

All Saints'
Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence RI

E-Messenger, December 15, 2022

Come and worship

Rejoice in fellowship

Love and serve the Lord!



Dear All Saints' Family,

For Advent our Wednesday discussion group is centered on seeing God in the present moment with the help of the book: *From Holidays to Holy Days*. We are preparing for the coming of the Christ child by reflecting on where we see God-with-us in each and every moment of our daily activities.

Each week a participant in the book group offers a reflection. Here is a

reflection that Agnes and Becky wrote for this week, the third week of Advent.

Morning Walks in Advent in Knightsville

Geese flying overhead, calling to one another – reminding us that God calls to us in many different voices.

Waving to school bus drivers, bringing smiles to their faces as they carry their precious cargo – the future of our world.

Picking up trash, unfortunately, daily. How can we better care for Creation?

Checking on the progress of neighborhood home improvement projects, watching as they change each home. As the Holy Spirit's home, aren't we all home improvement projects?

A golden leaf caught in a cobweb blowing in the sun – sometimes we get stuck and can't figure a way to break free.

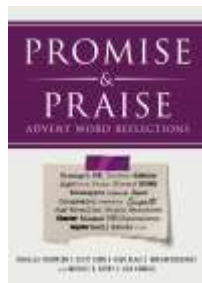
Nature's beauty – frost particles twinkling in the sun; rain-scrubbed fresh air; rose-colored clouds at dawn.

Neighbors carrying the fear of a new cancer diagnosis; neighbors excited

about daughters coming home for Christmas.

Advent is beginning, changing, and growing.

~Agnes and Becky



Thursday of the third week of Advent: Gladness

The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival (Zephaniah 3:17).

A Prayer by Phillips Brooks

O God: Give me strength to live another day. Let me not turn coward before its difficulties or prove recreant to its duties. Let me not lose faith in other people. Keep me sweet and sound of heart, in spite of ingratitude, treachery, or meanness. Preserve me from minding little stings or giving them. Help me to keep my heart clean, and to live so honestly and fearlessly that no outward failure can dishearten me or take away the joy

of conscious integrity. Open wide the eyes of my soul that I may see good in all things. Grant me this day some new vision of thy truth. Inspire me with the spirit of joy and gladness, and make me the cup of strength to suffering souls, in the name of the strong Deliverer, our only Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Advent Peace,
Julie

Christmas Flower request forms are to be submitted Sunday. To give flowers as memorials for loved ones or in thanksgiving for special persons or events in your life, you may fill out a form in Rose Hall or call/send an email to Linda. Suggested donation for the flowers is \$25-\$35.

All are warmly welcome to our Service of Holy Eucharist this Sunday at 9:30am. Services are live-streamed on Face Book and Zoom.

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFeclFiUT09>

Service Program Link:

[http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/
service_bulletin_advent_iv_december_18_2022.pdf](http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_advent_iv_december_18_2022.pdf)



Christmas Services

Christmas Eve, December 24

Christmas Preludes, 6:30pm

Christmas Festival Celebration of Holy Eucharist, 7:00pm

Unique Zoom link for **Christmas Eve**, December 24 Service:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86515397469?pwd=ekpRenlsWHV
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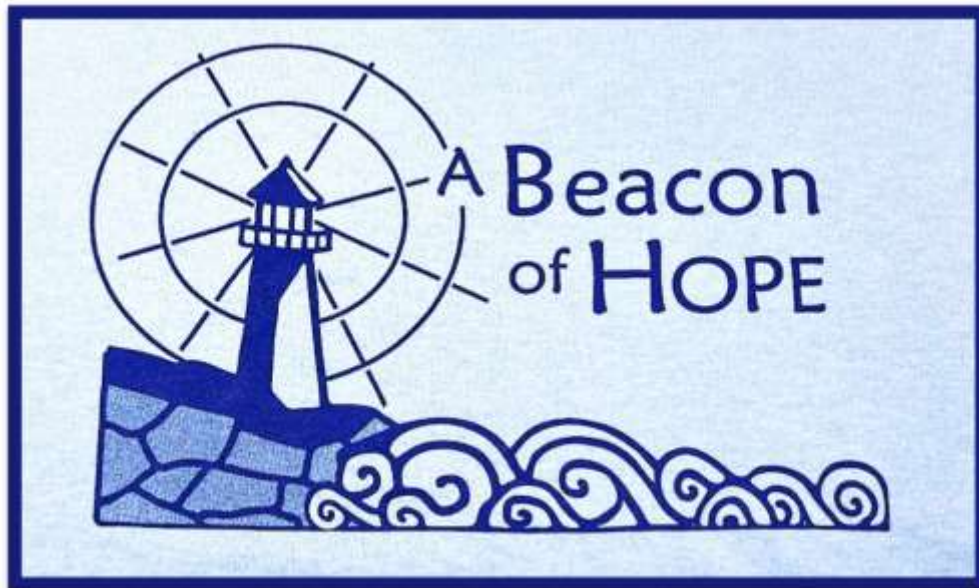
Christmas Day, December 25

Christmas Festival Celebration of Holy Eucharist, 9:30am

First Sunday after Christmas, January 1st

Lessons and Carols and Holy Eucharist, 9:30am

YouOutreach News



West Broadway Neighborhood Association Holiday Toy Drive

Each year Outreach supports the West Broadway Neighborhood Association Holiday Toy Drive. Donated toys and gift cards are for children at the West End Community Center, John Hope Settlement House, and other local social service agencies.

