

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

All are welcome at the Table of the Lord!

Parking is available every Sunday in the
Wheelock College parking
lot next to the Rectory.

March 2011

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Ash Wednesday

March 9

services at

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

and 7:00 p.m.

Imposition of Ashes

at all services;

Choir at the 7:00 p.m. service.



Joel Ives

the Rector

Lent begins in March, and if you're like me you may be feeling woefully unprepared to enter into a time of prayer and fasting, especially after such a brutal winter. But fear not, Lent is a time of drawing closer to God through prayer and fasting, to recreate in our lives something of Christ's time of temptation and fasting in the desert. It's not just about hair shirts and no chocolate. We're attempting to see how we build walls that block out God in our lives and how to recognize our own weakness and sinfulness, to hopefully open ourselves to the grace of Jesus Christ. I have copies of a wonderful little book entitled "Good Lord Deliver Us - A Lenten Journey" with readings for all the days of Lent. It's published by Forward Movement Publications. Please ask me for a copy.



Annual Auction April 2nd

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Rosie's Place

*April 30th, July 30th,
Oct. 29th, Dec. 31st*

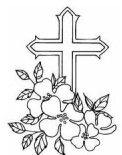
*We are eighty-three dollars short
from our pledge goal of \$200,000.
What wonderful news!*

Invitations just went out! There are extra invitations to take and send to friends who may also enjoy an evening out. (They will be in the back of the church or Sundays or contact the church.)

Please join us for a fun evening of shopping, wine, a yummy Lisa Shaw dinner and lots of laughs.

Easter Flower Donations

Enclosed in this March newsletter is a form to use to donate for Easter flowers. Sunday, April 10 is the deadline for inclusion in the printed acknowledgement inserted in the Easter service bulletins although donations are always welcome up to and including the services. The Altar Guild thanks you for your continued generosity in beautifying the church for the joyful Easter season.



From the Parish record

Baptism; Daphne Jhelum Ghosh

Laura Middlebrooks' father died this past week, as did Bradley Gardner, whose funeral will take place here on March 12th at 10:30 A.M.

Also, there will be a Memorial Service for Janice Miller at Church of Our Saviour on Saturday, April 30th at 2:00 PM.

Letter from the Brookline Food Pantry

On behalf of the customers and volunteers at the Brookline Emergency Food Pantry, thank you for your generous December 2010 gift of \$555.

The Food Pantry is a community-wide effort to address a community-wide problem. Many low-income families and individuals on fixed incomes end up having to decide between paying their rent, obtaining medical care, or buying food.

The Food Pantry provides free food to over 250 Brookline households, which is twice as many as needed assistance five years ago - and the need keeps increasing each year.

As the number of families we serve has grown, donations of food alone have not been nearly sufficient to meet these needs. Now over half of the food we give away is purchased. For this reason, cash donations such as yours are vitally important in fighting hunger in our community.

Once again, thank you for your generosity.

Jim Margolis
Manager, Brookline Food Pantry



Geoffrey Michael

Adult Forum

Sunday Morning Forum, 9:30 a.m. in the Large Classroom

History has been the focus of Adult Education during all this program year. When we reconvened after the summer, our rector Joel Ives led us in a series about the history of the Protestant Church in America. Joel has been very ably succeeded as forum leader by Geoffrey Michael, who's been offering a series about slavery and abolition, and the role of religion in both. Having established this background, Geoff plans to focus on a subject of unique interest to this church: the Lawrence brothers, Amos A. and William Lawrence, and their father Amos Lawrence. This story brings us to right to the core of the abolition movement in Massachusetts.

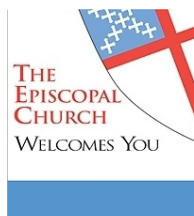
After this topic, here are some of the others that Geoff is considering:

- The assassination of Abraham Lincoln and the country's response;
- King Philip's War (1675-1676) and how it fundamentally changed relations between the European settlers and the Native Americans;
- the response of the Episcopal Church to the sectional crisis;
- slavery in colonial Massachusetts;
- Jonathan Daniels, Episcopal seminarian, and his martyrdom in Selma;
- the Four Chaplains and how the story of their heroism relates to the history of interfaith relations in the U.S.

