



All Saints'
Memorial Church
674 Westminister St., Providence RI

January 14, 2021 Parish messenger

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

“You Can’t Meet God Over Zoom”

This was the caption of an editorial in the *New York Times* the day after Christmas. Jay MacCubbin passed it along to me. I challenge this idea!

Now of course, my perspective is a little different because I am in the church during our Zoom services. Yet through Zoom, I see and feel the presence of God in our services in our real time connections as we gather each Sunday. I see Zoom as the vehicle that brings together a large group of house churches, a modern version of the earliest Christian churches. I see the image of Christ in our common presence each time we gather in

the name of God. I personally love hearing our readers through the church sound system—beloved, familiar voices that fill our services. And I love the fact that one reader might be sitting in a house and another in the church, melding us in time across space.

We see each other, greet one another, and listen to each other as we worship together. We sing, we pray, we contemplate the Word of God together in our home worship spaces. We pray for each other in real-time Prayers of the People. We bless birthdays. We grieve together in the passing of our sisters and brothers. As the Body of Christ, we enter into sacred worship time and leave our Zoom services in the name of Christ, graced and blessed by God. We are growing closer to God and one another in this hybrid worship.

I believe we are meeting God over Zoom. For me, this article raises a question: “Is God a part-time God?” My answer is a fervent “No.” We can meet God in all kinds of places throughout each day and night—in homes, work, hospitals, the streets, prisons, prayer spaces, and nature. Why not through Zoom?

Do you have thoughts to share on this question? What is your experience of Zoom church?

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Lord, keep this nation under your care.

Prayer For the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace and Blessings,
Julie

Please join us Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom for the Second Sunday after Epiphany.

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:

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service_bulletin_2_epiphany_sunday_january_17_2021.pdf](http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_2_epiphany_sunday_january_17_2021.pdf)

Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Bible Study

Next Wednesday, we will discuss Chapters 9 and 10 in the Book of Esther.

Here is the link for Noonday Prayer and Bible Study:

Wednesday Noonday Prayer (12 p.m.) and Bible Study (12:30 p.m.)

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84955593827?pwd=akNZeTlmSCt
Tb1BoUU9hcWQrZk5xZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84955593827?pwd=akNZeTlmSCtTb1BoUU9hcWQrZk5xZz09)

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Here is the link to the service program: **scroll down on
allsaintsmemorial.org.**



Church Clean-Up Needed

Please let Julie know if you have an hour or two to help dust and vacuum the church (pews, floors, windowsills and woodwork). The church needs some careful attention! A few of us can work together.

Prayers of the People

We have been praying for Matthew Degree, a member of the armed services for some time. We received a note that Matthew has returned to civilian life. Thank you, Mathew for your service. Thank you for your prayers.

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.

- January: canned pasta
- February: peanut butter

- March: tuna fish

Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Events

- **Jan 31:** Annual meeting, immediately following 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: Gloria Perry.

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

We pray for all healthcare workers, first responders, and those who are in public spaces such as pharmacies, grocery stores, and other vital services in these times.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

January 17, 2021

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-20, Bob Wells

Response: Psalm 139:1-5,12-17, Nnenna Amaechina

Prayers: Ed Boyer

Gospel: John 1:43-51

January 24, 2021

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10, April Donahower

Response: Psalm 62:6-14, Rosetta Evans

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Musa Goll

Prayers: Marybeth Hanavan

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Publishing information:

The next regular edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, Jan 21.

The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, Jan 19.

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

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