

# EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

December 2012

All are welcome at the table of the Lord!

Sunday Service: 10:30AM Parking: Wheelock College parking lot next to the rectory

## Alternative Christmas Market THIS SUNDAY!!!

Sunday, Dec. 2, at 10:30 am. The word has gone forth: Come to the Alternative Christmas Market, that glittering bazaar, with this and many other popular tables aiding good causes...and of course Alice Bray's baked goods table!!

## Altar Guild Needs Help Preparing!

See dates and times on page 3.

## Lessons and Carols followed by the Parish Feast

Sunday, Dec 16 at 4 pm

## Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

Monday, Dec 24 at 4:00pm family (children) and 8:00pm

## Festival Christmas Day Holy Eucharist with Choir

Tuesday, Dec. 25 at 10:30 am

## "Joyeux Noël!" Concert

Sunday, December 23 2:00 PM in Parish Hall. Former organist Matthew Hall and his Baroque ensemble "Musical Offering" offer a Christmas concert of French Baroque carols and other seasonal delights. Join us for this year's installment includes works of Charpentier, Couperin, and Gilles as well as arrangements and improvisations by the performers.

[www.musical-offering.org](http://www.musical-offering.org)



## Yummy Annual Bake Sale

December 2nd following the 10:30 service! All donations benefit the Church of Our Saviour's mission work. If you would like to make a cash donation, please make checks payable to Church of Our Saviour, and note them "Bake Sale." Contact Alice Bray if you would like to join her team of bakers, or help her at the sale table. Last year's bake sale set record profits; let's try to do even better this year!

## Joel

by Rev. Joel  
M. Ives

It's been said that the poet Shelley once rushed up to a mother, seized her infant, held it aloft and cried out: "Babe, speak! Reveal your immortal truth!" Shelley's point was that there's a certain knowledge that we're born with which is swiftly erased by all the knowledge that's soon taught to us. We then spend the rest of our lives trying to unlearn some things and get back to those first things we once knew. Advent and Christmastide and Epiphany are seasons where reconnect through prayer



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## Music Notes

The new organ is here! Hook and Hastings Opus 1366, built here in Boston, has come back home courtesy of Mr. Shaw and organ builder Roy Redman. It's a warm, gentle, but robust instrument ideal for hymns and capable of a wide variety of organ repertoire. It's what's called a tracker - that is, entirely mechanical - and can even be played without power, so long as a willing volunteer pumps the bellows. 1366 is a real American organ, drawing on the best of many organbuilder's traditions - the broad English Diapason, the French Flute Harmonique and Oboe-Bassoon, and the uniquely American and very pretty Melodia. It's a real addition to the programme and counterpart to the Allen organ at the front and Steinway pianos. We're very grateful to Mr. Shaw, our donor, and to the parish for installing it and putting up with all the mess!

Our choirs continue to enjoy the work of providing weekly anthems, and with a lovely Fauré Requiem concert just past, we are excitedly preparing for the seasons of Advent and Christmas, particularly the annual service of Advent Lessons and Carols December 16th at 4pm. We'll be joined by trumpets, old

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*From the Parish Register:  
Baptism of Anna Paige Wirth  
on November 4, 2012*

*The Second Annual Church of our Saviour*

## **POT LUCK SUPPER!**

Save the date, January 19th. It's come one and come all to sample the cuisine of fellow COOS members. It starts at 6pm and all are welcome. Feel free to bring a dish - from salads to desserts - or some refreshments, or just show up and bring a friend! We look forward to seeing you there! Feel free to contact Marsha Searle in the Church office or one of us if you have any questions.

*Judy Sojack, Debra Wasiowicz, Eric Gedstad*



## **Amos Lawrence Society**

The Amos Lawrence Society was established a few years ago to recognize and thank those who have included Church of Our Saviour in their estate plans, most typically but not always by letting us know you have included COOS in your will by making a bequest. A substantial portion of our budget is accounted for by bequests in some years, and it won't come as a surprise that much if not most of our endowment was provided for through parishioners' bequests. One way of thinking of a bequest is to think of it as a way of perpetuating your annual support of COOS. Say you are a regular \$500 donor to the Church; at our historic endowment payout rate of 5%, it would take a \$10,000 bequest to ensure that \$500 a year was made available to support the facilities and mission of the parish in perpetuity. For a \$1,500 donor, it would take a bequest of \$30,000, etc. Another approach is to think of your estate as having three parts: the first for taxes; the second to take care of your family and loved ones; and the third part is to support those organizations that have meant so much to you during your lifetime. It might be an alma mater, it might be an organization that has helped you

and your family; we certainly hope that Church of Our Saviour can be one of them. Bequests can also be a way of honoring or memorializing loved ones; each endowment fund established at COOS bears the name of the donor or the person being honored and is listed in our annual report, again in perpetuity. Of course, not all bequests need be endowments. They can provide support for our annual operating budget, support the music program for a year, provide critically needed physical improvements, etc. But before you get too inventive in how you restrict any gift, please check in with Joel to make sure the church can honor your intentions! Church of Our Saviour has been around for well over one hundred years. By American standards, if not Boston's, that's a long time. Including COOS in your estate plans is one of the surest ways you can help it continue to thrive throughout its second century. If you'd like to join the Amos Lawrence Society, please contact Stewardship Committee members Doug Skillins or Timothy Harwood or Rector Joel Ives directly. Our experience has been that you'll feel great about it.

