



All Saints' Memorial Church
674 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903

December 6, 2018
e-Parish Messenger

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

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For the last three Wednesdays during our noon Eucharist we have been reflecting on Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's seven practices for a Jesus-centered life - the Way of Love. This week we reflected on "Turn" a practice that asks us to pause, listen, and reorient our lives to Jesus. During these Advent weeks, let us allow ourselves some time to pause and listen to how God is helping us reorient our lives. Here are two prayers* for the first and second weeks of Advent to help us step into that quiet time of listening and reorienting:

Advent I: Come, O Holy One, as the morning light after a wakeful night! Keep us mindful that at any moment you may ask of us an accounting of our lives; Help us to love one another and love you in all we do, and so clothe us with your light that we may bring others to love you also, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Advent II: Come, O Holy One, as the water of life and refiner's fire! Strengthen us with courage for your work of justice that in all creation and among every people your peace may be established and your joy abound, through Jesus, our Deliverer. Amen.

**In Peace,
Julie**

***Written by the Rev. Jennifer Phillips**

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UPCOMING ALL SAINTS' MEETINGS/EVENTS

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December 9,16 & 23: Advent Bible/ Book Group

December 11: Christmas Altar Flower deadline

December 11: Knitting/crocheting, 6:00 p.m.

December 12: Open Church with Noon Eucharist, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

December 15: A Celebration of the Life of Reverend Judy Mitchell, 10:00 a.m. at All Saints'

December 16: Deadline to return gifts for Angel Tree families and Christmas cookies for City Meal Site Christmas dinner

December 18: 2019 pledge returned to church

December 19: Open Church with Noon Eucharist, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

December 23: Last day to turn in white socks for Crossroads

December 24: Christmas Eve Service, 6:30 p.m Christmas music, 7:00 p.m. Eucharist

December 25: Christmas Day Service, 10:00 a.m.

December 30: Service of Lessons and Carols and Holy Eucharist, 9:30 a.m.

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PRAYERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

We pray for Derek Badio, Marie Baylis, Trish Blake, Harriet Choi, Madhia Cooper, Paul Cummings, Florence Depatie, Rick Edwards, Anthony Eke, Rosetta Evans, Margaret Flynn, Dorothea Evans Gordon, Jim Greene, Claire Hanavan, Carolyn Hirsch, Barbara K., Jeffrey Knapton, Katie Lawton, Margaret Mirin, Elizabeth Pacek, Richard Rebello, Tomasina Sinnott, Cecelia Sirleaf, Eric T., Frances Tait, Mary Tryforos, Teddy Zeekeh, April Beth, Renée, Leith, Maryjane and Kristen.

Celebrating her birthday this week: Marywood Gray

Altar flowers on Sunday December 9 are given by Anne Tait in memory of her brother Arthur Tait.

Remember those who work for peace and members of our armed forces, especially Raymond Tanguay and Matthew Degree.

ADVENT BIBLE/ BOOK GROUP

December 9, 16 & 23

About the book:

Congregations are often uninspired by the emphasis on Old Testament themes during Advent and too "over" Christmas by December 26 to pay much attention to the gospel stories that follow Jesus' birth. *Walking Backwards to Christmas* starts at the end of the story, with Jesus' presentation to Anna and Simeon at the temple, and moves backwards through Herod's slaughter of the innocents, the wise men's visit, Jesus' birth in a stable, Mary's pregnancy, and finally to the much-earlier hopes and dreams of Isaiah and Moses.

Telling the Christmas story through the eyes of both famous figures like King Herod and imagined characters like the innkeeper's wife, Stephen Cottrell invites readers to experience Jesus' birth anew, with greater appreciation of the dark themes and ancient figures relevant to the Advent story.

CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS



Christmas is the perfect time to honor the memory of a loved one or give thanksgiving with flowers on the altar. Forms can be found in Rose Hall, or call the office (401-751-1747) to have one emailed or mailed to you. Please return the form and payment to the parish office by **Tuesday, December 11.**

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2019 PLEDGES

If you have already turned in your pledge envelope, thank you very much for supporting All Saints'. If you haven't turned it in yet, please do so by **December 18**. We are planning to distribute 2019 pledge envelopes at the Christmas Eve service.

There are extra envelopes at the church, or please call Kathy at the parish office (401-751-1747) to have one mailed to you. Thank you again for your generosity.

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree is now in place in Rose Hall. The Angel Tree provides an opportunity for people to buy Christmas gifts for members of needy families. The Angel Tree is decorated with tags. Each tag represents a requested gift for a particular person. The front of the tag indicates the family number. The back of the tag indicates the sex and age of the gift recipient and the desired gift.

Please write the family number, sex and age of the recipient, desired gift, your name and your telephone number on the form placed on the lectern adjacent to the Angel Tree. Take the tag with you. After the gift is purchased, it should be appropriately wrapped. The wrapped gift should have the tag attached securely but in a manner that allows the removal of the tag without damaging the gift wrapping. Wrapped gifts should be returned to Rose Hall on **Sunday, December 16, 2018** and should be placed in the designated area near the Angel Tree.

If you have any questions, please contact Gloria Perry.

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CHRISTMAS COOKIES FOR THE CITY MEAL SITE

All Saints' Memorial will be providing Christmas cookies for the City Meal Site's December 18 dinner. We would like to give each

person present a bag of six cookies. For an assumed 200 recipients we would need 1,200 cookies. The cookies should be durable and have a diameter that does not exceed three inches.



Home-baked cookies are preferred; commercially baked cookies are acceptable. The cookies should not contain nuts. Volunteers will be asked to sign up to provide multiples of a dozen cookies.

Gloria Perry will have the sign-up sheet on **December 2** and plastic bags for the cookies on **December 9**. The cookies in tied bags with six cookies in each bag should be turned in on **December 16**.

KNITTING, CROCHETING

The knitting and crocheting group meets every other Tuesday at 6 p.m. This group is open to anyone in the parish. You are welcome to come as often as you can and you are welcome to bring a friend.



Next meeting is Tuesday, December 11

SOCKS FOR CROSSROADS

We are collecting new white socks for Crossroads Rhode Island during Advent. **December 23** is the last day to donate. You may leave the socks in the decorated container outside the second floor southeast entrance door to the church.

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CHAMPLIN GRANT TO BE AWARDED

We are pleased and grateful to announce that the Champlin Foundation will be awarding All Saints' a grant for \$50,000 to

repair and restore the six clerestory windows above the altar as well as the window in the Lyte Room. These windows will also have new protective coverings installed, which will enhance lighting and reduce air leaks. The work will be planned for the spring.

FOOD COLLECTION

Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. You are asked, as you are able, to bring one item on the monthly list each Sunday.



December, canned vegetables
January, canned pasta

As always, thank you for your generosity.

PARKING LOT AVAILABLE ON SUNDAYS

The parking lot adjacent to the church lot is once again available for additional parking, during Sunday services only. If you are the last car leaving the lot, please lock the gate after you leave. Thank you.

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRY SCHEDULES

December 9, 2018

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9; April Donahower

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11; Dan Mechnig

Prayers: Monika Kraemer

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Chalice: Harrington Evans

Greeters/ Ushers: Marsha Mott and Rita Madave

Altar Duty: Patricia Sonpon Solo and Felicia McBorrough

Coffee Hour Team: Felicia and Bill McBorrough

December 16, 2018

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Prayers:

Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

Chalice: Dan Mechnig

Greeters/ Ushers:

Altar Duty: Cecilia Bernardo and Paul Connors

Coffee Hour Team: Trish Blake and Gloria Perry

NEXT E-PARISH MESSENGER

The next edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on December 13. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, December 11. Please submit any articles/info you may have to Kathy at asmcri@verizon.net.

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