



# All Saints' Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence RI

## *December 3, 2020 Parish messenger*

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



*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth tremble in awe. (Psalm 96:9)*

Dear All Saints' Family,

We are well into the first week of Advent, and it is Advent calendar time. There are so many different kinds of Advent calendars out there now. This year, I sent a few Advent calendars to my kids for their dogs and cats with daily pet treats shaped like stars. I like to think of the animals participating in our Advent waiting with us as they participated in that very first Christmas.

I heard a woman describe her Advent calendar in a way that caught my attention and gave me pause for reflection. Hers is a wooden calendar where Mary rides on a donkey and moves along a path each day towards a star. To me, this captures some of the mystery and awe of Advent. Waiting, reaching, moving towards God's Light. Waiting in God's Light. Being present to what we do not yet see or understand; knowing that something awaits us on the Advent horizon. Entering into the mystery of first Christmas, the dawning of Christ's light in our world. Waiting in wonder to behold the Christ child.

This Saturday, please join us for an Advent Quiet Morning, 10 a.m.—noon, via ZOOM. Enter into Advent waiting and wonder. Give yourself

the gift of "letting go time;" resting in God in silence and prayer. Find wonder in this Advent season. Rest in God. Be open to receiving God's presence and action in your life. Morning Prayer will bookend the quiet time, led by April Donahower and Musa Goll. Barry Turley and Becky Silliman will lead us into quiet time with beautiful organ and flute pieces.

**Here is the Zoom link for this Saturday's Service:**

*Advent Quiet Morning*

*Time: Dec 5, 2020 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time (US and Canada)*

*Join Zoom Meeting:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84122480200?pwd=VodKaUVLcHAWs2NUTnV1c0RKcThaQT09>

*Meeting ID: 841 2248 0200*

*Passcode: 674674*

Here is the link to the service program:

[http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/advent\\_quiet\\_morning\\_program\\_december\\_5\\_2020.pdf](http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/advent_quiet_morning_program_december_5_2020.pdf)

Please also join us Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom for the Second Sunday in Advent.

**Here is the Zoom link for this Sunday's Service:**

*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*

Here is the link to the service program:

**[http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service\\_bulletin\\_advent\\_2\\_december\\_6\\_2020.pdf](http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_advent_2_december_6_2020.pdf)**

Advent Peace and Blessings,  
Julie

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## *Angel Tree 2020*

In this time of COVID-19, we're not able to give Angel Tree gifts in the same way as years past. Still, we want to be as helpful as we can to families in need, so we are making adjustments.

We will be working with the several agencies we have worked with in the

past to identify recipients for the Angel Tree gifts. Instead of responding to specific requests for families, this year we invite parishioners to drop off gifts for children, and gift cards for teens and adults. We will bring them to the agencies. As in previous years, gifts need to be wrapped and have a removable tag describing what is in the package.

**Here are some guidelines:**

**What to get and how to label:**

- If a toy or clothes: Label should name the toy or clothes, age range, and gender if appropriate (Ex: "Checkers game; age 5 and up"). This will allow agency workers to distribute appropriately.
- If a gift card: Label should name the store (We suggest Walmart, Target, or Price Rite) and the amount.

**When to drop off at All Saints': Deadline is Thursday,  
December 17 by 2:00 p.m.**

- Church is open Tuesdays and Fridays, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- After church service on Sundays
- If you would prefer to have an Outreach Committee member pick the item(s) up from outside your home, contact Linda Johnson ([belindajohnson667@gmail.com](mailto:belindajohnson667@gmail.com) or 401-225-6839).

**Ways to attach a removable tag:**

- With string or ribbon
- Paper clip

If you personally know a family in need of help this Christmas and have suggestions about what gifts they might receive (can also be a gift card), contact Linda Johnson (see above).

Thank you for your generosity!

