

SERVING TODAY

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:00 a.m. Nancy Cornell
 10:00 a.m. Terry Morgan, Peter Novello

Prayer Ministers: Michael Marcinelli

Acolytes:

8:00 a.m. Catherine Rosen
 10:00 a.m. Zoe Payne-Taylor, Roger Bourland
 Vicky Johnson, Emily Ishihara

Lectors:

8:00 a.m. Terry Kuhlmann
 10:00 a.m. Peter Macy, Steve Scherwatzky

Prayers of the People:

8:00 a.m. Terry Kuhlmann
 10:00 a.m. Steve Scherwatzky

Ushers:

8:00 a.m. Iris Roskell
 10:00 a.m. Matt Lennon, Clarkson Williams,
 Andy Caffrey, John Roberts



THE SUNDAY PROPHET

The Parish of Christ Church
 Andover, Massachusetts

May 31, 2009

It is the Vision of Christ Church to be an open, welcoming Episcopal congregation living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the power of the Holy Spirit, we seek to nurture our spiritual growth through worship and prayer, learning and teaching, support and service. We aspire to put God's love into action within our own lives, in our congregation and in our world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome visitors and newcomers! Please visit our Welcome table in the Narthex Lobby and join us in the Parish Hall following the 10 a.m. service for refreshments and fellowship. Please fill out a red card in the pew so we may welcome you in a more personal way.

WOW Cards For Pentecost - Today is the birthday of the church and the day we remember the Holy Spirit blowing among us. We want to do something specific to remember the power and the promise of the Church this year. Please take a moment to consider this question: "How did you add to the promise of the love and salvation of the church in your daily life this year?" Please do not be shy as you answer this question. Did you help a child, donate some food, stand with someone who was dying, plant a tree? Please tell us, even if you do not sign your name. (No one has to sign the cards unless they want to do so.) The second question we will ask you is "What can Christ Church do in this coming year to continue God's good work in the world?" Please think about what you love already, and what vision God might be giving you for the next good things waiting to unfold in time. Please write down a sentence or two about that dream. We will share parish members' answers to both these questions over the next month as we engage the church in "ordinary" time.

The Peace this morning at the 10 a.m. service will be said in Spanish, French, Portuguese, German, Polish, Latin, Japanese and English.

We celebrate today the baptisms of Samantha Jane Cashman, Henry Robert Chiesa, and Samuel Richard Healy at our 10 a.m. service of Holy Eucharist and encourage everyone to stay for coffee hour to celebrate with the families of the newly baptized as well as to enjoy some cake! We also rejoice today in the baptism of Ken Ireland, 95-year-old father of Julie Ireland Childs and grandfather of Katie, Molly and Toby Childs who is being baptized today in Kennebunkport, Maine. Please keep all the newly baptized in your prayers.

Strawberry Festival - On Sunday, June 7th, we'll have our annual Strawberry Festival immediately following our Teacher Appreciation Sunday at the 10 a.m. service. We will provide sandwiches and drinks and all are en-

OUR STAFF

Rector	The Rev. Jeffrey Shilling Gill
Assistant Rector	The Rev. Adam J. Shoemaker
Sabbatical Interim Priest	The Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
Honorary Associate	The Rev. Alice Mann
Minister of Music	Barbara A. Bruns
Asst for Membership Development	Mary Ann Lennon
Dir. of Communications	Deborah K. Moskal
Church School Coordinator	Liz Dietz
Vergers	Catherine Rosen
Dir. of the Children's Center	Leslie McGovern
Head Manager, Thrift Shop	Frances Jennings Dodson
Business Manager	Maria L. Chan
Sexton	Mark Pomerleau
Sunday Sexton	Alex Lennon, Ian Bates

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couraged to bring a strawberry-based dessert to share. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Parish Hall so that you can tell us what food you are bringing. We'll be outdoors in the front courtyard for this parish-wide picnic (weather permitting). This is a wonderful spring event and a nice way to wrap up another "program year" at Christ Church.

