

The St. James' *Epistle*

August 28th, 2011

Mid - Pentecost

A letter from the Rector

Mid-Pentecost

Dearly Beloved of St. James,

I am one who uses to-do-lists with great satisfaction. I have a dreamlike feeling of accomplishment when I can cross off things on my to-do list that make me feel weighed down and anxious. To do lists manage my time. Many of us feel we have no time, not enough time, or often feel we are out of time. Even people in our community who are retired say that they have no time. Our vacations this summer may have provided a brief respite for those of us that needed to put space between actions, but now it's back to the rush

But isn't God the Lord of time? God created time, and time includes night and day, the seasons, all our times, and the end of our lives. What is it in modern society that has made us so busy? There are many reasons, and what follows are two ideas of mine.

The first is -- "too many choices". This refers to the stress we feel from having more options than we can handle or actually need. For example, at a basic level, while the wide variety of items in the supermarket can seem a real benefit, does it really matter if I buy the shampoo with the lavender and tea tree oil, or the one with the jojoba and aloe? Having to decide sucks up time and energy -- and I'm only buying shampoo.

The choices we have with our leisure time are vast also: sports, hobbies, volunteering, gardening, watching TV, going to movies or performances, computer, e-mail, web surfing, face book, etc. Of course many of us take on far too many leisure time activities. The "choices" merely breed frustration as we learn that the time in our lives will not expand to accommodate all these options.

Secondly, the distinctions between work life and home life have diminished. Technology allows us to work from home, or to take our work home to a far greater extent than in previous generations. We set up workstations at home. As long as our cell phones remain on, we are never out of work's reach. Yesterday I saw someone on Stiles Pond, on a paddle board with her oar up . . . while texting. There is no down time in a 24/7 economic world. We cannot set a clear boundary and say that is finished.

Ultimately, we do only have so much time. Maybe we could plan to use it more wisely, determine not to overbook ourselves, and consider what God -- our maker and the maker of time -- wants us to do with our time...before there is no time at all.

Blessings, Marya+

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The Vestry Corner

The Vestry has decided to return to a simpler format for our Annual Auction in the Spring of 2012, similar to the auctions held at Saint James in the Parish Hall before 2010. As a result of that decision, we can be creative in raising money to meet our budget needs for this year. Several people have suggested that we consider supplementing our smaller auction with a “large-item” raffle.

Other churches in the area have raffled a car which was either purchased at a discount from a car dealer or donated to the church specifically for the raffle. We are investigating possibilities, and we need your help. If you have any contacts to car dealerships, boat dealerships, or any other large-item ideas that you may have, please let Julia Steer know. We will make the actual request with your guidance.

Spring seems so far away, but time flies when you’re having fun! Thank you!

Administrative Information



The Parish Office is open from
8:30am to 1:30pm
Monday through Friday

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
THE FOLLOWING DAYS . . .

Monday, September 5th in observance
of Labor Day

November 24th & 25th in observance
of the Thanksgiving Holiday

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Worship

PENTECOST

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 4th

9:30am Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II
12th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 11th

9:30am Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II
13th Sunday after Pentecost
10th Anniversary of 9/11
Church School Registration

Interfaith service of healing and hope
Sunday, Sept. 11

Georgetown Congregational Church

4:00 - “An Interfaith Service of Healing & Hope” –
As a nation we were founded on religious freedom
and respect. Realizing that 9/11 occurred because
of religious extremism/fundamentalism we gather to
lift up the virtues, common values, and one God
that the faith traditions live from and recognize.

4:30 - Silent Walk from church to Fire/ Police
Station Memorial Garden accompanied by Police
Honor Guard, bagpipers, children/youth & banner

4:45 - Words of welcome by fire, police, and
veteran officials; laying of wreaths; fire bell

5:15 - Taps

[More . . .]

Evening Prayer Remembrance
Sunday, Sept. 11th
Cathedral Church of St. Paul
138 Tremont Street, Boston

See map: [Google Maps](#)

On Sunday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m., the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston, together with the bishops of the Diocese of Massachusetts, will host an interfaith service of reflection, healing and prayer as a way to mark the 10th anniversary of the events on that day in 2001 that have so deeply affected all. All are welcome.