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and Bible stories to those first immortal truths that were with us when we were still 'an idea in the mind of God.' Stress and burnout are words I hear from people a great deal of in my job as spiritual listener and I am no stranger to the experience myself. The pace of today's world, technology and instant expectations push us all beyond our human and spiritual limitations. When I ride on the crowded Green Line into Boston, I'm packed against a hundred people all silently staring at little devices in their hands. Communicating constantly, feverishly and yet communicating nothing at all of real importance. May Advent, Christmas and Epiphany be chances for us all to step back from the endless doings and reconnect with the revealed immortal truths of our saviour Jesus Christ.



## Property

*Caleb Stewart  
Co-chair Property Committee*

Normally things quiet down for the property committee at this time of year. However, the cloister arch project is well under way. Terry McLaughlin has dismantled part of the arch and there is a large blue tarp protecting the structure from the elements as we await soil test results. We need these tests to make sure we pour the proper foundation so the arch doesn't sink again. In the excellent news department, as I write, we have raised \$33,000 towards the \$48,000 cost of this project. Thank you everyone who has chipped in!

We are also beginning to get quotes for and to brainstorm about a new heating system for the Parish House. The existing oil-fired steam system dates to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and is well past its useful life. Last year we spent \$13K to heat just that one building because the system is so inefficient (only one zone) and the building has no insulation. Our 2013 plan is to install a new multi-zone system that uses natural gas, not oil, and to install insulation in the walls and roof. This will save us a lot in energy costs. We have already heard from a few parishioners interested in supporting this work.



This fall we completed significant roofing work on the section of the cloister and Parish House that faces Monmouth Street, and hope to do some additional work on the front of the Rectory if money and weather allow.

We had a very successful yard clean-up the other day. With the help of Eric Gedstad leading the Cub and Boy Scouts and with the help of Jennifer Cushing, Betsey Dalbeck, Tobin Gedstad, Neil Perry, Lisa Shaw Courtney Coleman, Benjie, Dalbeck, Connie Clauson Amanda and James Swinchoski and others we made great progress.

A sincere thank you for your help!

If you are interested in joining the property committee we would welcome your help. We are especially interested in help sorting out a new heating system for the Parish House. If you are interested, please contact me via email or phone.

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## Altar Guild News

*by Joan Young, Directress*

### Christmas Memorial Decorations

In a separate e-mail you will find the form to use to donate toward Christmas flowers. **Sunday, December 16, 2012** is the deadline for inclusion in the printed acknowledgement inserted in the Christmas service bulletins, although donations are always welcome up to and including the services. Thank you for your continued generosity enabling us to make the church truly beautiful during this joyful Christmas season.

### Cleaning, Greening and Decorating the Church

On **Saturday, December 15th at 10:00 a.m.**, the Altar Guild is inviting volunteers to join us in cleaning and "greening" the church for the Festival of Lessons and Carols. This entails hanging the garlands, wreaths and the sconces. In addition we polish brass and spruce up the furnishings. This year there will be a bit more cleaning to be done due to the organ installation and the carpentry that preceded it. We can use all the help we can get!

On Saturday, December 22nd, also at 10:00, the final decorating for Christmas will be done with the addition of red bows and lots of poinsettias. Munchies will be provided. Although the holidays are a busy time for all of us, these festival decorating events are a wonderful time to socialize with fellow parishioners and the Altar Guild welcomes all who have an interest in participating. Remember, it takes a lot of hands to make short work of decorating the church. Please take a break from your holiday shopping and join us for one or both of these events.

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friend Fred MacArthur, and enjoy some of the best anthems and carols of the season. And then we'll mosey upstairs and enjoy the fellowship and food of the church! The Parish Choir continues to beaver away at various anthems and join the Our Saviour choir when they can; the Children's Choir is singing regularly in services and preparing the Epiphany Pageant. The choir(s) will be at the 8pm Christmas Eve and 10:30am Christmas Day service, with a carol sing for half an hour before. It's one of my favourite services, with a genuinely quiet day to enjoy worship and music.



**Clergy**

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

**Music**

Joshua Slater, Director of Music

**Staff**

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

**2012 Vestry**

Eunice P. Howe, Grand Warden  
Stephen Williams, Sr. Warden  
Douglas Skillins, Jr. Warden  
Members of Vestry  
Paul Healy, Treasurer  
Barbara Ludeke, Clerk  
Catherine Creecy, Isaac Garcia-Dale,  
Fred Grant, Dianne Haley, Abbott  
Lawrence, Thomas Matlack,  
Cathy McCarty, Jim Michmerhuizen,  
Neil Perry, Michael Robbins,  
Debra Wasiowicz, Joan Young

Delegates to Diocesan Convention  
Lisa Shaw, Timothy Harwood

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