



All Saints' Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence RI

February 4, 2021 Parish messenger

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



Dear All Saints' Family,

We hear about divisions in our society every day on the news or social media. Today let's reflect on unity. Let's ponder a powerful and selfless love that places other lives ahead of one's own. The church calendar gives us this opportunity. On February 3rd, the church commemorates the *Dorchester* Chaplains, four men who were called to represent God's love in the US Army during World War II.

Lt. George Fox, a Methodist; Lt. Alexander Goode, a Rabbi; Lt. John Washington, a Roman Catholic Priest; and Lt. Clark Poling, a Dutch Reformed minister, were US Army chaplains serving on the S.S. *Dorchester*. On January 29, 1943, the *Dorchester* left St. John's, Newfoundland, bound for Greenland. Passengers numbered 597 soldiers, and 171 civilians plus crew. Passengers were aware that a U-boat was in the area. At 12:55 a.m., torpedoes struck the boiler room. The *Dorchester* sank below the waves just twenty-five minutes after being struck by the torpedo. The water was 19 degrees. There were 230 survivors. The four chaplains were among the 672 who died that day.

Witnesses recall the chaplains opening a storage locker and giving out life jackets. Engineer Grady Clark described the moment when it was realized that there were no more life jackets: the chaplains removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men. One witness, Private William B.

Bednar, described floating in water, “I could hear men crying, pleading, praying,” Bednar recalls. “I could also hear the chaplains preaching courage. Their voices were the only thing that kept me going.” The four chaplains remained on the deck of the *Dorchester*, praying as the boat went down.

In 1948, the U.S. Postal Service issued a commemorative stamp in honor of the four men who sacrificed their lives for others’ safety, and Congress designated February 3 as “Four Chaplains Day.”

In times of such division in our society today, it is inspiring to recall the faith, unity, and selfless love of the *Dorchester* Chaplains. “On the day they died, they personified the words of Jesus found in John 15:13 ‘Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.’” (*Holy Women and Holy Men*).

I am also reminded of frontline health care workers serving in emergency rooms and ICUs, their own health at risk and taking on a chaplain role in isolated hospital rooms during the pandemic. Let us pray for their ongoing strength, health, and courage:

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

All are invited to join us for our Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m. via Zoom or Facebook.

Here is the Zoom link for this Sunday's Service:

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Service

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFeclFiUTo9>

Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164

Passcode: 674674

Here is the program link:

http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_5_epiphany_february_7_2021.pdf

Peace,
Julie

Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Bible Study

Next Wednesday we will study the Letter of James, Chapters 1-2. We welcome new participants. Our discussion is from 12:15-1:00 p.m. each Wednesday.

Here is the link for Noonday Prayer and Bible Study:

Wednesday Noonday Prayer (12 p.m.) and Bible Study (12:15 p.m.)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84955593827?pwd=akNZeTlmSCTb1BoUU9hcWQrZk5xZz09>

Meeting ID: 854 5559 3827

Passcode: 674674

Here is the link to the service program: ***[scroll down on allsaintsmemorial.org](https://allsaintsmemorial.org)***.

*Outreach Meeting Sunday, February 7,
following the 9:30 a.m. Service via Zoom*

Our Winter Cook-Off is postponed because of the pandemic. The meeting agenda is to plan a winter or spring virtual fundraising event. New participants in this All Saints' ministry are always welcome!

*Jazz and Resilience in African American
Culture: A Conversation With Ferd Jones*

Sunday, February 21, right after the 9:30 a.m. Service via Zoom.

The story in my family is that when I was pre-school child, my father and his brothers would enjoy taking me with them to see the great jazz bands perform at The Apollo Theater in Harlem. I would excitedly dance on my seat during the performances and also afterwards in the street outside the theater. People would throw pennies.

My passion for jazz music continues. As a psychologist I have been thinking, writing, and lecturing about how jazz music and jazz music-

making represents some significant aspects of African Americans' psychological adaptation to racial oppression. I will briefly discuss this theory, illustrate it with some great music, and invite conversation with you.

—Ferd Jones

Free Rapid COVID-19 testing

Bethel AME Church, located at 30 Rochambeau Ave. in Providence, offers free rapid COVID-19 tests from 2-6 every Monday.

This testing site is part of Rhode Island's community testing efforts. More community testing sites scheduled throughout the week, and across the state can be found on this Google spreadsheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vCAktxDVk7GB2QASTf2zMOIRG8AOenx4iZeFqiMdHrE/edit#gid=0>.

More information about RI's COVID-19 testing program and vaccination rollout can be found at: **<https://covid.ri.gov/testing>**.

Endowment and Capital Funds 2020

I was asked about our Trust and Capital Funds at the annual meeting. Below are end of year values:

- **Burgess Fund:** \$77,395 (includes \$11,000 Rainy Day Fund)
- **Capital Funds:** \$69,904 (includes set asides for clerestory window restoration [\$22,668], exterior masonry work [\$32,500], as well as audiovisual, fence repair, and Evans Memorial)
- **Bank of America Trust:** \$1,569,829

The total value of these is \$1,707,128, an increase of \$171,892 over last year which reflects both donations and an increase in investments.

—Becky Silliman, Treasurer

2021 Pledges and Annual Giving

Our deepest thanks and gratitude for those who have already pledged for next year!

If you haven't returned your 2021 pledge card yet, please do so.



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.

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

Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Events

- **Feb 7:** Outreach meeting via Zoom, immediately following service.
- **Feb 10:** Vestry meeting, 6 p.m. via Zoom.
- **Feb 17:** Ash Wednesday
- **Feb 21:** *Jazz and Resilience in the African American Experience: A Conversation with Ferd Jones*, following the 9:30 a.m. Service

Keeping up with Your Pledge in These Times

While we are limited in the number of worshippers we can have in church, we ask that you keep up with your pledge as you are able.

There are three ways for you to do so.

- Give online—it is easy and secure. Here is how:
 1. Go to our website—allsaintsmemorial.org—our home page.
 2. Below the "Coronavirus Update" section on the home page, click on the Donate button.
 3. You can either sign in to ChurchTrac or give as a guest.

- Make out a check and send it by mail to the church:
All Saints' Memorial Church
674 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903
- Place your sealed offering envelope with check or cash in the mailbox outside the office door. To open the mailbox, tug on the knob on the front side, and pull the door down. Deposit mail through the slot that is revealed. Please close the mailbox door when you are finished.

If you have questions, please email me (rsillima@bu.edu) or call me (946-3562).

—Thank you,
Becky

PRAYERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Alice, Gus, Ernie, Ruby, Marie, Trish, and Victor. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Eric and Irene T., Mary Tryforos, Joan,

Maribeth Sneddon, Margaret Barney, Carolyn, Michael Blake, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Teresa Clinton, Arline O., and Janice.

Celebrating a birthday this week: Bob Wells and Natalya Evans.

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

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31, Becky Silliman

Response: Psalm 147:1-12,21c, Chip Smith

Prayers: Lyndsey Wells

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

February 14, 2021

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12, Bob Wells

Response: Psalm 50:1-6, Nnenna Amaechina

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Barbara Badio

Prayers: Ed Boyer

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

Publishing information:

The next regular edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, Feb 11.

The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, Feb 9.

Please submit any articles or info you may have to ReeRee at

asmcri@verizon.net.



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