



All Saints'  
Memorial Church  
674 Westminster St., Providence RI

## *December 16, 2021 Parish messenger*

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

*...and he shall be the one of peace (Micah 5:5a)*

Dear All Saints' Family,

As you may know, Governor McKee issued a new mask requirement for venues with a capacity greater than 250. All Saints' falls into this category. Starting Sunday masks will be required in the church and Rose Hall (anywhere inside the building).

The mask requirement makes good sense. Safety for all who come and worship is our priority.

We are blessed with a large worship space. We also ask that you spread out to maintain social distancing during the service.

In addition to the mask requirement, we have decided to suspend Coffee Hour after our Sunday services. Our Vestry met on Tuesday and made this decision. It was a hard decision but the right one for now.

If you have not yet had the vaccine booster and you are eligible, I strongly encourage you to do so for your safety and the safety of others.

As we enter the fourth week of Advent (this Sunday!) and you find yourself in a whirlwind of Christmas preparation, take a few moments of quiet time to rest in the holiness of the season. Here is a link to the music from our Advent Quiet Morning. We recorded music played by Barry (organ), Rev. David Ames (oboe), and Becky (flute).

Music recording:

**<http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/adventquietmorningmusic.m4a>**

And here is a link to the Quiet Morning program. It is filled with prayers and poetry along with music information:

**[http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/advent\\_quiet\\_morning\\_progam\\_december\\_11\\_2021.pdf](http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/advent_quiet_morning_progam_december_11_2021.pdf)**

*A reminder about the Christmas Eve Service of Holy Eucharist. If you*

*wish to join via Zoom, the Christmas Eve Service has a unique Zoom link. Here is the link:*

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87611180735?pwd=dmFhaXEwY0ZtY3VmUFNFTW1CbEpwZz09>**

Meeting ID: 876 1118 0735

Passcode: 674674

All are welcome to join our Sunday Service of Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am. if you wish to join via Zoom here is the link:

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFEclFiUT09>**

Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164

Service Program:

**[http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service\\_bulletin\\_advent\\_iv\\_december\\_19\\_2021.pdf](http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_advent_iv_december_19_2021.pdf)**

The Service of Holy Eucharist is also live streamed through our Facebook page.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen. (Collect Third Sunday of Advent, BCP)*

Your sister in Christ,  
Julie

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### *Outreach Advent Activities*



Many thanks for your generous participation in the Angel Tree Advent activity! Every single Angel card was taken by an angel parishioner. Kindly return the gifts by this Sunday, December 19.

More thanks for the donations to the West Broadway Neighborhood Toy

Drive (WBNA)! All Saints' Outreach made a donation of \$230 to this WBNA activity.

## *Every Perfect Gift-Pledge Cards*



This is the time of year when the Vestry prepares the budget for 2022. If you have not yet submitted your pledge card for 2022, we would be most grateful if you do so. Pledge cards are available at the church entrances and in Rose Hall.

*From the Office*

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Christmas Flowers: The church will be decorated for Christmas with poinsettias and other flowers. To give these flowers as memorials for loved ones who have died, or in thanksgiving for special persons or events in your life, please fill out a form in Rose Hall. You may put it in the church office, or drop it in the offering plate by Sunday, December 19th. Suggested donation for the flowers is \$25-\$35. Please make checks payable to “All Saints' Memorial Church.”

Office updates:  
~ The office is open Tuesday-Friday 9am-12pm.  
~ The office will be closed on December 28  
~ Our email has changed from [asmcri@verizon.net](mailto:asmcri@verizon.net) to our new gmail address [allsaintsprovidence@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsprovidence@gmail.com). Please update your records.

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## *Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Bible Study*



We are reading Chapter 24 in the Book of Genesis for Wednesday, December 22. All are welcome to participate in-person (Rose Hall) or via Zoom

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

Here is a reflection about Abraham from the Genesis reading this week. It is offered by Deirdre Greelish. Thank you, Deirdre.

"A priest I know told me that the person who sits next to him on a plane, seeing his collar and black shirt, will say, "Father, I believe in God." And he will answer, "I don't care that you believe in God... I would very much like to hear who God is, to you."

Who is God to us, when we hear God tested Abraham by asking him to sacrifice his only son? Is God approachable? Is He loving? Who was God to Abraham, when he heard the Lord's command?

Abraham had a history with God's fidelity and power. He allowed Abraham's old, barren wife to conceive and birth a son. And God promised four times to make Abraham a nation through Isaac. Was that history enough? Yes, we know it was, because he went about collecting sticks for the burnt offering, and took Isaac and two servants to followed the path God set before him, to the place God chose for the sacrifice.

Was he overwhelmed with doubt along the way? No – not overwhelmed, since he completed the journey.

What keeps you faithful to God when all seems hopeless? What keep you trusting Him when you are faced with an insurmountable obstacle? What has He done for you, that you can recite to yourself, to banish your fear? Who is God, to you?"

~ Deirdre Greelish

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## *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

## *Upcoming Events*

**December 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

~ **Sunday School in Rose Hall with Ms. Jill**

**December 22: Noonday Prayer and Bible Study Rose**

**Hall or Zoom**

**December 24: Christmas Eve**

~ **Christmas Preludes, 6:30pm**

~ **Christmas Service of Holy Eucharist, 7:00pm**

**December 25: Christmas Service of Holy Eucharist,  
9:30am**

**December 26: Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist,  
9:30am**

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## PRAYERS

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Marisa, Susan, and Pam. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Mary Tryforos, Margaret Barney, Michael Blake, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Teresa Clinton, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Rena, David, Frank, and Lusaynie Sirleaf.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed forces.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week especially Sarah McBorrow, Paul Connors, Ryan Mott, and Neb Amaechina.

## *Share All Saints' With Friends*



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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

***December 19, 2021***

*4th Sunday in Advent*

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a Nnenna Amaechina

Response: Canticle 15

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10 Eric Hirsh

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Prayers: Barbara Badio

***December 24, 2021***

*Christmas Eve*

First Reading: Isaiah 62:6-12 Ed Boyer

Response: Psalm 97 Chimmie Amaechina

Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7 Anne Tait

Gospel: Luke 2:8-20

Prayers: Marybeth Hanavan

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## *Publishing information:*

The next regular edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, December 23rd. Please submit any articles or info you may have to [revjulhan@gmail.com](mailto:revjulhan@gmail.com).



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