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**Here is the Zoom link for next Wednesday's Noon Prayer.** Please use this same link for Bible and Lunch after prayers:

*Wednesday Noon Service*

*Time: This is a recurring meeting*

*Join Zoom Meeting:*

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

*Meeting ID: 854 5559 3827*

*Passcode: 674674*

Here is the link to the service program:

[http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/order\\_of\\_service\\_for\\_noonday\\_wednesday\\_december\\_9\\_2020.pdf](http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/order_of_service_for_noonday_wednesday_december_9_2020.pdf)

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## *Fall's Arts Programs Now on YouTube*

If you missed the Tait and Kramer Studio Tours or the Interview with Wilmar Jennings about the lives and art of his parents, Wilmer and Mary Jennings, you can now watch them on YouTube. Each is about one-half hour. There are two ways to access them. First, they are posted on the Music and the Arts page of our website ([allsaintsmemorial.org](http://allsaintsmemorial.org)). Second, you may go to them directly by clicking on these links:

- <https://youtu.be/Ka9XTffpipU> - Artists' Studio Tour
- <https://youtu.be/-52NBbanTjw> - Artist's Interview

Please share these links with those who might be interested. We will be resuming our programming in the new year, with programs on jewelry making, jazz, and quilt making.

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## *Advent Fellowship via ZOOM*

**Rejoicing in Hope Advent Book Discussion**—Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> after our 9:30 a.m. Service

Let us ponder Advent hope together. I have ten copies of the book, *Rejoicing in Hope: An Advent Study for Adults* by James Harnish. Please let me know if you would like a copy. Or, you may prefer to purchase it on your own. I am reading it on my Kindle. Our book discussion will be Sunday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> right after the service.

### **Bible and Lunch**

Join us via ZOOM for lunchtime fellowship around the Word. Next Wednesday, we begin with the book of Esther, chapter 1. Please use the Noonday prayer ZOOM link. We will continue with the Bible and Lunch on Wednesdays through Advent, and begin again in Epiphany.

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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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## *LECUSA Thursday Evening Prayer Group via ZOOM*

All are invited to join the Liberian Episcopal Community USA each Thursday evening for intercessory prayer via Zoom from 8:00—9:00 p.m.

Here is the Zoom link:

*Topic: LECUSA Weekly Intercessory Prayer*

*Time: Thursdays @ 07:30 p.m. Eastern Time (US and Canada)*

*Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6219744763>*

*Meeting ID: 621 974 4763*

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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 email [asmcri@verizon.net](mailto:asmcri@verizon.net) or drop off a note in the mailbox by Sunday, December 13. Suggested donation for the flowers is \$25—\$35. Please make checks payable to "All Saints' Memorial Church."

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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 5:** Advent Quiet Morning, 10AM-12:00PM via Zoom.
- **Dec 9:** Bible and Lunch via ZOOM, 12:30—1:15 PM.
- **Dec 16:** Bible and Lunch via ZOOM, 12:30—1:15 PM.
- **Dec 20:** Rejoicing in Hope Advent Book Discussion—immediately after our 9:30 AM Service.
- **Dec 23:** Bible and Lunch via ZOOM, 12:30—1:15 PM.
- **Dec 24:** Christmas Eve preludes from 6:30—7:00 p.m.; Festival Eucharist will be at 7 p.m.
- **Dec 25:** Christmas Day Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.; office will be closed.
- **Jan 1:** Office will be closed for New Year's Day.

## *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](http://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](mailto: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, and Merynn Flynn.

Celebrating a birthday this week: Nancy Beals.

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 6, 2020***

*Second Sunday in Advent*

*Youth Sunday*

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm: Psalm 85:1-2,8-13

Prayers: tbd

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

***December 13, 2020***

*Third Sunday in Advent*

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11, Marybeth Hanavan

Response: Canticle 15, Eric Hirsch

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, Wilmar Jennings

Prayers: Monika Kraemer

Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28

### *Publishing information:*

The next regular edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, Dec 10.

The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, December 8. Please submit any articles or info you may have to ReeRee at [asmcri@verizon.net](mailto:asmcri@verizon.net).



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