



All Saints'
Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence RI

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



[An Invitation to Fast | Episcopal Church](#)

Lent 2020: A Call to Prayer, Fasting, and Repentance Leading to Action

As the season of Lent approaches, Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites Episcopalians and people of faith to turn and pray on behalf of our nation:

“In times of great national concern and urgency, people of faith have returned to ancient practices of repentance, prayer and fasting as ways of interceding with God on behalf of their nation and the world. This is such a moment for us in the United States.

“On Ash Wednesday I will join with other Christian leaders observing

this Lent as a season of prayer, fasting and repentance on behalf of our nation, with continued fasting each Wednesday until the Wednesday before Advent begins.

“Our appeal comes during a time of profound division and genuine crisis of national character. This is not a matter of party or partisanship, but of deep concern for the soul of America.

“The group of religious “Elders” who share this commitment – the same group that over a year ago published the “Reclaiming Jesus” statement – includes Evangelical, Roman Catholic, mainline Protestant leaders. While we hold diverse political affiliations and positions on many issues facing our country, we find common ground in two shared convictions:

- First and foremost, we are committed to Jesus Christ as Lord, and his way of love as our primary loyalty.
- Second, because we love our country, we are concerned about its moral and spiritual health and well-being.

“For me, this call is rooted in my personal commitment to practice Jesus’s Way of Love, by which I turn, learn, pray, worship, bless, go and rest in the way of our savior. Especially now, drawn together by love, hope and concern, and recalling the wisdom of our ancient traditions, I am grateful to join others in the spiritual practice of

prayer, fasting and repentance for our nation. If you feel called to join us in this practice, the invitation is attached. The full text, together with the “Reclaiming Jesus” document can be found on the [Reclaiming Jesus website.](#)”

Let us pray.

Almighty God ... We humbly pray that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Your brother,
The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

#ReclaimingJesus

ReclaimingJesus.org

Readings for Lenten Fellowship:

Two books are available for some shared 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)! We will have a second Lenten fellowship to talk about the books and our Lenten journeys on Sunday, March 29.

-In Peace,
Julie



Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday, March 8.



Warm Thanks from Outreach!

Thank you to all who supported the Winter Cook-Off. We had a great evening thanks to our cooks and all those who gave their time and effort to making the event the success that it was. Proceeds were close to \$900, and will be put towards Outreach's many community activities in our neighborhood.



Guest Organist

We'd like to thank Jay MacCubbin, who kindly offered to play the prelude and postlude this week.

Share All Saints' With Friends



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/1:** Lenten Fellowship 40 (church office)
- 3/8:** Outreach Committee
- 3/15:** Vestry Meeting
- 3/22:** Lenten Brunch, hosted by Outreach

3/29: Lenten Fellowship 40 (church office)

PRAYERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Alice, Gus, Ernie, Ruby, Marie, Trish, and Gene. 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.

Celebrating a birthday this week: Glenna Wilson.

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.

- March: tuna fish
- April: canned fruit
- May: cold cereal

Thank you for your generosity!



2020 Easter Flowers

Easter flowers on the altar are a wonderful way to honor the memory or give thanksgiving for a loved one. The forms to contribute towards Easter flowers can be found in Rose Hall, or please call the parish office to have one mailed or emailed to you. The deadline for Easter flowers is Friday, April 3.



2020 Altar Flowers

Forms for weekly Sunday flowers can be found in Rose Hall, or you may request one from the Parish Office. During Lent, we will be using greens on the altar in lieu of fresh flowers, but you may still designate a Sunday in memory or honor of a loved one.



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. **Please bring your ties before the end of March.** 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

March 1, 2020

First Sunday in Lent

Youth Sunday

Acolyte:

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

Psalm: 32, Chimi Amaechina

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19, Anne Marie Nagle

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

March 8, 2020

Second Sunday in Lent

Acolyte:

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a, Lyndsey Wells

Psalm: 121

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5,13-17, Bob Wells

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Prayers: Nnenna Amaechina

Chalice: Agnes Fox

Ushers: Rita Madave and Eric Hirsch

Altar Guild: Gloria Perry, Trish Blake, and Pattie Marshall

Coffee Hour Team: Barbara Badio and Bill McBorrough

Publishing information:

The next edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, March 5. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, March 3. Please submit any articles or info you may have to Marisa at asmcri@verizon.net.



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