



# All Saints' Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence, RI

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*E-Messenger, December 7th, 2023*

*Come and worship*

*Rejoice in fellowship*

*Love and serve the Lord!*



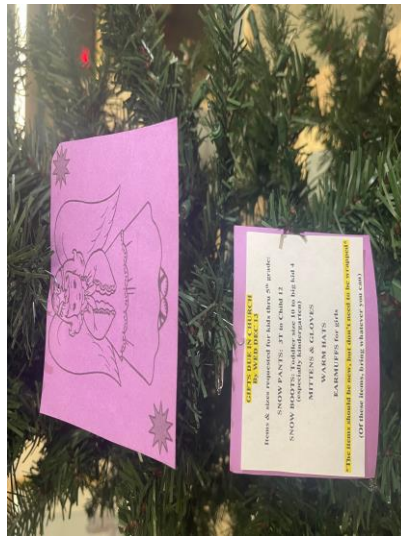
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Dear All Saints' Family,

*What Advent Brings* is the theme of our December 9 retreat led by Fr. Victor King. All are invited to join us on Saturday morning, Dec. 9 at 10:00 am for prayer, reflection, and fellowship. The retreat will be in Rose Hall. We will be joined by parishioners from St. Luke's and Good Shepherd in Pawtucket, along with Fr. Dennis Bucco and Rev. Mary Ann Mello. Please feel free to invite a friend. We welcome anyone who is interested in entering into this holy season of waiting, wonder, and expectancy more deeply.

We will conclude the morning with a light lunch (no hot food) in Rose Hall. Please let Barbara Badio or Marybeth Hanavan know if you would like to bring dish to share for lunch. Fr. King will join us on Sunday, Dec. 10 for our Service of Holy Eucharist and will serve as our preacher.

*Angel Tree Gifts*



**Deadline for bringing the donations to church is Wednesday, December 13.** This means that if you plan to bring your donation in on a Sunday, it must be on December 10.

On behalf of Linda, Pattie, and the Outreach Ministry, thank you so much for your support for the Angel Tree program.

A visitor dropped in yesterday wondering if we had any shoes or clothing to offer him. At that time of his visit he did not have shoes on. He is immediate need of size 18 sneakers, t-shirts size 5x large, and a hat. If you wish to find one of these items for our visitor, please let me know.

Advent Blessings,  
Julie

## *A Christmas Poem*

Wherever you go

Whatever you do

When you are out and about

Let the spirit of Christmas dwell within you

When you are in your travels this December

Allow yourself to be entranced and overtaken

By the harmony sentiments and sounds from the Angels of Christmas

Peace

Heavenly Peace

During these days of the Christmas season

Focus on spiritualness and faith

For unto us

A child was born in Bethlehem on the 25th day of this month

Let that be the motivation

To inspire us living souls to come together

Let all our hearts join together and beat as one

One heart in unison

Let the harmony and sounds from our hearts serenade the community

Hoping to influence the world

Like harps serenading it's audience

Good tidings we bring to all

But more importantly

Let us reflect on the child  
Born in Bethlehem  
Laid in a manger  
Let the cloth he was wrapped in  
Be the more important material gift that we be attentive to  
WERE IT NOT for his birth  
The word Christmas would not exist  
Seasons Greetings to ALL accompanied with a promised filled hopeful,  
intriguing, full of dreams accomplished in the New Year!!!

~ Telly G.Hennessey

**All are warmly welcome to join our Service of Holy Eucharist  
on Sunday, December 10, the Second Sunday of Advent,  
9:30am**

Zoom Link

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

Service Program: You will find Sunday's program **here**



# Christmas Services

**Christmas Eve** Sunday, December 24th

Christmas Preludes 6:30pm

Christmas Festival Eucharist 7:00pm

Christmas Eve Zoom Link:

<http://https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85255203640?pwd=bXFtNG1xdXBXU28wQoFvb3NUVXdWQT09>

**Christmas Day**, Monday, December 25th

Christmas Service of Holy Eucharist 9:30am

Christmas Day Zoom link:

<http://https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85255203640?pwd=bXFtNG1xdXBXU28wQoFvb3NUVXdWQT09>

**First Sunday after Christmas** December 31st

Lessons and Carols and Holy Eucharist, 9:30am

**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, **you may fill out the form in Rose Hall or call/send an email to Nayellis. You may also drop the form in the offering plate by Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.** Suggested donation for the flowers is \$25-\$35. Please make checks payable to “All Saints’ Memorial Church.”

*Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Faith  
Inquirers/Bible Study*

Join us next Wednesday for Noonday Prayer and our weekly Faith Inquirers/Bible Study. We meet in Rose Hall. We are reading Leviticus Chapter 25 for Wednesday.

