

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

SPECIAL SEPTEMBER
"BACK TO CHURCH" EDITION

September 2013

All are welcome at the table of the Lord!

Sunday Service: 10:30AM/Summer Services: 10:00AM Parking: Wheelock College parking lot next to the rectory

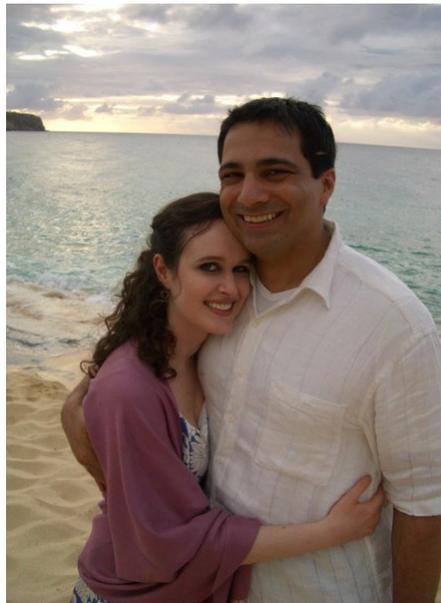
Church Service is at
10:30 A.M. beginning
Sunday, September 8

Joshua Slater, Marsha Searle Bid Farewell to COOS for Cathedral Jobs!

Marsha Searle typed her final parish bulletin in late June before leaving to join the staff of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts as administrator for The Right Reverend Gayle jHarris.

Marsha was honored at coffee hour in late June and was given a gift of a GPS device to help guide her on her travels throughout the Diocese. "Marsha was with us for six years and we will miss her very much."

The Rector and Personnel Committee have been reviewing the duties of parish secretary. Ives noted "The days of someone sitting and answering the church phone and leaving a stack of pink message slips for a rector are long gone. Our needs now are for a much more part time but very technologically savvy administrator. Thanks to a very generous gift of two imacs almost 7 years ago, we have the ability to do most anything. "I just keep adding more RAM and updates... and I'm on a first name basis with the Help Desk at Apple. They don't teach all that stuff in seminary but you sure do need it!



Josh and Chelsea Slater

Joshua Slater our Director of Music and Organist announced he has accepted a position of Interim Director of Music at Christ Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Hartford, CT. Josh's wife Chelsea recently began her P.H.D. studies in Psychology at the University of Hartford and they have moved to Newington, CT. Josh has invigorated and deepened our music program these past six years and was integral in the research to select our newly restored Hook and Hastings tracker organ. Josh's last day with us will be Sunday, September 1. However, we are in the process of arranging a Sunday in October or November for Josh and Chelsea to be with us for a formal, heartfelt goodbye for this couple, who have done so much for the parish.



Jennifer Lester Assumes Role as Interim Director of Music

For the past year, Jennifer Lester has been a familiar face at Church of Our Saviour as a 'supply' organist/section leader on Sundays when one was needed. Jennifer is presently organist at a Unitarian church in Lexington. She will be our Interim Director of Music through December 31, selecting anthems and conducting choir rehearsals on Wednesday night, arranging for organists and conducting and playing at Advent Lessons and carols. Josh was once a pupil of Jennifer's and so we look forward to a grace-filled interim time as the vestry and music committee discern our next steps with the Rector. Jennifer received her Masters in Music at Yale Institute of Sacred Music in 1982 and was a Fulbright Scholar at the Vienna Music Academy. She's the founder and director of the 25 member ensemble The Seraphim Singers and also served 11 years as Organist and Music Director at the Boston Archdiocesan Choir School.

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and Special Announcements*

Sunday School-Childcare Begins September 8

The wonderful **Elizabeth Crew** returns as our childcare person and **Amanda Swinchoski** will head our Sunday School program once again. We are so blessed by Amanda's gifts in education and children. She will be joined by **Clare Buesser**, a sophomore at BU majoring in education. Claire worshiped with us last year. She's from Montclair, NJ and a lifelong Episcopalian (St. Mark's) Welcome Claire!!

