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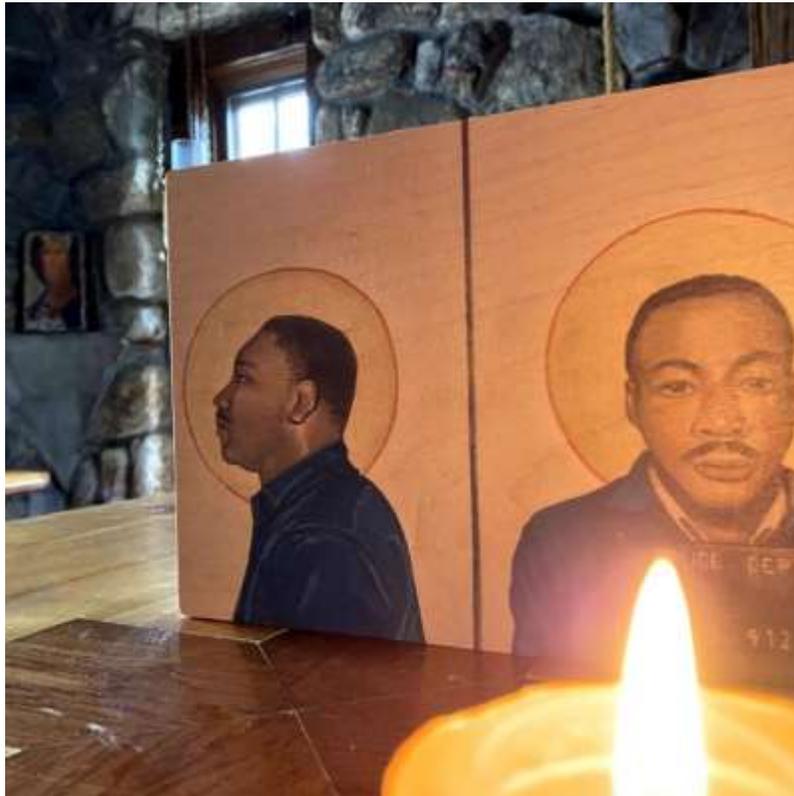
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Come and worship

Rejoice in fellowship

Love and serve the Lord!



"Remaining

Awake"

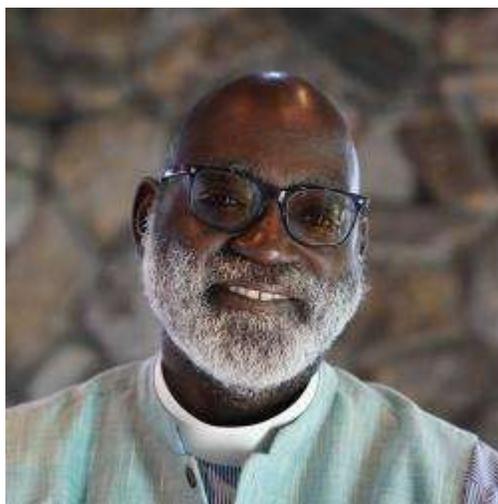
Dear All Saints' Family,

I came across information about an on-line retreat this weekend honoring the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King. The retreat is hosted by the Trinity Retreat Center (Trinity Church Wall St.). It is free and no registration is required. I am planning on joining four of the five sessions. I share the retreat information with you -

Honoring and Remembering the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Online Retreat with the Rev. Dr. Mark Bozzuti-Jones

January 13, 2023, 7:00 pm to January 15, 2023, 4:30 pm. Online via the Trinity Retreat Center's Facebook Page

When the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. preached “Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution” at the National Cathedral on March 31, 1968, nobody could have imagined that it would be his last Sunday sermon.



Join the Rev. Dr. Mark Francisco Bozzuti-Jones, priest and Executive Director for Spiritual Formation at Trinity Retreat Center, as he explores the themes, ideas, and challenges of the sermon “Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution.” How do we stay awake to the challenges of racism, poverty, and militarism today? These five

sessions seek to help us continue our commitment to racial justice and a spiritual revolution.

This free retreat will take place over five half-hour sessions via the Trinity Retreat Center **Facebook** page throughout the weekend at these times; all times are Eastern. Registration is not required.

- Friday 7–7:30pm
- Saturday 10–10:30am, 2–2:30pm, and 8–8:30pm
- Sunday 4–4:30pm

Dan came across an old copy of the *Parish Messenger* from January 14, 1968 written by Rev. Gene Rose one week after he arrived at All Saints'. This was only a few months before Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated. We thought you would find this reflection by Rev. Rose no less meaningful today as in 1968:

But What Happened to the Baby Jesus?

"On the days before Christmas, the usual chores of decorating the house and trimming the Christmas trees were the order of the day at the Rectory. The German papier mâché angels are carefully unwrapped and suspended from the ceiling from which vantage point they serenade the weeks following. Other treasures are brought out and among them is a beautifully hand-carved nativity set made in the Holy Land. Rather than put the entire set out, it has become custom at the Rectory to begin with the empty manger and add a figure from time to time until on Christmas Eve, the baby Jesus is put in place, filling the once empty spot.

Christmas was, indeed, beautiful and filled with joy as it well should be at the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

In the course of events with friends stopping in between Christmas and New Year's, one was admiring the nativity scene and then remarked, "But what happened to the baby Jesus?" Sure enough, he was not there. I then remembered that in all the rush and hustle, I had forgotten to take the baby Jesus out of the shoe box where He was reposing in the front hall.

