December 9, 2021 Parish messenger

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

"...he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival" (Zephaniah 3:17).

Dear All Saints' Family,

We are in the second week of Advent. Advent grows slowly like the flame that expands each week from candle to candle on the Advent wreath. This week, let Advent grow in you. Ask the one who began a good work among you to be present and grow in you whatever it is you need to make
the bumps in your life smoother, whatever it is that you need to glimpse God's glory, joy, and light. Think about that list we developed as a congregation on Christ the King Sunday. We answered the question, "Who is this Christ to whom we give authority in our lives?" I've included our list below. I encourage you to pick just one thing from that list – one aspect of who Christ is, or one of the gifts that Christ brings - and reflect on it. Ponder what Christ is making new in you this Advent.

Faithful witness
Teacher
Leader
Healer
Messiah
Carpenter
Gave his life for us
Made wine
Faithful friend
Feeds the hungry
Father to the fatherless
Provider
Raised Lazarus from the dead
Friend to everyone; no exceptions
A Son
Everywhere he went he did good
Taught us how to pray
Forgave us
Prince of Peace
Heal the blind
Always with us
Performed miracles
Consoler
The Beginning and the End.

The **Advent Quiet Morning** at All Saints' this Saturday, December 11 (9am-12:00pm) is another chance to slow down and appreciate this beautiful season. At the beginning of each hour we will have about 10-15 minutes of shared prayer and music. The rest of the morning is silent time for private prayer, reflection, puzzles, and reading in the church or Rose Hall.

Feel free to join us for any part of the morning or the entire morning. Barry Truly (organ), Rev. David Ames (oboe), and Becky Silliman (flute and organ) will provide the music.

You may join the **Advent Quiet Morning** in-person or via Zoom. Here is the link if you wish to participate by Zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83327265829?pwd=TnBXVoc5aohoTMjYWGVVYU1WLzczZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83327265829?pwd=TnBXVoc5aohoTMjYWGVVYU1WLzczZz09)

Meeting ID: 833 2726 5829
Passcode: 674674

The program for the morning will be posted on our website.

I am still hoping that the Advent book, *Promise & Praise* will arrive soon. The publisher is experiencing shipping delays. The books are now supposed to arrive tomorrow. Look for the books at the church entrance. Feel free to take a copy home with you.
A word about masks...Rhode Island is in a period of high Covid transmission. Masks are required for everyone at all times in Rose Hall unless you are sitting at table sipping coffee or eating. If you get up from the table, please put your mask on immediately.
Masks are required during the Sunday Service if you have not yet received the booster vaccine. We are blessed with a large worship space. We ask that you spread out to maintain social distancing during the service.

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=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFEciUT09
Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164
Service Program:

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

Advent blessings,
Julie
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 Sunday, December 19.

Donations (cash or check) are being accepted for the West Broadway Neighborhood Association Toy Drive. Please place your donation for the WBNA toy drive in the Donation jar next to the Angel Tree at the church entrance.

*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. Thank you.

From the Office
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.
~ Our email has changed from asmcri@verizon.net to our new gmail address allsaintsprovidence@gmail.com. Please update your records.
Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Bible Study

We are reading Chapters 21-22 in the Book of Genesis for Wednesday, December 15. All are welcome to participate in-person (Rose Hall) or via Zoom at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84955593827?pwd=akNZeTlmSCTTb1BoUU9heWQrZk5xZz09
**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

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**Upcoming Events**

December 11: Advent Quiet Morning (9am-12pm)
December 12: Third Sunday of Advent
  ~ Sunday School in Rose Hall with Ms. Jill
December 14: Vestry Meeting, (7:00pm) Zoom
December 15: 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,
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 Florence Smith Goll, Marywood Gray, Sara Wilson, and Patricia Marshall.
Share All Saints’ With Friends

SCRIPTURE READINGS

**December 12, 2021**

*3rd Sunday in Advent*

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20 Lyndsey Wells
Response: Canticle 9

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7 Bob Wells
Prayers: Monika Kraemer

**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
Prayers: Barbara Badio
Publishing information:

The next regular edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, December 16th. Please submit any articles or info you may have to revjulhan@gmail.com.

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