Requests from our very engaged participants may help determine which topics Geoff covers; updates will follow. We are very lucky to have this historian among us, giving us sessions of such quality. Our knowledge of American history, and the role of our Church in it, has been growing with each week.

Adult Forum Lent

Pippa, our seminarian, will be offering an Adult Education Forum during Lent that will be based on keeping a holy Lent. Please join us.



Music

Joshua Slater, Director of Music
Mathew Hall, Organist,
Asst. Choirmaster

Church of Our Saviour Staff

Marsha Searle, Parish Administrator
Edward T. Whitney, Assistant Treasurer
Amanda Swinchoski,
Sunday School Coordinator

Clergy

The Reverend
Joel M. Ives,
Rector
The Reverend
David Eckel,
Sunday Associate

Vestry

Eunice P. Howe, Grand Warden
Stephen Williams, Sr. Warden
Douglas Skillins, Jr. Warden
Paul Healy, Treasurer
Barbara Ludeke, Clerk
Erik Andersen, Richard Bergin,
Kristen Frederiksen, Eric Gedstad,
Fred Grant, Tim Harwood,
Kelly Hopkins, Jim Michmerhuizen,
Neil Perry, Alice Reynolds, Michael
Robbins, Debra Wasiowicz
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Energy Conservation Saves Money and the Environment

As part of our recent application to the Diocese for a Green Grant, Mass Interfaith Power & Light (www.MIPandL.org) performed an energy audit of the Church, Parish House and Rectory. I can email the complete report to anyone who is interested or print copies on request. The upshot of the report is that we can save significant money over the long term and drastically reduce our carbon footprint(s) by taking energy conservation measures now.

The report's major recommendations are: convert the Parish House from a one-zone steam heating system dating to the early 1900s to a multiple-zone hot water system; and replace the three (two dating from 1965 and one from 1980) grossly inefficient hot air furnaces in the church with hot water boilers. These systems are well beyond their useful life expectancy and pre-date several generations of energy conservation standards. Another recommendation is to install on-demand hot water heaters in both the Parish House and Rectory. Of note is that a 2002 capital assessment report recommended that all these systems be replaced immediately. We are on borrowed time.

One of the biggest expenses our parish has is the cost of oil and gas to heat our buildings. In 2006, just before Joel Ives joined us, we replaced the 1950s oil-fired boiler in the Rectory with a new high efficiency gas-fired boiler.

In 2010, we spent just under \$7000 on heating oil for the Church building. This is a significant expense under any circumstances, but especially so given that the building is only used a few hours a week for church services, occasional special events, and choir practice once week. In contrast, it cost just over \$9000 in 2010 to heat the entire Parish House -- a space that is used by many people for significant periods of time and is a good source of revenue for our parish.

Most of the recommended energy conservation measures have significant up-front costs but will save us money over time. We hope the Diocese will award us the full \$10K we request in our grant application but even if we get it, it will not be enough to perform all the truly necessary work. We will be asking everyone in the parish to pitch in.

There are also several other smaller things that we can do that will help save money and our environment, such as installing weather stripping, more storm windows, low-flow sink aerators and more efficient lighting. These improvements will result in very modest cost savings and environmental benefits. Once we receive news from the Diocese about our grant application, our Green Grant Committee will engage and start to take measures to conserve energy.

I welcome everyone's comments on this and look forward to future discussions. I believe that energy conservation is both a fiscal and moral responsibility.

Around the Property

Despite our crazy winter weather so far, our little church has held up well. With all the snow, I've been especially worried about our roofs and the newly painted walls and ceilings in the Church. To-date the only problems we have had are a downed telephone line and a sagging gutter. I hope that we will see spring without further incident.



Florrie Ives

Children's Choir

Florrie Ives will be the volunteer director of the Children's Choir this spring.

A native of Alabama, she sang for 15 years in the Children's Choir of Nativity Episcopal Church in Dothan, Alabama.

Many thanks for your help, Florrie!

Chocolate!

Andrea Van Wien, a parishioner, will be using our parish house kitchen to start her chocolate business. Rector Joel Ives noted, "We see this as a kind of outreach effort to help jump-start a new business. That Andrea is a parishioner makes it even more exciting." Our parish kitchen has also been used for another microbusiness to make caramels and is used regularly by area caterers. Godspeed Andrea!

