade that replaces the winter coffee. The singers offering music have been a gift as I can meet and work with them one at a time, before the choir gathers in the fall. With all of the scaffolding and threatening yellow tape that covers “my” little corner of the sanctuary, I am amused at how, once again, or maybe always, we need to be prepared to improvise, and to celebrate it.

I have had a lovely time, a “lemonade” time this summer, to create something in the midst of all the unexpected moments. I had been looking forward to the fall and all the unknowns that were certain to emerge, but suddenly there is a new reality, a tearing apart of the family grieving the loss of a close member, friend, mentor, favorite soul, of Don Teeters. We will all strive to keep the best of his work and to treasure all the gifts he gave so generously. We will need each other to work through the grief and to celebrate Don’s unique place at All Saints. We will practice, practice, practice our faith in the music we sing, and the memories that will remain.

Suzanne McAllister, Director of music in the Interim

Youth Formation

PICTURE

Annual Parish Picnic: Sunday, September 7

The parish picnic is a great way to reconnect with old friends at All Saints and meet new members of the congregation! Plan to bring something to share – drinks, a side dish, or dessert – when you come to church on September 7. The church will provide the hot dogs. The picnic takes place after worship, rain or shine – in the church yard if it's sunny, in the dining room if Mother Nature doesn't cooperate.

Blessing of backpacks: Sunday, September 7

On Sunday, September 7 we will mark the beginning of the new academic year with a special ritual: the blessing of backpacks during the 10:30am worship service. Children and young people of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks to church that morning. This simple blessing is a way for kids to remember that they are held in the loving hand of God throughout the week, in all that they do.



Acolyte training: September 21, 11:45am



Any young person in the parish who is in Grade 4 or older is eligible to serve as an acolyte on Sunday mornings. Acolytes play important roles in our weekly worship, leading the choir and altar party into the worship space, and attending the altar. With enough people serving in this ministry, the commitment is once each month. A training session for all new acolytes is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 28, immediately following the completion of worship.

This session also serves as a refresher course for all current acolytes. Please speak with Becky Taylor if you have questions: 617-738-1810.

Children's, Youth & Family Ministries



Please contact Becky Taylor if you have any questions about our ministries to and with kids, or if you want to help in any way.

Contact: teled@allsaintsbrookline.org; 617-738-1810 Ext 104

Church School classes for all ages start on Sunday, September 14

No classes on Oct 12 & 19, Nov 2 & 30

Sunday morning worship & education schedule for children & young people

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| 9:00am | Nursery opens |
| 9:30am | Schola rehearsal in music room |
| 10:15am | Youth Chapel in dining room (Grades 2-12)
Cherub Choir in music room (PreK- Grade 1) |
| 10:35am | Classes for all grades (PreK to Grade 12) |
| 11:15am | Children/young people join congregation for Holy Communion |

IN THE CLASSROOMS THIS FALL



CHERUBS (Pre K to Grade 1): Our youngest children start their time in our two *Godly Play* classrooms by learning about the Circle of the Church Year. Then, from September to November, they will be invited into stories from the Hebrew Scriptures.



GRADES 2 to 5: This multi-age group will spend the entire fall immersed in *The Moses Chronicle* written by *Workshop Cycles*. The unit ends in late November as they make their own Lego movie about the life of Moses. Stay tuned!



GRADES 6 to 8: This year we will begin using *Weaving God's Promises*, a 3-year Christian education curriculum for young teens in the Episcopal Church. Lessons during this first year focus on how God loves us and stays with us, no matter what. We'll spend the fall in the Hebrew Scriptures, discovering the deep and abiding love that God has always had for God's people.



GRADES 9 to 12: This year, our older teens and their adult mentors will consider what a mature affirmation of faith is and how it can guide your daily life in a way that feels relevant and empowering. In the fall we'll be using a new Bible-based resource *Echo the Story*, as we explore the themes of creation, disruption, promise, freedom, rules, and leadership, both in scripture and in our own lives.