This week Deirdre Greelish offered a reflection on Leviticus. Thank you, Deirdre.

"When I heard that Faith Inquirers had chosen Leviticus as the subject of its Wednesday bible study, I groaned. It was a logical choice, because we had “inquired” about Genesis and Exodus our last two seasons, why not keep going with Leviticus, the third book of the Bible? Had I been there, I would have asked, “What can the book known for its endless list of rules

(endless, literally; the rules continue in the next book Numbers!) tell us modern Christians? Can God teach me something about our relationship in Leviticus? I dared Him to try!

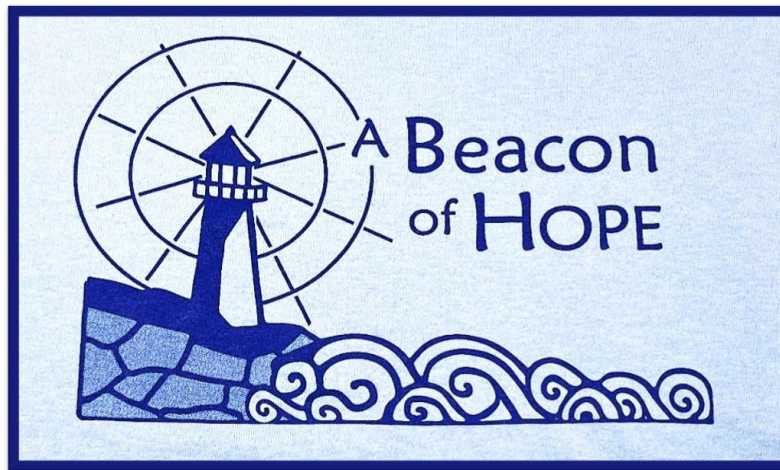
The first thing He did was remind me of the law libraries I had seen in my working years. One long wall would be stacked with books of state laws, the other walls had volumes about county and town laws. Did I have the same negative reaction to the law libraries there? Well, Leviticus was also a comprehensive guide to form a civil society. This revelation dissolved my prejudice against the Book of Leviticus by the time we got to Chapter 8.

Rev. Julie guided us through the various kinds of rituals and rules of conduct, the spiritual significance and symbolic meanings for the Israelites in their day. I was reminded of the rituals of my childhood that are still with me at the age of 75: making my bed in the morning, brushing my teeth at night, and also the childhood commands "No pushing, no hitting," I didn't need when I matured

Leviticus comes full circle for me in Matthew 22:34, where a Pharisee asks Jesus "Which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus answer was to love God first, with your whole being, and He added a second command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two.'



Here is the Zoom link if you wish to join us from home next Wednesday:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82955504419?pwd=SigTzVFbTR4KoZjTy9jNVdkRFhuQT09>



## *Outreach News*



**Angel Tree Project:** Please take an angel from the Angel Tree and bring the unwrapped gifts back to church by Sunday December 10 or at the latest, Wednesday December 13.

**Monthly Food Collection:** This month we are collecting canned vegetables, although any non-perishable food items are most welcome.

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### *Upcoming Events*

**December 9:** Advent Retreat with Rev. Victor King 10am-12:00pm followed by lunch in Rose Hall

**December 13:** Final day to bring in Angel Tree gifts

**December 17:** 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, **you may fill out the form in Rose Hall or call/send an email to Nayellis. You may also drop the form in the offering plate by Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.** Suggested donation for the flowers is \$25-\$35. Please make checks payable to "All Saints' Memorial Church."

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## *Prayers*

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Susan, Gloria, Musa, Barry, Rosetta, Theo, and Gabby; for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Lusaynie Sirleaf, John Flinton, James, Rachael, Eva McBorrow, Jennifer, Carla, Sawyer L., Philletta Payne, Elizabeth Pacek, Frances Fisher Taite, Joyce, and Yonghee.

We pray for those who work for peace in the armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week especially Florence Smith Goll and Marywood Gray.

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRIES

### ***December 10, 2023***

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11 Barbara Badio

Response: Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13 Barbara Badio

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-15a Chip Smith

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 Rev. Victor King

Prayers of the People: Deirdre Greelish

Chalice: Marybeth Hanavan

Altar Guild: Kardi and Lydia

### ***December 17, 2023***

First Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 Gigi Fahnbulleh

Response: Psalm 126 Gigi Fahnbulleh

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 Lyndsey Wells

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

Prayers of the People: Bob Wells

Chalice: Barbara Badio

Altar Guild: Felicia and Patricia

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