



All Saints'
Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence RI

August 13, 2020 Parish messenger

Come and worship
Rejoice in fellowship
Love and serve the Lord!



Doug Steakley/Western Rivers Conservancy

Dear All Saints' Family,

I came across a small news article about a land purchase in California that brought fresh hope to a Native American tribe, fresh hope to a conservancy, and fresh hope for the survival of redwoods and endangered sturgeon trout. It is always nice to stumble across hopeful stories especially in these hard times. Yet there is more to this story. It is at heart a window on the sacredness of creation, care for creation, and gratitude for the gift of creation.

The Esselen Tribe in central California are returning to part of their ancestral land. In late July, the Esselen were able to purchase about 2 square miles of their tribal land for close to \$4.5 million. The 1,199 acres sit along the Little Sur river within the hills of Big Sur, a land of old-growth redwoods, oak woodlands, meadows, and endangered steelhead trout. The Esselen people were displaced from their land by Spanish colonial settlements over 250 years ago.

When the privately-owned land was put up for sale in 2015, an organization called the Western Rivers Conservancy sought to purchase the area. They looked for a steward to maintain and protect the land forever, and found that steward and partner - the Esselen people. The Conservancy helped the Esselen tribe secure a grant for \$ 4.5 million from the California Nature Resources Agency.

Tribal chairman of the Esselen Tribe in Monterey County expressed his joy about the reacquisition of tribal land: "It is the most sacred gift you can give...It is our homeland, the creation story of our lives. We are so elated and grateful."

Hope, gratitude, and creation care are so closely intertwined. Summer is a good time to ponder the creation story of our lives and reconnect with the gift and grandeur of God's creation. You may want to linger over the lovely opening verse of Psalm 24: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." Or, hold on to those words in

Genesis, "God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good." (Genesis 1:31).

Praise to you, God, for all your work among us.

Yours is the vigour in creation,

Yours is the impulse in our new discoveries.

Make us adventurous, yet reverent and hopeful in all we do.

(New Zealand Prayer Book p.613)

All are invited to our Sunday 9:30 AM service of Holy Eucharist via Zoom or in-person at the church. Here is the Zoom link:

Topic: Sunday 9:30 a.m. Service

Time: This is a recurring meeting

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFeclFiUTo9>

Meeting ID: 849 5559 3827

Passcode: 674674

Here is the link to the service program:

http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_11_pentecost_august_16_2020.pdf

Thank you, Anne Tait for stepping in and managing Zoom for our services while I was off! I also want to thank Barry, Dan, Marybeth, Ryan, and Chip who continue to enrich our liturgy each week through music, ushering, arranging for the altar flowers, and managing our tech.

Gratefully,
Julie



Food Collection

Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of pre-packaged food.

- August: canned and baked beans
- September: canned soups and stews

- October: hot cereals

Thank you for your generosity!



Altar Flower Ministry

Each week during the summer months we invite parishioners to bring in fresh flowers or greens from your garden for the altar. If you would like to provide flowers for a Sunday, please email or call Marybeth Hanavan (Mbhanavan@gmail.com). You may bring the arrangement to church on a Sunday or we can arrange to pick it up before the service.

Upcoming Events

- **Aug 13 - Aug 25:** Barry will be on vacation

- **Aug 17:** Vestry Meeting, 6 p.m.

Keeping up with Your Pledge in These Times

While we are limited in the number of worshippers we can have in church, we ask that you keep up with your pledge as you are able.

There are three ways for you to do so.

- Give online - it is easy and secure. Here is how:
 1. Go to our website—allsaintsmemorial.org—our home page.
 2. Below the "Coronavirus Update" section on the home page, click on the Donate button.
 3. You can either sign in to ChurchTrac or give as a guest.
- Make out a check and send it by mail to the church:

All Saints' Memorial Church
674 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903
- Place your sealed offering envelope with check or cash in the mailbox outside the office door. To open the mailbox, tug on the knob on the front side, and pull the door down. Deposit mail through the slot that is revealed. Please close the mailbox door when you are finished.

If you have questions, please email me (rsillima@bu.edu) or call me (946-3562).