YOUTH GROUPS FOR TEENS

"Our Time" for kids in Grades 6 to 8

- Kick-off event: Canoe trip on the Charles River, Oct 18, 9:30am-12noon
- Service project for the Brookline Food Pantry:
- Apple pie making party, Nov 16, location TBD
- Christmas party at All Saints following the party we host at B-READY at St. Augustine & St. Martin in Roxbury, Dec 19

"Friday Night Out" for kids in High School

- Dinner & conversation with Richard Burden & Becky Taylor
Oct 3 & Dec 5, 6:30 to 9:30pm, locations TBD



Children's Sabbath: Sunday, October 19

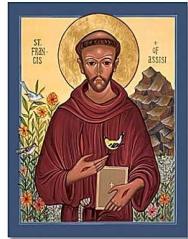
For many years, All Saints Parish has joined with congregations of all faiths across the nation for the national observance of Children's Sabbath sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, DC. This year's theme is *Precious in God's Sight: Answering the Call to Cherish and Protect Every Child*. All Church School classes will be canceled on October 19 so that our children and young people can participate in the entire worship service that morning.

Common Cathedral: Sunday, Oct 26

During their Church School time on October 26, the children and young people of our parish will be preparing lunch for the members of this congregation of housed and homeless people who worship on Boston Common each week. We need adults to help the kids get their food downtown at 12noon that day. If you would like to help, please contact Becky Taylor. Thanks!

Blessing of Animals: October 5

The church celebrates the life and Christian witness of St. Francis of Assisi each year in early October. Francis found God in everyone and everything around him. He called the creatures of the earth his brothers and sisters, and stories abound about his gentle relationship with animals. Please bring your pet to church on October 5 so we can honor this special saint and offer special prayers for our non-human companions. Make sure your pet is on a leash or safely confined in a cage!



Advent wreath making

Sunday, Nov 30, at 11:45am in the dining room Greens, ribbon, candles & metal wreath form -- \$20

Take \$1 off the price for every nonperishable food item you bring for the Brookline Food Pantry. Cut the cost even further – take \$5 off – by reusing your wreath form.

From Emily Howe, Schola Music Director



SCHOLA rehearsals begin on Friday, September 12 at 4:00pm.

Schola will hit the ground running in September with a very exciting project that promises to inspire and engage All Saints' young singers. In collaboration with the Henry Purcell Society and the boys of All Saints Ashmont's Choir of Men and Boys, Schola will perform Henry Purcell's *Te Deum and Jubilate* at All Saints Brookline on Sunday, November 23, at 3pm. This represents a rare opportunity for a youth chorus to perform with a professional orchestra and soloists. Moreover, I am particularly excited about the opportunity for fellowship with our musical counterparts at All Saints Ashmont, whose Choir of Men and Boys is one of the few remaining American choruses in the English church choir tradition. In preparation for this concert, Schola will travel to Ashmont for one Sunday morning service and one post-service rehearsal. What a fantastic way to build community within our own choir - and throughout the greater Boston communion!

So, if you see a Schola singer in church on a Sunday morning this fall, ask them how they're enjoying the Purcell. Some singers will speak eloquently about the music's undeniable beauty; some will thoughtfully articulate the piece's technical challenges; others may not be certain who or what a "Purcell" is! But my guess is that after November 23, all mystery and uncertainty will be dispelled. This will be a historic event for our young singers and for the Schola program. Don't miss it!

All Saints Parish's vibrant children's music program was launched more than 30 years ago in response to cutbacks in the Brookline public schools' music education curricula. Since that time, Schola has become one of the finest church-based children's choirs in the Boston area, providing an opportunity for parish youth in grades 2-12 to build musical skills, vocal confidence, and church community while contributing to the worship service in a meaningful way. Schola rehearsals begin this season on Friday, September 12 and continue on Fridays and Sundays through May. For information, contact Schola Director Emily Howe at emilyhowe@gmail.com.



