



All Saints' Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence, RI

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E-Messenger April 23, 2025

Come and worship

Rejoice in fellowship

Love and serve the Lord!



Easter Blessings!



All are welcome to join our Service on Sunday at 9:30. If you would like to participate by zoom, the link is [here](#).

You will find the Sunday service program **on our website**.

Be sure to read Rich's "Musical Notes" a lovely weaving together of Sunday's music, Earth Day, and Pope Francis.

Easter Blessings,

Julie



Above photo from Marybeth on Maundy Thursday

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

– The Book of Common Prayer, p. 823

Musical Notes



This first week of the Easter season has seen two milestones already, both related in a way. First, Tuesday saw the 55th anniversary of Earth Day, which launched our modern environmental movement in 1970. In response to increasing public awareness of widespread poisoning and pollution generated by the publication of Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring" in 1962, Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin built on the momentum to create a day of public programs and protests focusing on these issues for the first time. Why April 22nd? -- because he wanted to capture maximum student participation, and that day was halfway between spring break and final exams! But the momentum continued, and just the first decade afterwards saw the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency, the banning of DDT as well as lead in gasoline, and the passage of legislation including the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Endangered Species Act.

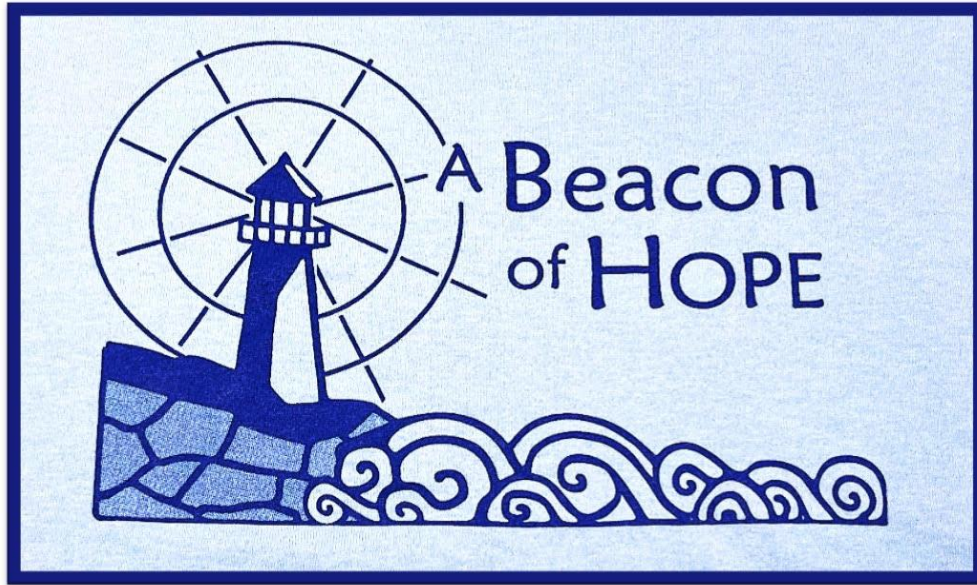
And the day before, Monday, witnessed the passing of Pope Francis in Rome, who among his many lives was not only a bar bouncer and janitor, but also a chemistry teacher. As pope, he then became a prominent advocate for global environmental awareness and stewardship, warning of the dangers of climate change especially in regard to its lopsided effect on poor and underprivileged

populations, and even going so far to say (in a 2015 Encyclical letter on the subject) that "the earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth." As you know, he assumed the name "Francis" by deliberately choosing the name of Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), an Italian mystic, poet, and friar, who founded the Order of Franciscans, devoted to poverty, chastity, and obedience, and therefore himself became a beggar and itinerant preacher. He also became associated with animals and the environment -- hence, the blessing of animals observed by many churches today on his Feast Day of October 4th. You may not know that our 1982 Hymnal includes four hymns featuring the words of Francis of Assisi (#400, 406, 407, and 593). As we remember our own role to appreciate and protect our earthly resources, let us leave the church this morning singing "All Creatures of our God and King" -- which also echoes our earlier reading of Psalm 150: "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord -- Hallelujah!"

~ Ric

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Outreach Ministry



Monthly Food Collection: We collect food monthly and distribute the donated food to Better Lives RI and Crossroads Family Center. This month we ask for donations of canned fruit though any canned or packaged food items are welcome. Please leave donated food items on the cart near Rose Hall. Thank you for your generosity!



Next Garden Work Morning

Saturday April 26th - please join us - weather dependent.

Worship Ministry April 27, 2025

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32 Dan Mechnig

Psalm 150

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8 Gigi Fahnbulleh

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Prayers of the People Chimmy Amaechina

Acolytes: Dan Mechnig, Kodii Amaechina, Devine Kpeh

Chalice: Eric Hirsch

Altar Guild: Pattie, Sandy, & Julie

Upcoming

April 23: Office closed; No Noonday Prayer

April 30: No Noonday Prayer

May 7: Healing Service with Holy Eucharist, Noon

April 26: Garden Work Morning (weather dependent)

May 11: Outreach Bake Sale (pre-order your item!)

May 15: Vestry Retreat, 4:00-7:30

Prayers

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Victor, Gloria, Mary, and Lady Johnnet Bush. We pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Naida Thomas, Lusaynie Sirleaf, John Flinton, James, Elizabeth Pacek, Karen, Clara Hutchins, Billy, Togba Treah, Sharita, Muriel, Emile, Patty, Gregory, Kathy, Antonio, Richie Van Horne, Deborah Keyes, and Au'Tumn Odufunade..

We pray for friends and loved ones departed especially Sara Wilson. May they rejoice in the fullness of God's presence and glory.

O God our heavenly Father whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go. Preserve all those who travel this week especially Liz Toby. Surround her with your loving care; protect her from every danger; and bring her in safety to her journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen*.

We pray for all who celebrate birthdays next week.

We pray for those who work for peace in the armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.



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