



## The Co-Rectors Ramble

**W**e receive newsletters from all over the country. These include parishes where seminary friends now serve as clergy as well as former congregations where we have served and attended. You would be amazed at how much 'newsletter fodder' is repeated throughout the land. When something is worth sharing, why not? However, if you've been around the church newsletter world for long you begin to recognize that things which get passed around keep making it around and there is seldom something new. So, it is really something when a piece comes across my desk in a newsletter that captures my attention. What follows is such a reprinting. It came from the March newsletter from St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Portland, Oregon. St. Michael's was the parish I attended in high school that was so very formative in my Christian walk. The newsletter cites: *"The source of this meditation is unknown. It was shared in worship in Cuernavaca, Mexico in November 2006 by the mission team from St. John's Church, Capitola CA and has been slightly adapted."* As we enter into what the Church calls "The great 50 days", the 50 days of the Easter season, these words are a wonderful declaration of the truth and center of Christian faith. May they inspire and bless you! See you Sunday! Rev. Patti+

### This Jesus challenges me

I use force, and He says **Forgive**.  
I am afraid, and He says **Take heart**.  
I doubt, and He says **Trust**.  
I feel anxious, and He says **Be calm**.  
I desire to be left alone, and He says **Come, follow me**.  
I make my plans, and He says **Let's go this way**.  
I want security, and He says to me **I promise nothing**.  
I want to live, and He says to me **Give your life**.  
I believe that I am a good person, and He says **That's not enough**.  
I want to be in charge, to give the commands, and He says, **Serve, obey**.  
I want to understand, He says **Believe**.  
I want clarity, and He speaks to me **in Parables**.  
I want poetry, and He speaks of **Realities**.  
I want tranquility, and He wants me to be **Disturbed**.  
I think of revenge, and He says **Turn the other cheek**.  
I speak of peace, and He says **I have come to bring a sword**.  
I want to hide, and He says **Let your light shine**.  
I seek out the first place, and He says **Sit in the last place**.  
I want to be seen, and He says **Pray in secret**.

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## Parish Information...

### All Saints' Parish Service

#### Schedule:

*Note the Holiday schedule as outlined in Co-Rector's Ramble.*

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

God hears our petitions to Him! Let your concerns be lifted up to Him through the Prayer Line. Anyone wishing to add a name or concern to the list, or anyone wishing to be added to the Prayer Line should not hesitate to get in touch with Kathye (508)378-4818, or through E-Mail at [fosterJK@juno.com](mailto:fosterJK@juno.com).

#### *Please keep in Prayer:*

- Upcoming Happening last weekend of April.
- The Women's Cursillo weekend the first weekend in May, and Gina (Rectora) as her and the team prepare.
- Your Vestry, Wardens, and Rectors, as well as the Finance Committee as they deal with some difficult financial issues.
- Our Confirmands and Mentors as they journey together toward Confirmation.
- Myself as I work toward completing the Main Sign project.

### Officers of the Church

Co-Rectors: Revs. Doug & Patti Hale

Wardens:

(Sr.) Chad Wohlers, (Jr.) Dave Frazier

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### Sexton

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### Church Office Hours

(781)-447-6106

*unless preempted by another obligation:*

Tues & Fri. 9am-12noon

Weds. 9am-10:30am

### Senior Youthgroup Leaders

Dave and Sue Frazier

### Junior Youthgroup Leaders

Maureen Mahoney  
Chip and Jolene Durant



## Upcoming Confirmation

We have 9 people in formation to receive Confirmation this spring! The Deanery Confirmation service will be held on **Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am at Christ Church, Quincy**. Please pray for our Confirmands and their Mentors.

Emily Baker	mentor: Dick Tingblad
Sarah Doyle	mentor: Jack Foster
Brittany Durant	mentor: Millie Friberg
Joline Durant	mentor: Chip Durant
Toni Eunice	mentor: Dave Frazier
Steve Magglio	mentor: Chip Durant
Jesse Manison	mentor: Liz Putur
Peter Norment	mentor: Maureen Mahoney
Timothy Norment	mentor: Jack Foster

### CONFIRMATION CLASS AND REFRESHER

In the final weeks before Confirmation Rev's Patti and Doug will be holding a 4 week class on **Sunday nights** that will detail the history, governance and liturgy of the Episcopal Church. All Confirmands and Mentors are required to attend. However, we want to open it up to **ANYONE** in the parish who would like to attend as a refresher on the Episcopal Church or who are simply interested in learning more. **Class begins Sunday April 15, 7:00-8:30pm in the high school room.**

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday	<b>8:00am</b>	Liturgy of the Palms
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Tuesday	<b>Noon</b>	Healing Mass @ St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston
Thursday	<b>7:00pm</b>	Maundy Thursday Service
Good Friday	<b>Noon</b>	24 hour prayer vigil begins at
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Good Friday service
Easter Day	<b>6:30am</b>	Ecumenical Service in the park
	<b>8:00am</b>	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	<b>9:30am</b>	Holy Baptism/Eucharist