Adult Formation

Praying Shapes Believing

A year long exploration of our sacred tradition

Exploring the Sacrament of Communion

"The Eucharist divorced from life loses reality; life devoid of worship loses direction and power. It is the worshipped life that can transform the world." Archbishop William Temple.

What is going to happen when we gather at the altar? Where do those words come from? What do all those gestures, signs, and symbols mean? Must we understand it in order to participate?

This fall we explore the sacrament of Communion, using it as the door through which we deepen our relationship with God, and a lens through which we clarify our knowledge of the Church and ourselves as part of the Body of Christ.

Whether you have just arrived at All Saints, or have been here for years, you will gain a deeper understanding of our central act of worship. Those interested in or preparing for baptism or adult confirmation should participate: ALL are welcome. Sessions will be facilitated by The Rev. Dr. Richard Burden, assisted by members of the Adult Education Committee.

This is a three-hour course offered at two different times as a half day retreat on **Saturday Sept. 20 12:30—4 PM**

Or as 3 one-hour sessions on

Thursdays in October 16, 23, 30 from 6:00—7:30pm.

Course Outline

Offering & Taking—Communion as practice and performative action

Blessing & Breaking—Communion as prayer and formation

Receiving & Sending—Communion as prophetic action

PRAYING SHAPES BELIEVING:

Exploring the Sacrament continues in 2015

Epiphany	(Jan/Feb)	Baptism/Confirmation
Lent	(March)	Reconciliation
Easter	(April/May)	Marriage & rites of childbearing, childbirth, and loss.
Early Pentecost	(June/July)	Healing and rites of aging
Late Pentecost	(Sept/Oct)	Rites of Death & Dying



Walking With Moses and the Israelites

The story of Moses and the Israelites as told in the Book of Exodus is an astonishing account of a reluctant and sometimes irritable leader, a wayward and contentious people, and the God who is revealed in miraculous interventions and a continuing covenant. The epic journey from slavery through the desert to the land ordained for them is a tale we may all be familiar with, but it is also an archetypal story that leads us into deeper contemplation of ourselves and our relationship to God.

During the fall, the lessons we hear during the services each Saturday and Sunday come from this Exodus story. We will continue to hear it in Robert Alter's compelling poetic translation, used for the story of Jacob in July. The Adult Education will host six study sessions, each based on the reading for that week and facilitated by a member of the committee.

In September, the group will meet at A NEW TIME: Thursday evening from 6:30-7:30 pm, with a light supper at 6:00 pm, as follows:

Sept 11 – Moses and the Israelites cross the Red Sea

Sept 18 – God sends manna to the Israelites in the wilderness

Sept 25 – Moses strikes the rock and water comes from it for the Israelites

In October, the group will meet on Sunday mornings from 9:15 -10:15, as in the summer.

Oct 5 – Moses receives the 10 Commandments

Oct 19 – Moses sees the back of God

Oct 26 – Death of Moses

Men's Book Group

Over several sessions the Men's Book Group will discuss *Thomas Cranmer: A Life* by Diarmuid MacCulloch. It is a fairly long tome about the founder of the Episcopal Church under Henry VIII who was later burned at the stake. He wrote the Book of Common Prayer and established many of the best things about our church. His statue sits over the high altar in the sanctuary of All Saints Parish.

The group meets in the dining room on alternate Saturdays, 8-9:15 starting September 6th for coffee and donuts. For more information contact Peter Stringham: peter.stringham@gmail.com

Wonder, Love & Praise: A Parish-wide Conversation on Music—September 14 after the service

We need you to help tell the story of the music program at All Saints—what it has been up to now, and where it might go in the future. A light lunch will be served, and members of the search committee for the next Music Director at All Saints will facilitate the conversation. Please join us.

Mission and Outreach

Caring Ministry Team at All Saints

The Caring Ministry Team at All Saints includes over 35 parishioners who provide help to other parishioners in times of need. We give thanks to all of our volunteers for their efforts and willingness to assist. We have provided meals and rides to church and other assistance. We've sent cards to acknowledge occasions both happy (school graduations) and sad (illness and death).