Sunday, September 18th

9:30am Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II
14th Sunday after Pentecost
1st Day of Church School Classes

Sunday, September 25th

9:30am Service of Holy Eucharist and Baptism,
Rite II
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Bishop Cederholm visits

Sunday, October 2nd

9:30am Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Blessing of
the Animals

Sunday, October 9th

9:30am Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II
17th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 16th

9:30am Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II
18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 23rd

9:30am Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II
19th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 30th

9:30am Morning Prayer, Rite II
20th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 6th

9:30am Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Feast of All Saints
21st Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 13th

9:30am Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday, November 20th

9:30am Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Trinity Sunday
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 27th

9:30am Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II
First Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Planning Meeting

Tuesday, September 6th, 2011
11:30am to 1:30pm in the parish hall.
All are welcome to attend.

Lay Ministries

Acolyte training and practices are in
the works . . .

Michael DeCarlen-Bumiller, Avery
Gillett, and Maxx Robinson will be
participating in Acolyte training in late
August.

Blessings to all!!

For more information about Lay
Ministry training, contact Charlotte
Parker at 978-372-0847 or
charllparker@comcast.net

Altar Guild

Attention all Altar Guild Members!!!

We are still in need of Altar Guild teams for the
months of November, December, and January,
2012. If you are able to serve at any of these
months, please pick a month of service and put it on
the Flower Chart in the parish hall.

Music

On a Musical Note . . .

Choir practice will resume on Tuesday, September 20th, at the home of Andrea DeGiovanni, 27 Pond St., Georgetown at 6pm.

For additional information, or to inquire about joining the Choir, please contact Andrea at 978-314-5801 or andreadegiovanni@comcast.net

Evangelism and Adult Formation

Sharing Our Stories - A new initiative

Humans yearn to tell their stories. Whether it is around the dinner table, the jungle gym or in Scripture, we learn about life by listening to the stories of other's lives and by sharing our own. This fall, a new initiative will get started. Members of the congregations, of all ages, will be invited to share the story of their faith journey. Possible topics include grace, ministry, stewardship, faith and politics, and life in Christ. A recording of conversations between a storyteller and an interviewer will be shared with the congregation on St. James' web site.

To learn more about how another congregation is currently practicing this ministry, visit *The Cloak* <http://smartinec.org/cloak> or visit Story Corp from NPR http://www.npr.org/rss/podcast/podcast_detail.php?siteId=5295444

If you are interested in helping make this possible, be it with digital recording, interviewing, or coordinating storytellers, please contact Christi Humphrey at cchumphrey@comcast.net or by phone - 508-633-7466.

Faith and Nature: The Divine Adventure of Life on Earth --



A multi-session inter-generational fellowship event is being planned for this fall. The focus will be living in harmony in God's creation. You are invited to a weekly gathering where families and individuals can come and sit down to a prepared evening meal, followed by a session which will build awareness and appreciation of our spiritual connection to nature. We will consider how we can bring hope and faithful action to today's ecological concerns.

Possible topics for discussion are;

1. *Our Friendly Universe, Our Earthly Home, Our Plant and Animal Neighbors, Our Amazing Brain, Our Human Neighbors, Our Spiritual Journey, Our Loving Creator, Our Response to Grace.*

We hope that members of every generation will participate and help with leadership and organization. If you are interested in helping St. James look at the connection of faith, nature, and ecology please speak with Christi Humphrey through email cchumphrey@comcast.net, phone 508-633-7466 or at coffee hour.

Children's Ministries

Sunday School News

Our annual Church Sunday school Registration and Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, September 11th following the service.

Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday September 18th beginning at 9:15am.

We are short on teachers this year so, if you can volunteer to teach or assist a teacher, please contact Jen Acorn, Coordinator of Children's Ministries and Experiences at (978) 346-8194 or Jen.acorn@comcast.net

Middle School Youth Retreat
Fri., 11/18 thru Sun., 11/20
Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center
108 Wally Stone Road
Greenfield

Stay tuned! More details to come.

