



E-Messenger, February 1, 2024

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

Dear All Saints' Family,

Tomorrow (February 2) we mark the Feast of the Presentation and Candlemas. The celebration of the Feast of the Presentation may include a Candlemas procession and the blessing of candles to be used in the church throughout the year. The opening prayer for the Candlemas procession gives a nice understanding of what this celebration is about:

Dear People of God, forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the

incarnation of Jesus. Today we recall the day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized the child as the Christ, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the same Spirit, we now enter the house of God, where we shall recognize Christ in the breaking of the bread.

On Wednesday during our Noonday Prayer we blessed the candles that we use on the altar during our Services and other candles for meditation and prayer at home. The blessing of the candles concluded with the following prayer, one that you may wish to pray at home with a candle:

Let us pray. O God, source of all light, you revealed to Simeon and Anna your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, through Jesus Christ the Light of the World. Amen.

Tomorrow evening, all are welcome to attend St. Stephen's 7pm Candlelit Mass with Procession for the Feast of Candlemas.

If you wish to take a votive candle home you, please do! You will find the candles on the table in Rose Hall.



Many, many thank to all of you who participated in the Annual Meeting in Rose Hall on Sunday after the Service. Your presence made it such a fruitful and congenial meeting! A special thanks to Musa Goll our Senior Warden for leading the meeting. It is wonderful to have you back.

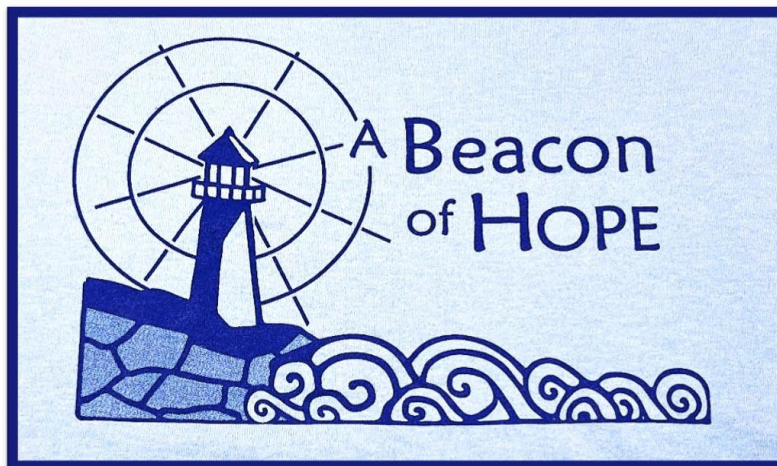
Please bring in your palms from last year to be burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday (February 14th).

Peace and Blessings,
Julie

All are warmly 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=ZzAvZVFUM2pKek0rMGVzMFFEc1FiUT09>

You will find the Sunday Service program [here](#).



Outreach News

Spice up the Winter!



Outreach invites you to support the February collection of spices for the West End Community Center Food Pantry. Here is the list of requested spices:

- Curry
- Cinnamon
- Basil
- Cilantro
- Adobo
- Garlic
- Onion powder
- Salt&pepper
- Bullion cubes

Next Meeting: Sunday, February 18

Outreach 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!

- February: Peanut butter

Movement for Life

A gentle program of stretching, breath, and balance activities. Seated or standing.
Come have fun. Learn something new.
All ages. All abilities.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AND 18
11:00 - 11:40AM

ALL SAINTS' MEMORIAL CHURCH
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PROVIDENCE, RI 02903



Tom Hobin, Physical Therapist, Teaches
From Tom, “Improves balance, lowers blood pressure, helps arthritis, Parkinson's disease, Sleep apnea, Mood disorders, MS Deformities, Back pain...”

Faith

*Wednesday Noonday Prayer and
Inquirers Discussion*



Hanukkah Menorah 18th Century

Menorah Yesterday and Today

The Book of Exodus, Chapter 25

³¹ “Make a lampstand of pure gold. Hammer out its base and shaft, and make its flowerlike cups, buds and blossoms of one piece with them. ³² Six branches are to extend from the sides of the lampstand—three on one side and three on the other. ³⁷ “Then make its seven lamps and set them up on it so that they light the space in front of it.

Thus begins the history of the Menorah 13 centuries before Christ. Ten menorahs lit the tabernacle in Solomon’s Temple in 1000 BCE, destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 BCE. The Second Temple was built when the Jews returned to Jerusalem in 515 BCE.

Book 1 of Maccabees records the Second Temple was plundered by Greek ruler Antiochus IV in 169 BCE. When Judas Maccabeus defeated the Greeks, he had a new seven-branched menorah made. The menorah had only enough oil to burn one night, but it miraculously lasted eight nights, so they could work 24/7 restoring the Second Temple. They established the Festival of Dedication (*hanukkah* in Hebrew) of the altar and the eight nights the lamp burned.



First century Arch of Titus, Rome

The dedication of the tabernacle in Numbers 7:1-8 was followed, and gifts were presented for sacrifice and to celebrate the return of their culture. During each night of Hanukkah, candles are inserted into the menorah from right to left but are lighted from left to right. After 70 CE destruction of the Second Temple, sacrifice was banned and the gifts became religious. The theme of Dedication became dedication of the greater society to its members, in the form of monetary support for religious, widows and teachers.

The Jewish calendar is twelve 28-day months. Every 7 years, one month is repeated. Hanukkah starts the 25th day of Kislev, a month that usually falls within November or December.

The menorah is displayed in synagogues and private homes and became the

official emblem of the state of Israel in 1948.

The menorah also symbolizes the creation in seven days, with the center light representing the Sabbath. The seven lamps allude to the branches of human knowledge, represented by the six lamps inclined inwards towards, and symbolically guided by, the light of God represented by the central lamp. In current times, the Jewish community struggles to maintain a religious theme, as the Christian community does about Christmas, in our consumer culture.

Research from Deirdre Greelish

Sources: biblegateway.com, Britannica encyclopedia, reformjudaism.org, *Moon Israel & the West Bank*, haaretz.com

All are welcome at Noonday Prayer and conversation about scripture and everyday life, Wednesdays at 12:00pm (Scripture discussion begins at 12:15). We are reading the Book of Numbers, Chapters 12&13.

If you wish to join us via zoom, here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82955504419?pwd=Si9tTzVFbTR4K0ZjTy9jNVdkRFhuQT09>

Upcoming Events

February 7: Noonday Prayer/Faith Inquirers in Rose Hall

February 7: Choir Practice

February 11: Movement for Life led by Tom Hobin, 11:00 - 11:40

February 14: Ash Wednesday, Services at Noon and 7pm

February 18: Outreach Meeting

February 25: Movement for Life led by Tom Hobin, 11:00-11:40

February 25: Vestry meeting, in-person

PRAYERS

We pray for fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Trish, Victor, Rose, Susan, Gloria, and Theo; and for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Barbara K., Lusaynie Sirleaf, John Flinton, James, Rachael, Eva McBorrow, Jennifer, Carla, Sawyer L., Philletta Payne, Elizabeth Pacek, Yonghee Joe, Kerry DelaGaza, and Nancy Pollard.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week especially Selena Evans.

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRIES

February 4, 2024

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31 Nnenna Amaechina

Response: Psalm 147:1-12 Nnenna Amaechina
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Lyndsey Wells
Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

Prayers: Bob Wells

Chalice: Barbara Badio

Altar Guild: April and Alex

February 11, 2024

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12 Becky Silliman

Response: Psalm 50:1-6 Chimmy Amaechina

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Cora Nagle

Gospel: Mark 9: 2-9

Prayers: Musa Goll

Chalice: Dan Mechnig

Acolyte: Tom Hobin

Coffee Hour: Elizabeth and Kardi

Altar Guild: Dan and Kathy

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