



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

*December 22, 2020 Parish messenger*

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



## *Christmas Services 2020*

**Please be aware that each Christmas Service has a unique Zoom link. The Christmas Eve service will also be live streamed via Facebook.**

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

All are invited to join our Christmas Eve service via Zoom. A program of music, Christmas Preludes, begins at 6:30 p.m. The Christmas Eve Service begins at 7:00 p.m. We will have a five-minute break between the Christmas Preludes and the Service. You may join at either 6:30 or 7:00.

*Topic: Christmas Eve Music and Festal Service*

*Time: Dec 24, 2020 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time*

*Join Zoom Meeting:*

***<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86056550612?pwd=eFE4Mm5McTZyVXVLUk10em12ZzVkZz09>***

*Meeting ID: 860 5655 0612*

*Passcode: 674674*

Here is the program

link: **[http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service\\_bulletin\\_christmas\\_eve\\_december\\_24\\_2020.pdf](http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_christmas_eve_december_24_2020.pdf)**

**Christmas Day Service, Friday, December 25: Unique Zoom link:**

All are welcome to join our Christmas Day Service via zoom at 9:30 a.m.  
(please note that there will be no music).

*Topic: Christmas Day Service*

*Time: Dec 25, 2020 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time (US and Canada)*

*Join Zoom Meeting:*

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86759063544?pwd=MzkoTHooSVQ1b1RNbkVPdDE1RohlQT09>**

*Meeting ID: 867 5906 3544*

*Passcode: 674674*

**Service of Lessons and Carols, Sunday December 27, 9:30  
a.m.—Same Sunday Zoom link:**

Join us for this Service of Lessons and Carols. Bring a request for your favorite Christmas carol. Join in the singing of carols from your home.

Please use the regular Sunday Service zoom link:

*Sunday 9:30 a.m. Service*

*Time: This is a recurring meeting*

*Join Zoom Meeting:*

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

*Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164*

*Passcode: 674674*

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## *Holiday Hours*

The office will be closed Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1 for the holidays.

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## *Giving Opportunity in 2020*

Our church building is beautiful and historic. From time to time we need to attend to some rather large repairs. We recently had an estimate for badly needed masonry work. The contractor identified an "Immediate Maintenance Attention Option" (see photo) for \$12,400. Now this is much better than the longer-term option (\$216,480), to be sure. However, even the smaller amount is a more than we have in our Capital Fund (\$3,523).

With this masonry work in mind, here is some tax information that applies only for 2020 giving that may be helpful; All Saints' is considered a public charity.

- For those who no longer itemize, the CARES Act allows individual taxpayers to deduct donations to charity of up to \$300 on their 2020 federal tax return, even though they take the standard deduction. Married-filing-jointly taxpayers will get an above-the-line deduction of up to \$600.
- The CARES Act temporarily removes the adjusted gross income (AGI) limitations on charitable deductions for cash gifts to public charities in 2020. Now, a donor may claim a charitable income tax deduction up to 100% of AGI for cash gifts, meaning you would pay no federal income tax. Previously, the donor would have had to limit deductions to 60% of AGI. The 100% limit is reduced dollar-for-dollar by other itemized charitable deductions. This means that a donor who deducts 30% of AGI in long-term appreciated asset gifts (stocks, mutual funds, real estate) will be able to also deduct up to 70% of AGI for cash gifts, for a total deduction of up to 100% of AGI. Donors should consult their tax or financial advisor about these issues.

Regardless of the size of your donation, All Saints' accepts donations of cash or via credit card and check. In addition, we are able to accept donations of appreciated stock or mutual funds. For that option, please

contact Becky Silliman for more information ([rsillima@bu.edu](mailto:rsillima@bu.edu) or 401-946-3562).

Help us fix this crack by Spring! Thank you.

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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.

- December: canned vegetables
- January: canned pasta
- February: peanut butter

Thank you for your generosity!

## *Upcoming Events*

- **Dec 23:** Bible and Lunch via ZOOM, 12:30—1:15 PM.
- **Dec 24:** Christmas Eve preludes from 6:30—7:00 p.m.; Festal Service will be at 7 p.m. Service will be via a unique Zoom link, and streamed via Facebook.
- **Dec 25:** Christmas Day Service 9:30 a.m. via Zoom (please use the unique link); office will be closed.
- **Dec 27:** Service of Lessons and Carols, 9:30 a.m.
- **Dec 30:** There will be no Wednesday Noonday Service and Bible Study
- **Jan 1:** Office will be closed for New Year's Day.
- **Jan 13:** Vestry meeting, 6 p.m. via Zoom.
- **Jan 31:** Annual meeting, immediately following service.

## *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

# PRAYERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Alice, Gus, Ernie, Ruby, Marie, Trish, and Virginia. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Eric and Irene T., Mary Tryforos, Joan, Maribeth Sneddon, Margaret Barney, Carolyn, Michael Blake, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, and Teresa Clinton.

Celebrating a birthday this week: Sarah McBurrough, Paul Connors, Ryan Mott, and Neb Amaechina.

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

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

## *Share All Saints' With Friends*



### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### ***December 24, 2020***

##### *Christmas Eve*

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10, Becky Silliman

Response: Psalm 98, Musa Goll

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4, Nnenna Amaechina

Prayers: Chip Smith

Gospel: John 1:1-14

#### ***December 25, 2020***

##### *Christmas Day*

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Response: Psalm 96

Prayers:

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

## *Publishing information:*

The next regular edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Wednesday, Dec 23. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, December 22. Please submit any articles or info you may have to ReeRee at [asmcri@verizon.net](mailto:asmcri@verizon.net).



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