-Thank you,
Becky

Instructions for Attending Church Services in the Building—Developed by the Vestry

- **Please *do not* attend any church service without prior confirmation from Julie or ReeRee. If you do not have this confirmation, we invite you to attend via Zoom.**
- Please enter through the side entrance next to St. Elizabeth's at 9:20.
- Please sanitize your hands as you enter the church. Hand sanitizer is available for your use as you enter/exit the building, and in the reserved pews.
- Please bring your own service program; you may leave it in the recycle bin at the church entrance when you leave. Or, you may wish to use your phone or tablet for the service instead of bringing the hard copy program. All service programs are posted on [our web site](#).
- Please sit in a pew with the white, reserved sign.
- No singing during service.
- Masks and social distancing are required.
- For the Eucharist: please sanitize your hands before coming to the altar for Holy Communion.

- Once you receive the Eucharist, please move to the side at least six feet from the Communion station before you consume the Eucharist.
- Rest rooms are open (one stall in each).
- Please do not go into the Office or Rose Hall.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Thank you!



Green Justice Zone Survey

Providence residents: The Racial and Environmental Justice Committee (REJC) is working with the City of Providence's Office of Sustainability to

make investments in frontline communities in alignment with the Climate Justice Plan. The City has set aside \$1 million dollars of its Capital Improvement Plan for frontline communities to make decisions about these investments. The REJC has held community meetings in the winter and Spring to identify priorities. The Racial and Environmental Justice Committee (REJC) wants your perspective on investments in our community! Fill out and share this survey (in English or Spanish) to help refine the project ideas for the investment of \$1 million dollars.

English survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/196Hy5JFoyI_IoYPhBDEyBQVkdCF6PksJoXutWAsljCk/edit

Spanish survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qSF_pPQyEpS-OtTH8Lmqe_HBEZCN3aAXvOXxW2gJzbo/edit



BE SAFE Plus

Family Service of Rhode Island's BE SAFE Plus Program was specifically developed for Rhode Island seniors (60+) and people with disabilities.

This program provides access to **fresh food, cleaning and personal care supplies** to high risk seniors and people with disabilities.

To enroll, call the point:
(401) 462-4444

To make a donation or find out more information visit us online at
www.familyserviceri.org/besafe



Free Deliveries for Seniors

Family Service of Rhode Island (FSRI) is delivering FREE fresh vegetables, fruits, cleaning supplies and PPE for seniors in need. As the number of COVID cases begins to rise again across the country, we want to make sure that RI seniors have what they need to stay safe.

While singles can apply for a delivery by calling 401-462-4444, groups can contact 401-519-2283 to schedule a group delivery. Below are some quick facts about the program:

1. FSRI is highly responsive and has a lot of capacity to get deliveries out across the state whenever needed.
2. FSRI can deliver for the senior, their caregivers, and others in the household (check out the eligibility, not hard to qualify for this).

3. The boxes contain FRESH fruits & vegetables (good for people with dietary restrictions e.g. diabetes), personal care items (alcohol swabs, etc.) and masks, cleaning supplies, etc.
4. The boxes, deliveries, etc are all free.
5. FSRI calls each senior to set up a time convenient for the senior to make the delivery and ask about special needs; and then call again the day of delivery to confirm.
6. FSRI deliveries are in refrigerated trucks to preserve freshness even on the hottest days.
7. Right now, each senior in RI is entitled to get this service twice.

PRAYERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Alice, Gus, Ernie, Ruby, Marie, Trish, Gene, and Garmony. We also pray for Harriet Choi, Dorothea Evans Gordon, James Greene, Eric T., Mary Tryforos, Joan, Maribeth Sneddon, Margaret Barney, Carolyn, Michael Blake, and Samuel Ajavon.

Celebrating a birthday this week: Dan Mechnig, and Marie Baylis.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed forces, especially Matthew Degree.

We pray for all health care workers, first responders, and those who are in public spaces such as pharmacies, grocery stores, and other vital services in these times.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 16, 2020

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Psalm: Psalm 67

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a,29-32

Prayers: TBD

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

August 23, 2020

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm: Psalm 138

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Publishing information:

The next regular edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, August 20. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, August 18. Please submit any articles or info you may have to ReeRee at asmcri@verizon.net.



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