To volunteer to help this important ministry from time to time, please contact our coordinators Jean or Peter Stringham at 617-734-8115 or by email jean.stringham@gmail.com. If you or other parishioners need assistance or support from the Caring Ministry Team please contact the parish office at office@allsaintsbrookline.org or call 617-738-1810 x. 101. The Rector is also available for pastoral meetings and can be reached through the office or at rector@allsaintsbrookline.org.

Oasis Monday Night Dinner on Sept. 22

Come help prepare and serve a hearty meal for members of Boston's most needy community, those living on the margins. Food preparers meet at All Saints from 2:00-4:30 p.m. Servers meet at St. Paul's Cathedral, 138 Tremont St. in downtown Boston, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Contact Ginny Adams to find out the many ways you can help (gjadams1@comcast.net, 617-969-5175).

Mission & Outreach Fair

Interested in getting involved with local, national or international projects with fellow parishioners? Whether you have 30 minutes or several hours to volunteer, join members of the Mission & Outreach and Stewardship Committees as we celebrate and showcase all of the active ministries at All Saints. The Mission Fair will be held immediately following the service in the Dining Room on one of the Sundays in October. Watch "This Week" for dates and times.

Food Pantry

Each Sunday, All Saints parishioners can bring non-perishable food donations for the Brookline Food Pantry. The donations are collected and delivered twice a month by volunteer parishioners. If you are interested in helping with the delivery of the donations, please contact the church office.

Altar Flowers

Looking for a very nice way to honor a loved one? Whether it may be in loving memory, in celebration of a birthday, an anniversary or other event in the lives of your family and friends, consider being a donor of the flowers at the altar. It is easy to do:

- Choose a Sunday
 - Call or email Lynne Montross to check on the availability of that Sunday (or another you might choose)
 - Reserve the date
 - Specify flowers or colors or leave it up to the florist the Parish uses
 - Pay the florist's bill when it comes to your home.

After the service on your chosen Sunday, you can continue to enjoy the flowers by taking them home or sharing a portion with a person(s) of your choice.

There are many open Sundays on the Parish's Flower Calendar. Contact Lynne soon to reserve your preferred date at montross@enders.tch.harvard.edu or 508-655-5922.

A Commendation

I commend unto Thee, o Lord,
impulses, my soul and my body,
occasions, my mind and my thoughts,
purposes, my vows and prayers,
endeavours, my senses and my members,
going out and coming in, my words and my deeds,
downsitting and uprising : my life and my death :

my brothers and sisters
their children
my benefactors
wellwishers
household
neighbours
country
all Christian folk

The Precese Privatae of Lancelot Andrewes, ed. and translated F.E. Brightman, London 1903, p 192.



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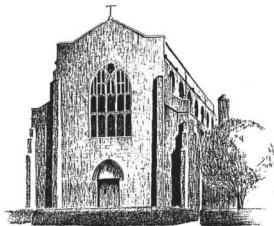
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We join together in Prayers for
Peace and Healing for all of God's
people throughout the world

Saturday
5:00 pm Celtic Holy Eucharist

Sunday
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, with
Prayers for Healing

Please note:

**The Nursery is open every
Sunday from 10:00 a.m. - Noon.**

The Book of Thanksgivings and
Concerns is placed at the en-
trance to the church before the
service. Please write in your pray-
er requests and thanksgivings for
those who need our prayers.

Save These Dates!

Thursday, September 4 Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Sunday, September 7 Welcome Back Sunday
10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist with Choir
12:00 p.m. – Parish Picnic & Church School
Registration

Friday, September 12 First Schola rehearsal, 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 13 Ordination & Consecration of the Rev. Alan M.
Gates as the 16th Bishop of the Diocese of MA

Sunday, September 14 Church School & Youth Program begins
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