For information contact the Youth Ministries Office
at 617-482-4826, ext. 215 or visit www.diomassyouth.org



Smiles and Panda's Abound!

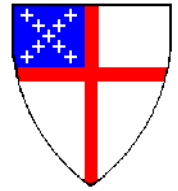
From August 15th thru 19th, St. James was taken over by Panda's in the Vacation Bible School (VBS) program Pandamania. Thirty children participated in the program along with teen and adult volunteers.

The children learned that “God is *wild* about them!” through crafts, games, bible stories and music. It was a great success and my thanks to all who helped in this wonderful program.

-- Jen Acorn

Diocesan News

The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts invites you to join Bishop Bud in celebrating his upcoming retirement, in any . . . or all . . . of the following ways



<p style="text-align: center;">Dinner (in Fenway’s State Street Pavilion) Friday, Nov. 4th 7:00 - 10:00 pm Tickets are \$75. Per person; seating is limited</p> <p>Because we know that interest may exceed the number of seats available, there will be random drawing from among the names registered by Sept. 9th specifically for dinner (up to 2 seats per request, please!) For dinner sign-up details visit www.diomass.org/Bishop-Bud-Retirement, or call Diane Pound at 617-482-4826, Ext. 349.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Open Reception (in Fenway’s Player’s Club) Friday, Nov. 4th 4:30 - 7:00pm</p> <p>Free, fun, family-friendly open-house with Bishop Bud & Ruth Ann Cederholm. Enjoy hotdogs, soda, and popcorn and meet Wally the Red Sox mascot.</p> <p>Fenway tours will be available for \$10. Per person (advance sign-up and tour payment necessary). RSVP for the free reception and sign up for Fenway tours by Sept. 9th at www.diomass.org/Bishop-Bud-Retirement, or call Diane Pound at 617-482-4826, Ext. 349.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Let Bishop Bud know what his ministry means to you!</p> <p>Whether or not you attend the celebration, we invite your good wishes and messages of congratulations for Bsp. Bud. Go to www.diomass.org/Bishop-Bud-Retirement to post your message, or mail to: Diane Pound, Episcopal Diocese of MA, 138 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02111</p>
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For those who prefer “Hands on” Safe Church Training

Sat., Sep 17: 8:30a-3:30pm
St Paul’s Episcopal Church
390 Main St, North Andover, MA

Cost: \$40 per person
Contact: Dick Vanderlippe
rvan@aol.com or 617-482-4826 x507

For those who prefer “Online” Safe Church Training

Please contact Rosemary in the parish office for sign-on information and passwords

Diocesan Resource Day Saturday, Oct. 1st, 9am -2:30pm Bentley University, Waltham

Save the date and start recruiting a team from your congregation to attend this year's Resource Day.

There will be workshops to help develop skills and give participants spiritual and practical help for joining God's mission in the world.

Workshop topics will include stewardship, education, environmental ministry, communications, congregational development and youth ministry.

Cost: \$15 per person (lunch included)
Online registration will begin in August.
For additional information contact Amy Cook,
Resource Center at acook@diomass.org or
617-482-4826, ext. 645.

Pre-Diocesan Convention Forum
Wed., October 19th, 2011
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Trinity Church
124 River Road
Topsfield

Pre-Diocesan Convention forums offer an important opportunity for learning and discussion about the issues and business to come before the convention, including resolutions and the proposed budget.

Diocesan Convention
Friday - Saturday, Nov. 4-5
Cathedral Church of St. Paul
138 Tremont Street, Boston.

All resolutions, nominations for diocesan elections, proposed constitutional and canonical Amendments and committee reports are due in the Office of Convention and Council by **Friday, Sept. 9th**. Pre-Diocesan Convention forums will be held in October, offering an important opportunity for learning and discussion about the issues and business to come before the convention, including resolutions and the proposed budget. Forums are scheduled to take place from **7 to 9 p.m. on: Wednesday, Oct. 12** at St. Mary's Church (258 Concord Street) in Newton Lower Falls; **Thursday, Oct. 13** at Christ Church (149 Court Street) in Plymouth; **Tuesday, Oct. 18** at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston; and **Wednesday, Oct. 19** at Trinity Church (124 River Road) in Topsfield.

