

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

February 14, 2019  
e-Parish Messenger

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


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The Rev. Dr. Julianne Hanavan

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*Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear; that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absalom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Collect of the Day, Absalom Jones, Priest, February 13

February 13 (Wednesday of this week) the Episcopal church commemorates Reverend Absalom Jones, the first African American Episcopal priest. Jones was born a slave in 1746, owned by an Anglican planter in Delaware. When he was 16, his mother, sister, and five brothers were sold. Absalom was brought to Philadelphia. There, his owner allowed him to attend a Quaker night school. Still a slave, he married Mary Thomas, and with the help of some Quaker friends he was able to buy Mary's freedom. Jones was not granted his freedom until 1784.

Absalom Jones was an active member of St. George's Methodist Episcopal church in Philadelphia. One Sunday in 1786, the white members of St. George's attempted to segregate the church by asking all African American members to relocate from the first floor to the balcony. Led by Jones and another lay leader of St. George's, Richard Allen, the black members of the congregation walked out of the church.

After leaving St. George's Methodist Church, Jones and Allen helped found the Free African Society, a mutual aid society in Philadelphia. The Free African Society became a place to socialize, build business relationships, and help the sick,

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widowed, and orphans. The Free African Society founded the African Church of Philadelphia which later affiliated with the Episcopal church and was renamed St. Thomas African Episcopal Church. St. Thomas was the first black Episcopal church in the United States. Absalom Jones was ordained a deacon and then priest in 1804. He was the first priest of African descent to be ordained in the United States and the first rector of St. Thomas.

Jones engaged in many community and civic activities. He helped found the African Masonic Society in Philadelphia (1798) and petitioned the Pennsylvania Legislature and the US Congress for the abolition of slavery in 1799 and 1800 respectively.

Try a virtual visit to St. Thomas and explore more about Absalom Jones. Listen to the St. Thomas Gospel Choir.

May we follow in the steps of Reverend Absalom Jones with the same courage and faith to dismantle racism and heal the wounds cause by racism.

Grace and Peace,  
Julie

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**UPCOMING ALL SAINTS' MEETINGS/EVENTS**

**February 17: Vestry Meeting**

**February 19-21: Julie away on retreat**

**February 20: No Noon Eucharist**

**February 23: Winter Cook-Off fund raising event in Rose Hall. Details are below.**

**February 24: Outreach Committee Meeting**

**February 26: Knitting/crocheting, 6:00 p.m.**

**February 27: Noon Eucharist**

**March 6: Ash Wednesday Services: Noon and 7:00 p.m.**

**March 12: Knitting/crocheting, 6:00 p.m.**

**March 13: Noon Eucharist**



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**PRAYERS**

**Those for whom prayers have been asked:**

We pray for John Angell, Robert Angell, Derek Badio, Marie Baylis, Trish Blake, Harriet Choi, Madhia Cooper, Paul Cummings, Florence Depatie, Rick Edwards, Anthony Eke, Rosetta Evans, Patricia Fahnbulleh, Margaret Flynn, Dorothea Evans Gordon, Jim Greene, Claire Hanavan, Ernest Hirsch, Barbara K., Erma Kla-William, Jeffry Knapton, Katie Lawton, James Lovenbury, Margaret Mirin, Elizabeth Pacek, Richard Rebello, Tomasina Sinnott, Cecelia Sirleaf, Eric T., Frances Tait, Mary Tryforos, Martha Zeekah, Teddy Zeekah, April Beth, Renée, Leith, Maryjane, Kristen, Amer, Michael, Bendu, Beth and Ruby.

**Celebrating her birthday this week:** Anne Tait

**Altar flowers on Sunday February 17** are given in memory of Carolyn N. Hirsch, a special friend, nurse, grandmother, mother and wife, by the Hirsch family.

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

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**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2019**

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to remember a loved one who has passed away or give thanks for someone special. You may reserve dates for Sundays in 2019 by using the yellow forms on the information table in Rose Hall. If you would like a form mailed to you, please call Kathy in the parish office.



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**ALL SAINTS' MEMORIAL CHURCH**  
**WINTER COOK-OFF**

**Saturday February 23**

**5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**Join the fun at the cook-off sampling ten different foods and voting for your favorite! Prizes will be awarded based on your vote. There will also be a raffle and a dessert booth.**

**Tickets are \$5.00 each. All proceeds benefit the Outreach Committee.**

**Please see Pattie Marshall for more information.**

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**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.



**Please note that the next meeting is Tuesday, February 27, 2019**

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**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.



February, peanut butter  
March, canned tuna  
April, canned fruit

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**

**February 17, 2019**

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10; David Moniz  
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Patricia Fahnbulleh  
Prayers: April Donahower  
Gospel: Luke 6:17-26  
Chalice: Barbara Badio  
Greeters/ Ushers: Marsha Mott and Maryann Darbeh  
Altar Duty: Gloria Perry, Patricia Fahnbulleh and Trish Blake  
Coffee Hour Team: Gloria Perry and Dirk Hennessey

### **February 24, 2019**

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11,15; Lyndsey Wells  
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Marybeth Hanavan  
Prayers: Charles Smith  
Gospel: Luke 6:27-38  
Chalice: Harrington Evans  
Greeters/ Ushers: Marsha Mott and Musa Goll  
Altar Duty: Dan and Kathy Mechnig  
Coffee Hour Team: April Donahower and Alex Perdue

### **NEXT E-PARISH MESSENGER**

The next edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on February 21. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, February 19. Please submit any articles/info you may have to Kathy at [asmcri@verizon.net](mailto:asmcri@verizon.net).

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