All of this leads us, of course, to a modern parable. Now that the Christmas season is behind us; now that the Wise Men of the Epiphany have presented their gifts and returned to their native lands; now that the Christmas baubles have been carefully put away and the paper mâché angels are no longer heralding their joyful song, have we gained something of the true message and meaning of what it was all about? Do we know what God did for humankind in his Gift to the world or do we stand on the periphery and say, 'But what happened to the baby Jesus?'"



Photo of Rev. Rose's Nativity Scene

Peace and Blessings,
Julie

**All are warmly welcome to join our Sunday, January 15, 2023
Service of Holy Eucharist, 9:30am**

Zoom Link

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

Service Program Link:

http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_epiphany_ii_january_15_2023.pdf



January 22, Coffee Hour with Sarah Hashem

Adding trees to your neighborhood can benefit you and your neighbors by lowering summer temperatures, filtering the air, reducing noise, and lowering home heating and cooling costs. And wintertime is a great time to think about planting a tree in the spring.

On January 22, Sarah Hashem, a member of the steering committee for

the PVD Tree Plan and Youth Programs Director with Groundwork RI, will be joining us for coffee hour to talk about Groundwork's tree planting program and how people can sign up for free trees.

The PVD Tree Plan is a city-wide initiative led by Black and brown folks living in neighborhoods with the fewest trees. It is creating a comprehensive, citywide strategic plan that centers on the needs, ideas, and priorities of the people most impacted by tree inequity.

To help foster a more equitable tree canopy in Providence, Groundwork will provide and plant trees 100% free of charge for property owners AND renters living in areas with low tree canopy cover near the Port of Providence. Groundwork can plant a tree in the sidewalk in front of your home or business or on private property.

Groundwork plants trees in the spring and fall, and the trees must be watered by recipients. The quiet of winter is a great time to begin thinking about spring planting.

We hope you will join us on the 22nd.

~ Natalya Evans and April Donahower



Isaiah Wall at the United Nations (wikipedia)

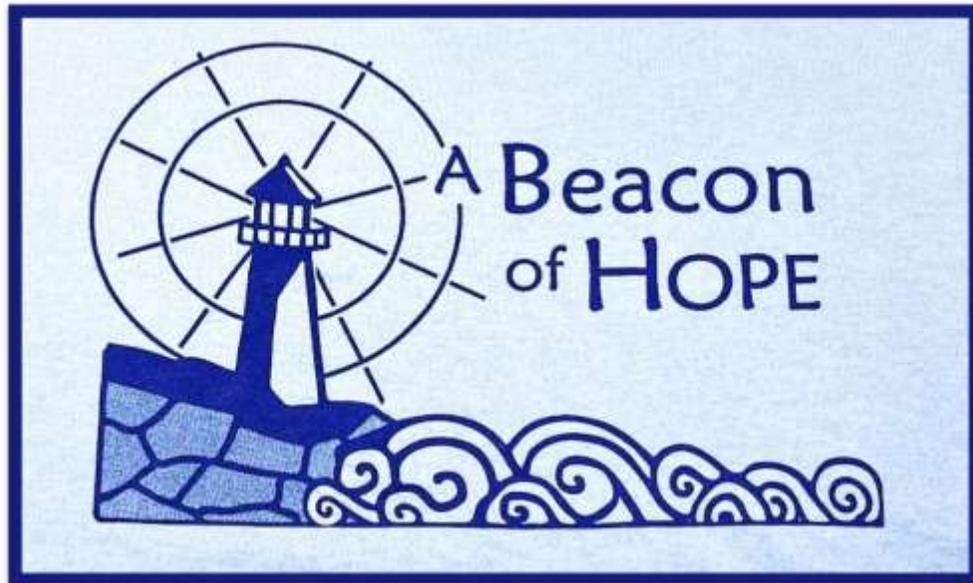
Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquirers Discussion

Join us next Wednesday, January 18 for Noonday Prayer. We are reading the Book of *Isaiah* (Chapters 5-7). This is a great time to join the discussion since we are beginning a new book of the Bible.

We meet in Rose Hall. You may also join us via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82955504419?pwd=SigTzVFbTR4KoZjTy9jNVdkRFhuQTo9>

Outreach News



Outreach Meeting this Sunday, January 15, following the Service.

Collecting White Socks

This month we are collecting white socks for Crossroads. Please leave the socks in the basket at the church entrance. Thank you so much for your help with this essential clothing item.

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!

- January: Canned Pasta

- February: Peanut butter
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Upcoming Events

January 15: Outreach meeting following the Service

January 16: Vestry Meeting 7:00pm

January 18: Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquirers 12:00pm
in Rose Hall

January 18: Choir Practice 7:00-8:30pm

January 22: Tree Planting Talk, Coffee Hour

January 29: Annual Meeting following the 9:30am Service

Prayers

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Susan, Gloria, and Theo.

We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Margaret Barney, Michael Blake, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas,

Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Rena, Lusaynie Sirleaf, Victor, Phil, John Flinton, Fontella, James, John Dunning, Peter Thoits, Lee, Ed, and Rachael.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week especially Charlotte Burgess and Gloria Perry.

We pray for those who serve in the armed forces, especially Hannah Makuch.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRIES

January 15, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7 Rosetta Evans

Response: Psalm 40:1-12 Rosetta Evans

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Gigi Fahnbulleh

Gospel: John 1:29-42

Prayers of the People: Monika Kraemer

Chalice: Dan Mechnig

Altar Guild: Felicia & Patricia

Coffee Hour: Deidre and Trish

January 22, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4 Susan Goodnough

Response: Psalm 27:1,5-13 Susan Goodnough

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Wilmar Jennings

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Prayers of the People: Deidre Greelish

Chalice: Andrea Hutnak

Altar Guild: Dan & Kathy Mechnig

Coffee Hour: Deidre and Trish



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