You may make a donation of a grocery store gift card or a Walmart gift card directly on the WBNA site. You can indicate that you are making the donation on behalf of All Saints'. Here is the link:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/231f2961-b1bb-48d8-bb20-de49d03af6e5>

If you wish to contribute a Walmart gift card to the WBNA Holiday Toy Drive you may also bring the Walmart gift card to church this Sunday, December 18. A member of Outreach will deliver the gift cards to WBNA. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Angel Tree

Please bring Angel Tree gifts to the church this Sunday, December 18th. Thank you so much for helping share Christmas joy this season.

Outreach Food Collection: Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of any pre-packaged, non-expired food. Thank you for your generosity!

- December: Canned Vegetables
 - January: Canned Pasta
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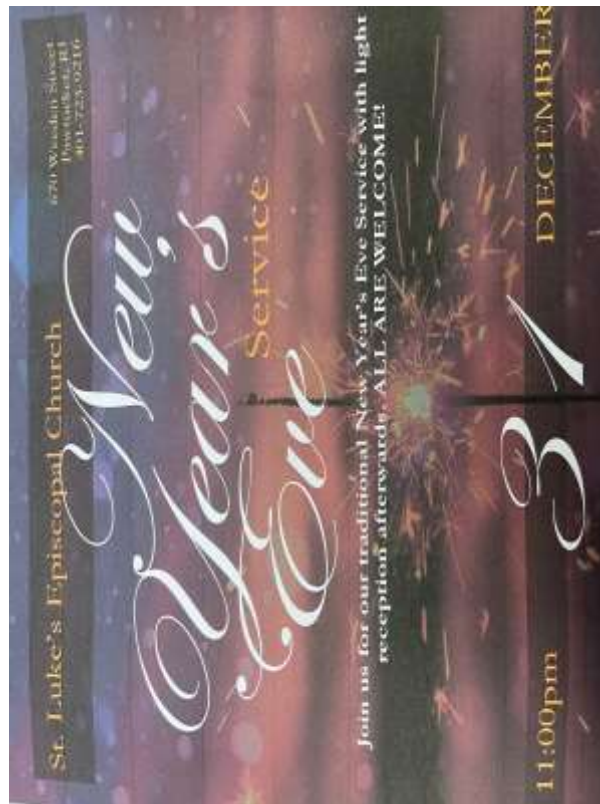


Wednesday, December 21

Noonday Prayer and Advent Book Discussion

Noonday prayer begins at 12:00 pm in Rose Hall followed by our Advent Book Discussion. During the four weeks of Advent we are reading a book of daily meditations *From Holidays to Holy Days* by Albert Holtz, O.S.B. You may also join us via Zoom. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84955593827?pwd=akNZeTlmSCtTb1BoUU9hcWQrZk5xZz09>



All are welcome!

Upcoming Events

December 18: Angel Tree gifts returned to the church

December 18: Decorate the church after the Service

December 21: Noonday prayer and Discussion, Rose Hall

December 21: Choir Practice, 7:00-8:30 pm

December 24: Christmas Eve Service

- 6:30 Christmas Preludes

- 7:00 Christmas Festival of Holy Eucharist

December 25: Christmas Festival of Holy Eucharist, 9:30 am

December 31: New Year's Eve Service, St. Luke's, Pawtucket, 11:00pm

January 1: Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist, 9:30am

Prayers

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Susan, Gloria, and Theo.

We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Margaret Barney, Michael Blake, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Rena, Lusaynie Sirleaf, Victor, Phil, John Flinton, Fontella, James, John Dunning, Peter Thoits, Lee, and Ed.

We celebrate with those with birthdays this week especially Ryan Mott, Patricia Marshall, Sarah McBorrough, Paul Connors, and Neb Amaechina.

We pray for those who serve in the armed forces, especially Hannah Makuch.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS, LECTORS, CHALICE, ALTAR GUILD

December 18, 2022 (Advent 4)

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16 Nnenna Amaechina

Response: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 Nnenna Amaechina

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7 Barbara Badio

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Chalice: Dan Mechnig

Altar Guild: Dan & Kathy Mechnig

December 24, 2022 (Christmas Eve)

First Reading: Isaiah 62:6-12 Bob Wells

Response: Psalm 97 Ann Marie Nagle

Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7 Anne Tait

Prayers of the people: Lyndsey Wells

Gospel: Luke 2:8-20

Chalice: Barbara Badio, Musa Goss

Altar Guild: Dan & Kathy Mechnig



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