FOR INFORMATION: Lois Murphey, Office of Convention and Council (617-482-4826, ext. 406); loism@diomass.org.

Fellowship



“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for, by this, some have entertained angels without knowing it. --
Hebrews 13:2

COFFEE HOUR
RESUMES
SUNDAY, September 4th, 2011

A Sign-up list can be found on the clipboard in the parish hall for those who wish to host coffee hour. For further information, please contact Fellowship Chair, Maria Costanzo, at 978-994-4523

Mission & Outreach

Missions we support financially from the St. James' budget

Diocesan trip to Haiti
Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light
Episcopal Relief and Development
Diocese of Jerusalem
Esperanza School, Lawrence, MA
Community Giving Tree, Boxford, MA

Missions we support through personal donations

Mitch's Place, Haverhill, MA
Easter Baskets
United Thank Offering
Thanksgiving Baskets
Jennie Newcomb Memorial Giving Tree

Congregational Care

Cultivating a relationship with God

Christi Humphrey,
Spiritual Director,
Minister of Spiritual Care
St. James Episcopal Church,
Groveland



The concept of cultivating a relationship with God came to me as I gazed out my office window at my “garden.” Living in the Cambridge, the large pots on my deck are what constitutes my garden. Once all the snow had melted last spring, I was out preparing the soil and planning which pots would hold which plants. Tomatoes and herbs in the medium terra cotta pots. Geraniums, petunias, licorice plant and sweet alyssum in the whiskey barrel and window boxes. Lettuce in the pots along the back wall where it is cooler and more shady. I am fairly happy with how my garden turned out this year. I spent time daily watering and picking off spent blossoms. You could say that this daily time of cultivating built a relationship between my garden and me. Without this time and effort, the yield from my garden would have been different.

Have you ever thought of prayer as a personal relationship with God? Have you considered what kind of relationship you have with God or would like to have? Like any relationship, it requires some planning and cultivating.

One tool that can help deepen a relationship with God is Spiritual Direction. It is the practice of companioning with a Spiritual Director in listening for where God is (or not) in our lives. A spiritual director is trained to accompany another in the discovery of where God is present, either directly or indirectly in another’s life. In sharing the story of our life with another the presence of the Holy may be more clearly recognized. Typically, spiritual

direction sessions occur monthly and last about fifty minutes.

If you are interested in learning more about how spiritual direction might benefit your personal relationship with God or would like to schedule a session please contact me at 508-633-7466 or cchumphrey@comcast.net. I have appointment times available here at St. James and look forward to speaking with you.

Upcoming Blood Pressure Clinics

On the 2nd Sunday of each month following the service, a member of our Health & Healing team is available to conduct blood pressure clinics and address your health questions and/or concerns.

Please drop in on Sunday, September 11th, 2011 and see Joyce Willett, R.N

News from Family and Friends



Regina and Randall Moormann are pleased to announce the Marriage of their son, Nicholas Moormann, to Rachael Brewin on July 16th, 2011.

Our prayers and blessings go out to all our children who will be returning to school this week, particularly those who will be travelling to colleges far and near . . . , especially, Maddie Shea, Amanda Olsen, and Nathaniel and Hunter Sawyer.



From the Parish Register

Holy Baptism

Liam Matthew McNulty, of Bradford, MA --
Great grandson of Barbara Pettipost, on
Sunday, June 12th, 2011

LiLiana Marie McNulty, of Bradford, MA --
Great granddaughter of Barbara Pettipost,
on Sunday, June 12th, 2011

Coralynn Marie Robinson, of Haverhill, MA
-- Granddaughter of Cheryl and Tim
Robinson, on Sunday, June 12th, 2011

Please Note:

The opportunities for Baptism for the
remainder of 2011 are:

- Sunday, September 25th at 9:30am
Bishop Cederholm & The Rev. Marya
DeCarlen presiding
- Sunday, November 6th at 9:30am The
Rev Marya DeCarlen presiding



THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE
SAINT JAMES EPISTLE
WILL BE RELEASED ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

**DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS:
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH**