



All Saints'
Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence RI

February 20, 2020 e-Parish messenger

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



Photo courtesy of [Alby Headrick](#)

Lenten Fellowship

I was talking to my friend Maureen this week. She had gone to see the movie *1917*. Maureen told me that her father had been a battalion

surgeon in England during World War I. Near the end of the war as he was walking down a bombed out street he spotted a crucifix on the ground. The cross was battered by war violence, but he picked it up and brought the crucifix home with him when the war ended. The crucifix now hangs in Maureen's room.

The cross in the above photo is part of a stained glass window given to [the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham](#), after the bombing and killing of four children at the church in 1963. The artist depicts Jesus on the cross, pushing away hatred and injustice with his right hand, his left offering forgiveness. The window was given to the church by the people of Wales.

Lent is upon us. A time we journey together with Jesus to the cross. Do you have a cross that has special meaning to you? Bring it in for our first Lenten Fellowship, Sunday March 1, following the 9:30 service.

Two different books will be available on March 1 for some common Lenten reading:

Are we there yet? Pilgrimage in the Season of Lent

From the authors: "Pilgrims come in all shapes and sizes, as do the journeys we set for ourselves. The bald fact of pilgrimage is this: The furthest distance we will travel is the eighteen inches between our

brains and our hearts. Every pilgrim is radically changed by the experience. We analyze our personal theologies, relationships, and habits- and even our relationship to time itself. The pilgrims who have contributed to this Lenten devotional share this truth of transformation in the stories of their journeys."

The Merciful Humility of God by Jane Williams

"In Jesus, we see God's humility lived out in the world, not claiming power, or prestige, or approval, or safety; and we come to discover that this is a mercy and blessing for us...Our Lent has given us the opportunity to trace God's strange ways in the world, and to notice how they make space for unlikely people, give voice to the unheard, confront the powerful with the limits of their control. As we follow this book through Lent and the Biblical narrative what begins to emerge that God's merciful humility is the source of life."

Let me know if you would like to read one of these books (or both)! I will make sure we have enough copies for everyone who wishes to read them. We will have a second Lenten fellowship to talk about the books and our Lenten journeys on Sunday, March 29.

Peace,
Julie



Palms for Ash Wednesday

Please bring your old palms to church next Sunday, and leave them in the basket as you enter the church. We will burn the palms after next Sunday's church service, and use the ashes at our Ash Wednesday services.



Winter Cook-off:

Saturday, February 22, 5:30–8:30 p.m.

Join the fun at the cook-off! Sample different foods and vote for your favorite! Prizes will be awarded based on your vote. There will also be a raffle and...a dessert booth! Tickets: a modest \$5 each. Entrance fee: a similarly modest \$10! (large crockpot and extension cord required). All proceeds benefit the Outreach Committee and the amazing work they do helping our community! Please see Pattie Marshall for more information.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/21:** Calling hours for Rev. Jim Bocchino,
St. Barnabas', Warwick, 3-7 pm
- 2/22:** Celebration of life for Rev. Jim Bocchino,
St. Barnabas', Warwick, 11 am
Winter cook-off, 5:30—8:30 p.m., Rose Hall
- 2/23:** Arts Committee
- 2/26:** Ash Wednesday, 7 p.m. Service; Noon
Service
- 3/1:** Lenten Fellowship 40 (church office)
- 3/8:** Outreach Committee
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PRAYERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Alice, Gus, Ernie, Ruby, Marie, Trish, Gene, Ferd, and Kathy. We also pray for Harriet Choi, Dorothea Evans Gordon, Cheryl Dunning, James Greene, Brian Mulvey, George Clinton, Anne-Marie Cerda, Mahdia Cooper, Tete Sirleaf, Frances Tait, Clarence Scott, Mary Tryforos, Eric & Irene T., Barbara K., Teddy Zeekeh, Anthony Eke, Margaret Mirin, and Karen Mirin.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed forces, especially Matthew Degree.



Food Collection

Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of pre-packaged food.

- February: peanut butter
- March: tuna fish
- April: canned fruit

Thank you for your generosity!



2020 Altar Flowers

Forms for weekly Sunday flowers can be found in Rose Hall, or you may request one from the Parish Office.



Tie Quilt to Benefit All Saints'

Gentlemen and Ladies: Charlotte would like your unwanted neckties to turn into a queen-sized quilt that will be raffled during the parish's 175th anniversary celebration. It doesn't matter whether the ties are old or new, wrinkled, stained or hideously ugly. Please donate one or many! (It will take many to make a quilt that size so don't be shy.) Put your name on the bag so your donation can be acknowledged and give them directly to Charlotte Burgess or leave them in the church office. We hope that everyone will donate at least one tie. Thank you!

White Socks for Crossroads

Outreach is collecting white socks for Crossroads! If you would like to help out, please bring the socks in, and give to Wilmar Jennings.



Happy Birthday to...You?

Would you like to be included in the birthday prayers? We're updating our church records, so please update your information with us. We are especially looking for missing birthdays. We are also looking for changed phone numbers and e-mails.

Please fill out the church directory sheet in Rose Hall if you have any info to update.

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRY SCHEDULES

February 23, 2020

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Acolyte:

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18, Musa Goll

Psalm: 99

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21, April Donahower

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Prayers: Wilmar Jennings

Chalice: Eric Hirsch

Ushers: Patricia Solo and Rita Madave

Altar Guild: Dan & Kathy Mechnig

Coffee Hour Team: Gloria Perry and Belinda Johnson

February 26, 2020

Ash Wednesday

Acolyte:

First Reading: Joel 2:1-2,12-17, TBD

Psalm: 103:8-14

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, TBD

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Second Psalm: 51

Prayers: TBD

Chalice: TBD

Ushers: TBD

Altar Guild: Dan & Kathy Mechnig

Coffee Hour Team: N/A

March 1, 2020

First Sunday in Lent

Youth Sunday

Acolyte:

First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, TBD

Psalm: 32

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19, TBD

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Prayers: TBD

Chalice: Dan Mechnig

Ushers: Gabriella Hney and Musa Goll

Altar Guild: Patricia Solo and Felicia McBorrough

Coffee Hour Team: Wilmar Jennings and Dirk Hennessey

Publishing information:

The next edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, February 27. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, February 25. Please submit any articles or info you may have to Marisa at asmcri@verizon.net.



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