Intergenerational Vacation Bible School – July 27-30 This summer, Christ Church, South Church, and West Parish are sponsoring an intergenerational Vacation Bible School to be held at South Church from July 27th-July 30th. This event will be held each night from 5:30-8:15 p.m. and begin with dinner and an all-ages introduction to the evening's theme (based upon a particular passage of scripture) before adults and children are broken up into different groups. Each evening will conclude with another all-ages gathering. To register for this event, please fill out the form found in this month's issue of *The Prophet* and return it to Adam at the Glebe House. We are also looking for teens and adult volunteers to help with the set-up and running of this event. There are many ways – big and small – that you might be able to help. If you are interested in volunteering, please note that on the registration form or speak directly with Adam.

Bulletin Inserts to focus on General Convention of the Episcopal Church - *Episcopal Life*, a national Episcopal newspaper, begins today a series of six bulletin inserts that will focus on the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, which will take place July 8 - 17 in Anaheim, California. These inserts, which will be included in our Sunday bulletins on the six Sundays leading up to the start of this important triennial legislative meeting of our church, will focus on the history, polity and workings of General Convention. The aim of these inserts is to provide parishes with more information about the Episcopal Church and its mission and ministry. The first insert (included in today's bulletin), titled *Living the Questions*, outlines the beginnings of the Episcopal Church, a story that didn't really begin with Henry VIII, but reached a major turning point when the Tudor monarch broke with Rome to form the Church of England, which was then carried to the New World by settlers.

Summer Schedule begins Sunday, June 7th - During the summer months our 8 a.m. service will be held in the North Chapel. This informal setting enables us to gather around the altar in a different way. Children and families are of course always welcome, particularly on those Sundays when you want an early start to the beach! The 10 a.m. service will be held in the church as usual. Refreshments will follow at our own "beech" (tree) in the courtyard.

Esperanza Academy invites you to be part of the Class of 2009 Graduation. The Baccalaureate is on Sunday, June 7th at 4:30 p.m. Commencement is 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 10th. Both are being held in the Grace Church Sanctuary, 35 Jackson St. Lawrence. There will be a reception immediately following the commencement ceremony at the Lawrence History Center, 6 Essex St., Lawrence.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, May 31, 2009 - Pentecost

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
9:45AM	Childcare/Church School
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Baptism
11:15 AM	Coffee Hour

Monday, June 1, 2009 - Glebe House Office Closed

12 - 3 PM	Christ Church Children's Center/Meeting Room
7:30 PM	Christ Church Children's Center/Meeting Room

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

7:00 AM	Bible Study/Meeting Room
9:00 AM	Staff Meeting/Parish Hall
12:00 PM	Office Volunteers Lunch/Parish Hall
12-3 PM	Christ Church Children's Center/Meeting Room
2:00 PM	Bible Study/Parlor

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

7:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Healing/North Chapel
10:00 AM	Shawl Knitting Ministry/Parlor
10:30 AM	AA/Parish Hall
7:30 PM	Al Anon/Parish Hall

Thursday, June 4, 2009

1-3 PM	Christ Church Children's Center/Meeting Room
3:30 PM	Marland Place Service
7:30 PM	Parish Choir

Friday, June 5, 2009

5:30 PM	Havurat Shalom/North Chapel, Meeting Room
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Saturday, June 6, 2009

10 AM - 2 PM	Thrift Shop Open/10 Park Street, Andover
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Sunday, June 7, 2009 - J2A Car Wash

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
9:45AM	Childcare
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Children's Sermon
11:15 AM	Strawberry Festival
4:30 PM	Esperanza Academy Baccalaureate/Grace Church, Lawrence

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Jim Ryley, Theda Leonard, Olga Palenski, Laura Crabtree, Marjorie Whiting, Irene Salvi, Dick Sweitzer, Sara Saldana, David Ellis