Fall Cleanup Will be Soon

Be sure and help on **Fall Cleanup day**. It's joyful and fun and always surprising what a dozen folks can do in 2 hours time! The Weeping Cherry tree by the parish house doors lost a huge branch this summer but otherwise seems well.

Age 12 + Confirmation Class to be led by Rector

Using a new program called **Confirm not Conform**, CnC, is a youth confirmation program that takes confirmation seriously. It exposes youth to a wide range of topics, including Scripture, sacraments, creeds, heresy, prayer, other religions, and serving others, and asks them to think through what they believe and why. Confirm not Conform emphasizes finding one's own voice rather than simply conforming to an external standard. It is a program that respects the work youth and adults do as they explore their faith. We trust that when people put in the effort to articulate what they believe and why, they will make good choices about their next step in faith. Classes will be on Sundays. It promises to be a sound growth opportunity for the entire parish as well. Stay tuned

Book "You Are Already Praying"

Will be reviewed by in an upcoming 9:30 AM Adult Ed. Forum that will be announced. The rector has 10 copies of the book available. See him and he'll get one for you. It's by the **Rev. Cathy George, former Rector of St. Anne's, Lincoln**. In fact, the Rector is working to get Cathy to come and discuss the book with us personally. Stay tuned.

+**The Rev. Edie Dolnikowski** will be our celebrant on Sunday, September 15 when the rector is away at a seminar.

+**Wheelock College Family Theater** rented our parish house all summer for a marvelous children's program, very helpful toward our rental budget. Good news. +**Tim Harwood** will bike 64 miles (Sagamore Bridge to Provincetown) on 9/21 to benefit 4 AIDS organization. Imagine, the Sagamore Bridge to Ptown 9/21. Pray for strong legs!

Organ Platform Debt Reduced to 8k!

The little acorn that felled the mighty oak, **Caleb Stewart** has held yard-sale and had a book sale this summer..everything but a blood drive to retire this debt. We need this behind us! Keep it in mind if you've got some extra coins gathering in that mason jar on the shelf. It was 25K now, it's almost gone.

New study shows joining Altar Guild lowers blood pressure & 'bad' cholesterol by up to 40 points!

Of course, you can't believe *everything* you read in church newsletters ..but they do say laughter is the best medicine and our Altar guild is one hard-working, joyful group. Why not check them out? Sacred work need not be somber work. Join us. **See Joan Young for details.**

Merritt Harrison to lead 'The Teaching of Jesus'

Beginning October 6 at 12 PM-1PM through November, 17

The class will include talks on Jesus seen through the Jewish context of his day, the synoptic profile of Jesus (sort of the big picture of him as seen through Matthew, Mark & Luke) What Jesus said about God's character and passion...and what Jesus said about wisdom. and much more. Don't miss it

Jesus Loves Lemon Squares

Well, nothing in the Gospels proves this, but one thing we know about Jesus is that he ate with people all the time. Coffee Hour is a our *Other* common meal. **Sign up outside the Lawrence Room for a date this fall. It's easy!** And along those lines..**sign up to donate Altar Flowers** in memory of someone you love. See Joan Young or sign up by Lawrence Room!

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Congregational Resource Day: "Be Peace Together: Equipping one another to be peacemakers" Join **Bishop Shaw and Bishop Harris** at this event which begins with a plenary featuring the Rev. Kathleen Adams-Shepherd of Trinity Episcopal Church in Newtown, Connecticut. There are 8 workshops and a YOUTH TRACK for middle and high school students, youth workshops led by youth, Improv and for young people, free pizza! **WHEN: Saturday September 28, 2013 from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM WHERE: Roxbury Community College 1234 Columbus Avenue Boston, MA 02120**

Deadline to register for a \$10. box lunch is 9/25. See Rector for details