## Calendar Happenings...

April 1 <sup>st</sup>		Palm Sunday
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Maundy Thursday Service
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Noon</b>	24 hour prayer vigil begins
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Good Friday service
April 8 <sup>th</sup>		Easter
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Vestry
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7:30pm</b>	Ultreya
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10:00am</b>	Instructed Eucharist
April 29 <sup>th</sup>		Breakfast between services

## Thanks Be To God!

- For our loving Parish family at All Saints.
- For the healing love that surrounds us at All Saints.
- For a powerful and healing Men's Cursillo weekend, where many All Saints men served God and were blessed!
- For Patti, Doug, and Emmett.
- For the new members who have joined our All Saints family.
- For showing me your love through Sue every day of my life.
- For the incredible patience you give me to deal with a difficult person at my work.

## THE ALPHA CORNER...

*Submitted by Jack Foster*



We've just finished the Holy Spirit Retreat for the winter Alpha program, and received a great teaching from Nicky Gumbel. The Spirit confirms we've become sons and daughters of God, and He helps us talk with the Father. He helps us grow more like Jesus, and maintains peace and unity in our Christian family. He provides spiritual gifts to strengthen and Body of Christ, and empowers us to tell others about Jesus. The Spirit is truly Jesus with us today!

Please be thinking if you or others you know would benefit from the teaching and fellowship Alpha provides. Our next Celebration dinner, introducing the fall Alpha course, is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

No, I don't understand this Jesus. He provokes me, He confounds me. Like many of his disciples, I too, think I would like to follow a different teacher- one who would be more clear, and who would ask less of me.

But it is as true for me as it was for Peter: When Jesus asked the twelve, "do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life."

## SPECIAL THANKS!

A special thank you to Matt & Sarah Collins for giving leadership to the Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner! It was the most successful dinner to date and a good time was had by all.



## The Stewardship Corner

Did you know the Episcopal Church endorses and encourages the tithe as an appropriate standard of giving for Episcopalians? Sacrificial giving deepens our reliance and trust in our Father. Let's reflect on how we respond, as we rejoice in Jesus' resurrection.

1. **Ancient Model** – Tithing is our most ancient model for giving. One of the best tithing stories is that of Jacob. (*Genesis 28:10-22*)
2. **Trust in God** – Tithing helps us worship God more in our lives. It encourages our spiritual growth and trust in God.
3. **Financial Wisdom** – Tithing brings God's wisdom to our finances, exercising a healthy spiritual discipline over them, and helps us to combat the destructive materialism and greed that destroy the lives of many.
4. **Ministry Support** – Tithing provides the means to keep our priests and missionaries in full time service to God.
5. **Congregational Strength** – Tithing strengthens the ministry, outreach, and health of our congregations, molding us into true Christian communities of faith, love, and grace.

## Pledge Reminder

As we progress through the year, it's important we maintain a steady flow of income, to pay our obligations on time. We can all help, since much of our income comes from pledges. If you made a weekly pledge, please keep your weekly offerings up to date. If you made a monthly pledge, make your offering at the start of each month. And if you made an annual pledge, make offerings at the start of each quarter. These things will support a positive cash flow and help us stay up to date financially. Thanks.

## BABY BOOM

We have experienced a bit of a 'baby boom' in the last few weeks!

- Steve & Fran Verrill welcomed their first grandson, Steven Verrill III, born Feb. 6, 7lbs 4 oz.
- Sarah & Dennis Malloy welcomed their first son, Joshua, born March 4, 7lbs 10oz
- Scott & Christy Wilhelm welcomed their first son, Robbie, born March 13, 6lbs 3oz
- Jack & Kathye Foster welcome a new granddaughter 'Baby Ruth' by adoption to Terri & David Blaskow.

Thanks be to God for the gift of new life!



## Fish Net

Dave Frazier 4-2007

### What Religion Are You?

The Aglipayan Church. Christadelphians. Coptic Christians. Monophysites. Maybe some that you might recognize...Anglicans, Amish, Lutherans, Episcopal, Methodists.

A statistic I came across as I googled “World Religions” was that some 34,000 separate Christian-groups have been identified in the world. I realize that it’s just a stat and there could be more or less, who’s to speak to its accuracy. But one thing that smacks true to me is that’s a lot of fancy names for a lot of fancy religions. I wonder if that was what Jesus had in mind when he invited those vagabond fishermen to “drop your nets and follow me.”

I think maybe too many people are worried about what to call their religion. Wasn’t there just ONE Jesus that came to this earth, and upon His resurrection, wasn’t He the ONE Christ, the savior of us foolish humans. I know this may sound naïve but if a person follows Christ and tries to live by His teachings, doesn’t that make that person a Christian? Why do we as humans feel a need to complicate that to the point of arguing whose “religion” is the real or correct religion, or categorizing ourselves into some 34,000 separate Christian groups.

*1Corinthians 12:      “<sup>12</sup>The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.”*

We live in a world of billions of people with billions of ideas, and it seems to me that “One Body” has become diffused into “billions of bodies.” I’m not the greatest theologian, but it seems a simple choice that Jesus presented to us humans way back when. It seems like He wanted us to “follow Him.” And part of that meant to love Him, and [*John 13:34*] “A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” Love one another. Not bicker over one another’s interpretation of one’s religion. Not who’s right and who’s wrong. Love one another.

I call myself an Episcopalian. I love the Sunday services, the flow of it and the old sacred prayers to God. I love singing some of the old hymns. To me, the services at All Saints are a special way for me to be in community with God. I call myself a Christian. I have grown into a deep love with Jesus, all the way to my heart. It wasn’t always like that; there was a time when I didn’t know Jesus at all. I didn’t care to know Him. But God worked all around my life, through other Christian men and women, who showed me what real love was all about. How these Christians associate themselves with me every day has grown to be such a special blessing to me always. And it isn’t always sunshine and roses. Despite our being Christians, our human tendencies still spring up to make a mess of things. I get mad at these Christians sometimes. I get frustrated with their antics at times. I would wager that I drive them bonkers as well

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*Amazing Freedom—Women of Faith*

Boston Banknorth Garden

July 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

See poster on bulletin board in Hall for sign-up information or talk to Sue Frazier (781) 447-1258

**Birthdays!**

April

- 02 Laura Mahoney
- 06 John Reeves
- 09 Janet Morgan
- 10 Sarah Delaney
- 14 Dorothy Bazan-Greene
- 15 Trish Birk-Smith
- 16 Karen Phillips
- 18 Brittany Durant
- 19 Peter Norment
- 23 Dot Peterson
- 26 Ken Belcher, Katie Nelson
- 28 Jeff Roderick
- 29 Sue Frazier

May

- 03 Richie Spadea
- 05 Sean Frazier
- 06 Barbie Spadea
- 07 Jack Foster, Colleen Manison
- 11 Alex Bunar
- 14 Emmett Hale
- 15 Louise Quilty
- 24 Ted Putur
- 25 Karney Eldridge, Lynn Walsh
- 26 Ron Brown
- 29 Geraldine Livrago



**MEMORIAL GARDEN**

I am looking for a person or two that would be willing to take care of the memorial garden plants. There is a need to rotate some of the plants for variety, as well as beautifying maintenance throughout the growing season. I know there are some people who enjoy gardening, and have a real gift for it. If anyone would care to offer assistance with this important church ministry, talk to myself, Doug, or Patti.



## *Junior Warden's Corner*

### **KITCHEN CEILING SUFFERS MAJOR LEAKAGE**

The condition of the kitchen roof has taken a rather disastrous turn with the recent rain over the past couple of weeks. There has been extensive leaking into the kitchen, prompting the need to close it down until further notice.

I have, with the help and good company of our Wednesday night All Sainter Jeff Roderick, completely covered and secured the exterior roof surface with strong plastic sheeting. This has proven to stave off any further leaking from additional rain. There is some residual leaking though, most likely due to the saturated condition of insulating sheets with the ceiling cavity.

Ideas are being bandied about as to how we might deal with this, but until our insurance company has looked into the situation, there's not much more we can do at this time.

The kitchen roof has been a major problem for some time now, and has reached the point of needing a complete overhaul. Some estimates are being sought, but the real issue is for us to be able to handle this financial burden while trying to solve some tricky budgetary concerns.

Please keep myself, Doug and Patti, and the rest of your vestry in your prayers! We are so in need of God's council. Pray for our discernment in these difficult matters. Thank you.

### **Fish Net...continued**

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every once in a while. But you know what, because Jesus has taught me real love, those human traits that try to ensnare us in hate and bitterness fade away to some far away place that I could never find; God sends them away from us. I love these Christian people in my life. I love them in a way that I can't even say with words. And the love I have for them isn't perfect, it doesn't stop those troubles from popping up. But that love that Jesus put into my heart allows me to let Him take away that anger, that imperfect love. It allows me to see Himself in them. And when I see these Christians in that way, I see people that I hold so dear in my heart, people that are truly special in my life, even if in my flawed human way I don't show it as much.

Has being an Episcopalian taught me that love of Jesus? No. It was the Christians that have come into my life that have allowed me to see how the love of Jesus works in their life. Catholics, UCC, Lifequest Church, Methodists, Church of Christ...these are some of the Christians in my life that love me as Jesus taught them to love, and who I have grown to love in my heart.

I consider them part of the "One Body" not because of their religions, but because they are Christians. And they love Jesus, and they love me.